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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, March 3, 2024 - Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Eutropios, Cleonicos, and Basiliscos

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ **Thaddeus Socha** (Sr. Victoria & Sr Mary Ann); ✠ **Jalileh Hasbani** (Randa & Fred Antous); ✠ **Bahia Bader** (Randa & Fred Antous); ✠ **John Liccardi** (Randa & Fred Antous) *and for the health and salvation of the parishioners of Saint Ann parish* (Fr. Thomas)

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Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-61: Brethren, since we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but one tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offerings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also, Christ did not glorify Himself with the high priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to Him, "You are my son, I this day have begotten You. "As He says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel: Mark Mk. 8:34-38; 9: The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy angels in the glory of His Father." And He said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."



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, Jillian Michalenko, William Michael, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Choir Practice for Lent and Holy Week: Sunday, March 10 and March 24 @ 9:00 am.

Saturday Morning Study During Lent: The Sunday Lenten Gospels. Each Saturday I the hall at 11:00 am.

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.

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>

A big thank you to Randa Antous and Alicia Antous who have volunteered to take a national food service manager course and serve as the food service managers of our church kitchen. This will enable St. Ann to maintain its food service license and continue our long tradition of hospitality and preparation of traditional foods and pastries.

Lent Service Schedule - 5:00 pm

- Mondays: Great Compline except 3/25
- Wednesdays: Presanctified Liturgy
 - Fridays: Akathist Hymn
 - Saturdays: Great Vespers

Special Lenten Observances

- 3/25: Feast of Annunciation: Divine Liturgy @ 5:00 pm.
- Parish Lenten Retreat: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm:
The Future of Humanity Passes by Way of the Family: the Future of the Family by Way of the Woman

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 - Sunday of our Father John Climacus
Commemoration of the Holy Martyrs Codratus of Corinth and His Companions
Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20 (Reader: Mirna Marji); Gospel: Mk. 9:17-31**

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the health and salvation of Joseph Michalenko (Birthday) (Sr. Victoria); Sr. Victoria Michalenko (Birthday) (Sr. Mary Ann)

Sunday Collections:

2/4/2024	2/11/2024	2/18/2024	2/25/2024
Reg: \$1,385	Reg: \$1,471	Reg: \$1,231	Reg: \$1,320
Spec. Proj: \$173	Spec. Coll: \$35	Spec. Proj: \$213	Clergy Ret: \$50
Akathist Flowers: 110	Akathist Flowers \$80	Fuel/Elec: \$5	Spec. Proj: \$25
Fuel/Elec: \$30	Fundraising: \$900	First Offering: \$5	Fundraising: \$300
		Clergy Ret: \$5	
		Fundraising: \$150	

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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, should not approach to receive Holy Communion. If you have any question about this please discuss it Fr. Tom

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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 **at least 6 months before the wedding** to arrange interview & instruction.

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