

# St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**Reverend Protopresbyter Anthony Savas**  
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## Epistle Reading: Paul's Letter to the Romans (6:18–23)

*Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Psalm 46.*

*Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.*

*Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.*



Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew (8:5–13)



At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the

centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### **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 the 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 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)

### **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 honorable 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 heavenly 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/>.

**St. Anna Garden's Wedding and Events:** The parish's new facility rentals and event's website is now live! Visit us at <https://www.stannagardenweddingevents.com/>.

**Memorial Services - May Their Memory be Eternal:** To schedule a memorial service, please contact Fr. Anthony at 801-824-3987 or [franthony@stannagocutah.org](mailto:franthony@stannagocutah.org).

**Fellowship Hour:** Anyone who would like to sponsor a fellowship hour, please sign up on the poster board in the fellowship hall next to the coffee/water station. You can sign up individually or with a group!

**Stewardship Update:** As of June 5, we have received 226 stewardship commitments totaling \$520,793, putting us at 100% of our budgeted goal (\$520,000)! Thank you to all our faithful stewards who have submitted their commitment cards to help us achieve our goal so early in the calendar year!!

**Vacation Bible Study - Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for our annual Vacation Bible School, to be held Wednesday July 29, 2026, through Friday, July 31, 2026. Contact Barbara Hillas at 801-604-4884 if you can help!

**Parking Reminder:** Please park only in designated spots. Do not park in undesignated areas or block other vehicles. Overflow parking for St. Anna parishioners and guests is available in the Lunatic Fringe lot (south) (evenings and Sundays only) and KinderCare lot (north) (evenings and weekends only). Parking in front of the stairs from the Lunatic Fringe lot and under the bell tower is NOT permitted.

**Phase 2 Iconography Timeline Update:** As discussed at the Spring Parish Assembly, there have been delays in the processing of the visas to allow our iconographers to return to the United States for our phase 2 iconography project. This will prevent the iconography project from proceeding this summer as originally planned. At this time, we do not have a definitive timeline for the project but anticipate it will proceed before the end of the year. As soon as we have a definitive timeline for the project, and the associated closure of the sanctuary and use of a temporary worship space in the

fellowship hall, it will be communicated to the parish. Thank you for your ongoing patience and cooperation!

**Small Paraklesis Services during the Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos:** During the Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos (August 1-15) Small Paraklesis services will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, August 3, 2026
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026
- Friday, August 7, 2026
- Monday, August 10, 2026
- Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Weather permitting, the services will be held on the south patio. Bring your own lawn chair!

**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.

**Church Etiquette:** Please be reminded 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 censuring 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.
  - **Do not walk in front of the altar at any time during services. If you need to move from one side of the church to the other, use the side aisles to walk to the back of the sanctuary and cross only at the back of the sanctuary.**
  - Please silence and refrain from using your cell phones in the nave.
  - **Please do not allow children to play on or around the adult baptismal font or on or around the altar.**
  - When the stanchion rope at the back of the church is closed, please do not enter or exit center aisle.
  - Health permitting, please remain standing throughout Holy Communion, even if you are not receiving.
  - 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.**
  - 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.
  - **Please return to your seats following Holy Communion and refrain from entering the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks until after church has been dismissed following antidoron.**

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

## PARISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be no Parish Council meeting in July. The next Parish Council meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

## PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Philoptochos Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

## FOREVER YOUNG ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Forever Young:** Forever Young will next meet on Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact AnnaSophia at [annasoclark@gmail.com](mailto:annasoclark@gmail.com) or 801-597-2366 with questions.

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Roots of Orthodoxy Summer Series:** Our Roots of Orthodoxy Summer Series Classes will commence in July. Unless otherwise specified, classes commence at 7:00 p.m.

- *Tuesday, July 7, 2026:* Introduction to Orthodox Christianity - Her Doctrines, Traditions, essential RELATIONSHIP with Christ. Basically, an overview of who we are and upon what (WHO) we place our beliefs, foundation and formation.
- *Tuesday, July 14, 2026:* The Holy Trinity. In the Beginning there was Love. God is Trinity, personal, and not an abstract idea.
- *Tuesday, July 21, 2026:* Liturgy: In the Liturgy we meet Heaven. This won't be a detailed discussion of Liturgics, but rather an overview of the flow and rhythm of Liturgy... adding context to all the movements and expressions during Liturgy.
- *Tuesday, July 28, 2026:* Why icons and how they are an essential element of our entering into Heaven and deeper relationship with Christ.

