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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 (Augie & Loretta);
Patricia Adamczyk (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann); Barbara Jachym (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann) and
for the health and salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family)*

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Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19: Brethren walk as children of light (for the fruit of the spirit is in all virtue and holiness and truth), testing what is well pleasing to the Lord, and have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For of the things that are done by people in secret, it is shameful even to speak; but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light: for all that is made manifest is light. Thus, there is a saying, Awake, sleeper, and arise from among the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. (Is.26: 19) See to it, therefore, brethren, that you walk with care, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Do not become foolish, then, but understand what is the Lord's will. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is wantonness; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 18: 18-27: At that time a certain man approached Jesus and asked him, saying, "Good Master, what shall I do to gain eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but only God. You know the commandments; 'Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Honor thou father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have kept ever since I was a child." But when Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing is still lacking to you; sell everything you own, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." When he heard these things, he was much grieved, for he was very rich. But Jesus, seeing him become sad, said, "With what difficulty will the wealthy enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" He said to them, "Things men cannot do alone, they can do with God's help."

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.

Annual Bazaar Report: Gross Receipts: \$18,192.91. Net Profit: \$16,562.77.

Something beautiful was experienced at St. Ann on Friday evening with Fr. Peter Hanna. It was not the music or its presentation - although both were outstanding - but rather the spirit of affections, love of God, and confidence in who we are as children of one Father. Fr. Tom would much appreciate your feedback on the Christmas Concert and whether you think a return visit by Fr. Peter would be welcome.

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

Choir rehearsal will be held next Sunday, December 3rd, and on Sunday, December 17th, at 9 am, under the direction of our Choir Coordinator, Dua Haddad. The most important thing we can lend to the sacrifice of Christ made present in the Diving Liturgy is our own offering of preparation through prayer, reading and study of the assigned Epistles and Gospels, and familiarity with and singing of the hymns by with we announce our salvation and our hope. Since we are entering the preparatory period for the Feast of the Nativity of the Christ, rehearsals will focus on the music for the upcoming Sundays and Christmas. Some references and links are provided below.

Troparion before the Great Doxology, two versions that alternate on successive Sundays.

Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 2 (12/3); Tone 3 (12/10); Tone 4 (12/17), and Tone 5 (12/14)

Tone 2: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/10-2nd-tone-resurrection-troparion.mp3>

Tone 3: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/16-3rd-tone-resurrection-troparion.mp3>

Tone 4: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/21-4th-tone-resurrection-troparion.mp3>

Tone 5: <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/31-5th-tone-resurrection-troparion.mp3>

Kontakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of our Lord (12/3, 12/10, 12/17 & 12/24). <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/19-3rd-tone-the-pre-christmas-kontakion.mp3>

Troparion of the Forefathers (12/17): *Handout to be provided.*

Troparion of the Ancestors of Christ (12/24): *Handout to be provided.*

Troparion of the Preparation (12/24/23): *Handout to be provided.*

Antiphon Response of Nativity (12/25): *Liturgy Book p. 146.*

Entrance Hymn of Nativity (12/25): <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/41-eisodikon-for-dec-25-nativity-tone-4.mp3>

Troparion of Nativity (12/25): *Liturgy Book p. 147:* <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/27-4th-tone-troparion-of-nativity-dec-25th.mp3>

Kontakion of the Nativity of Christ (12/25): *Liturgy Book p.148:* <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/20-3rd-tone-kontakion-of-the-nativity-of-christ-dec-25th.mp3>

Trisagion of Christmas: *Liturgy Book p. 34: All of you who have been baptized:* <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/12-all-of-you-who-have-been-baptized.mp3>

Hirmos of the Nativity (12/25): *Liturgy Book p. 150:* <https://saintann.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/42-hirmos-for-dec-25-nativity-tone-1.mp3>

Kinonikon of Nativity: <https://steliasmelkite.org/userfiles/pdf/1495553703.mp3>

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Sunday, December 3, 2023 - Fourteenth Sunday After the Holy Cross Holy Prophet Zephaniah

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sue Cesca (Augie & Loretta DeLuca) and for the health nd salvation of Carmen Balesh (Randa & Fredrick Antous & Family)

Epistle: Ephesians, 6:10-17 (*Reader: Arabic, Nabil Takla + English, Rima Antous*) **Gospel: Luke. 18:35-43**

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Sunday Collections:

10/29/2023	11/5/2023	11/12/2023	11/19/2023
Reg: \$1,236	Reg: \$1,722	Reg: \$966	Reg: \$845
	Fuel/Elec: \$285	Spec Proj: \$20	Spec. Proj: \$70
	Spec Proj: \$5	Fuel/Elec: \$15	Fuel/Elec: \$100
	Fundraising: \$90	Fundraising: \$90	Clergy Ret: \$50
			Fundraising: \$300

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Sacramental Guidelines

- HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:** Before or after any service, or by appointment.
- HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** Contact Fr. Tom to arrange the required baptismal instructions.
- HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:** Contact parish six months in advance to arrange for required interview & instruction.
- HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK:** Please contact Fr. Tom for home or hospital visit.