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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 15, 2023 - Fathers of the Second Council of Nicaea

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Lucian, Priest of Antioch

Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mounira Rizk Azar (Joseph & Daad Noujaim)

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15: My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile. Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15: The Lord told this parable: "The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred-fold." As He said these things He cried out, "He, who has ears to hear, let him hear!" But His disciples then began to ask Him what this parable meant. He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing, they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." When He had said this, He cried out "He, who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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, Clair Batcheler, 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**.

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 still 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.

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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Sunday, October 22, 2023 - Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross - Commemoration of the Holy Averkios, Equal of the Apostles, Bishop of Hieropolis, the Wonderworker & of the Seven Holy Children Martyred at Ephesus

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of **Mounira Rizk Azar** (Samira Karam); **Souad Karam** (Nuhad Haddad); **Gabriel Karam** (Nuhad Haddad); **Corinne Halal** (Hajj & Goodsell Families); **Richard Damici** (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello)

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (Reader: *Rima Antous*)

Gospel: Luke 8:27-39

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Sunday Collections:

9/17/2023	9/24/2023	10/1/2023	10/8/2023
Reg: \$1,247	Reg: \$836	Reg: \$2,180	Reg: \$1,151
Spec Proj: \$171	Fuel/Elec: \$10	Spec. Proj: \$151	Icon Lamps: \$250
Fuel/Elec: \$120	Icon Lamps: \$100	Icon Lamps: \$100	Fundraising: \$155
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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.