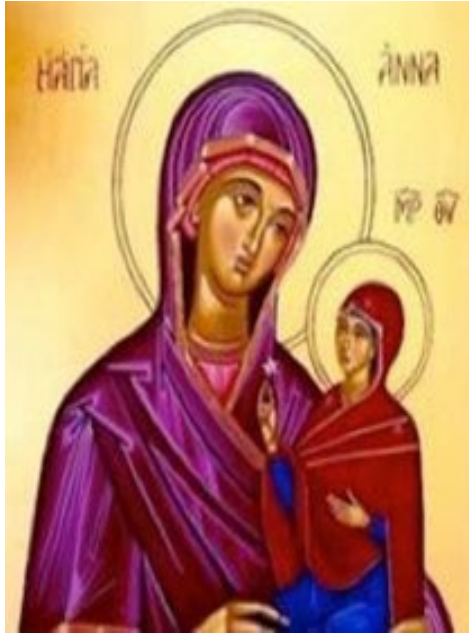




CHURCH BULLETIN



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church
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Sunday of St. John Climacus
Sunday, March 30, 2025

His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada
Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas
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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (6:13-20)

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor.



Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Mark (9:17-31)



At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has

he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

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

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)

Entrance Hymn

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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 Devout Man

Like warm and gentle rain, your tears of compunction made the desert burst forth in bloom. Your patient endurance made your suff'rings bear fruit one-hundred-fold and your wondrous deeds have filled all the world with light. O holy father John, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls. (Liturgy Book page 137)

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 suff'ring and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from ev'ry danger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded. (Liturgy Book p. 269)

Trisagion Hymn

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

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

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

Τὸν Δεσπότην καὶ Ἀρχιερέα ἡμῶν, Κύριε φύλαττε, εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Δέσποτα (Liturgy Book page 343)

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](#).

Welcome Bishop Anthony! A warm welcome to His Grace Bishop Anthony of Synada, who has led our parish's Lenten Retreat this weekend and will celebrate today's Hierarchical Liturgy. We are blessed to have you with us!

Memorial Services - May Their Memory be Eternal:

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025: John Kounalis, Argyro Kounalis, Mike Varanakis, Sylvia Varanakis, George Gamvroulas (40 days), Mary Z. Floor (6 years), Nicolai Gavrusev (32 years), Sara Gavruseva (36 years), Steve N. Floor (64 years)

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

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

Lent:

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:

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

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
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!

Final Lenten Lectures/Dinners: Our final Lenten lecture/dinner for 2025 will be held immediately following Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Tammy and Brian Richardson will be our guest speakers, and the pot luck dinner will be hosted by the Parish Council. Please join us! Contact Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 with questions.

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.

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025: Chris Gounaris (Early/Open); George Sergakis (Late/Close); Fellowship: Elaine Peterson

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Meeting: Philoptochos will not meet in April. Our next meeting will be in May. Please note that all Orthodox women and non-Orthodox women married to Orthodox men are welcome to join Philoptochos!

FOREVER YOUNG

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

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

ST. ANNA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH WORKS, BY TOM LEITKO

We now have over 60 potential converts in Fr. Anthony's Inquirers class. As a Chair of the Stewardship Ministry, I often get asked, "As we grow by adding converts, how do we bring them fully into the Church?"

I've searched the Archdiocese website for a roadmap that guides converts on learning about Orthodoxy. There isn't one, so I decided to create one. Catechumens are typically adults not previously baptized or Chrismated. At the Church's beginning, everyone was a catechumen, and the Apostles and Elders spread the teachings of Jesus through preaching, storytelling, and acts of kindness and charity to the laity. So how can we recreate this experience today?

Step 1: Attend Fr. Anthony's Inquirers class. Catechumens need to understand the religion before practicing it. The class teaches about the Church's Apostolic history and its beliefs and religious practices. Orthodoxy is an oral tradition. It's best to hear it from someone who knows, who has heard it from someone who knows, in an unbroken chain going back to the Apostles.

Step 2: Participate in services. Catechumens cannot take communion but also don't need to be spectators. Participation includes listening to the words of wisdom, connecting spiritually by singing the communal prayers, and committing to live God's Word, such as the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

Step 3: Live your commitments. Orthodoxy is a lived religion. When I speak to Ministry Leaders, I ask, "what do you do to help new members advance their understanding of Orthodoxy?" They consistently respond, "new members come to us for the fellowship but learn and grow from beneficial projects." Working together on beneficial projects builds fellowship. Firsthand participation in projects lets you experience their impact on others. Jesus didn't ask us to say things. He asked us to do things.

Try my roadmap out. Let me know what you learn. If you haven't already, I especially encourage you to join a Ministry Team to learn how St Anna Greek Orthodox Church works.

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!

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!

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!

YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival: Our annual St. John Chrysostom Festival will be held on **Saturday**, 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 - "In the Garden of Gethsemane":

Our annual Holy Friday Youth Retreat will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. through Vespers for the Deposition from the Cross (concluding 4:30 p.m.). Open to all youth in grades K-12. Snacks and lunch will be provided. School absence letters will be provided upon request. No RSVP required. Make plans for your children or grandchildren to attend!

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

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, April 6, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (no foolin')**, 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 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.: Vespertal 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.: Vespertal 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

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

The Saint Anna Bookstore



New seasonal item: Kids Pascha Eggs!

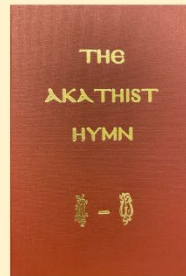
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Lenten service books are here!

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

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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!

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Sponsor 1 Player

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Pack
\$800

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All Proceeds Benefit St. Annas Greek Orthodox Church
Registration starts at 7:00 AM Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM

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St. Anna
Holy Friday
Youth Retreat

"In the Garden of Gethsemane"

Friday, April 18th from 11:30 am through Great Vespers (4:30 pm).

Grades K through Twelve. Snacks and Lunch Provided.

School Excuse Forms are Available.

Our Youth Should be in Church on this Solemn Day.
No Need to R.S.V.P.

Glorify Him in His Final Days.