

WITH LOVE WE REMEMBER

*Jean Cecilia (Anna)  
Gianoutsos*

30 JUNE 1945 - 20 MARCH 2026

HELD AT THE

*Greek Orthodox Cathedral*

*“O Evangelismos Tis Theotokos”*

HANIA STREET, MT VICTORIA, WELLINGTON

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026 AT 10.00AM

*Officiating: Fr Nathanael*



***An Invitation***

Jean's family thank you for your love and support today as we come together to honour her life. Following the service Jean will take her final journey to Mākara Cemetery where you are all invited to join us.

After Jean is laid to rest, please join us for refreshments at Odyssey's Brotherhood Inc Hall, 146 Hobart Street, Miramar to continue sharing memories.



### ***The Greek Orthodox Funeral Service***

The Greek Orthodox faith is founded upon the Resurrection of Christ and teaches that death is the separation of the soul from the body.

It is tradition for the Greek Orthodox Christians to say to the bereaved (and to one another), and 'May his memory be eternal' or 'Life to you' (Zoi se sas).

The Funeral Service of the Orthodox Church accomplishes the following:

- Utilises the occasion of death to help us develop a more profound understanding of the meaning and purpose of life.
- Helps us to deal with emotions we have at the time of death and as time passes after death.
- Emphasises the fact that death for the Christian is not the end, but affirms our hope in salvation and eternal life.
- Recognises the existence of the emotions of grief caused by the separation from a loved one, and encourages their proper expression ("... grieve not like those who have no hope" Thess 4:13)

### ***Trisagion Service***

The Trisagion following the death takes place before the Funeral at the wake.

The prayers entreat God to grant rest to the departed soul and that it may receive mercy. The title "Trisagion" comes from the repetition three times of the opening phrase of the Service, " Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us."

### ***Funeral Service***

The Orthodox Funeral Service emphasises the reality of the death from this world and the new eternal life of the deceased. It is a positive service featuring prayers for forgiveness and repose of the deceased's soul. Christ's priests wear colourful vestments that symbolise the joy of the Resurrection.

The body of the deceased and the family arrive at the church where the priest leads them into the sanctuary to begin the Service.

- The Trisagion Service, chanted before the Funeral Service on the day of the Funeral.
- Selection of verses from Psalm 119 (LXX 118), in three stanzas:  
(Part I -verses 1,20,28,36,53,63;  
Part II - verses 73,83,94,102,112,126;  
Part III - verses 132,141,149,161,175,176)
- Blessing (Evlogetaria): "Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your decrees!" (Evlogheitos ei Kyrie, didakson me ta dikaiomata sou) (Psalm 119:12 TNIV).
- Kontakion and Hymns.
- Scripture Readings: (a) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and  
(b) John 5:24-30
- Small Litany, Prayers and Dismissal.
- The final farewell and paying respect to the family.

