

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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

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Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to Titus (3:8-15)

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. The Prayer of Azariah.

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.



Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after

admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Luke (8:5-15)



The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew,

and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil

comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Saviour, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind. (Liturgy Book page 99)

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

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Hymn for the Fathers

Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, glory to You. (Liturgy Book page 171)

Apolytikion 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 Hymn

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 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:

Today, Sunday, October 12, 2025:

Bill Drossos (3 years), Sophie Drossos (3 years)

Sunday, October 26, 2025:

George H. Cairo (5 years), Harris "Bob" Cairo (14 years), Leni M. Cairo (16 years), Elias "Louie" Cairo (21 years), Virginia D. Cairo (40 years), Antonios "Tony" Maragakis (42 years), Nick J. Maragakis (42 years), Alexandra P. Maragakis (51 years), George E. Cairo (56 years)

Kathryn Zekas (6 years), Calliope Zekas (38 years), John Zekas (43 years)

Raisa Subbotina (11 years), Stephen Subbotin (40 years)

Sunday, November 16, 2025:

Kris Loulias (1 year), Peter Loulias (22 years), and Sofea Loulias (40 years)

Sunday, November 23, 2025:

Nick Floor (3 years), Ange Floor (3 years), Basil Floor (18 years)

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

Blood Drive Thank You! Thanks to all who participated in the blood drive last Tuesday, October 7, 2025. We surpassed our overall goal of 14 units by 13, with 27 total units of blood being donated by 23 individual donors. Each unit can save up to 3 lives, meaning our donations will save as many as 81 lives! Job well done everyone! A very special thank you also to Aphrodite Daskalas, who volunteered her day checking in the donors!

Parish Family Night Halloween Party: Mark your calendars and join us for a Halloween Party to mark the return of Parish Family Night! Friday, October 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. (following Paraklesis to St. Anna at 6:00 p.m.). Food will be provided (a potato bar and plenty of treats!) If you'd like to participate in our pumpkin painting contest, bring your own pumpkin(s). Paints will be provided. Parish family nights are open to all members of our parish family, regardless of marital or parental status! RSVP to Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 (leave a message if she doesn't answer) or Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 to ensure we have an accurate count for food.

Ministry Team Leaders Meeting: All ministry team leaders are asked to attend a meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. If you are a ministry team leader and have not received an email with additional information regarding the meeting, please contact Tom Leitko at tleitko@gmail.com.

<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> 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 nave 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.
- Do not cross your legs or feet while sitting in church.
- Please silence and refrain from using your cell phones in the nave.
- When the stanchion rope at the back of the church is closed, please do not enter or exit center aisle.
- 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.

<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!

PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Assignments:

Sunday, October 12, 2025: Peter Yannias (Early/Lead); Gretchen Jungert (Late/Close); Fellowship: Elaine Peterson

Sunday, October 19, 2025: Charles Deneris (Early/Lead); Peter Yannias (Late/Close); Fellowship: Michael Petrogeorge/Steele Family

Save the Date - Fall Parish Assembly: Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held Sunday, November 16, 2025, immediately following Divine Liturgy. At the Fall Assembly we will approve the 2026 budget, nominate candidates for the 2026 Parish Council, and discuss other critical matters in the life of the parish. All stewards in good standing are encouraged to attend!

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

<u>Philoptochos Meeting:</u> Our next meeting will be held Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Sunday School:</u> 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 held on Sunday, November 30, 2025 (Thanksgiving weekend) or Sunday, December 28, 2025 (Christmas week).

Young Adult League (YAL): YAL meets 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.

<u>Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA):</u> GOYA discussions will resume on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and will 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.

GOYA Kick Off Event - Game Show Battle Rooms: Please join us for our official GOYA kick off event on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. (sharp!) and we will carpool together. Face off against your fellow GOYANs as you compete in three interactive game shows with a game show host! RSVP to Fr. Anthony Savas at 801-824-3987 no later than October 15, 2025!

<u>Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY)</u>: JOY will resume on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and will 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.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Morning Bible Study:</u> Morning Bible Study with John Kaloudis meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We are continuing our study of the Book of Acts.

