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Sunday, June 11, 2023 + Second Sunday after Pentecost Commemoration of the Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

Troparion after the Great Doxology: 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: Psalm 65: 1, 2, 3

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to His name.

All: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

2: Say to God: How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

All: Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.

3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

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

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

HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1) (p. 21): After the stone was sealed by the Jews...

Troparion of the Divine Body (Tone 1) (3x): Christ, having loved his own, loved them until the end and gave them his body and blood as food and drink. Wherefore let us offer them our veneration and say with fear: "O Christ, glory to your presence, glory to your compassion, glory to your condescension: for you alone are the Lover of Mankind."

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

Kontakion of the Divine Body (Tone 2): O Christ, do not turn your face away from me: for I partake of the bread which is your body and of the wine which is your blood. O Lord, let my sharing in these august mysteries be not for my judgment and condemnation, but for my eternal and everlasting life.

PROKIMENON: Ps.32: 22,1: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

EPISTLE: Romans 2:10-16 (Reader: Rima antous)

ALLELUIA: Ps.17: 48-50 (Tone 1)

O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

GOSPEL: Matthew: 4:18-23

HIRMOS: It is truly meet... (p. 57); **KINONIKON:** Praise the Lord... (p.65); **COMMUNION:** *Make me this day...* (p. 68); **AFTER COMMUNION:** We have seen the true light... (P. 69).

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ ROGER ST. PIERRE (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN) ✠ NAKHLY HADDAD (NIZAR & DUA HADDAD); ✠ YOSEPH HADDAD (NIZAR & DUA HADDAD); ✠ IBRAHIM SAADA (NIZAR & DUA HADDAD); ✠ NOVERTA MONTERRY (NIZAR & DUA HADDAD) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF GLORIANA TARDIE (FR. THOMAS & KHOURIA JOANNE)**

Sunday, June 18, 2023 EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-10 (Reader: Rima Antous) GOSPEL: Matthew 6:22-33

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ ROGER ST. PIERRE (SAINT ANN PARISH) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF GLORIANA TARDE (FR. THOMAS & KHOURIA JOANNE)**

The Saint Ann Hafli is back. Saturday, August 5, 2023. Music by Nadim Bourjeili. Tickets: Adults \$75; Students \$50; Children under 12 free.

Clara Juliette Kane, daughter of Joseph & Jenna Kane and granddaughter of Michel & Hala Hourani, was born on Friday, June 9, 2023. Please continue to offer your ardent prayers for mother and child. Although premature Clara is reportedly doing well.

On June 8 we celebrated the Feast of the Divine Body, which continues to its Leave Taking on June 15. This amazing feast directs our attention to the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. It is the *source*, because the Eucharist enables us to *make present and offer anew* Jesus Christ’s one redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary, which began with his Passion. It’s the *summit*, because the Eucharist is truly a foretaste of heaven, in which we partake of Jesus’ body and blood as heaven and earth become most profoundly one. St. Pope Paul VI presented the beauty and depth of this mystery in *Credo of the People of God*:

We believe that the Mass, celebrated by the priest representing the person of Christ by virtue of the power received through the Sacrament of Orders, and offered by him in the name of Christ and the members of His Mystical Body, is the sacrifice of Calvary rendered sacramentally present on our altars. We believe that as the bread and wine consecrated by the Lord at the Last Supper were changed into His body and His blood which were to be offered for us on the cross, likewise the bread and wine consecrated by the priest are changed into the body and blood of Christ enthroned gloriously in heaven, and we believe that the mysterious presence of the Lord, under what continues to appear to our senses as before, is a true, real and substantial presence.

Christ cannot be thus present in this sacrament except by the change into His body of the reality itself of the bread and the change into His blood of the reality itself of the wine, leaving unchanged only the properties of the bread and wine which our senses perceive. This mysterious change is very appropriately called by the Church transubstantiation. Every theological explanation which seeks some understanding of this mystery must, in order to be in accord with Catholic faith, maintain that in the reality itself, independently of our mind, the bread and wine have ceased to exist after the Consecration, so that it is the adorable body and blood of the Lord Jesus that from then on are really before us under the sacramental species of bread and wine, as the Lord willed it, in order to give Himself to us as food and to associate us with the unity of His Mystical Body.

The unique and indivisible existence of the Lord glorious in heaven is not multiplied, but is rendered present by the sacrament in the many places on earth where Mass is celebrated. And this existence remains present, after the sacrifice, in the Blessed Sacrament which is, in the tabernacle, the living heart of each of our churches. And it is our very sweet duty to honor and adore in the blessed Host which our eyes see, the Incarnate Word whom they cannot see, and who, without leaving heaven, is made present before us.

Saturday, June 24, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, coincides with the first anniversary of the ***Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health***, the United States Supreme Court decision that ended the masquerade of the past fifty years that the killing of an unborn child by abortion is a constitutional right. This marvelous decision is widely misunderstood. Following Divine Liturgy we will celebrate **“Dobbs Day”** enjoy a cook-out on the patio and hear a special presentation explaining the multifaceted significance of the case.

Sunday Collections:

4/30/2023 Reg: \$746	5/7/2023 Reg: \$1,327 Fuel/Elec: \$310	5/14/2023 Reg: \$1,341 Fuel/Elec: \$115	5/28/2023 Reg: \$1,071 Fuel/Elec: \$25 Spec. Proj: \$20 Fundraising: \$100	6/4/2023 Reg: To be presented next week
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