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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 22, 2023 - Sixth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Commemoration of the Holy Averkios, the Equal of the Apostles, Bishop of Hieropolis, the Wonderworker, and of the Seven Holy Children Martyred at Ephesus

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); **Clare Batchler** (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20: 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 Luke: 8:27-39: At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray Thee, do not torment me." For He was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating Him to give them leave to enter into them. And He gave them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake, and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to thy house, and tell all that God has done for thee." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for 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 for the servants and handmaids of God: Georgette Ayoub, Marilyn Baiad, Nicholas Baiad, Jeffrey Davis, 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 29, 2023 - Seventh Sunday after the Holy Cross - Commemoration of our Venerable Mother the Martyr Anastasia, and of our Holy Father Abramius. *The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mounira Rizk Azar (Bachir & Nicole Abboud)*

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 *Reader: Mirna Marji*

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

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Sunday Collections: The Second Collection today, Sunday, October 22, 2023, is for World Mission Sunday

9/24/2023	10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023
Reg: \$836	Reg: \$2,180	Reg: \$1,151	Reg: \$2,831
Fuel/Elec: \$10	Spec. Proj: \$151	Icon Lamps: \$250	Spec. Proj: \$131
Icon Lamps: \$100	Icon Lamps: \$100	Fundraising: \$155	Icon Lamps: \$200
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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.