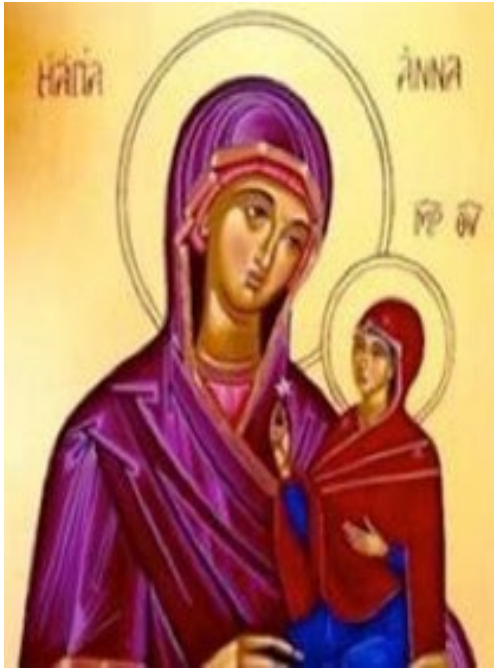




CHURCH BULLETIN



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10th Sunday of Luke
Sunday, December 8, 2024

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14–22)

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.

*The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless
His people with peace.*

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor.



Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (13:10–17)



At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be

healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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

By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 123)

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

By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 123)

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

Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child. (Liturgy Book page 241)

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 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

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 Memory be Eternal:

Sunday, December 15, 2024: Kris Loulias (40 days); Wilma Sdrales Laubershimer (40 days)

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

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

Post Liturgy Fellowship: Please remember that it is EVERYONE's responsibility to clean up after themselves and their families during fellowship hour. It is expected that you will clear and dispose of your own plates, cups, etc. The Parish Council encourages those who can remain until the end of fellowship hour to assist in cleaning up so that the work does not continually fall on the same people week after week.

Please Note: The sanctuary should be entered and exited only through the narthex. The door in the southeast corner of the sanctuary (to the right of the altar) should not 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!

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!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Elections: Parish Council elections will be held TODAY, 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 today 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 and have chosen not to seek reelection.

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

A white silhouette illustration of a Nativity scene set against a dark red background. It depicts the Virgin Mary and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a donkey and ox nearby. Three camels and three shepherds with staffs are also shown. The scene is framed by a white border.

Christmas Services at St. Anna

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Eve of the Nativity of Christ

10:00 a.m. ~ Forefeast of the Nativity Matins and Royal Hours
5:00 p.m. ~ Paramony of the Nativity of Christ

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

9:00 a.m. ~ Feast of the Nativity of Christ

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date - Mingle Jingle: 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 are on sale NOW. Cash/checks preferred.

Philoptochos Meeting: The next Philoptochos meeting will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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)

GOYA (Grades 6-12) Christmas Movie Night: Please join us for our GOYA Christmas Movie Night on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy pizza & a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 limit).

Please also save the date of Friday, January 10, 2024, for a fun GOYA outing!

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

Forever Young Gathering: Please join us on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. for the Holiday Edition of Forever Young! There will be a "fast observant" light lunch, then be prepared for

the Gift Exchange Extravaganza!!! Please bring something from home you no longer want to look at or a new gift item under \$10. Wrap them up nice and pretty! See you soon HO HO HO!!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study with John Kaloudis is held each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anna. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please join us!

Orthodox Book Discussion: Our weekly Orthodox Book Discussion with Dr. Brandee Mau is held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna.

Orthodox Inquirers Class: We are pleased to announce our 2024-2025 Orthodox Inquirers Class:

*Introductions to the Faith, Doctrine, Theology, History, Spirituality,
Worship and Practice of the World's most Ancient Christian Church.
Christ's Holy Church*

When: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church, 9201 S. 1300 East, Sandy

Instructors: Fr. Anthony Savas, Kevin Flanagan, and Mary Yannias

Contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987 for more information.

Teaching Divine Liturgy: In conjunction with our Orthodox Inquirers Class, we will celebrate a Teaching Divine Liturgy on Saturday, December 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Please join us, whether attending the Inquirers Class or not!

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Giving Tree (fka Operation Chimney Drop): Purchased gifts for The Giving Tree are due TODAY, Sunday, December 8, 2024. Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. Instead, put all NEWLY PURCHASED holiday wishes in a white kitchen bag with the child's ID number on the outside of the bag in large letters. All bags must have ID number written on or attached to the bag.

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

Food Support Program: For individuals and families facing hunger, the holidays can be filled with uncertainty and anxiety. Due to growing need, ongoing food donations are critically important. **Fill the Bin!**

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, December 15, 2024. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, December 10, 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, Saunee, 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 [parish website](#) for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna.

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

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- *Following Liturgy until 2:00 p.m.:* Parish Council Elections

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
- 6:00 p.m.: Philoptochos Mingle Jingle @ Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 Lakewood Dr, Holladay

Friday, December 13, 2024

- 7:00 p.m.: GOYA Christmas Movie Night

Saturday, December 14, 2024

- 9:00 a.m.: Teaching Divine Liturgy

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 Meeting @ 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

- 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

Monday, December 23, 2024

- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 (Eve of the Nativity of Christ)

- 10:00 a.m.: Forefeast of the Nativity Matins and Royal Hours
- 5:00 p.m.: Paramony of the Nativity of Christ

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 (Nativity of Christ)

- 9:00 a.m.: Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Friday, December 27, 2024 (St. Stephen the First Deacon and Martyr)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Supplicatory Canon to St. Anna (Paraklesis)

The 2024/2024 Scholarship Application is OPEN!



Calling all exceptional undergraduate students of Hellenic descent - consider becoming a PanHellenic Scholar!

Do you or an exceptional undergraduate student you know qualify to be a PanHellenic Scholar? The 2024/2025 application is now open and accepting applications!

The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students and will distribute \$250,000 in scholarship awards to exceptional undergraduates as follows:

- Twenty (20) Awards of **\$10,000** based on academic achievement, financial need, and Hellenic values. (*\$20,000 given specifically for students studying music or arts*).
- Twenty (20) Awards of **\$2,500** based on academic achievement and Hellenic values.

Undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply.

Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by January 31, 2025.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be US Citizens or US permanent residents.
- Be of Hellenic descent.
- Be a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited 4-year university this Fall 2024 (High school students are not eligible to apply).
- Have a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA.

Please visit the application page for the full list of eligibility and requirements.

Visit <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/apply>

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Jonathan or Georgia Man (Advisory Board members) for additional information joncwman@gmail.com or georgiavman@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

With Our St. Anna GOYA

FRIDAY, 12/13 AT 7:00 PM

At the Church in the Fellowship Hall

*** Pizza & White Elephant Gift Exchange ***