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13th Sunday of Luke Sunday, November 24, 2024

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11–18)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 11. You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us. Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased.



Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in

your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (18:18–27)



At that time, a man came to Jesus to put him to the test, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from

my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus saw that he had become sad and said, "How hard it is for those who have riches

to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Response to First Antiphon

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. (4) (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

Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan. (Liturgy Book page 183)

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

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection. (Liturgy Book page 115)

Hymn for the Feast

Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan." (Liturgy Book page 183)

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

Behold the temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle. (Liturgy Book page 237)

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'rable 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 Hymns

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

Grant long life, Lord, to our master and hierarch. (Liturgy Book page 343)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Online Chapel:</u> For Saints and Readings of the Day, please visit the <u>Archdiocese's Online Chapel.</u>

<u>St. Anna Livestream:</u> Livestreaming is up and running on the <u>St. Anna YouTube Channel</u>.

Memorial Services - May Their Memory be Eternal:

Sunday, December 29, 2024: Dan Agrapides (1 year)

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at <u>franthony@stannagocutah.org</u> or 801-824-3987.

<u>Please Note:</u> The sanctuary should be entered and exited <u>only</u> through the narthex. The door in the southeast corner of the sanctuary (to the right of the altar) should <u>not</u> be used to enter or exit the sanctuary during services. Those needing to access the kitchen during services should exit the sanctuary through the narthex and enter the kitchen through the fellowship hall. Those working in the kitchen and needing to access the sanctuary during services should exit the kitchen through the fellowship hall and enter the sanctuary through the narthex. Your cooperation is appreciated!

Save the Date - St. Anna Fall Family Retreat: Mark your calendars for the St. Anna Fall Family Retreat on Saturday, November 30, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See flier for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Council Elections:</u> Parish Council elections will be held Sunday, December 8, 2024, following Divine Liturgy. The following candidates are running to fill 6 open seats: Charles Deneris, Chris Gounaris, Gretchen Jungert, Jonathan Mau, Elaine Peterson, and Peter Yannias.

Those elected on December 8 will serve on the 2025 Parish Council with Michael Petrogeorge, George Sergakis, Steve Simos, Sam Soter, and Moses Williams, each of whom have one more year remaining on their current term. Thank you to Pam Martinez, Dmitri Smirnov, and Julie Steele who have expiring terms but have chosen not to seek reelection.

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2024 stewardship commitment cards. As of November 20, we have received 186 commitments totaling \$483,524, putting us at 106% of our budgeted goal (\$455,000)! The generosity and vision of our parishioners has historically been a defining aspect of this community. We greatly appreciate your prayerful commitment and continued support. Thank you for being an active part of our every success, unto the glory of God!

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Save the Date - Mingle Jingle:</u> Our annual Mingle Jingle will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Club, 1780 Lakewood Drive, Holladay. Cost: \$65 per person. Tickets go on sale TODAY, Sunday, November 24, 2024. Cash/checks preferred.

<u>Philoptochos Meeting:</u> The Philoptochos meeting originally scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, November 25, 2024, has been canceled. The next Philoptochos meeting will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Sunday School Christmas Program:</u> Our Sunday School Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 22, 2024, following Divine Liturgy. Further information to come!

GOYA (Grades 6-12) Meeting: GOYA will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna, with the next meeting being held Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

JOY (Grades K-5) Meeting: JOY will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna, with the next meeting being held Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Our focus this year is on children in the bible, pursuant to the schedule below:

December: Baby Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)

January: Boy with the Fishes and Loaves (John 6:5-14)

February: Baby Moses (Exodus 2:1-8)

March: Prophet Daniel and His Companions (Daniel 1)

April: King David (I Samuel 16:13, 17:12-58)

May: 12 Year-Old Jesus (Luke 2:41-52)

June: St. John the Theologian (John 19:16-27)

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 18-30): Our Young Adult Ministry will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna, with our next meeting being held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024.

FOREVER YOUNG

<u>Forever Young Gathering:</u> Our next Forever Young gathering will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study with John Kaloudis will <u>not</u> meet this coming Wednesday, November 27, 2024. We will resume next Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anna. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please join us!

<u>Orthodox Book Discussion:</u> Our weekly Orthodox Book Discussion with Dr. Brandee Mau will <u>not</u> meet this coming Wednesday, November 27, 2024. It will resume next Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna.

