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

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**Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Sunday of Mary of Egypt  
Commemoration of our Holy Father Alexis, the Man of God**

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Fahima Karam (Nuhad Haddad); ✠ Laura Karam (Nuhad Haddad); ✠ Rocco Alibberti (Deacon Nicholas Bourjaili) and for the health and salvation of Mary Delfico (Augustine & Loretta DeLuca)*

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**Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14:** Brethren, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come, he entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of his own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

**Gospel: Mark 10:32-45:** At that time Jesus took the twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn him to death, and will deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him and scourge him, and put him to death; and on the third day he will rise again." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him, saying, "Master, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." But he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said, "Grant to us that we may sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left hand, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?" And they said to him, "We can." And Jesus said to them "Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at my right hand or at my left, that is not mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**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 Holy Week:** Sunday March 24 @ 9:00 am.

**Saturday Morning Lenten Gospel Study:** Final Session, Saturday, March 23 @ 11:00 am

**Falafel Fridays in Lent!** Falafel wraps (or Falafel salad plate) starting at 6:00 pm. Only \$10!

**This Sunday, March 17, 2024: Reading of the Life of Mary of Egypt – Reading begins at 8:45 am.** An amazing story of redemption, conversion, love, and Eucharistic amazement. Don't miss it!

**Lazarus Saturday, March 23, 2024:** Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

**St. Ann Lenten Retreat – Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:00 pm.**

The retreat will be a guided meditation with opportunity for sacramental confession and Holy Communion.

**Holy Week Schedule**

Rehearsal for those who will participate in the Decent from the Cross on Good Friday, 3/29, will take place of Monday, 3/25, immediately after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation

Monday, March 25: Feast of Annunciation:	5:30 pm, Divine Liturgy for the Feast.
Tuesday, March 26: Great & Holy Tuesday:	5:30 pm, Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, March 27, 2024, Great & Holy Wednesday:	5:30 pm, Service of Anointing
Thursday, March 28, 2024, Great & Holy Thursday:	6:00 pm, Passion Gospels and Crucifixion
Friday, March 29, 2024, Great & Holy Friday:	6:00 pm, Vesper/Decent from the Cross, Matins/Laminations & Procession
Saturday, March 30, 2024, Great & Holy Saturday:	10:00 am, Blessing of the New Light & Vesper Divine Liturgy
Saturday, 30, 2024, Eve of Pascha:	8:00 pm, Hajme, Matins, Divine Liturgy for Easter
Sunday, March 31, Easter Sunday	10:00 am, Hajme and Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday**

**Blessing of the Palms at 10:30 am, followed by the Procession and Divine Liturgy**

**Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9** (Reader: English, Nabil Takla + Arabic, Selim Noujaim); **Gospel: John 12:1-18**

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of* ✠ **Augustine DeLuca, Sr.** (Augustine & Loretta DeLuca);  
✠ **Deacon David Herr** (Deacon Nicholas Bourjaili)

**Sunday Collections:**

2/18/2024	2/25/2024	3/3/2024	3/10/2024
Reg: \$1,231	Reg: \$1,320	Reg: \$785	Reg: \$1,335
Spec. Proj: \$213	Clergy Ret: \$50	Fuel/Elec: \$226	Fuel/Elec: \$10
Fuel/Elec: \$5	Spec. Proj: \$25	Easter Flowers: \$25	Easter Flowers: \$310
First Offering: \$5	Fundraising: \$300	Fundraising: \$30	Fundraising: \$90
Clergy Ret: \$5		Spec Proj Honor Roll:	House Blessing: \$150
Fundraising: \$150		\$8,000	Spec Proj: \$5
			Easter Offering: \$20

**Special Project Honor Donors for 2024**

<b>Nabil &amp; Hind Takla</b>	<b>Selim &amp; Linda Noujaim</b>	<b>Joseph &amp; Daad Noujaim</b>
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<b>+ George &amp; Mary Antous</b>		

**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, 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.