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

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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); Claire Sirgy (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne).

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Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7: Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

Gospel Luke 12:16-22: The Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build a larger one, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be marry.' But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich as regards God." After 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, Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Claire Sirgy, 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. Final receipts and expenses are being reconciled and a report will be available next week.

On November 13, 2023, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith (DDF) released a *Note*, signed by Pope Francis, confirming the teaching of the Church the "active membership in Freemasonry by a member of the faithful is forbidden because of the irreconcilability between Catholic doctrine and Freemasonry." It also affirmed the teaching set forth by the DDF in its *Declaration on Masonic Associations* in 1983 that "[t]he faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion." The recent *Note* is here: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dof_doc_20231113_richiasta-cortes-massoneria_en.pdf. The 1983 *Declaration* (written by Cardinal Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI) is here: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_19831126_declaration-masonic_en.html This is a critically important part of our faith. These declarations confirm with great clarity that religious indifferentism and philosophical naturalism are not compatible with Catholicism.

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

Christmas concert with Fr. Peter Hanna - Friday, November 24 at 5:00 pm. Doors open at 4:30 pm. This is an event not to be missed. Seats are still available but will likely be “sold” out in a day or two. The concert is free but **reservations are essential**, and we accept free will donations. Reserve your seat by visiting the event page on our website at: <https://saintann.org/christmas-concert-with-father-peter-hanna-friday-11-24-23-500-p-m/>.

The Great Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin is this Tuesday, November 21, 2023. *The Liturgy will be offered at 5:30 pm with the intention of the glorification of the soul of Elizabeth Hardiman*, Fr. Tom’s mother, who entered eternal life of the feast day in 2016. The music for the feast is found in our Liturgy book at pp. 141-145. Unique Troparion, Kontakion, and Hirmos are assigned for the day. This Sunday we sing the Kontakion in anticipation of the feast. Our Melkite liturgical music is recorded and available on our website. The hymns for the upcoming feast may be found as follows:

Troparion of the Presentation of the Virgin: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/25-4th-tone-troparion-of-the-entrance-of-the-mother-of-god-into-the-temple-nov-21.mp3>

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Virgin: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/26-4th-tone-kontakion-of-the-presentation-of-the-theotokos-nov-21.mp3>

Hirmos of the Presentation of the Virgin: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/40-hirmos-for-nov.-21-entrance-of-the-theotokos-tone-4.mp3>

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Sunday, November 26, 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday After the Holy Cross

Commemoration of our Holy Fathers Alypius the Stylite and Nikon the Preacher of Repentance

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 5:8-19 (Reader: Hala Hourani) Gospel: Luke 18: 18-27

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Sunday Collections: The Second Collection this Sunday, November 19, 2023, will be for Special Projects

10/22/2023	10/29/2023	11/5/2023	11/12/2023
Reg: \$1,562	Reg: \$1,236	Reg: \$1,722	Reg: \$966
Spec Proj: \$55		Fuel/Elec: \$285	Spec Proj: \$20
World Mission Sunday: \$97		Spec Proj: \$5	Fuel/Elec: \$15
		Fundraising: \$90	Fundraising: \$90

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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.