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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, Feb. 11-Sunday of Cheese-Fare - Commemoration of Holy Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebastea
The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Fr. Seraphim Michalenko (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann and for the health and salvation of Stephen McGrath (Fr. Thomas); Helen Georgette Ayoub (St. Ann Parish). The blessing of throats on the Feast of St. Blaise will be offered after the Prokimenon of Vespers on Saturday and following the homily during Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

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Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14; 14:1-41: Brethren, now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced: the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in daytime, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, pay no attention to its lusts. But whoever is weak in faith, receive him without arguing about opinions. For one believes he may eat all things but another who is weak, let him eat vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who does not; and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who does, for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls but he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21: The Lord said, "If you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their offenses, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen, I say to you they have had their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your Father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where worm and rodent consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither worm nor rodent consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

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, Sharon Ballard, Marek Czarnecki, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Stephen McGrath, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is underway. Bishop François' letter regarding the appeal may be viewed here: <https://melkite.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023-10-23-Bishop-Appeal-Letter.pdf>. Online donations may be made here: <https://melkite.org/donate>. I encourage all to support for the appeal. Fifty percent of donations that exceed our parish target will be returned to the parish.

Lent Service Schedule: All services @ 5:00 pm

- Monday, February, 12: Forgiveness Vespers
- Mondays: Great Compline except March 25
- Wednesdays: Presanctified Liturgy
- Fridays: Akathist Hymn
- Saturdays: Vespers
- Monday, March 25: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation

Lenten Service Sign-Up Sheets

Join us this Lent for assigned individual chant of psalms, troparia, and the odes of Great Compline and Akathist. Sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Flower donations for Akathist:

2/16: Maha Hanna

2/23: Nuhad Haddad

3/1: Available

3/8: Available

3/15: Available

This Sunday, February 11, Cheese-fare Sunday: Potluck meal following Divine Liturgy. Please do not bring any items containing meat, fish, or animal products other than cheese or eggs.

Sunday, February 18, will be a short coffee hour following Divine Liturgy. The hall is rented for the afternoon.

House & Home Blessings. Fr. Tom is scheduling home blessings. Sign-up sheet is posted on in the Narthex.

Adult Faith Formation - Saturday Morning Study During Lent: The Divine Liturgy & The Sunday Lenten Gospels. Sign-up sheets are posted on the parish bulletin board and in the narthex. Study texts: Lenten Sunday Gospels Fr. Philip Raczka’s *An Explanation of the Divine Liturgy*: <https://melkite.org/faith/faith-worship/an-explanation-of-the-divine-liturgy>.

The 53rd National Melkite Convention will be in Boston, July 4-7. Pray, Learn, Celebrate. For details and registration visit this link: <https://melkiteconvention.flocknote.com/signup/148976>

Falafel Fridays this Lent! Beginning this Friday February 16, Larry Haddad will be making his fabulous Falafel wraps (or Falafel salad plate) starting at 6:00 pm. Only \$10! Every Friday thereafter through Greet Lent. February 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22. Soft drinks and bottled water available. NO BYOB.

Choir Practice for Lent and Holy Week: Sundays @ 9:00 am. This Sunday, February 11, and in two weeks on February 25. Thereafter on March 10 and March 24. Please familiarize yourself with the recordings of our music on the parish website at <https://saintann.org/music-st-ann/>. All welcome. *“When you sing you pray twice.”*

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Sunday, February 18, 2024 - Sunday of Orthodoxy - Commemoration of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome
Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠**Mary (Michalenko) Adamczyk** (Sr. Victoria & Sr Mary Ann); ✠**Archbishop Joseph Tawil – 25th Anniversary** (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann)
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40; 12:1-2 (Reader: Will Coupe); Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sunday Collections:

1/14/2024	1/21/2024	1/28/2024	2/4/2024
Reg: \$1,730	Reg: \$1,798	Reg: \$975	Reg: \$1,385
Spec. Proj: \$20	Spec. Proj: \$185	Spec. Proj: \$25	Spec. Proj: \$173
Fuel/Elec: \$65	Fuel/Elec: \$50	First Offering: \$5	Akathist Flowers:110
First Offering: \$45	First Offering: \$65	Fundraising: \$1,000	Fuel/Elec: \$30
	Fundraising: \$1,000	Christmas Concert: \$40	

Special Project Honor Donors for 2024

Nabil & Hind Takla
Ted Haddad

Selim & Linda Noujaim
Edward & Olympia Stoller

Joseph & Daad Noujaim

Special Projects Honor Donors make a one-time donation of \$1,000 or more to fund special projects.

Holy Communion and Sacramental Guidelines

Eucharistic communion is available to all Catholics of any ritual Catholic Church, including all Eastern and Latin Catholics who have received the sacraments of baptism and chrismation (confirmation), as well as similarly situated members of the Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church. This is also valid for members of other Churches which in the judgment of the Apostolic See are in the same condition in regard to the sacraments as these Eastern Churches. Those conscious of grave sin and those civilly married but without the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and those in non-sacramental unions, may not receive Holy Communion.

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Confession: Before or after any service, or by appointment.

Baptism & Chrismation: Contact Fr. Thomas to arrange the required baptismal instruction.

Crowning (Matrimony): Contact parish 6 months before wedding to arrange interview & instruction.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Thomas for home or hospital visit.