

#### St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Sunday, July 27, 2025

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### Epistle Reading: Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:1-20)

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 2. Psalm 63.
The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God.



Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless

he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (9:27-35)



At that time, as Jesus went on, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were

opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything

like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

#### 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

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)

#### **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 Saint

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

#### **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**

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could bear, so that when they see You crucified they will know that You suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father. (Liturgy Book page 285)

#### **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:

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

To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 or <a href="mailto:realray@stannagocutah.org">realray@stannagocutah.org</a>.

<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.

<u>Church Etiquette:</u> We find it necessary to once again reiterate the basics of Orthodox church etiquette:

- Do not enter or move around the sanctuary at the following times:
  - During the Small Entrance (when the procession with the Gospel takes place)
  - During the Epistle Reading
  - During the Gospel Reading

- During the priest's sermon
- When the priest is censing and facing the congregation
- During the Great Entrance (when the procession of the Holy Gifts takes place)
- ❖ When the priest is blessing the congregation
- ❖ During the recitation of the Nicene Creed ("I believe...")
- During the Consecration of the Holy Gifts
- ❖ During the recitation of the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...")
- Any other time during a service when the priest is on the altar facing the congregation.
- Please silence and refrain from using your cell phones in the sanctuary.
- Please remain standing throughout Holy Communion, even if you are not receiving.
- Please follow the instructions provided by the clergy and/or the Parish Council relating to dismissal for Holy Communion and receiving antidoron. Please do <u>not</u> leave your seat or row to process to the altar until invited to do so by a Parish Council usher.
- Greeting, talking to, or visiting with other parishioners should be reserved for after services, when congregated in the exonarthex (the area between the front doors of the church and the entrance to the narthex) or fellowship hall. It is inappropriate to greet, talk to, or visit fellow parishioners while processing to receive or while returning to your seat after receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion, or when processing to receive or leaving the church after receiving antidoron.

The cooperation of all parishioners in maintaining the proper decorum during all services is much appreciated.

#### 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 27, 2025: Jonathan Mau (Early/Lead); Fellowship: Sister/Family of Nicholaos Liotiris.

Sunday, August 3, 2025: Charles Deneris (Early/Lead); Elaine Peterson (Late/Close)

#### PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Philoptochos Meeting</u>: The next Philoptochos Meeting will be held Tomorrow, 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!

#### 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.

#### 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

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

#### 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.

#### 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!

#### COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Next Bulletin:</u> The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, August 3, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at <a href="majorage-majo

#### PRAYER LIST

Barbara, Cristina Georgiana, 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 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

#### Monday, August 18, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

#### Friday, August 22, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to St. Anna

#### Saturday, August 23, 2025

• 11:00 a.m.: Philoptochos Membership Tea

#### *Friday, August* 29, 2025 (Beheading of St. John the Baptist)

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

#### Sunday, September 7, 2025 (Sunday Before the Holy Cross)

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

## <u>Monday, September 8, 2025</u> (The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary)

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

## <u>Tuesday, September 9, 2025</u> (The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna)

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

## <u>Sunday, September 14, 2025</u> (Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross)

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

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- PORK SOUVLAKI

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

P.E. PAVILLION SOCIAL 5PM DINNER 6PM

## DINNER-DRINKS-MUSIC-PAREA

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PRE BUY BEFORE 9/24 ADULTS \$15 CHILDREN \$10 DOOR PRICES ADULTS \$25 CHILDREN \$20



## 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!