<u>Orthodox Inquirers Class:</u> Our weekly Orthodox Inquirers Class will <u>not</u> meet this coming Wednesday, November 27, 2024. It will resume next Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna.

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Food Support Program:</u> Please continue to bring food donations whenever there are church services. The need to help our neighbors facing hunger is urgent and ongoing. <u>Fill the Bin!</u>

The Giving Tree (fka Operation Chimney Drop): With the holidays approaching, St. Anna has once again been asked to help fulfill holiday wishes for 55 children. We have put smiles on many

faces by filling their holiday dreams for years. This program is sponsored by Head Start.

Starting next week, you will see a paper ornaments tree on the walls of the church hall. Each ornament will have a list of either clothing or two toys requested by the children and their family. There will be two trees. One will have clothing needs, and the other toys requested.

To fulfill these dreams we are asking our members to do the following:

- 1. Choose an ornament that you feel comfortable fulfilling. Purchase ALL items on each ornament chosen.
- Find the volunteer with the clipboard and tell them the child's ID number, your name and phone number. Keep the ornament.
- 3. If a volunteer is not present there will be a clipboard and pen on a table nearby. Find your child's ID number and write your name and phone number on that line.
- 4. PURCHASE ALL the items listed by your child.
- 5. DO NOT WRAP THE NEW GIFTS.
- 6. Put ALL the NEWLY PURCHASED holiday wishes in a white kitchen bag.
- 7. Write the child's ID number on the outside of the bag in large letters. All bags must have ID numbers written or attached to it.
- 8. Return the bag to church no later than <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 8</u>, 2024.

Contact Kathy Shand at 801-554-4250 or kmshand4@gmail.com or AnnaSophia at lilkoukla@yahoo.com with questions.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, December 1, 2024. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alex, Alexandra, Anthony, DJ, Harry, Jami, Lexi, Luke, the Maxfields, McKenzie, Michael, Natalie, Neal and family, Oleg, Roberta, Shalom, Stacie, Stephanie, Suani, Tiffany, Val-David, Will and family, Xavier

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list (or have a name remain on the list), please email Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the <u>parish website</u> for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna.

Sunday, November 24, 2024 (13th Sunday of Luke)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Monday, November 25, 2024 (St. Catherine the Great Martyr)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Book Discussion

Thursday, November 28, 2024 (Thanksgiving)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 30, 2024 (St. Andrew the First Called Apostle)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.: St. Anna Family Retreat

Sunday, December 1, 2024 (14th Sunday of Luke)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: GOYA Meeting @ St. Anna

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 (St. Barbara the Great Martyr)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Book Discussion

Thursday, December 5, 2024

- 1:00 p.m.: Choir Practice
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

• 6:00 p.m.: Tree Lighting @ St. Anna

Friday, December 6, 2024 (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Book Discussion

Sunday, December 8, 2024 (10th Sunday of Luke)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 9, 2024 (The Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting @ St. Anna

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Book Discussion

Thursday, December 12, 2024

- 1:00 p.m.: Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Mingle Jingle

Sunday, December 15, 2024 (11th Sunday of Luke)

• 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 16, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

• 7:00 p.m.: Young Adults @ St. Anna

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Orthodox Inquirer's Class / Book Discussion

Thursday, December 19, 2024

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young
- 7:00 p.m.: Choir Practice

Sunday, December 22, 2024 (Sunday before Nativity)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- Conclusion of Liturgy: Sunday School Christmas Program

St. Anna Food Support Program

HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Food Collection Site Serving Sandy Area Food Pantries

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

Canned meat / Tuna Instant Meals Canned chili / Stews Rice / Noodles





Please drop off your donations in the big blue bin anytime the church is open.

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church Presents Our:

FAMILY RETREAT Cacredness

In the Home and at Church

Saturday, November 30th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Designed for your entire family, following the Divine Liturgy for St. Andrew, spend time with your household discovering what you hold sacred and why. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and grow in your faith. If you are a couple, a family, or single, this retreat is for you. Please plan on joining us.

- * Please bring a family hierloom or sacred item to share on display.
- * Age-Appropriate Discussions for Pre-schoolers, Elememtary, Middle School and High School Students, as well as Adults.
- * Registration is \$30.00 per Household.
- *Please RSVP to Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884
- *Also Call Barbara if you are interested in Volunteering to help!