



# Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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July 25, 2021

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Dormition of the Righteous Anna  
Troparion tone 4 (St. Anna)**

Divinely-wise Anna,  
thou didst carry in thy womb the pure Mother of God who gave life to our Life.  
Therefore, thou art now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, where thou dost seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor thee, O ever-blessed one.

**Birthdays:** Beverly Parker-July 28  
Yvette Skrip-July 28

**Anniversaries:** Andy and Lisa Mihaly-July 25

**Remember in your Prayers:** Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally, Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Peter, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Ann, Tom, Beverly, Roy, Sonia

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Graduate Sunday July 25-** Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by fellowship. This Sunday we honor the High School and College graduates from 2020 and 2021.

**Tuesday July 27-Feast of St. Panteleimon** Akathist 6pm

**Saturday July 31-Vespers/Confessions** 6pm

**Sunday August 1-** Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Blessing of our new icon Christ enthroned. Archbishop Mark will be with us. Followed by fellowship and a presentation on Orthodox Iconography by Ivan.

### Collection for July 18

Candles-\$71.00; Loose Money-\$148.00; Weekly Envelopes-\$1,055.00; Total-\$1,274.00

**How do we grow in our faith? Saint Paul shares the story of the great Patriarch Abraham and offers a nugget of wisdom – “he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God.” Sometimes we approach faith from the opposite direction. We want to be sure of something and then as we believe and trust in God we will glorify Him. Yet true faith is not being sure but learning to trust and believe even before we are sure. I often say one of my favorite prayers in Scripture is when the father of the epileptic son cries out “I believe, help my unbelief.” The more we glorify our Lord the more we open up our heart to God and the more our faith will increase and grow. We don’t necessarily believe and then glorify God. We glorify God as we learn our faith and begin to trust in Him. The more we glorify God the more we will open up our hearts to believe in a greater way.**