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# Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

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Sunday, September 10, 2023 - Sunday Before the Holy Cross

3rd Day of Celebration of the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God

Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora

**Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of:** ✠ Edmund Haddad (Nuhad Haddad); ✠ Vincent Flanagan (Khouria Joanne & Fr. Thomas); ✠ Roger St. Pierre (Christine & Eric Goodsell)

**Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18** (Reader: Rima Antous). Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**Gospel: John. 3:13-17** :The Lord said, "No one has gone up into heaven except the one who has come down from heaven: the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send his Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**St. Ann Prayer List.** Please remember in your prayer the sick, the suffering, those isolated and alone, those in prison, and the forgotten, and especially a for the servants and handmaids of God: Clara Kane, Georgette Ayoub, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Doreen Parrella, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega, and Victoria Scalora, Richard Dimici

**Planning for Thanksgiving.** Many have expressed a desire to reach out to the Danbury community more actively and offer the service of charity that is so distinctively Christian. One possibility is a Thanksgiving dinner served up at the church hall to those in the greater Danbury area who have no one to celebrate the holiday with. A planning meeting will be held at the church hall on **Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00 pm.**

**A Bazaar Committee** is needed to plan and coordinate the Annual St. Ann Holiday Bazar. Many ideas have been suggested to change some aspects of the usual format and even to move the date. **A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 @ 6:00 pm in the church hall.**

**Congratulations to Nabil & Hind Takla** who celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. May God grant them many years.

**Annual Icon and Liturgical Lamp sponsorships are available for renewal.** Icon Lamps amps not renewed will be available on a fist come/first serve basis. Please see Fr. Tom for further information.

**Hafli Report: Gross Income: \$40,645.11. Expenses: \$4,910.18. Net proceeds: \$35,734.93.**

**The Parish Council and the Finance Council** will meet jointly in the church hall each quarter during the Liturgical Year on the following dates @ 6:00 pm: **October 3, January 2, April 2, July 2.**

**The Great Feast of the Exhalation of the Holy Cross** is Thursday, September 14. Vespers on Wednesday, 9/13 @ 6:00 pm, followed by the traditional bonfire outside on the back patio. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on 9/14 at 5:30 pm.

**Next Sunday, September 17, is the Sunday After Holy Cross. The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the parishioners of St. Ann Church.**

*Epistle: Gal. 2:16-20 (Reader: Mirna Marji).*

*Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1*

**Sunday Collections:**

<b>8/13/2023</b>	<b>8/19/2-23</b>	<b>8/27/2023</b>	<b>9/3/2023</b>
Reg: \$907 Spec. Proj: \$165	Reg: \$660 Spec. Proj: \$215	Reg: \$1,494 Spec. Proj: \$20	Reg: \$ 1,132 Fuel/Elec: \$160 Fundraising: \$500

**Special Project Honor Donors for 2023**

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**Sacramental Guidelines**

**HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:** Before or after any service, or by appointment.

**HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** Please contact the parish in advance to arrange the required baptismal instructions.

**HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING (Marriage):** Please contact the parish six months in advance to arrange the required interview and instructions.

**HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK:** Please contact Fr. Tom to arrange a home or hospital visit.