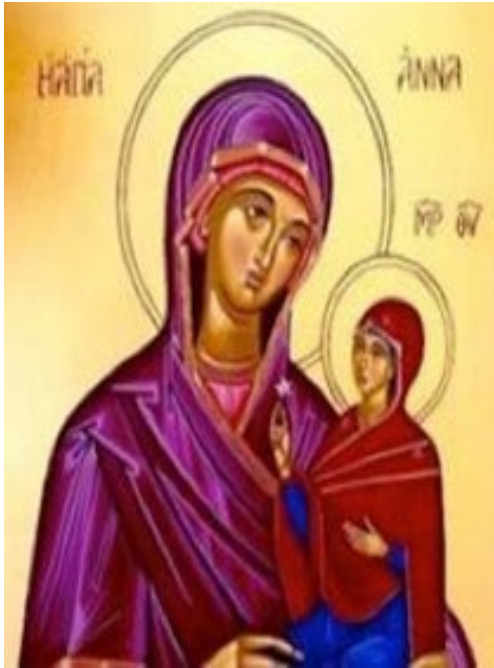




CHURCH BULLETIN



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The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple
Sunday, February 2, 2025

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (7:7-17)

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Ode ix

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.



Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (2:22-40)



At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was

Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And in the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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 were carried in the arms of Simeon the Just, save us who sing to you Alleluia. (4) (Liturgy Book page 196)

Response to Third Antiphon

Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for

you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection. (Liturgy Book page 213)

Entrance Hymn

The Lord made known His salvation in the sight of all the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

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 Feast

Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection. (Liturgy Book page 213)

Kontakion

For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind. (Liturgy Book page 251)

Trisagion Hymn

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

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

Theotokos, as the hope of us Christians, one and all, guard and shelter and protect those who put their hope in you.

In the shadow and the letter of the Law, we the faithful perceive the decree: Consecrate to God every male, the first-born opening the

womb. Now the unoriginate Father's first-born Logos and Son is also first-born of a virgin Mother, and we magnify Him.

Communion Hymns

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord (3). Alleluia.

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, February 9, 2025: Michael Gallegos (1 year); Caleb Jungert (2 years); Stylianos S. Tzeranakis (7 years); Stylianos E. Tzeranakis (10 years); Maria Gialedakis Tzeranakis (20 years); George Tzeranakis (28 years); Mary Tzeranakis (47 years); Amalia Tzeranakis (54 years).

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

Congratulations: Congratulations to Nikki Magure and babies Jacqueline and Genevieve Magure on the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing following Divine Liturgy today. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Babies, together with Jacqueline's and Genevieve's daddy, Jacob. God bless the growing Magure Family!

Saturday Great Vespers and Chanting Classes Postponed Until Great Lent: Due to Fr. Anthony's illness in January and recent

travels for Metropolis Clergy Meetings in Texas, he is behind on House Blessings. To catch up, we will postpone Great Vespers and Chanting Classes until Saturday, March 8, 2025. We appreciate your patience as we reschedule these services. Fr. Anthony looks forward to completing all House Blessings and adding regular Saturday Evening Great Vespers and Chanting Classes back on the Liturgical Calendar.

Parking Reminder: Please park only in designated, striped spots. Do not park in undesignated areas or block other vehicles. Overflow parking for St. Anna parishioners and guests is available at the Lunatic Fringe lot (south) and KinderCare lot (north).

Post Liturgy Fellowship: Please clean up after yourself and your family during fellowship hour by disposing of your plates and cups. The Parish Council urges those who can stay until the end to help with cleanup to avoid overburdening the same individuals each week.

Please Note: The nave should be accessed exclusively through the narthex. The door located in the southeast corner of the sanctuary (to the right of the altar) is not to be used for entering or exiting the sanctuary during services. Individuals needing to access the kitchen during services should leave the sanctuary via the narthex and proceed to the kitchen through the fellowship hall. Similarly, those working in the kitchen and requiring access to the sanctuary during services should exit the kitchen through the fellowship hall and enter the sanctuary through the narthex. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

House Blessings: Following the Feast of Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for the Parish Priest to bless parishioners' homes and businesses with Holy Water, asking for peace, health, salvation, and protection. This is a great opportunity for Fr. Anthony to visit you at home and discuss your thoughts and dreams for our parish.

When Fr. Anthony arrives, please have the family ready for the blessing. Turn on lights in all rooms to be blessed, and ensure all

TVs, radios, computers and other potential distractions are turned off. Please provide a list of all family members living in the house for proper prayers. To request a blessing, complete the blessing request form included in this bulletin and return it to Fr. Anthony.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

WHY THE FOCUS ON TIME AND TALENT?

Recently one of our Ministry Team Leaders asked the following question: "I want to discuss stewardship with my Ministry Team. Our approach now emphasizes time and talent contributions, in addition to financial ones. Why has this shift occurred, and what should I convey about their stewardship commitment?"

This is a great question. And what we are really talking about is more engagement with our Ministry Teams.

Ten years ago, 60 stewardship families aimed to establish a new Orthodox parish. Initially, the focus was on financial giving to acquire property and build our physical church. With ongoing construction, our membership grew, and we are now blessed with many converts who may not be familiar with our Orthodox traditions.

Our Ministry Teams offer practical engagement, teaching those traditions through activities such as singing and chanting, baking communion bread, preparing for fellowship hour, managing finances, educating children and new inquirers, and outreach aiding the needy. Participation in our Ministry Teams helps parishioners appreciate how their unique and individual gifts – time, talent, and treasure – are utilized.

