

## St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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6th Sunday of Matthew Sunday, July 20, 2025

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## Epistle Reading: From the Universal Letter to James (5:10-20)

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 109.

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies the footstool of Your feet."



Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by

earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall into hypocrisy. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (9:1-8)

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the



scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, seeing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins," he then said to the paralytic — "Rise, take up your bed and

go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men."

## 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 (4) (Liturgy Book page 29)

## **Response to Third Antiphon**

To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection. (Liturgy Book page 115)

## **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**

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## **Hymn for the Prophet**

The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

## **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**

O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you. (Liturgy Book page 225)

## **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'rable 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

<u>Online Chapel:</u> For Saints and Readings of the Day, please visit the <u>Archdiocese's Online Chapel</u>.

<u>St. Anna Livestream:</u> Livestreaming is available through the <u>St. Anna YouTube Channel</u>.

<u>St. Anna Photo Gallery:</u> Access the parish's current and historical photos at <a href="https://www.saintannagallery.org/">https://www.saintannagallery.org/</a>.

<u>Saturday Great Vespers:</u> Due to sacraments and other scheduling conflicts, Saturday Great Vespers have been discontinued for the summer. Saturday Great Vespers will resume in the fall!

## Memorial Services - May Their Memory be Eternal:

Sunday, July 27, 2025: Nicholaos Liotiris (22 years)

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

Annual St. Anna Name Day Celebration: The St. Anna's Name Day Vespers and BBQ will be held on the parish grounds on Thursday, July 24, 2025, commencing at 5:00 p.m. Make plans to join us for a fun evening of food, games, music, and dancing!!

<u>Parking Reminder:</u> Park only in designated, striped spots. Do not park in undesignated areas or block other vehicles. Overflow parking is available in the Lunatic Fringe lot (south) and KinderCare lot (north). Parking under the bell tower is <u>NOT</u> permitted. Your cooperation is appreciated!

<u>Children's Liturgy Bags:</u> The children's activity bags are available for use during church services and are not meant to be taken home.

Please be sure to return the bags following the service so they can be restocked and reused for future services. If you inadvertently took a bag home, please return it the next time you come to church.

#### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2025 stewardship cards. As of June 11, we have received 168 stewardship commitments totaling \$440,305, putting us at 89.9% of our budgeted goal (\$490,000). 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 over 2024 collections. With the continued support and participation of our dedicated parishioners, we are confident this objective can be achieved!

#### PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

## **Weekly Assignments:**

Sunday, July 20, 2025: Peter Yannias (Early/Lead); Elaine Peterson (Late/Close)

Sunday, July 27, 2025: Jonathan Mau (Early/Lead); TBD (Late/Close)

#### PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Philoptochos Meeting:** The next Philoptochos Meeting will be held Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

<u>Annual Membership Tea:</u> Our annual Membership Tea will be held Saturday, August 23, 2025. Save the Date!

#### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Morning Bible Study</u>: Morning bible study has concluded for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

# ST ANNA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH SUMMER 2025 INQUIRERS CLASS: THE GARDEN PARTY SERIES THE ROOTS AND FRUITS OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY



Come join our garden party and reminisce with your old friends. We will learn our lessons well as we discuss the **Roots of the Faith: Theological and Historical Foundations** and the **Fruits of the Faith: Practical and Spiritual Outcomes of Living the Orthodox Christian Life.** 

July 9: The Holy Trinity
July 16: Holy Scripture – Origins, Prominence and Use
July 23: Our Daily Life of Prayer, Corporate and Private
July 30: Ecumenical Councils

Special Garden party session: Join our parish community on July 25th for the Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of St Anna, Mother of the Theotokos, in the morning and parish garden party that evening.

Classes will begin at 7:00PM and will last about 60 minutes with light refreshments and conversation following. This will be a casual learning opportunity and preparation for our full Catechism program that will begin in the Fall.

Fr. Anthony Kevin Flanagan Mary Yannias

#### YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025:

I ♥ Mom! The Theotokos, the Mother of Us All:

St. Anna's annual Vacation Bible School will be held August 11-13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. Contact Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 to register.

#### ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Food Support Program:</u> Ongoing food donations are more crucial than ever during summer months when contributions typically slow down. Every donation makes a difference for our neighbors facing hunger. Fill the bin!

## 9/11 National Day of Service Project

St. Anna, along with twelve other Sandy City area churches, is participating in Sandy City's 9/11 National Day of Service celebration on Saturday, September 6, 2025, to honor first responders.

