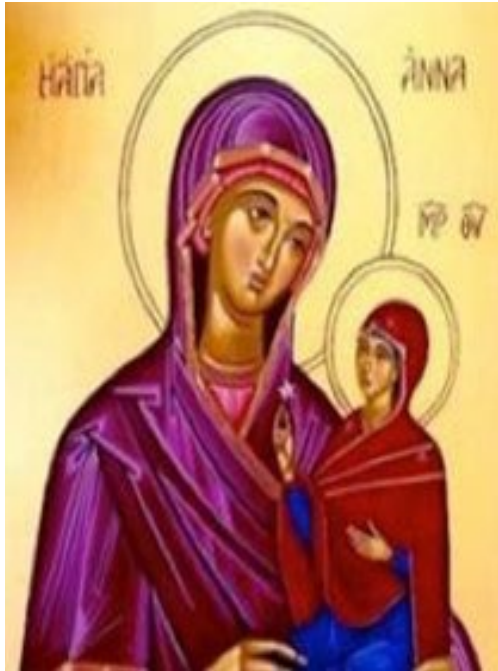




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of the Holy Cross
Sunday, March 23, 2025

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Reverend Protopresbyter Elias Koucos, Retired
Deacon John Kavas

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16; 5:1-6)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 27.

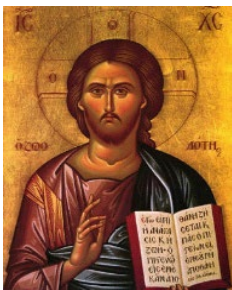
O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God, may You not pass over me in silence.



Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Mark (8:34-38; 9:1)



The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I

say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power”

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 rose from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia (4) (Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

Save, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give vict'ry to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your holy cross. (Liturgy Book page 181)

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia. (Liturgy Book page 37)

Resurrectional Apolytikion

The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking, seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the virgin and granted life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 119)

Hymn for the Feast

Save, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give vict'ry to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your holy cross. (Liturgy Book page 181)

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

Victorious Lady, mighty champion defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded. (Liturgy Book p. 271)

Trisagion Hymn

Before Your cross we bow down, O Master, and we glorify Your holy resurrection. (3). (Liturgy Book page 291)

Megalynarion (Hymn for the Theotokos)

In you, O woman full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of Victorious Lady, mighty champion defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded. (Liturgy Book p. 271)

Communion Hymns

Let the light of Your face shine on us, let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord. (3) (Liturgy Book page 325)

Hymn after Communion

Save, O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give vict'ry to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your holy cross. (Liturgy Book page 181)

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, March 30, 2025: George John Vosnos (5 years); Mary Vosnos (5 years)

Sunday, April 6, 2025: John Kounalis, Argyro Kounalis, Mike Varanakis, and Sylvia Varanakis

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

Welcome Godparents and Godchildren Visiting St. Anna. Today, Sunday, March 23, 2025, is Godparents Sunday at St. Anna! A special welcome to all the Godparents and Godchildren visiting from other parishes!

Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal Donations: Donations are requested for the following items needed for our Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal services:

Lent:

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| Daffodils for Sunday of the Holy Cross | \$150.00 |
| Flowers for Salutations to the Theotokos | 5 @ \$150.00 |
| Incense for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha | \$100.00 |

Palm Sunday:

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| Palm Strips for Crosses and Decorative Palms | \$300.00 |
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Holy Week & Pascha:

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| Flowers for Bridegroom Icon | \$350.00 |
| Floral Wreath for the Crucifix | \$250.00 |
| 12 Candles – Service of 12 Gospels | 12 @ \$5.00 |
| Rose Petals for Lamentation Service | \$60.00 |
| Rose Petals for Holy Saturday/Pascha | \$1,250.00 |
| Case of Bay Leaves for Holy Saturday/Pascha | \$125.00 |
| Rose Water for Lamentation Service | \$25.00 |
| One Case Sacramental Wine | \$200.00 |
| Gardenias for Holy Friday and Holy Saturday | \$400.00 |
| Easter Lilies for the Solea | \$325.00 |

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| Altar Candles for Paschal Season | \$650.00 |
| Three Cases of Brown Eggs for the Anastasi | \$500.00 |
| Ribbon & Net for Eggs | \$100.00 |
| Flowers for Kouvouklion (Holy Friday) | \$2,500.00 |
| Guest Chanter Stipend and Travel Expenses | \$3,000.00 |

Please return your donation in the memorial envelope available at the Pangari (narthex counter), which has a place for you to write the names of the departed loved ones whom you wish Fr. Anthony to memorialize during the Holy Friday Evening Service as we pray before the Epitaphios. In the event more funds are collected than required, excess monies will be placed in the Benevolence/Altar Fund. Thank you for contributing towards the dignity and beauty of our divine services!

