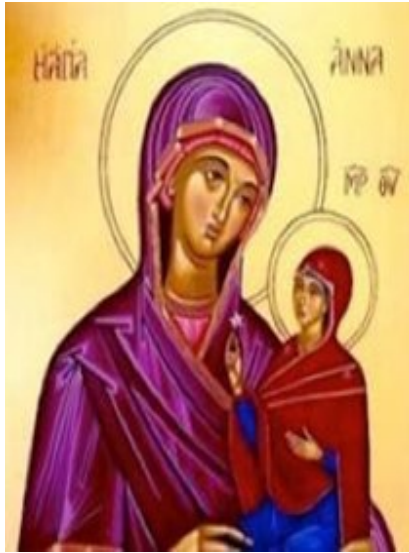




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Orthros: 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas
Reverend Protopresbyter Elias Koucos, Retired
Deacon John Kavass

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Epistle Reading: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12-20)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 27.

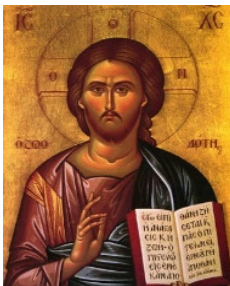
O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God.



Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (15:11-32)



The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed

swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Response to First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us (3)
(Liturgy Book page 25)

Response to Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia (3). (Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 119)

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us sing to You: Alleluia. (Liturgy Book page 37)

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 119)

Hymn for the Church

O God-minded Anna, you bore the pure Mother of God, the one who within her conceived the Conceiver of life itself. You were therefore transported to a place now in heaven. Joyful ones all reside there in the home of all gladness, asking for forgiveness for those who honor you, O blessed one.

Kontakion

From my Father's glory I have foolishly turned away. By my sins I squandered all the riches He gave me. Therefore like the prodigal I cry out to Him: I have sinned before You, compassionate Father. Accept my repentance, and take me back again as one of Your hired servants. (Liturgy Book page 257)

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3). (Liturgy Book page 39)

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

It is truly right to call you blessed O Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure and the mother, the mother of our God. More hon'orable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim. In virginity you gave birth to God, to God the word. Truly the Theotokos, we magnify you, we magnify you. (Liturgy Book page 69)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, praise Him in the highest (3). Alleluia (Liturgy Book page 83)

Hymn after Communion

We have seen the true light; we have received the heav'nly spirit; we have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, the Trinity who has saved us. (Liturgy Book page 87)

Dismissal Hymn

Lord, grant long life to him who blesses us and sanctifies us. (Liturgy Book page 95).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Chapel: For Saints and Readings of the Day, please visit the [Archdiocese's Online Chapel](#).

St. Anna Livestream: Livestreaming is back up and running on the [St. Anna YouTube Channel](#).

Memorial Services – May Their Memories Be Eternal: To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987.

Parking: For Sunday services, the parish has arranged for overflow parking in the Lunatic Fringe parking lot to the south and the KinderCare parking lot to the north. Feel free to park in one of these lots if the main parking lot is full.

House Blessings: During the weeks following the Feast of Theophany (The appearance of the Holy Trinity at Christ's Baptism – Celebrated January 6th), it is customary for the Parish Priest to bless the homes of his parishioners with Holy Water from the Great

Sanctification of the Waters, asking the Lord to grant peace, health, salvation, and protection upon the home, and to the family who resides there. It is also appropriate during this special time to have your business blessed as well if you desire to do so. This is a wonderful opportunity for Fr. Anthony to see you and your family in the comfortable environment of your own home. This is the best occasion to share your thoughts and dreams concerning our parish community with your priest.

To request a blessing, please complete the blessing request form, available in the narthex and attached to Fr. Anthony's weekly email and return it to Fr. Anthony. Upon Fr. Anthony's arrival, please have the family ready to begin the blessing service. Lights should be turned on in all the rooms of the house that are to be blessed. Please make sure that all televisions, radios, and computers are off at the time of the blessing. Please also be prepared to provide a list of all names of family members who live in the house so that he can properly pray for them.

FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by the Parish Council.

If you would like to host fellowship hour on these dates or any future date, please contact Julie Steele at 801-971-5277 or sign up in the binder available during fellowship hour after church.

In addition to bringing refreshments for fellowship hour, fellowship hosts are expected to set up their food prior to fellowship hour AND clean up after fellowship hour. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of our fellowship ministry!

Communion/Sunday School Dismissal: Communion and Sunday School dismissal will proceed as follows:

- **First: Sunday School teachers.** Father Anthony will dismiss all Sunday School teachers for communion. Sunday School teachers will line up first. Teachers receiving communion will leave their seats when dismissed by Father Anthony and process up the side aisles to receive communion and

down the center aisle after receiving communion and proceed to their classrooms.

- **Second: Sunday School Students.** As soon as teachers are in line, all Sunday School students receiving communion will leave their seats, and process up the side aisles, and line up behind the teachers to receive communion. Students should not leave their seats to enter the aisles until the Sunday School teachers are lined up. After receiving communion students will follow teachers down the center aisle and proceed to their classrooms.
- **Third: All Other Parishioners Receiving Communion (Besides Choir).** After Sunday School students have received communion the Parish Council ushers will dismiss all parishioners wishing to receive communion. Parishioners will be dismissed by a Parish Council usher, row-by-row, from back to front. Parishioners should leave their row only when invited to do so by a Parish Council usher (and not before). Upon dismissal of their row, parishioners wishing to receive communion shall process up the side aisles to receive communion and down the center aisle after receiving communion to return to their seats.
- **Fourth: Choir Members.** Choir members wishing to receive communion will be dismissed last, after all other parishioners have received communion.

