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

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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) and for the health & salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family)

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18: Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Luke: 8:41-56: At that time behold, there came a man named Jairus to Jesus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he entreated him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. And it happened as He went that He was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a hemorrhage, and had spent all her means on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind Him and touched the tassel of His cloak; and at once her hemorrhage ceased. And Jesus said, "Who touched me? But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with Him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon You, and You ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from Me." But the woman, seeing that she had not escaped notice, came up trembling, and falling down at His feet, declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been healed instantly. And He said to her, "Daughter, thy faith has saved thee; go in peace." While He was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble Him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered the father of the girl, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved." And when He came to the house, He allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But He said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But He, taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise! "And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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, Pierre Poux, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

The Annual Bazaar will be held on Nov 10-11. 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 our 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, November 5, 2023 – Fifth Sunday after the Holy Cross - Commemoration of Martyrs Galaction and his wife Episteme. The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mounira Rizk Azar (Therese Brandano)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 (Readers: Arabic, John Hanna; English, Mary Hajj) Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

10/1/2023	10/8/2023	10/15/2023	10/22/2023
Reg: \$2,180	Reg: \$1,151	Reg: \$2,831	Reg: \$1,562
Spec. Proj: \$151	Icon Lamps: \$250	Spec. Proj: \$131	Spec Proj: \$55
Icon Lamps: \$100	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.