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

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Sunday, November 5, 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 Ferdinand Randazzo (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne); Mounira Rizk Azar (Therese Brandano); Christian Barrett Bill (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne) and for the health and salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family); Lisa Tartaglione (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello)

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Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10: Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, by reason of his very great love with which he has loved us even when we were dead by reason of our sins, brought us to life together with Christ, and you have been saved by grace. God raised us up together, and enthroned us together in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that he might show in future ages the overflowing riches of his grace, through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith: and that, not on your own, for it is God's gift, and not the result of work which might have been a pretext for anyone to boast. For we are his workmanship, we who were created in Christ Jesus through good works which God has pre-planned so that we could walk in them.

Gospel Luke 16:19-31: At that time, the Lord told this parable; "there was certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted every day in splendid fashion. And there was certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And it came to pass that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember you in your lifetime have received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas you are tormented. And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.' And he said, 'Then, father, I pray you to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.' And Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' But he answered, 'No father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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, Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega. Please let Fr. Tom know of any others in need of prayer.

Memory Eternal. Fred Randazzo was called home to life on November 1, 2023. The Funeral Service will be held at St. Ann on **Monday, November 6 at 6:30 pm**. Fred's daughters, Michelle and Nicole, and his family will receive friends in the church hall following our prayer for our beloved friend. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham and be numbered among the saints.

The Annual Bazaar will be held on Nov 10-11. Food preparation for some of our favorite items will be underway on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 5:00 pm. Please notify Randa Antous or Patricia Madkour if you are able to participate and assist in the kitchen on any of those dates.

Annual Icon and Liturgical Lamp sponsorships for the liturgical year (Sept1-August 31) are still available. Please see Fr. Tom for further information.

A Very Special Announcement - SAVE THE DATE - St. Ann will host a holiday concert featuring the incomparable **Fr. Peter Hanna on Friday, November 24 at 6:30 pm.** Fr. Peter is one of Lebanon's great gifts to the church, to culture, and now to St. Ann and the greater Danbury area. More information will be forthcoming. Save the date. For more about Fr. Peter Hanna please visit <https://www.facebook.com/fatherpeterhanna/> and <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZUDOcla-EOdhmAYVxGO6gg>.

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, November 12, 2023 - Eighth Sunday After the Holy Cross - Commemoration of our Father among the Saints John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, of our Holy Father Nilus the Sinaite and of the Hieromartyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsz

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mounira Rizk Azar (Olga Bourjaili); Lafy Khoury (Farid & Laila Khouri and family) and for the health nd salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 (Reader: Nabil Takla) Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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Sunday Collections: The Second Collection on Sunday, November 5, 2023, is for Fuel/Electric

10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023	10/29/2023
Reg: \$1,151	Reg: \$2,831	Reg: \$1,562	Reg: \$1,236
Icon Lamps: \$250	Spec. Proj: \$131	Spec Proj: \$55	
Fundraising: \$155	Icon Lamps: \$200	World Mission Sunday: \$97	
	Fundraising: \$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.