Our role in the service project is to provide 670 mini bags of personal hygiene items, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. Our donations will be combined with additional hygiene items from other participating churches into large cinch bags.

We are asking parishioners to purchase mini bags for \$5 each. Please donate with cash or check. Checks can be made payable to: "Philoptochos" with "National Day of Service" in the memo line. Please bring your monetary donations to church during July and August and place them in the marked box in the Narthex.

On Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, participating churches will gather at Alta High School to assemble a total of 2,000 hygiene kits, along with laundry kits. These items will be donated to Canyons School District schools and the Utah Refugee Connection.

Please join us at Alta High School on September 6!

#### FOREVER YOUNG ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Forever Young (aged 50 and older):</u> Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Thank You from Olena Bradford.</u> On July 7, 2025, we shipped 790 pounds of clothes, shoes, and other essentials to families in Ukraine, with shipping costs totaling \$1,345. I am deeply grateful



to each of you for your kindness, selflessness, and unwavering support. Your donations, help, and understanding have made a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for your compassion and for standing with us. With heartfelt appreciation, Olena Bradford.

<u>Vacation Church School at Saints Peter and Paul:</u> Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox church in Salt Lake City warmly invites families of Saint Anna's to our Vacation Church School (VCS)! Prepare for a fun week of singing, playing and learning about saints, but in particular learning about the path of holiness. There is only the capacity for 50 children, so please register soon if you know that you want your children to participate.



#### **Details:**



Dates: July 14-18, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily



**Location:** Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 355 S. 300 East, Salt Lake City UT 84111



**Cost:** \$40 per child (there is an optional Super Saint T-shirt for \$12 if you want to order it for your children)

To register, please click the link below or scan the QR code and register using your computer or phone.

## Super Saints Vacation Church School



We look forward to sharing this special week with your children! If you have any questions, or problems with the online form, feel free to contact Sh. Photini Suzanne at <a href="mailto:splympton@gmail.com">splympton@gmail.com</a> or 801-636-2377.

#### COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Bulletin: The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, July 27, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at <a href="mappetrogeorge@gmail.com">mppetrogeorge@gmail.com</a> no later than Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

#### PRAYER LIST

Barbara, Christina-Georgeta, Izzy, Juliana, Kris, Lorlee, Marie, Rochelle (Rose)

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, email Michael Petrogeorge at <a href="mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com">mppetrogeorge@gmail.com</a>.

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Visit the <u>parish website</u> for an electronic copy. Unless otherwise specified, all events will be held at St. Anna.

Sunday, July 20, 2025 (6th Sunday of Matthew)

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

## Thursday, July 24, 2025

- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers for the Dormition of St. Anna, the Ancestor of Christ
- Following Vespers: St. Anna Name Day Picnic & BBQ

## *Friday, July 25, 2025* (Dormition of St. Anna, the Ancestor of Christ)

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

## Sunday, July 27, 2025 (7th Sunday of Matthew)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- Following Liturgy: St. Anna Parish Lagoon Day!

## Monday, July 28, 2025:

• 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

#### Friday, August 1, 2025

• 7:00 *p.m.*: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

## Sunday, August 3, 2025 (8th Sunday of Matthew)

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

#### Monday, August 4, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

## Tuesday, August 5, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers for the Transfiguration of Christ

## Wednesday, August 6, 2025 (Transfiguration of Christ)

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

## Friday, August 8, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

## Sunday, August 10, 2025 (9th Sunday of Matthew)

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

## Monday, August 11, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

## Monday, August 11 - Wednesday, August 13, 2025:

• 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Daily: Vacation Bible School

## Wednesday, August 13, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to the Theotokos

## Thursday, August 14, 2025

• 7:00 *p.m.*: Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos

## Friday, August 15, 2025 (Dormition of the Theotokos)

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



# St. Anna Food Support Program

# HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Food Collection Site
Serving Sandy Area Food Pantries

## **NEEDED FOOD ITEMS**





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.



## ST. ANNA PARISH DAY AT



Join your fellow St. Anna parishioners for a fun filled day at Lagoon!

Date: Sunday, July 27, 2025 Time: Following Liturgy Cost: \$59.95 per person.

Tickets can be purchased online at <u>Lagoon Park | 2025 Tickets & Passports</u> or using the QR code below:



Be sure to select the "July 2025 Deal of the Decade" option.

The Elm Terrace has been reserved for our use throughout the day. The Elm Terrace is located behind the Bat roller coaster. Feel free to bring your picnic baskets and coolers with the food and beverages of your choosing and gather in the terrace for some rest and fellowship throughout the day!



