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# Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

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Sunday, October 1, 2023 - Second Sunday After the Holy Cross

Protection of the Mother of God, and Commemoration of the Holy Apostle Ananias, one of the Seventy Disciples of the Lord, and of our Venerable Father Romanos the Melodist

**DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** ✠ROSE SETARO (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann); ✠ANTHONY SETARO (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann) **AND FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF** Daniel Telep (Fr. Thomas)

**Epistle: Heb. 9:1-7:** Brethren, the first tabernacle also had ritual ordinances and a sanctuary, though an earthly one. For there was set up a tabernacle in the outer part of which were the lampstand and the table and the showbread, and this is called the Holy Place. But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden censer and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden vessel containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant and above it were the Cherubim of glory, overshadowing the mercy-seat. But of all these we cannot now speak in detail. Such then being the arrangements, the priests always used to enter into the first tabernacle to perform the sacred rites; but into the second tabernacle, the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for his own and the people's sins of ignorance.

**Gospel: Lk. 6:31-36:** The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for He is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."

**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: Georgette Ayoub, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Daniel Telep, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega

**The Annual Bazaar will be held on Nov 10-11.** Donations of flour, sugar, and butter are much appreciated by the pastry bakers. Please see **Mary Hajj** to coordinate donations for baking. Many volunteers will be needed to prepare for the event, serve food, staff the bar, and promote attendance. Please give generously of your time for this important parish signature event. To sign up for volunteer time serving food or cashiering please see **Mirna Marji**. To volunteer at the bar, please see **Hoda Riachy**.

**The Parish Council and the Finance Council** will meet jointly in the church hall on October 3, 2023 @ 6:00 pm.

**Children's' Faith Formation:** parents, grandparents, godparents – please take notice. We are prepared to offer a children's catechetical program centered on the Divine Liturgy, Sacred Scripture, Byzantine spirituality, and age-appropriate fun activities. A meeting to assess interest and needs will be held this **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

**Annual Icon and Liturgical Lamp sponsorships are available.** Please see Fr. Tom for further information.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Hala Hourani and Nada Takla are planning a Holy Land Pilgrimage. If you want to make the pilgrimage, please let Hala or Nada know ASAP. A Holy Land pilgrimage is a lifechanging experience – it also requires a great deal of advance planning. Please contact Hala or Nada for more information.

**Registration with St. Ann:** Registration forms are in the Narthex. If you regularly worship at St. Ann but do not receive envelopes by mail or the bulletin by email, you are not registered. Hall usage without fee is reserved for registered members. Monthly Divine Liturgy is also offered for the health and salvation of all parishioners and registration allows out parish staff to track birthdays, anniversaries, donations (and annual year-end tax letters), and assure home and hospital visits for the sick and the homebound.

**Vespers returned to St. Ann yesterday, Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.** Every Saturday we will welcome the Evening Light with prayer. It is the best way to begin the Lord's Day. "Evening came, and morning followed - the first day." *Genesis 1:5*

**Choir: *Beginning this Sunday, September 30, choir rehearsal will be held following coffee hour twice each month.*** This is a rescheduled date from last week. Attendance at the rehearsals is essential for the choir. Anyone who would like to join rehearsal, even if not joining the choir, is welcome. Our music is recorded and on our website. Please visit <https://saintann.org/music-st-ann/>. Additional recorded music is available at <https://steliasmelkite.org/music/>

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**Next Sunday, October 8, 2023, is the Third Sunday after the Holy Cross and the Commemoration of our Venerable Mother Pelagia.**

**The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the health and salvation of Bishop François on the first anniversary of his episcopal ordination.**

**Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31-33; 12:1-9 2 (Reader: Jeanine Antonios). Gospel: Matthew Lk. 7:11-16**

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**Sunday Collections:**

9/3/2023	9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023
Reg: \$ 1,132	Reg: \$1,219	Reg: \$1,247	Reg: \$836
Fuel/Elec: \$160	Spec. Proj: \$15	Spec Proj: \$171	Fuel/Elec: \$10
Fundraising: \$500	Fuel/Elec: \$25	Fuel/Elec: \$120	Icon Lamps: \$100
	Icon Lamp: \$300	Icon Lamps: \$100	

**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 Fr. Tom 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.