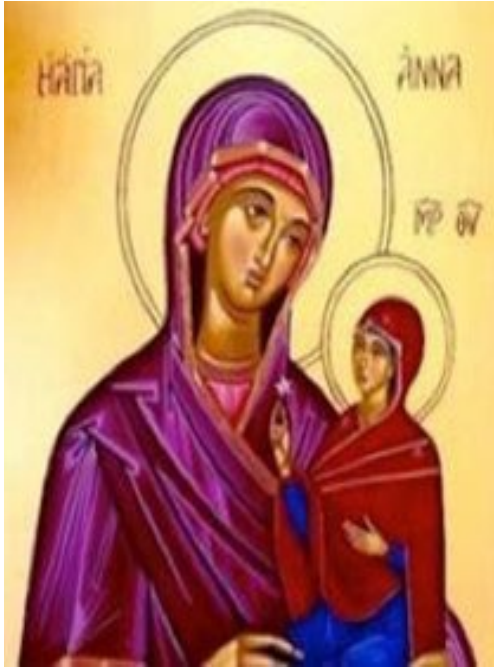




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
9201 South 1300 East, Sandy, UT 84094
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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (3:10-15)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75.

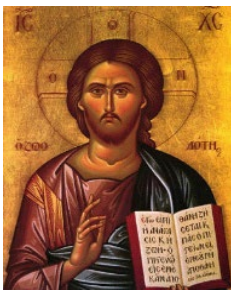
Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.



Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (18:10-14)



The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

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 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)

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).

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).

Today after services, the Gallegos and Jungert families will host fellowship hour. Everyone is welcome to join in fellowship, reflection, and remembrance of the lives of their beloved sons. May their memory be eternal!

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

Congratulations: Congratulations to Anna (Sergakis) Jones and Baby Athanasios on the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing on February 3, 2025. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Baby, together with Athanasios's daddy Shane and big brother Leonidas. God bless the growing Jones family!

Baptisms/Chrismations:

Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.: Justin Monson (Rose and Elias Pylidas, Sponsors)

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.

Post Liturgy Fellowship: Please clean up after yourselves 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.

House Blessings: Following the Feast of Theophany (January 6th), it is customary for Fr. Anthony 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 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 and ensure all electronics and other potential distractions are turned off. Please provide a list of all family living in the house for proper prayers. To request a blessing, return a completed blessing request form to Fr. Anthony.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

THE MYSTERY BEHIND "GIVING WHAT YOU CAN"

Recently, a steward suggested setting a minimum stewardship contribution, arguing it would be fairer. This suggestion is common, since parishioners seek fairness in stewardship. So why don't we set a minimum contribution level?

There is no Archdiocese guideline on this, and most parishes don't fund themselves primarily from stewardship like St. Anna is able to do. Some suggest a tithing system, rooted in Old Testament laws. But the New Covenant by Jesus asks us to live by His teachings and partake in the Eucharist.

Jesus' Parable of the Talents teaches that everyone has different gifts to be used for God's work. Stewardship involves giving from the heart. St Anna has never mandated a minimum financial, talent, or time commitment. Rather, we announce the budget annually and ask for voluntary contributions, which are always confidential, to help us meet those budgeted goals.

Remarkably, this approach works. The average annual contribution at St. Anna is about \$2,400 per stewardship unit, which just so happens to be about the average amount we need every stewardship unit to contribute to meet our annual budgeted goal. But not everyone can or should pay this average amount. Some can afford and therefore pay less while others can afford and therefore pay more. Setting a minimum amount would force some stewards to raise their contributions, possibly resulting in losing many who cannot afford it. This would increase the burden on the remaining stewards and reduce participation in our vital ministries.

So, is it fair not to have a minimum contribution? For parishioners to contribute differing amounts? Our Bible study teaches us that Jesus is not looking to establish equitable giving. Rather, he is trying to save souls.

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!

Please Note: The nave should be accessed only through the narthex. The door located south of the altar is not to be used for entering or exiting during services. Those needing to access the kitchen should exit the nave via the narthex and enter the kitchen through the fellowship hall. Similarly, those coming from the kitchen should exit through the fellowship hall and enter the nave through the narthex. Your cooperation is appreciated!

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 9, 2025: Elaine Peterson (Early/Open); George Sergakis (Late/Close)

Sunday, February 16, 2025: Peter Yannias (Early/Open); Gretchen Jungert (Late/Close)

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 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: The Young Adult Ministry typically meets the third Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOREVER YOUNG

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

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: The Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries are serving increasing numbers of our neighbors facing hunger. In addition to nonperishables listed on the attached flyer, urgently needed food items include rice and dry beans.. **Fill the bin!**

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, February 16, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, February 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date- AHEPA Fundraiser

Angelo Tsarouchas



“The Funny Greek”

Saturday, April 26, 2025

St Anna Greek Orthodox Church

Contact: Chris Floor at chrisafloor@gmail.com

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 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

Monday, February 25, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: GOYA meeting @ Soter home

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

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

- 9:00 a.m.: Saturday of the Souls
- 4:00 p.m.: Chanting Practice
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

Sunday, March 9, 2025 (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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

Monday, March 10, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Salutations

Saturday, March 15, 2025

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025 (Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas)

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

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Young Adults Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture

Thursday, March 20, 2025

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young

Friday, March 21, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Salutations

Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

Sunday, March 23, 2025 (Sunday of the Holy Cross)

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

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline
- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Salutations

Friday, March 28 – Sunday, March 30, 2025

- Parish Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 30, 2025 (Sunday of St. John Climacus)

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

Monday, March 31, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Lecture

Friday, April 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Salutations

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

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_55h5sjtprNAOM2paLNbsWrAQiDKRLi8YMZjRA/viewform

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Questions? Email us at Supportgroup@philoptochos.org

The Hellenic Cultural Association is sponsoring

THE SEMINAR: “SEARCHING YOUR GREEK ROOTS”

Light lunch will be provided!

RSVP by March 5th

Questions and/or RSVP call or text:
Jeannine Timothy (801) 558-7692
Georgene Colovos (385) 341-3897



Event Date & Location:

Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 pm
Holy Trinity Cathedral
Cost: \$20 per person

Topics & Schedule:

- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Introductions
- 1:15 - 2:15 Gregory Kontos -
"Exploring Your Greek
Ancestry"
- 2:15 - 2:30 Break
- 2:30 - 3:30 Joel Cole
"Digitized Greek Records
at FamilySearch"
- 3:30 - 4:00 Q&A
- 4:00 Thank you!



Presenters

Gregory Kontos

Founder of GreekAncestry.net

Gregory Kontos holds degrees in history from the University of Athens and the University of Leiden, with a specialization in the history of migration, nationalism and religion. Gregory founded GreekAncestry.net in 2020. Greek Ancestry, based in Athens, has already been recognized as the leading Greek genealogy organization at an international level.



Joel Cole

Of FamilySearch.org

Joel Cole, born and raised in Italy, has been involved with Italian Family History for over 30 years. He has presented in many international genealogical conferences about Italian Family History. Since 2015, Mr. Cole has lived in Utah working for FamilySearch in a variety of roles and responsibilities. He is currently the content strategist for Southern Europe.

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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!