Class participants are also encouraged to join our parish in celebrating the feast day of our matron saint, St. Anna, the Ancestor of Christ, on Saturday, July 25, 2026:

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- 5:00 p.m.: Parish Picnic and Horoesperitha (Dance Party)

## YOUTH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Camp Emmanuel 2026 – This is the Way:** Save the dates for Camp Emmanuel 2026 – This is the Way! Jr. Goya (Grades 6-8) campers will attend July 20-25, 2026. Sr. GOYA (Grades 9-12) campers will attend July 27-August 1, 2026. Camp Emmanuel is held at Camp COMO, located in Como, Colorado (<https://campcomo.com/>). See attached flyer for more information. If you have any questions, please email [ministries@denver.goarch.org](mailto:ministries@denver.goarch.org).

**SAVE THE DATE – Vacation Bible School – God Builds Our World!** Our annual Vacation Bible School will be held July 29-31, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. Vacation Bible School is for students entering grades K-5 for the 2026-2027 academic year!

## ST. ANNA SERVICE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Support Program:** Please continue to bring nonperishable food items to Church whenever there are services. Your continued donations are critically important during summer months when contributions often slow down.

## COMMUNICATION MINISTRY TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Bulletin:** The next bulletin will be published for Sunday, July 5, 2026. Please send requested announcements to Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto:mppetrogeorge@gmail.com) no later than **Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Thank you!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AHEPA Scholarship:** The Salt Lake Chapter of AHEPA is once again offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors entering college this fall and to undergraduates currently attending

a college full time. We are awarding three \$1000 scholarships to qualified applicants. Membership in AHEPA by the applicant or a family member is not required. However, the applicant or family must be a member of one of the Greek Orthodox churches in the Salt Lake Valley. The application deadline is August 3, 2026. Winners will be announced at the annual AHEPA BBQ (date and location to be announced). Applications can be obtained from AHEPA officers Chris Floor, at [cfloor7456@msn.com](mailto:cfloor7456@msn.com) or 801-450-2105, or Jim Klekas, at [jklekas@aol.com](mailto:jklekas@aol.com) or 801-971-6060.

**Save the Date - Athanasios Diakos 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Please plan to join us on August 30, 2026, at the Prophet Elias Pavilion (5335 S. Highland Drive, Holladay) for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Athanasios Diakos Utah Chapter. Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are invited for an evening of fellowship, a group photo, and a display of memorabilia. Details on cost, menu, and festivities will follow. For questions, contact Nick Floros at 801-597-3519.

Founded in 1926 by 26 Greek immigrants in Bingham Canyon, the Society of the Athanasios Diakos was established to promote the social, charitable, religious, and spiritual welfare of the Greek community. Over the past century, it has grown to over 200 members, supported war relief efforts, provided member assistance and scholarships, and helped fund community institutions—continuing its mission to serve and strengthen Greek American life in Utah and the Intermountain West.

### PRAYER LIST

Alexa, Brandon, Brooke, Cristina Georgiana, Diana, Elaine, Elizabeth (Jessica), Emilee, Hannah, Iosif, Izzy, Jane Anne, Jared, Jimmy, Katina, Kornelia, Kristi, Milo, Mike, Ryan, Sadie, Samantha, Simon, Stephanie, Stephen, Tina, Lt. Tyson

If you wish to add a new name to the prayer list, please email Michael Petrogeorge at [mppetrogeorge@gmail.com](mailto: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, June 28, 2026 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew)

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

Monday, June 29, 2026 (Ss. Peter and Paul, Paramount of the Apostles)

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

Thursday, July 2, 2026

- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Saturday, July 4, 2026

- No Great Vespers Today

Sunday, July 5, 2026 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew)

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

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 (St. Kyriake the Great Martyr)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m.: Roots of Orthodoxy Summery Series

Thursday, July 9, 2026

- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Saturday, July 11, 2026

- No Great Vespers Today

Sunday, July 12, 2026 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew)

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

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.: Roots of Orthodoxy Summery Series

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- 11:30 a.m.: Forever Young
- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

Sunday, July 19, 2026 (Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council)

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

Monday, July 20, 2026 (Prophet Elias)

