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Sunday, March 12, 2023

Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross

Commemoration of our Holy Father Theophane, Confessor, Monk of Sigria

Troparion after the Great Doxology: (Cantor Solo): Today Salvation has come to the world: Let us sing to Him Who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for He has crushed death by His Death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.

ANTIPHON PRAYER of the Triodion: O Christ God, you chose of Your own free will to be raised on the Cross for the sake of mankind. Have mercy on Your people called after your name. Grant to the Church, your Mystical Body, to rejoice in your might. Safeguard all the peoples that you reconciled by your crucifixion. As for us, who have been sealed by the sign of your Cross, grant that we may not be proud of anything but of your Cross, bearing at all time in our hearts and our minds, the marks of your holy passion. For you are our light and our sanctification, O Christ our God, and to you we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

ANTIPHONS OF THE FEAST

Cantor: O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us.

All: Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

Cantor: O Lord, for those who fear You, You have raised a banner to which they may flee out of the range of arrows.

All: Hallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.

Cantor: You have ascended on high, taken captives, and received men as gifts.

All: Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia

Cantor: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

All: O Only-begotten Son... (p. 18)

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7) (p. 27): You destroyed Death by Your cross. You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen, granting to the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Holy Cross (Tone 1) (p. 131) O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance...

Troparion of Saint Ann: O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)

Kontakion of the Annunciation (Tone 8) (p. 168)

Triumphant Leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you our thanks. We are your people O Mother of God! So, as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and Bride ever pure.

TRISAGION (p. 36): We bow in worship before Your Cross, O Master, and we give praise to Your Holy Resurrection.

PROKIMENON:Ps. 27: 9,1: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Stichon: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

EPISTLE: Heb. 4:14-16; 5:1-6 (Reader: Jeanine Antonios)

ALLELUIA: Ps :2,12: Remember Your congregation which You have acquired from the beginning: You redeemed the scepter of Your inheritance.

Stichon: God is our King forever: He brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Hirmos of Saint Basil: In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well: O Sanctified Temple, Spiritual Paradise, and Glory of Virgins, from whom our God, who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child! He has taken your womb as His throne, making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, Full of Grace, in you all creation rejoices: glory to you!

KINONIKON: Let the Light of Your countenance, O Lord, shine upon us. Alleluia. (p. 134)

AFTER COMMUNION: Troparion of the Cross: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance... (p. 131)

THE DIVINE LITURGY IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ✠ **JULIETTE HADDAD** (SR. MARY ANN & SR. VICTORIA); ✠ **AUGUSTINE DELUCA, SR.** (AUGUSTINE & LORETA DELUCA); ✠ **(EDMOND RIACHY)** (HODA RIACHY); ✠ **AGNES RIACHY** (HODA RIACHY); ✠ **FAHIMA KARAM** (NUHAD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✠ **LAURA KARAM** (NUHAD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✠ **VIOLETTA AYOUB** (NUHAD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✠ **VICTORIA BAIAD** (NICHOLAS BAIAD) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF MARILYN BAIAD** (NICHOLAS BAIAD)

Sunday, March 19, 2023 – The Fourth Sunday Great Lent – Sunday of our Father John Climacus

Epistle: Heb 6:13-20 (Reader: Hala Hourani)

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: **JULIETTE HADDAD** (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN); **VIOLETTA AYOUB** (SAMIRA KARAM & FAMILY)

Lenten Parish Mission – Wednesday & Thursday March 15-16 @ 6:30 pm - Fr. Albert Forlano. “Beauty will save the world.” An opening prayer service will be followed by Fr. Al’s spiritual meditation. During a period of silent reflection Fr. Al will hear confessions. Wednesday evening will conclude with a communion service in lieu of the Presanctified Liturgy. Thursday evening will close with a communal prayer service.

Akathist Hymns on Fridays in Lent are offered for the following intentions:

- Friday, March 17: For the intentions of Nabil & Hind Takla
- Friday, March 24: Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation. No Akathist Hymn on this date.
- Friday, March 31: For the intentions of Joseph & Therese Hanna

BIBLE STUDY: Saturday morning, **March 18 @ 11:00 am.** We will depart from our study of the Epistles of Lent until Saturday, March 25, due to the planned absence of several of our group. We will instead explore the Gospel of the following day, March 26, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **Mark 9:17-31.**

PALM SUNDAY BAKERS welcome donations of butter, sugar, and other supplies. See Mary Hajj for more information.

COMPLINE on Monday, March 13: Fr. Tom will not be present due to his travel to Washington DC. However, that does not mean prayers must be forfeited! Sr. Victoria has graciously agreed to lead the Compline prayer on Monday at the usual time, 5:30 pm.

Sunday Collections:

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| 2/12/2023 Reg: \$2,371 Spec. Proj: \$20 Clergy Ret: \$60 Fundraising: \$8,500 | 2/19/2023 Reg: \$1,131 Spec. Proj: \$307 Clergy Ret: \$30; First Env: \$20 Akathist Flowers: \$100 | 2/26/2023 Reg: \$738 Spec. Proj: \$55 Akathist flowers: \$150 | 3/5/2023 Reg: \$1,911 Fuel/Electric: \$342 |
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wed.** March 15 – Parish Lenten Mission @ 6:30 pm (Night 1 of 2)
- Thurs.** March 16 – Parish Lenten Mission @ 6:30 pm (Night 2 of 2)
- Fri.** March 17 – Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm
- Sat.** March 18 – Bible Study @ 11:00 am