<u>Evening Bible Study:</u> Evening Bible Study with Fr. Anthony meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We will study the early Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians and Galatians.

<u>Introducing the Roots and Fruits of Orthodoxy:</u> 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.

Classes will be held each Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. 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

<u>Forever Young:</u> Plan to attend our monthly meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11:30 am. Email AnnaSophia at <u>annaso33@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Food Support Program:</u> Bringing donations to place in the blue bin every Sunday is a great way to involve the whole family in providing food assistance for our neighbors facing hunger. God bless!

COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Next Bulletin:</u> The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, October 19, 2025. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday**, October 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

Alexandra, Athanasios, Barbara, Bethany, Cristina Georgiana, Izzy, Juliana, Keith, Kris, Lorlee, Marie, Noah, Rochelle (Rose), Sofia

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, email Michael Petrogeorge at mppetrogeorge@gmail.com.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

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

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

Monday, October 13, 2025

• 6:00 p.m.: Ministry Team Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education and GOYA Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Evening Bible Study

Thursday, October 16, 2025

• 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young

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 and JOY Meeting

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

- 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m.: Evening Bible Study

Friday, October 24, 2025

- 6:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to St. Anna
- 7:00 p.m.: Parish Family Night Halloween Party

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

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 1:30 p.m.: GOYA Kick Off Event (meet at St. Anna and carpool to Game Show Battle Rooms, 6148 S. State Street, Unit B, Murray)

<u> Monday, October 27, 2025</u>

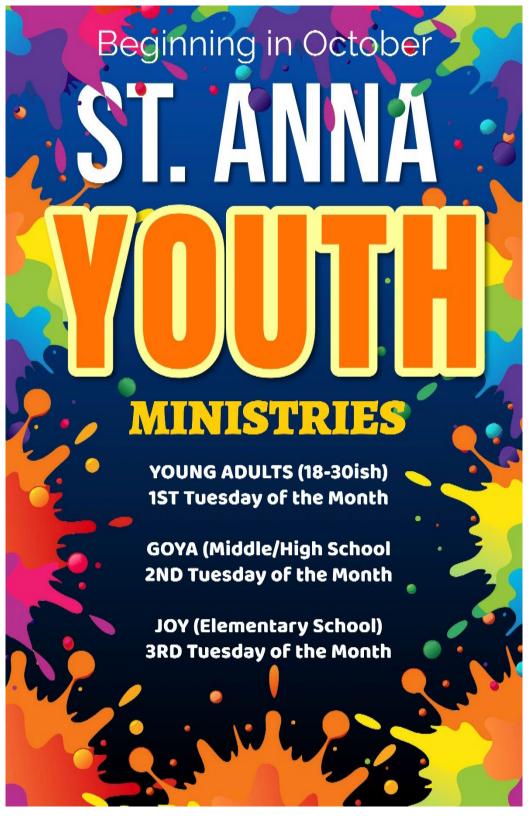
• 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

• 7:00 p.m.: Adult Religious Education

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

• 10:30 a.m.: Morning Bible Study



St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church Sandy, Utah

ADULT RELIGIOUS Education

FALL/WINTER 2025-2026

Orthodox Inquirer's Class - The Roots of Orthodoxy With Fr. Anthony Savas, Kevin Flanagan and Mary Yannias Tuesday Evenings

Orthodox Continuation Class - The Fruits of Orthodoxy
With Dr. Brandee Mau
Tuesday Evenings

Evening Bible Study With Fr. Anthony Savas Wednesday Evenings

Daytime Bible Study With John Kaloudis Wednesday Mornings

AHEPA Fundraiser



ANGELO TSAROUCHAS

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GREEK COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, October 18, 2025

6:30 Social Hour

7:30 Dinner

St Anna Greek Orthodox Church

9201 So 1300 E, Sandy

\$80 Adults

\$45 under 16

Cash Bar Tables of 10 available

RSVP: Kathy Floor 801-450-9626

kathy.floor@hotmail.com





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- * By contacting Tina Sergakis at 801-573-0371

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