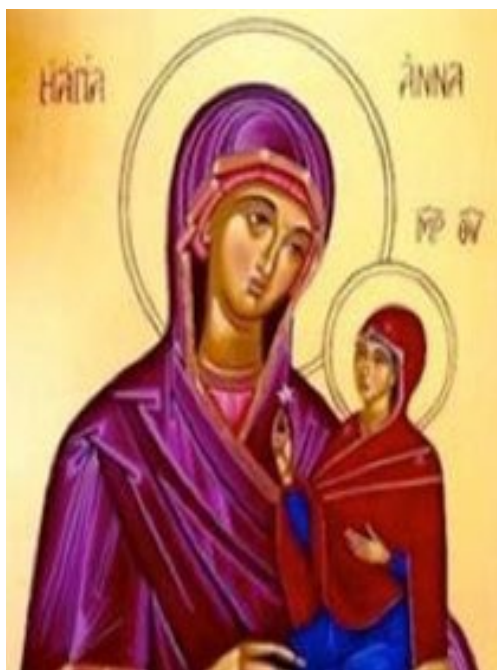




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12th Sunday of Matthew

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (9:1-7)

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Ode ix.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.



Brethren, the first tent had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the first one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the

manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (19:16-26)



At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false

witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your

neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed from my youth; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia
(3) (Liturgy Book page 29)

Response to Third Antiphon

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 107)

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

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy. (Liturgy Book page 107)

Hymn for the Theotokos

Ever-virgin Theotokos, the shelter of mankind, you have given to your City as a protective wall the clothing and garment that you wore on your immaculate body. By your seedless childbirth, they have remained incorrupt. For in you both nature and time are made novel. Therefore we implore you, grant peace to your commonwealth, and great mercy to our souls.

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

The precious garment that you wore about your body * that hosted God, O all-blessed Theotokos, * truly is power unassailable * for your City and a treasure whose blessings are perpetual, * O only Ever-virgin who bore a child

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 Hymn

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him, praise Him in the highest (3). Alleluia (Liturgy Book page 83)

Alternative Communion Hymn

I will take up the cup, the cup of salvation, and call upon the name, the name of the Lord. (3) Alleluia

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 available through the [St. Anna YouTube Channel](#).

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

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 Katie Neofitos and Baby Luca on the celebration of their 40-Day Blessing, which occurred last Sunday, August 24, 2025. Please take the time to pray for Mom and Baby, together with Luca's daddy, Evangelos. God bless the growing Neofitos family!

Church Etiquette: As we return to the routine of Sunday School, please refresh yourself on 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 not 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.

Children’s Liturgy Bags: 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.

Parking Reminder: 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 NOT permitted. Your cooperation is appreciated!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Assignments:

Sunday, August 31, 2025: Charles Deneris (Early/Lead); Chris Gounaris (Late/Close)

Sunday, September 7, 2025: George Sergakis (Early/Lead); Charles Deneris (Late/Close)

STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who have turned in their 2025 stewardship cards. As of August 13, we have received 190 stewardship commitments totaling \$476,623.00, putting us at 97.3% 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!

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Philoptochos Officers: Congratulations to our newly selected Philoptochos Officers: Stephanie Chachas, President; Joanne Dokos, Vice President; Paulette Stagg, Corresponding Secretary; Diane Peterson, Recording Secretary; and Brianne LeBounty, Treasurer.

Yard Sale Fund Raiser: Philoptochos will host a yard sale fundraiser in the St. Anna front parking lot on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are seeking donated items to sell. Donations will be accepted ONLY on the morning of the sale. Sorry, but no clothing or furniture items will be accepted. Please price your donated items prior to dropping them off the morning of the sale. Volunteers are also needed to work the sale. If you would like to volunteer or have any other questions, please contact Stephanie Chachas at 801-631-5665.

Philoptochos Meeting: Our next meeting will be held Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: This year in our lessons we will be learning more about the miracles of Christ as they help us on our faith journey. The first two miracles - healing of the paralytic (John 5:1-15) and the healing of the noble's son (John 4: 46-54) - will guide us as we better understand not just physical illness, but the sickness of sin. Please ask your young people about their lessons!

Please note: There will be no Sunday School classes TODAY, Sunday, August 31, 2025 (Labor Day weekend), Sunday, November 30, 2025 (Thanksgiving weekend), or Sunday, December 28, 2025 (Christmas week). On Sunday, September 14, 2025, students will remain in church with families for the procession of the Holy Cross.

