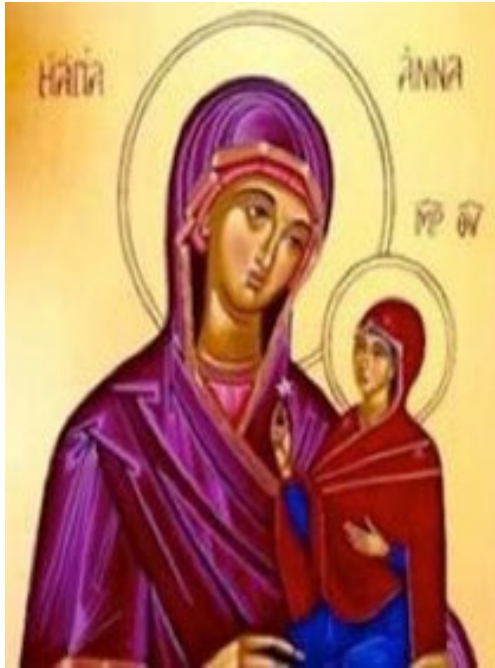




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Sunday, February 16, 2025

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Reverend Protopresbyter Elias Koucos, Retired
Deacon John Kavass

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Epistle Reading: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12 - 20)

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 32.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.



Brethren, "all things are permitted for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are permitted for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (15:11 - 32)



The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country,

and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind. (Liturgy Book page 99)

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

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind. (Liturgy Book page 99)

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

From my Father's glory I have foolishly turned away. By my sins I squandered all the riches He gave me. Therefore like the prodigal I cry out to Him: I have sinned before You, compassionate Father. Accept my repentance, and take me back again as one of Your hired servants. (Liturgy Book page 257)

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

Congratulations: Congratulations to TajaRay Delgreco and Baby Minka "Maria" on the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing following Divine Liturgy today, Sunday, February 16, 2025. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Baby, together with Minka's daddy, Nicholas. God bless the growing Delgreco family!

Congratulations to the Newly Illumined! Congratulations to the following, who have been or will be Baptized or Chrismated in

February 2025: Rylee Booher, Houston Kraenbuhel, Justin Monson, Maria Petrogeorge, Sheri Varanakis, and Issac Volk

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.

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!

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.

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). Parking under the bell tower is **NOT** permitted.

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

ARE MY STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

One question St. Anna stewards should be asking is, "How should I plan for next year's tax filing?" While it's too late for changes that impact your 2024 taxes, now is the time to plan for 2025. St. Anna is a parish of the Metropolis of Denver, a registered 501(c)(3), so financial donations, including stewardship, can be tax-deductible. While we cannot provide financial advice, here are a few tips to maximize your contributions:

- Donors can contribute up to 60% of their gross adjusted income annually. For many, charitable gifts fall within the standard deduction: \$14,600 for singles and \$29,200 for married couples filing jointly. Those 65+ can claim an additional deduction (\$1,550 for singles, \$1,950 for married couples).
- If you itemize deductions, your stewardship contributions count.
- For those taking the standard deduction, here are additional options:
 - At age 70½, you can make "qualified charitable distributions" (QCDs) from required minimum distributions, which are not taxed.
 - If you have appreciated assets (e.g., stocks), you can transfer them directly to St. Anna. This avoids capital gains taxes and allows you to claim the full value as a deduction if you itemize.
 - Another option is a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF). You can transfer appreciated stocks to the DAF, avoiding capital gains tax, and let the fund grow before making contributions to St. Anna. However, DAFs do charge administrative fees.

As always, please consult your personal financial advisor and tax accountant for guidance specific to your individual situation.

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 16, 2025: Peter Yannias (Early/Open); Gretchen Jungert (Late/Close); Fellowship: Ferland family

Sunday, February 23, 2025: Chris Gounaris (Early/Open); Charles Deneris (Late/Close); Fellowship: Chaus/Man/Volk families

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOYA (Grades 6-12): GOYA will meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Soter home.

SAVE THE DATE - GOYA Lenten Retreat: Our annual GOYA Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Details 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, March 11, 2025. Our focus this year is on children in the bible, pursuant to the schedule below:

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

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!

Spring Orthodox Inquirers Class: Commencing Saturday, March 8, 2025, our Spring 2025 Orthodox Inquirers Class will be held on Saturdays at 6:15 p.m., following Great Vespers. Contact Fr. Anthony at franthony@stannagocutah.org or 801-824-3987 for more information.

Pocatello Lenten Retreat: Fr. Anthony Savas will be the Guest Lecturer at the Lenten Retreat of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 518 N. 5th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho, on March 14-16, 2025. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 14, 2025:

- 6:00 p.m.: Salutations to the Theotokos
- 7:00 p.m.: Keynote Address by Fr. Anthony Savas

Saturday, March 15, 2025:

- 9:30 a.m.: Continental breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Retreat Sessions I-III
- 3:30 p.m.: Vespers and closing remarks

Sunday, March 16, 2025:

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy with sermon by Fr. Anthony Savas

A block of rooms is available at TownePlace Suites by Marriott-Pocatello for \$129 per night, including breakfast and parking. To reserve, call 208-478-7000 and mention "Lenten Retreat Block" before February 28, 2025.

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!**

FOREVER YOUNG

Forever Young! Don't forget to come find your friends on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in the fellowship hall! There will be fine dining and a twist on traditional Bingo!! Should be a blast! See you at 11:30 am! Questions? Contact AnnaSophia at Lilkoukla@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE - AHEPA Fundraiser: Make plans to join us for an AHEPA Fundraiser featuring "The Funny Greek" - Angelo Tsarouchas. Saturday, April 26, 2025, at St. Anna. Contact Chris Floor at chrisafloor@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, February 23, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, February 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

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

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, email Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Thursday, February 20, 2025

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young
- 1:00 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, February 21, 2025 (Saturday of Souls)

- 6:00 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy and Memorial

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

Tuesday, 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

Thursday, February 27, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, February 28, 2025

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

Saturday, March 1, 2025 (Saturday of Souls)

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

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

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Forgiveness Great Vespers

Monday, March 3, 2025 (Clean Monday – First Day of Great Lent)

- 6:00 p.m.: Great Compline

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck and Lecture

Friday, March 7, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: First Salutations to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 8, 2025 (Saturday of Souls)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy and Memorial
- 4:00 p.m.: Chanting Practice
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- 6:15 p.m.: Spring Inquirer's Class

Sunday, March 9, 2025 (Sunday of Orthodoxy – First Sunday of Great Lent)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy followed by Sunday School Procession of Icons

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
- 6:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten Potluck and Lecture

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: First Salutations to the Theotokos

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

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.

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!

The Saint Anna Bookstore

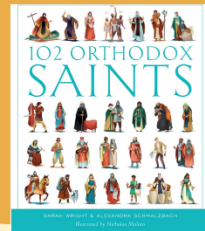
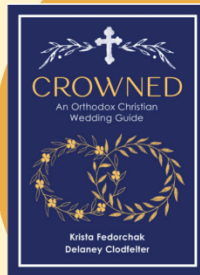


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New Prayer Ropes
for all wrist sizes!

New Children's
& Adult Books!



Only a few Snuggly
Saints remaining!

The St. Anna Church Bookstore is open Sundays after Divine Liturgy.
We are more than happy to assist you with placing special orders!