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

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.: Roots of Orthodoxy Summery Series

Thursday, July 23, 2026

- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, July 24, 2026

- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Holy Ancestor of Christ St. Anna

Saturday, July 25, 2026 (Dormition of the Holy Ancestor of Christ St. Anna)

- 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.: Orthros / Divine Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m.: Great Vespers
- 5:00 p.m.: Parish Picnic and Horoesperitha (Dance Party)

Sunday, July 26, 2026 (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew)

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

Monday, July 27, 2026

- 6:30 p.m.: Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.: Roots of Orthodoxy Summery Series

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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

Thursday, July 30, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m.: Choir Practice

Friday, July 31, 2026

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

Saturday, August 1, 2026

- 5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers

Sunday, August 2, 2026 (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew)

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

Monday, August 3, 2026

- 7:00 p.m.: Paraklesis to the Theotokos (on the south patio, weather permitting)

**St. Anna's Garden  
Wedding & Event Center**

<https://www.stannasgardenweddingevents.com/>

(St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church of Utah, Inc.)

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<b>Rental Options*</b>	<b>Non-Parishioner Pricing</b>	<b>Parishioner Pricing<sup>1</sup></b>
<i>Option 1:</i> Main Indoor Event Hall and Kitchen (for food storage, staging and reheating <u>only</u> )	\$3,000.00	\$1,800.00
<i>Option 2:</i> Main Indoor Event Hall, Outdoor Event Space, and Kitchen (for food storage, staging and reheating <u>only</u> )	\$3,500.00	\$2,100.00
<i>Option 3:</i> Main Indoor Event Hall and Kitchen (for full-service food production)	\$4,000.00	\$2,400.00
<i>Option 4:</i> Main Indoor Event Hall, Outdoor Event Space, and Kitchen (for full-service food production)	\$4,500.00	\$2,700.00
<i>Option 5:</i> Outdoor Event Space and Kitchen (for food storage, staging and reheating <u>only</u> )	\$3,000.00	\$1,800.00
<i>Option 6:</i> Outdoor Event Space and Kitchen (for full-service food preparation)	\$4,000.00 <sup>2</sup>	\$2,100.00
<i>Optional Add On (for Options 1-6):</i> Ceremony Set Up Fee	\$495.00	\$297.00

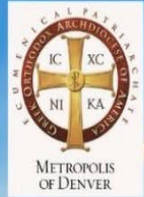
<sup>1</sup>Parishioners hosting an event for 100 or fewer guests are allowed to use the Main Indoor Event Hall or Outdoor Event Space and Kitchen (for storage of pre-prepared food plus access to ice maker only) without a set rental fee but will be asked to make a free will donation.

<sup>2</sup>Please note that the price for this option has been corrected.

\*Non-parishioner renters hosting a catered event are required to use St. Anna Garden's preferred caterer, Bella Bella Cuisine. Parishioner renters hosting a catered event may utilize any caterer of their choice. Non-catered events are subject to the kitchen use restrictions in the selected rental option.

\*Pricing for options 1-6 includes the use of standard tables, standard resin chairs (mahogany with black seat cushions), and white or ivory tablecloths. Custom tables, chairs, chair covers, and tablecloths may be available for an additional fee. Parishioners hosting an event for 100 or fewer guests and making a free-will donation may use standard tables and standard resin chairs but will be required to provide their own tablecloths.

\*Rental does NOT include access to the parish warehouse or any items stored therein. No one (parishioners or otherwise) should borrow items from the warehouse for use during non-parish hosted events (on or offsite).



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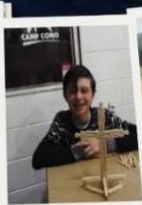
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# The Saint Anna Bookstore

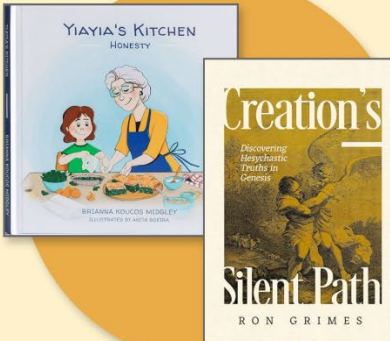


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ST. ANNA YOUTH MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

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THE STORY OF CREATION

*God Makes the World*

July 29, 30, 31



From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
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