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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, 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 ✠Najla Noujaim (Ten Years)(Noujaim Family); ✠Mary (Michalenko) Adamczyk (Sr. Victoria & Sr Mary Ann); ✠Archbishop Joseph Tawil (25 Years) (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann)

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Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40; 12:1-2: Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied he was a son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing to be afflicted with God's people rather than to have the enjoyment of sin for a time, estimating the indignities suffered by Christ to be of greater value than the Egyptians' treasures, for he was considering the reward. By faith he left Egypt not fearing the king's wrath: for he persevered as if he were seeing the One who cannot be seen. By faith, he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the one who destroyed the first-born might not touch these. By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as through dry land, whereas the Egyptians attempting it were swallowed up. By faith, the walls of Jericho fell after people had gone around them for seven days. By faith, Rahab the prostitute who had received the spies in peace did not perish with the unbelievers. And what more shall I say? For time will be too short to speak of Gideon, of Barac, of Samson, of Jephthe, of David and of Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle routed foreign armies. Women had their dead restored to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and blows, even chains and jailing. They were stoned, cut to pieces, put to the question, killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, distressed, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts, mountains, caves and holes in the ground. And none of these, despite the positive witnessing of faith, received what was promised, for God had something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

Gospel: John 1:43-51: At that time Jesus was about to leave for Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him and said of him, "Look, a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to Him, "Where do you know me from?" Jesus answered him and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him and said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God, You are King of Israel." Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. Greater things than these shall you see." And He said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Adult Faith Formation - Saturday Morning Study During Lent: The Divine Liturgy & The Sunday Lenten Gospels. Study texts: Lenten Sunday Gospels and Fr. Philip Raczka's *An Explanation of the Divine Liturgy*: <https://melkite.org/faith/faith-worship/an-explanation-of-the-divine-liturgy>.

Lent Service Schedule: All services @ 5:00 pm

- 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:

- 2/23: Maha Hanna
- 3/1: Nuhad Haddad
- 3/8: Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann
- 3/15: Fredrick & Randa Antous
- 3/22: Najlah Antous & Olga Bourjaili

This Sunday 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 in the Narthex.

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! Larry Haddad will be making his fabulous Falafel wraps (or Falafel salad plate) starting at 6:00 pm. Only \$10! Every Friday through Greet Lent.

Choir Practice for Lent and Holy Week: Sundays @ 9:00 am on February 25, March 10, and March 24.

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Sunday, February 25, 2024 - Sunday of the Relics and St. Gregory Palamas;

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Tarasios, Archbishop of Constantinople

✠**Adolph Michalenko** (Sr. Victoria & Sr Mary Ann); ✠**Jeannette Krzeminski** (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann); Irene Aufiero (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello) *and for the health and salvation of* Nicholas Fatse (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne)

Epistle: Heb. 1:10-14; 2:1-3 (Reader: Hala Hourani); Gospel: Mk. 2:1-12

Sunday Collections:

1/21/2024	1/28/2024	2/4/2024	2/11/2024
Reg: \$1,798	Reg: \$975	Reg: \$1,385	Reg: \$1,471
Spec. Proj: \$185	Spec. Proj: \$25	Spec. Proj: \$173	Spec. Coll: \$35
Fuel/Elec: \$50	First Offering: \$5	Akathist Flowers: 110	Akathist Flowers \$80
First Offering: \$65	Fundraising: \$1,000	Fuel/Elec: \$30	Fundraising: \$900
Fundraising: \$1,000	Christmas Concert: \$40		

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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.