Your patience and cooperation in implementing the above will be greatly appreciated!

Project Mexico Informational Meeting: Our parish is making plans to again participate in a service ministry trip to Project Mexico/St. Innocence Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, July 30 through August 5, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please join us for an informational meeting on **TODAY, Sunday, March 3, 2024, immediately following Divine Liturgy.** The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Text Maria Soter at 801-631-2006 with questions.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2024 stewardship cards. As of February 26, we have received 137 stewardship commitments totaling \$366,849, putting us at 80.6% of our budgeted goal (\$455,000).

The 2024 budget approved at our Fall Parish Assembly calls for a fourteen percent (14%) increase in total stewardship commitments (as compared to the 2023 budget) to meet the increased financial commitments associated with the financing obtained to fund the purchase of our property, the build out of our sanctuary, and the other renovations and improvements at our church. We are off to a good start and with the support and participation of our faithful parishioners we are confident this goal can be achieved.

If you were a St. Anna Steward the last two years, your 2024 stewardship packet should have been mailed to you weeks ago. If you are new to the community and would like to become a St. Anna steward, you can still obtain a 2024 stewardship commitment card. They are on display in the Narthex and available on the [parish website](#).

The generosity and vision of our parishioners has historically been a defining aspect of this community. We very much appreciate your prayerful commitment and continued support. Thank you for being an active part of our every success, unto the glory of God!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study, led by John Kaloudis, is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. We will be discussing

Matthew's Gospel and meet at St. Anna. For more information contact John Kaloudis at 801-230-5121.

Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series: Please join us for the Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series at the church every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE!

2024 Parish Fishing Trip and Family Retreat at 8000 feet

June 20-23, 2024, at Daniels Summit Lodge

(www.danielssummit.com)

This year's event will add a myriad of fun activities for the whole family and will all take place

at Daniels Summit Lodge. We have rooms reserved and all meals and activities will take place at the resort. RV and camping facilities will also be available.

With all the available daily activities for the whole family, in addition to evening fun, and fellowship, it will be an exceptional summer family vacation opportunity.

For more information and reservation information, contact Mark Vrontikis at mark@vrontikis.com or 801 231-5525 or Chuck Karpakis at 801-573-6938 or chuckkarpakis@gmail.com.

FOREVER YOUNG

Next Gathering: The next gathering of Forever Young will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOY: JOY meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 21, 2024. All children in grades 1-5 are welcome and encouraged to attend!

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Support Program: The Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries are serving growing numbers of students and families facing hunger, and ongoing donations are urgently needed. It's a great opportunity to get the whole family involved in bringing food to Church. **FILL THE BIN!**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apokreas 2024: All are invited to attend Apokreas 2024, a community event benefiting the youth ministries of the Greek Orthodox Church of Greater Salt Lake.

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 279 S. 300 West, Salt Lake City. Adults: \$15 (\$20 at the door); Children: \$10 (\$15 at the door). [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

Questions? Contact Trish Kapos at 801-725-3075 or Angie Hillas at 801-652-5757.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, March 10, 2024. Please send requested bulletin announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alex, Charles, Chris, Chrissy, Daniel, Emily, Eva, Jami, Joey,
Katherine, Luke, Maria, Mary Lynn, Omar, Pam, Penny, Phil,
Tammy

Please email Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to add names to the prayer list.

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the [parish website](#) for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, 9201 S. 1300 East, Sandy.

Sunday, March 3, 2024 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Saturday, March 9, 2024 (Saturday of Souls)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 10, 2024 (Judgement Sunday / Meatfare Sunday)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Fr. Thomas Hopko Discussion Series

Saturday, March 16, 2024 (Saturday of Souls)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 17, 2024 (Forgiveness Sunday / Cheesefare Sunday)

- 9:00 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

Monday, March 18, 2024 (First Day of Lent)

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline
- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture



St. Anna Lenten Retreat

Author of
"Thinking
Orthodox" and
"The Crucifixion
of the King of
Glory."

Friday
March 29 | 6:00 PM

With Dr. Evgenia Constantinou

Following the Salutations Service, stay and enjoy Fellowship, a Discussion, Q/A, and Book Signing with one of the most relevant Orthodox Christian Biblical Scholars of our day. Dr. Jeannie is a prolific author, respected academic, dynamic speaker and featured host on Ancient Faith Radio. This Retreat is a joint venture with our Sister Parish of the Annunciation in Pocatello, ID. We are all encouraged to join them on Saturday for the continuation of her presentation. Friday down here. Saturday up there, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please join us for this opportunity to learn and grow!

APOKREAS 2024

COMMUNITY EVENT BENEFITING OUR YOUTH MINISTRIES

Chillin in the
TROPIGS

MARCH 9 | 6 PM
HOLY TRINITY



6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM DINNER
8:00 PM RAFFLE
8:30 PM DANCING

ADULT TICKET
\$15 PRE-SALE, \$20 AT THE DOOR

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER
\$10 PRE-SALE, \$15 AT THE DOOR

Dress for
the tropics



SCAN HERE TO
RSVP & PAY



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