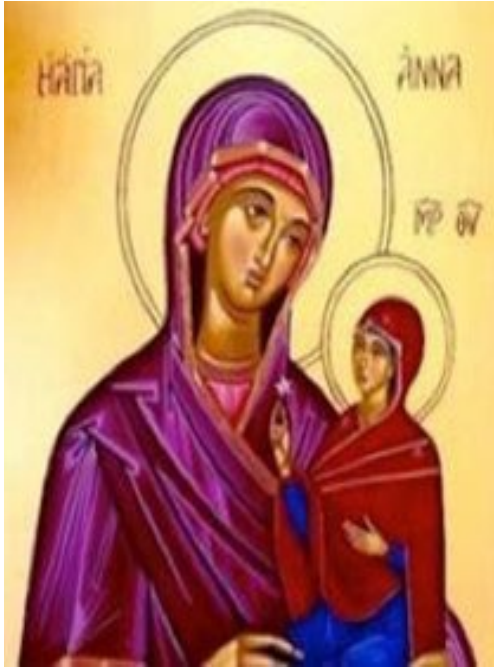




# CHURCH BULLETIN



**St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church**  
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**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

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## Epistle Reading: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (1:8-18)

*Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 115.*

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His holy one.*

*Verse: What shall I give back to the Lord for all He rendered to me?*



Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me — may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day — and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (14:16-24)

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go



to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.’”

### **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**

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord. (Liturgy Book page 127)

### **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**

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord. (Liturgy Book page 127)

### **Hymn for the Martyr**

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

### **Hymn for the Forefathers**

By their faith You justified Your ancestors, Christ our God, and through them, of old you betrothed to Yourself the Church brought together from the nations. Let these saints rejoice in glory, for from their seed has come forth a noble fruit, she who gave You birth without seed. Through their prayers, Christ our God, save our souls. (Liturgy Book page 187)

### **Hymn for the Saint**

You were fully adorned with the sacred priestly robes. You were dripping with streams of your own martyric blood. In this state, you ran to Christ your Master, O blessed Saint Eleftherius, destroyer of Satan; you are wise. Therefore cease not interceding for us who loyally honor your blessed contest of martyrdom.

### **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:**

*TODAY, Sunday, December 15, 2024:* Kris Loulias (40 days); Wilma Sdrales Laubersheimer (40 days)

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

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at [franthonny@stannagocutah.org](mailto:franthonny@stannagocutah.org) or 801-824-3987.

**Post Liturgy Fellowship:** Please ensure you clean up after yourself and your family during fellowship hour by disposing of your plates, cups, etc. The Parish Council urges those who can stay until

the end to help with cleanup to avoid overburdening the same individuals each week.

**St. Anna's Pet Blessing:** Join us on Saturday, December 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Anna parking lot for our annual Pet Blessing. All pets and owners are welcome. Please bring a donation for the Humane Society of Utah.

**Please Note:** The nave 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

**2025 Parish Council Election Results:** Congratulations to the following, who have been elected to a two-year term on the Parish Council: Charles Deneris, Chris Gounaris, Gretchen Jungert, Jonathan Mau, Elaine Peterson, and Peter Yannias. The newly elected members 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 for their blessed and inspired service on the Parish Council.

We also thank the Election Committee, chaired by Jeff Varanakis, for their dedicated service in coordinating and running last week's elections!

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

### PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 next Sunday, December 22, 2024, following Divine Liturgy. Further information to come!

**JOY (Grades K-5) Meeting:** JOY meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna, with the next meeting being held Tuesday, January 14, 2024. Our focus this year is on children in the bible, pursuant to the schedule below:

*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:** Save the date of Friday, January 10, 2024, for a fun GOYA outing!

**Young Adult Ministry (Ages 18-30):** Our Young Adult Ministry meets 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 Nativity Celebration:** Please join us on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for our Nativity Celebration! A Lenten meal will be served. Please bring a \$10 wrapped gift (can be something you have at home which is comparable) for our gift exchange. Thanks to Chair Myra Varanakis and her committee for organizing the event! See you soon HO HO HO!!

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:franthony@stannagocutah.org) or 801-824-3987 for more information.

**Morning Bible Study:** Morning Bible Study with John Kaloudis has concluded for 2024. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anna. We will continue 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.

## ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Support Program:** The three Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries are serving more people than ever before and are struggling to keep the shelves stocked. The need is urgent and growing. Please continue to bring food donations whenever there are church services. **Fill the Bin!**



## COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the holidays, the next bulletin will be a **two-week edition**, published for both Sunday, December 22, 2024, and Sunday, December 29, 2024. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com) no later than **Tuesday, December 17, 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

We will be resetting our prayer list after the New Year. If you wish like to add a name to the prayer list, or have a name remain on the list, email Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com).

## PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the [parish website](#) for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna.

Sunday, December 15, 2024 (11<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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.: Orthros and Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ
- 5:00 p.m.: Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 (The Feast of the Nativity of Christ)

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

Friday, December 27, 2024 (The Feast of St. Stephen the Protomartyr and First Deacon)

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

Sunday, December 29, 2024 (Sunday after Nativity)

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (The Circumcision of Christ and Feast of St. Basil the Great)

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

Sunday, January 5, 2025 (Sunday of the Forefeast of Theophany)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Lesser Blessing of the Waters

Monday, January 6, 2025 (The Feast of the Theophany of Christ)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of the Waters

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

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

Sunday, January 12, 2025 (Sunday after Theophany)

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young

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](mailto:joncwman@gmail.com) or [georgiavman@gmail.com](mailto:georgiavman@gmail.com)

The Holiday Season at  
St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church of Sandy, Utah

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Orthros and Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ

10:00 am

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ

5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

The Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Orthros at 9:00 am Followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Friday, December 27, 2024

The Feast of St. Stephen the Protomartyr and First Deacon

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Great Vespers and Lesser Blessing of the Waters

5:00 pm

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and the Great Blessing of the Waters at 10:00 am