St. Anna Lenten Retreat: Please join us for our annual parish Lenten Retreat with His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada, Friday, March 28 through Sunday, March 30, 2025. The retreat schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 28

- 7:00 p.m.: Salutations and Retreat Introduction Reflection
- Dessert Reception with His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada

Saturday, March 29

- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Continental Breakfast and Welcome
- 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Session I - Broken Yet Beautiful
- Break
- 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Session II - Repentance and Reconciliation
- Lunch
- 1:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.: Session III - Q&A
- 4:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

Sunday, March 30

- 8:30 a.m.: Orthros
- 10:00 a.m.: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

- Fellowship honoring His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada

Please text Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 if you are interested in childcare, as we cannot offer childcare if it is not scheduled in advance.

Lenten Lectures/Dinners: Lenten lectures/dinners will be held immediately following Presanctified Liturgy, as follows:

March 26 *Speaker:* Emilee Floor

Dinner Hosts: Men's Ministry

April 2 *Speakers:* Tammy and Brian Richardson

Dinner Hosts: Parish Council

Please join us! Contact Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 with questions.

Lenten Retreat Potluck – On Saturday, March 29, 2025, during the parish Lenten retreat, our Philoptochos and Men's Ministry Team are coordinating a potluck luncheon for attendees. The main dish will be provided, but participants are asked to bring Lenten appropriate side dishes (salads, fruit plates, vegetable platters, chips, etc.) or desserts.

Volunteers Needed – Holy Friday Youth Retreat: Volunteers (particularly parental volunteers) are needed for our annual Holy Friday Youth Retreat to be held on Friday, April 18, 2025. Please contact Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 to volunteer!

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.

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2025 stewardship cards. As of March 5, we have received 154 stewardship commitments totaling \$423,938.00, putting us at 86.5% of our budgeted goal (\$490,000). 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 Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Assignments:

Sunday, March 23, 2025: Jonathan Mau (Early/Open); Charles Deneris (Late/Close); Fellowship: Moses Williams

Sunday, March 30, 2025: Elaine Peterson (Early/Open); Gretchen Jungert (Late/Close); Fellowship: Philoptochos and Men's Ministry

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: The next Philoptochos meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Support Program: Supporting the St. Anna food program is a great way for the whole family to get involved in hands-on service. Bringing something for the Blue Bin every Sunday - a can of beans or a case lot of tuna - truly makes a difference for our community neighbors who don't have enough to eat. God bless!

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

ST. ANNA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WORKS, BY TOM LEITKO

Stephanie Chachas has led the St Anna Philoptochos since its chartering two years ago, with Barbara Hillas as Vice President, Joanne Dokos as Secretary, Carolyn Leitko as Corresponding Secretary, and Tanya Smirnov as Treasurer. Stephanie accepted the role “for the good things they offer” and because she enjoys “seeing people give from the heart.”

Philoptochos is the beneficial arm of the Greek Orthodox Church of America, supporting both national projects like The Children’s Medical Fund and local projects such as:

- Providing support (set up, clean up, deserts) for post funeral makarias (memorial meals);
- Organizing “meal trains” for families with newborns or sickness; and
- Providing support for Parish events (e.g. Tables Extraordinaire, Pascha events, Denver Diocese Choir Conference).

Stephanie’s priorities for the upcoming year start with ‘growing our membership.’ She emphasizes reaching out to Inquirers and catechumens in our growing parish to inform them about the importance of giving, so they “know that learning to give is an important part of learning the religion.”

For recruiting members, Stephanie focuses on their time and talent. “I try to get new people involved in projects”. They enjoy fellowship and feel the impact of their contribution. “I love to see new members get involved and see their contributions make a difference in people’s lives. This is how stewardship develops. This is what Philoptochos is about. Join us!”

Philoptochos is primarily a women’s ministry, but any Orthodox Christian can join. Women can also join if their husband is an Orthodox Christian. You don’t need to be a St Anna Steward or a member of Philoptochos to participate in beneficial projects.

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Our annual St. John Chrysostom Festival will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2025, immediately following Great Vespers.

GOYA (Grades 6-12): GOYA will meet on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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, April 8, 2025. Our focus this year is on children in the bible, pursuant to the schedule below:

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)

Holy Friday Youth Retreat: Our annual Holy Friday Youth Retreat will be held on Great and Holy Friday, April 18, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Make plans for your children or grandchildren to attend! School absence letters will be provided upon request.

Young Adult Ministry: The Young Adult Ministry will not meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

FOREVER YOUNG

Forever Young! The next Forever Young meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW - St. Anna Photo Gallery: Ever wonder what happens to all of the pictures taken at our various events, hierarchical visits, etc.? Well we've got good news! You can now access the parish's historical photos via our new SmugMug® site at: <https://www.saintannagallery.org/>. The site is also accessible via our parish website at https://stannagocutah.org/?page_id=7814.

Next Bulletin: The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, March 30, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday**,

March 25, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pan Arcadian Western District Scholarship 2025: Visit <https://www.panarcadianwest.org/news> for the scholarship application. Applicants must be a member of the local Arcadian Chapter #90 or have a grandparent or parent who is a member. Postmark deadline is May 27, 2025. Please contact Karen Anastasopoulos at karenanast@gmail.com or 801-913-2414 for further information or with any questions about the scholarship.

