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

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Sunday, April 7, 2024 – Thomas Sunday

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Kalliopos and of our Holy Father George, Bishop of Melitene

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Rev. Stephen Opra (32 Years) (Fr. Thomas); ✠ Abraham Haddad (Morris & Patricia Clark) *and for the health and salvation of Josephine Nassif* (St. Ann Parish)

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Epistle: Acts 5:12-20: (*Reader: English, Randa Antous + Arabic, Jeanine Antonios*) In those days by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people (and with one accord, they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people made much of them. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord continued to increase), so that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, in order that, as Peter went by, at least his shadow would fall upon some of them. And crowds also came to Jerusalem from neighboring towns, and they brought the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits — and all of them were healed. But the High Priest rose up, and all his supporters (that is, the members of the Sadducean sect), and being filled with hatred, they laid their hands upon the apostles and threw them into the public jail. But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, saying: "Go, and standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel: Jn. 20:19-31: When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." When He had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and put my finger into the place of the nails and put my hand into His side I will not believe." And after eight days, His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be to you!" Then He said to Thomas. "Bring here your finger and see My hands; and bring here your hand and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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:* Raymond Antous, Georgette Ayoub, Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Sharon Ballard, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Stephen McGrath, Jillian Michalenko, Josephine Nassif, William Michael, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Choir Practice: April 14 & April 28 @ 9:00 am.

Icon Workshop: An amazing and highly recommended Icon Workshop will take place **July 29th - August 2nd** (Mon-Fri) at the Jesus Guild in Georgetown, CT (Sacred Heart Church). During those 5 days participants will complete the Icon of **Christ the Good Shepherd** under the guidance of master iconographer, Veronica Royal. Veronica has incredible experience of over 20 years of teaching iconography. No previous painting experience is necessary to sign up for the workshop. The workshop will run from 9 AM to 5 PM. The fee of \$750 can be paid in installments. The first deposit of \$250 is non-refundable and will go towards **art supplies and materials that will be provided**. The class will include a maximum of 18 people. Drinks and snacks will be provided. To reserve your place in the class, please send a check for \$250 made out to: "**Sacred Heart Guild**" and address it to **Sacred Heart Guild 30 Church St, Redding, CT 06896**. In the memo, please write "**Icon Workshop**."

The Decoration & Ornamentation Group will meet to discuss a new Epitaphios Cover (Tomb of Christ) this Monday, April 8 @ 5:30 pm.

The Annual Melkite Convention is July 4-7 in Boston. More information is available at the following website: <https://melkite.org/melkite-catholic-convention>.

2024 is a worldwide Jubilee Year in the Melkite Church. Please join if you are able.

Monday, April 15, 2024 – a Triple Meeting: Kitchen Renovation & Expansion - 2024 Hafli – 2024 Melkite Jubilee Year. Many have suggested that the church kitchen needs renovation and expansion. To further pursue this possibility a meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. This would be a major construction project with need for an exploration committee. It will be a combined meeting to discuss whether St. Ann will have a 2024 Hafli, which must respect the scheduling of St. George church 100th anniversary celebration and banquet on September 14 and an event at St. Anthony Church on October 12. Finally, St. Ann Church will host a celebration of the **Worldwide Melkite Jubilee Year of 2024 on either July 20 or July 27, 2024**. A meeting will be held in the church hall to discuss these matters on Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 5:30 pm.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Sunday of Ointment-Bearing Women

Commemoration of the Holy Disciples Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus, who were among the Seventy.

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 (Reader: Will Coupe); Gospel: Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

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Sunday Collections:

3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024	3/31/2024
Reg: \$1,335	Reg: \$677	Reg: \$677	Reg: \$2,372
Fuel/Elec: \$10	Spec. Proj: \$238	Spec Proj: \$238	
Easter Flowers: \$310	Memorials: \$490	Easter Flowers: \$125	
Fundraising: \$90	Fundraising: \$50	Memorials: \$490	
House Blessing: \$150	Easter Flowers: \$125	Fundraising: \$50	
Spec Proj: \$5			
Easter Offering: \$20			

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