We want to make Ministries more accessible. Indicate your interest on your stewardship commitment card, and we'll connect you with the appropriate Ministry Team Leader. We also intend to publish a Directory of Ministries with roles and contact details.

We realize that parishioners differ in the time and talent they can offer. Most Ministry Teams, however, offer a wide range of roles parishioners can play. As with financial commitments, what is important is to give from your heart. All contributions are appreciated and important!

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship packets are still available. If you were unable to pick up a packet at church and did not receive one in the mail, please request one from a Parish Council member in the narthex.

In 2024, our parish collected \$475,540 in Stewardship donations. To ensure we meet the continued financial commitments of our parish, the 2025 budget approved at our Fall Parish Assembly includes Stewardship donations totaling \$490,000, representing a three percent (3%) increase compared to 2024 collections. With the continued support and participation of our dedicated parishioners, we are confident this objective can be achieved!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, February 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Assignments:

Sunday, February 2, 2025: Chris Gounaris (Early/Open); Jonathan Mau (Late/Close); Fellowship: Michael Petrogeorge

Sunday, February 9, 2025: Elaine Peterson (Early/Open); George Sergakis (Late/Close); Fellowship: Gretchen Jungert

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: The next Philoptochos meeting will be held Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, February 11, 2025. Our focus this year is on children in the bible, pursuant to the schedule below:

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): GOYA will not meet on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Instead, we will meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Soter home.

If you would like your GOYAN to directly receive text messages relating to our GOYA activities, please contact Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 to have them added to the distribution list.

Young Adult Ministry Hockey Night: Please join us as the Utah Hockey Club takes on the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday, February 4, 2024. Text Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 to RSVP. First come first serve; only 15 tickets available. Tickets graciously donated by the Utah Hockey Club.

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 Inquirers Class: We are pleased to continue our 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*

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anna. Contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987 for more information.

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: As a permanent Sandy area food collection site, our parish and community donations are essential to help support the three Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries serving growing numbers of students and families facing hunger. **Fill the bin!**

FOREVER YOUNG

Forever Young! Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. Join us!

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, February 9, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, February 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alexandros, Christina, David, Farrel, Joan, Kris, Michael

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, email Michael Petrogeorge at 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, February 2, 2025 (The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple)

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

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Young Adults – Utah Hockey Club @ Delta Center

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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

Sunday, February 9, 2025 (Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins Today)

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

Sunday, February 16, 2025 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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

Monday, February 17, 2025

- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Friday, February 21, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Saturday of the Souls

Sunday, February 23, 2025 (Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday)

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

Monday, February 24, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

Friday, February 28, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Supplicatory Canon to St. Anna (Paraklesis)

Saturday, March 1, 2025

- 9:00 a.m.: Saturday of the Souls

Sunday, March 2, 2025 (Forgiveness (Cheesefare) Sunday)

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

Saturday, March 8, 2025

- 4:00 p.m.: Chanting Practice
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

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February 7th @ 6:30

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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

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Instant Meals
Canned chili / Stews
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Flour / Sugar / Dry milk
Peanut butter / Jelly / Jam
Granola bars / Snacks
Canned fruit / Canned veggies



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



2025 PHILOPTOCHOS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS NATIONWIDE

Thursday, January 16th – February 20th, 2025



- Are you currently caring for a loved one of any age who is elderly, or has a chronic or life-threatening illness or health condition, or who is physically or developmentally disabled?
 - Do you wish you knew others facing the same challenges as you?
 - Do you wish there were others with whom to share your experiences, your thoughts, concerns, and questions?
 - Do you need help finding and navigating appropriate services and resources?
- Do you wish you were part of a community of caregivers who understands our faith, culture, family traditions and background?
 - Are you so overwhelmed you're not even sure what questions to ask?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions and would like more information, contact the

PHILOPTOCHOS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Facilitated by professionals knowledgeable in caregiving and aging services, we will "meet" over Zoom on six consecutive Thursday evenings. In a confidential and safe environment, we will explore evidence-based best practices to help you manage the physical, emotional and cognitive issues faced by your loved one. We will discuss caregiver stress and exhaustion, feelings of anger, guilt, frustration; importance of self-care; family dynamics and decision-making; challenges of caregiving in the sandwich generation; long-distance and holiday caregiving; financial concerns; finding programs, services and resources; and planning for the future.

The last session, led by a member of the clergy, will address how faith, culture, and spirituality can help build your strength and resilience as you face your caregiver challenges. Secular and spiritual resources will be distributed.

Six Consecutive Weeks from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm EST

Thursday, January 16 to Thursday, February 20, 2025

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - CLICK HERE TO PRE-REGISTER:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7OOISRL_55h5sjtprNAOM2paLNbsWrAQiDKRLISYMZjRA/viewform

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Questions? Email us at Supportgroup@philoptochos.org

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church Epiphany House Blessing Form, 2025



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 businesses blessed as well if you desire to do so.

Name _____

Address _____

Best Phone Number _____

Preferred Date(s) _____

Check Desired Time Slot: Morning __ Early Afternoon __ Late Afternoon __ Early Evening __

Please mail, email or return this form to the church before the end of January so that Fr. Anthony can properly schedule and accommodate the needs of our St. Anna parishioners.

House Blessings will continue until March 2, 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity for Fr. Anthony see you and your family in the comfortable environment of your own home. This is the best occasion to share with your priest, your thoughts and dreams concerning our parish community.

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 provide a list of all names of family members who live in the house so that he can properly pray for them. Please make sure that all televisions, radios and computers are off at the time of the Blessing. Once this form is received, Fr. Anthony will call to finalize a specific time to bless your home. God bless!

Glory to the Triune God Who Reveals Himself upon the Waters of the Jordan!