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# Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

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Vespers: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am. Confession: Sunday @ 9:15 am or by appointment

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

Third Sunday after the Holy Cross - Commemoration of our Venerable Mother Pelagia

**DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF + Richard Damici** (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello) **AND FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF Bishop François** (First Anniversary as Bishop)(Saint Ann Parish)

**Epistle:** Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the Governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. It is not fitting for me to boast: but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do not know, or out of the body, I do not know: God knows) was caught up into paradise and heard secret sayings that man may not repeat. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing except my weaknesses. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I give up, lest any man have an idea of me beyond what he sees in me or hears from me. And lest the greatness of the revelation puff me up, there was given to me a thorn for the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me. Concerning this, I begged the Lord three times that it might leave me, but He said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Gladly, then, will I glory in my weaknesses, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

**Gospel: Lk. 7: 11-16:** At that time, it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Nain; and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. And as He drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, "Do not weep." And He went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us." and "God has visited His people."

**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

**We express our sorrow and condolences to the families of Richard Damici, who was been called home to the Lord on September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Graveside funeral services and interment will take place on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. in Section 15, St. Peter Cemetery in Danbury. The family will receive friends in the Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home, 9 Granville Ave., Danbury, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**We offer our deepest sympathy to Daad Noujaim on the recent passing to eternal life of her beloved mother, Mounira Rizk Azar.** Family and friends will join in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, October 15 at 10:00 am** followed immediately by the Memorial Service "With the souls of the righteous who repose in peace..." The family invites all to a mercy meal following the Divine Liturgy in the church hall. Memory Eternal.

**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**.

**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. Please see Fr. Tom to help arrange an initial meeting to pursue this essential matter.

**Annual Icon and Liturgical Lamp sponsorships are available.** Please see Fr. Tom for further 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 provide annual year-end tax letters), and assure home and hospital visits for the sick and the homebound.

**Vespers is back.** Please consider joining us for the beautiful prayer on Saturdays at 5:00 pm.

**Father Tom** will be away this week at the Melkite Clergy Conference in Detroit.

**Our Melkite liturgical 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 15, 2023, is the Sunday of the Fathers of the Second Council of Nicaea and the Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Lucian, Priest of Antioch**

**The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of the newly departed Mounira Rizk Azar** (Joseph & Daad Noujaim). The Memorial Service will be celebrated at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Epistle: Titus 3:8-15 (Reader: Hala Hourani) Gospel: Luke 8:5-15**

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**Sunday Collections:**

9/10/2023	9/17/2023	9/24/2023	10/1/2023
Reg: \$1,219	Reg: \$1,247	Reg: \$836	Reg: \$2,180
Spec. Proj: \$15	Spec Proj: \$171	Fuel/Elec: \$10	Spec. Proj: \$151
Fuel/Elec: \$25	Fuel/Elec: \$120	Icon Lamps: \$100	Icon Lamps: \$100
Icon Lamp: \$300	Icon Lamps: \$100		

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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.