Young Adult League (YAL): YAL discussions will resume on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and meet the first Tuesday of each month. YAL discussions will be led by Chad Volk. YAL is for young adults aged 18 and up who have graduated high school. Additional outings and events will be announced as they are scheduled.

Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA): GOYA discussions will resume on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and meet the second Tuesday of each month. GOYA discussions will be led by Fr. Elias Koucos, Liath Dawood, and Alexia Kraenbuhl. GOYA

is for youth in grades six through twelve. Additional outings and events will be announced as they are scheduled.

Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY): JOY will resume on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and meet the third Tuesday of each month. Monthly discussions will be led by Kristina Packer. JOY is for children in grades first through fifth. Additional outings and events will be announced as they are scheduled.

Altar Boys Retreat: Our Altar Boy retreat will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All boys grades 3-12 who currently serve or are interested in serving in the altar should plan to attend!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Bible Study: Morning Bible Study with John Kaloudis will resume on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. We will continue studying the Book of Acts. Unless otherwise announced, Morning Bible Study will meet each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anna.

Introducing the Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy: We would like to introduce our newly expanded initiative on Adult Religious Education at St. Anna's. In an effort to more fully integrate people in the lifestyle changes of becoming Orthodox Christians, and to more completely integrate them into the life of our local parish, we have re-imagined the way that people are informed and integrated into the community. So, we are officially introducing The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy.

This initiative is meant to expand upon our former vision of inquirers' classes. Our formal religious education experience will now be a two-year process and is designed to on-board individuals, couples and families into the Greek Orthodox Church, and to expand their learning opportunities. The first-year class, "The Roots of Orthodoxy," is designed to introduce people to the concepts, theology, doctrine, history, traditions, practices, worship, art, architecture, hymnography, and spiritual life of the Church. The second year class, "The Fruits of Orthodoxy" is created to expand upon those topics and further immerse the participants into

a deeper understanding of spirituality, worship and practice. You need to maintain strong roots in order to bear more fruits. Our team prayerfully feels that giving people more time to spend in study, with the comradery and friendship of fellow participants gives more time for bonding and the fostering of relationships within the community.

We will kick off this new adventure with a wine and cheese mixer for all who are interested in participating in either class, on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Classes will formally begin the following week, on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, and continue weekly through Tuesday February 23, 2026 (just before Great Lent begins). For those who are brand new to the Faith, for those fairly new to the Faith, and for those who want to rediscover and more fully appreciate their faith, this experience is for you!

FOREVER YOUNG ANNOUNCEMENTS

Forever Young: Our next gathering will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Please contact AnnaSophia at AnnaSoClark@gmail.com with any questions. See you there!

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Support Program: Please continue to bring food donations to Church whenever there are services. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to support the Diamond Ridge/Entrada pantries.
Fill the bin!

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Bulletin: The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, September 7, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alexandra, Athanasios, Barbara, Bethany, 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 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, August 31, 2025 (12th Sunday of Matthew)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy (No Sunday School classes – Labor Day weekend)

Monday, September 1, 2025 (Ecclesiastical New Year)

- 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

Monday, September 8, 2025 (Nativity of the Theotokos)

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

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 (Synaxis of Ss. Joachim and Anna)

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

Saturday, September 13, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Altar Server Retreat

Sunday, September 14, 2025 (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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

Monday, September 15, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young

Sunday, September 21, 2025 (Sunday After Holy Cross)

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

Monday, September 22, 2025

- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education Wine and Cheese Mixer

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Friday, September 26, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to St. Anna

Sunday, September 28, 2025 (1st Sunday of Luke)

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Sunday, October 5, 2025 (2nd Sunday of Luke)

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy) and YAL Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Sunday, October 12, 2025 (Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council)

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy) and GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Sunday, October 19, 2025 (3rd Sunday of Luke)

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

Monday, October 20, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy) and JOY Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Friday, October 24, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to St. Anna

Sunday, October 26, 2025 (6th Sunday of Luke)

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

Monday, October 27, 2025

- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Saturday, November 1, 2025 (Ss. Cosmas and Damian the Unmercenaries)

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

Sunday, November 2, 2025 (5th Sunday of Luke)

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy) and YAL Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Saturday, November 8, 2025 (Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers)

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025 (7th Sunday of Luke)

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

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

- 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education (The Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy) and GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study

Sunday, November 16, 2025 (6th Sunday of Luke)

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



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