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Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Sunday After the Holy Cross

Fourth Day of Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Sophia and of her three daughters, Faith, Hope and Charity

Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of: ✠ William Hajj (11 years), and for the health and salvation of Khouria Joanne.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Reader: Mirna Marji): Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence, we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Gospel: Mark. 8:34-38; 9:1: The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

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 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 Damici.

Support our Team: The Knights of Columbus annual Catholic Cup Golf Tournament will be held at Richter Golf Course on Wednesday, September 20. St. Ann is the two-time consecutive defending champion in this tournament between Catholic parishes in the area and is looking to three-peat. **Come out and cheer on our team:** Rima Antous, Michele Hourani, Artie Haddad, and Will Coup. Tee off time: 12:30 pm.

Theology on Tap at the Greater Danbury Irish Cultural Center, 6 Lake Avenue, Danbury, CT on Thursday, September 28 @ 7:15 pm. A cold beer, a glass of wine, or an evening cocktail lightens the atmosphere for a conversation about the only things that really matter: Who are we? What are we doing? Where are we going? Fr. Tom will be the guest speaker for Q & A encounter about your questions, concerns, and curiosities. The Irish Center also has a Pub Menu for those interested in dinner.

A Bazaar Committee is needed to plan and coordinate the Annual St. Ann Holiday Bazaar. **A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19 @ 6:00 pm in the church hall. Please make every effort to attend and participate in this year's bazaar.**

Adult Formation/Catechesis/Bible Study: Monthly on the last Saturdays of the month at 3:30 pm. First session on Saturday, September 30th will be a study of the Divine Liturgy and how to use our current Liturgy Book.

Annual Icon and Liturgical Lamp sponsorships are available for renewal. Icon Lamps amps not renewed will be available on a first come/first serve basis. Please see Fr. Tom for further information. If you have already sponsored an icon (or two!) for the 2023-2024 liturgical year, please review with Fr. Tom so that he is sure that he has an accurate list.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Hala Hourani and team are planning a St. Ann Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2024. Please provide your input as to preferred dates and itinerary by contacting Hala as soon as possible. A Holy Land pilgrimage is a lifechanging experience – it also requires a great deal of advance planning. Please contact Hala for more information.

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.**

Registration with St. Ann: Please be sure you re registered with St. Ann Parish. Registration forms are in the Narthex. If you regularly attend St. Ann Church and receive our weekly bulletin by email but are registered, please consider registration.

Vespers: Vespers is returning to St. Ann and will be celebrated each Saturday at 5:00 pm beginning with September 30. It is the best way to begin the Lord’s Day and prepare for the eucharistic Banquets on Sunday morning.

Choir: Beginning Sunday, September 24, choir rehearsal will be held following coffee hour. Rehearsal will be scheduled twice each month. Attendance at the rehearsals is essential for the choir. Anyone who would like to join rehearsal, even if not joining the choir, is welcome.

Next Sunday, September 24, 2023, is the First Sunday After the Holy Cross and the Commemoration of the Holy Protomartyr and Equal of the Apostles Thecla. Divine Liturgy will be offered for the Health & Salvation of Clara Kane, granddaughter of Michel and Hala Hourani.

Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:16-18; 7:1 (Reader: Mary Hajj).

Gospel: Luke. 5:1-11

Sunday Collections:

8/19/2-23	8/27/2023	9/3/2023	9/10/2023
Reg: \$660 Spec. Proj: \$215	Reg: \$1,494 Spec. Proj: \$20	Reg: \$ 1,132 Fuel/Elec: \$160 Fundraising: \$500	Reg: \$1,219 Spec. Proj: \$15 Fuel/Elec: \$25 Icon Lamp: \$300

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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.