PRAYER LIST

Alexandros, Christina, David, Farrel, Janet, Jefferson, Joan, Kris, Lisa, Lorlee, Maddie, Maddy, Marie, Michael, Owen, Stephanie, Todd

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, March 23, 2025 (Sunday of the Holy Cross/Godparents Sunday – Third Sunday of Great Lent)

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

Monday, March 24, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Annunciation Great Vespers
- 7:00 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (Annunciation of the Theotokos)

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Thursday, March 27, 2025

- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, March 28 – Sunday, March 30, 2025

- Lenten Retreat with His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 10:00 a.m.: Paraklesis to St. Anna
- 7:00 p.m.: Third Salutations to the Theotokos with His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada

Saturday, March 29, 2025

- 4:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

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

- 8:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Hierarchical 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
- 6:00 p.m.: Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Potluck/Lecture

Thursday, April 3, 2025

- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, April 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Akathyst Hymn

Saturday, April 5, 2025

- 4:00 p.m.: Chanting Practice
- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers, followed by our parish's St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

Sunday, April 6, 2025 (Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)

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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: JOY Meeting

Saturday, April 12, 2025 (Lazarus Saturday)

- 8:00 a.m. / 9:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Palms
- 7:00 p.m.: Bridegroom Service

Monday, April 14, 2025 (Holy Monday)

- 7:00 p.m.: Bridegroom Service

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (Holy Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m.: Bridegroom Service / Hymn of Kassiani

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 (Holy Wednesday)

- 9:00 a.m.: Presanctified Liturgy
- 3:00 p.m.: Sacrament of Holy Unction
- 7:00 p.m.: Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday)

- 9:00 a.m.: Vespers Liturgy for the Institution of the Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m.: Service of the Holy Passion/Reading of the 12 Gospels

Friday, April 18, 2025 (Great and Holy Friday)

- 9:00 a.m.: Royal Hours
- 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.: Youth Retreat
- 3:00 p.m.: Vespers for the Deposition from the Cross
- 7:00 p.m.: Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 19, 2025 (Holy Saturday)

- 10:00 a.m.: Vespers Liturgy of Christ's Descent into Hades
- 11:00 p.m.: Resurrection Vigil, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection, followed by Anastasi (Resurrection) Dinner

Sunday, April 20, 2025 (Pascha (Easter))

- 2:00 p.m.: Agape Vespers

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 (St. George the Great Martyr)

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

Friday, April 25, 2025 (Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring)

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

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church



Lenten Schedule 2025

Week Three

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 17, Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 19, Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm

Friday, March 21, Salutations to the Theotokos,
7:00 pm

Saturday, March 22, GOYA Lenten Retreat, Noon-4:00

Week One

Sunday, March 2, Forgiveness Great Vespers, 7:00 pm

Monday, March 3, Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 5, Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 pm

Friday, March 7, Salutations to the Theotokos,
7:00 pm

Saturday, March 8, Saturday of the Souls, 9/10:00 am

Week Four

Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent
Procession of the Holy Cross
Godparent Sunday

Monday, Monday, March 24, Annunciation
Great Vespers, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 25, Annunciation to the
Theotokos 9/10 am

Wednesday, March 26, Presanctified Liturgy,
6:00 pm

Friday, March 28, Salutations to the Theotokos,
7:00 pm

St. Anna Lenten Retreat with His Grace Bishop
Anthony of Synada through Sunday Liturgy

Week Two

Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent
Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession

Monday, March 10, Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12, Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 pm

Friday, March 14, Salutations to the Theotokos,
7:00 pm

Week Five

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 31, Great Compline, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 2, Presanctified Liturgy,
6:00 pm

Friday, April 4, Akathyst Hymn, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Assumption Church in Pocatello, ID
Lenten Retreat. Fr. Anthony Retreat Master

Schedule and Hotel Accommodations Available for
St. Anna Parishioners Who Wish to Attend

Contact Fr. Anthony for Information.
Text 801-824-3987



ST. ANNA LENTEN

Retreat

March 28-30

WITH HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY OF SYNADA

Friday, Salutations and Introductory Remarks at 7:00 pm
Saturday, Breakfast, Sessions, Lunch, Vespers, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, Orthros, 8:30 am, Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to Follow
Sunday Fellowship to Follow in Honor of His Grace

Please Text Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 if you are interested in Child Care.

The Saint Anna Bookstore



New seasonal item: Kids Pascha Eggs!

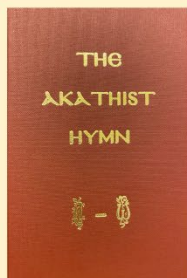
Each comes filled with a unique micro icon, a sticker, and sweet treat.

Available for a limited time only!

Lenten service books are here!

We have a limited supply of Akathist Hymn (for Friday evening services) as well as Holy Week service books.

Also available for purchase in the St. Anna Narthex.



Come see everything new in store for Lent and Pascha!

The St. Anna Church Bookstore is open Sundays after Divine Liturgy.

We are more than happy to assist you with placing special orders!