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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, November 12, 2023 - Eighth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria,  
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 Ferdinand Randazzo (Samira Karam); Mounira Rizk Azar (Olga Bourjaili); Lafy Khoury (Farid and Laila Khouri & Family) and for the health and salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family); Lisa Tartaglione (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello)*

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**Epistle: Ephesians Eph. 2:14-22:** Brethren, Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both [Jews and Gentiles] one, and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in His flesh. He has voided the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two He might create in himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having destroyed their enmity within himself. And as He came, He announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Cf.Is.28: 16) with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in Him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

**Gospel Luke 10:25-37:** At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" He answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way, and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own breast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And as he was leaving the next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you send, I, on my way back, will repay you.' Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "The one who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do as he did."

**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.

**Our Annual Bazaar was amazing.** Thank you to all who worked so hard for the benefit of St. Ann. The Bazaar Report will be published next week.

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 EVENT - SAVE THE DATE -** St. Ann will host a holiday concert featuring the incomparable **Fr. Peter Hanna on Friday, November 24 at 5:00 pm.** This is an event not to be missed. The concert is free but **reservations are essential.** We have seating for 200. Half of the seats are already taken. Please reserve your seat ASAP by visiting the event page on the parish website at: <https://saintann.org/christmas-concert-with-father-peter-hanna-friday-11-24-23-500-p-m/>.

**Interfaith Prayer Service of the Houses of Worship on Clapboard Ridge** is scheduled for this Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 pm @ **Congregation B'nai Israel**, 193 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT. The theme of the service is at the heart of Christianity: peace and unity. Please join us for this celebration of the psalms, so familiar to our prayer, and for this opportunity to “know one another.”

**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 19, 2023 - Ninth Sunday After the Holy Cross  
Commemoration of the Holy Prophet Abadiah and of the Holy Martyr Barlaam**

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Ferdinand Randazzo* (Nick & Barbara Borrello); **Richard Damici** (Augie & Loretta DeLuca) *and for the health and salvation of Carmen Balesh* (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family)

**Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7 (Reader: Jeanine Antonios) Gospel: Luke 12:16-22**

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**Sunday Collections: The Second Collection next week Sunday, November 19, 2023, will be for Special Projects**

| 10/15/2023         | 10/22/2023                 | 10/29/2023   | 11/5/2023         |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Reg: \$2,831       | Reg: \$1,562               | Reg: \$1,236 | Reg: \$1,722      |
| Spec. Proj: \$131  | Spec Proj: \$55            |              | Fuel/Elec: \$285  |
| Icon Lamps: \$200  | World Mission Sunday: \$97 |              | Spec Proj: \$5    |
| Fundraising: \$200 |                            |              | Fundraising: \$90 |

**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.