
Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

181 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, Connecticut 06811

Telephone: 203.743.5119

Rev. Thomas Davis, Pastor pastor@saintann.org

Rev. Deacon Nicholas Bourjaili nb4012@yahoo.com

Community of the Mother of God of Tenderness 203.794.1486

Vespers: Saturday @ 5:00 pm

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

Website: www.saintann.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/DanburyMelkite/

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Sunday of the Man Born Blind Commemoration of the Holy and Great Martyr Irene

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Raymond Antous (Sr. Victoria & Sr. Mary Ann); ✠ Abraham Haddad (Antonio Padilla) *and for the health and salvation of Julia Davis* (Fr. Thomas & Khouria Joanne)

+++++

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34: In those days it came to pass that as we the disciples were going to pray; we were met by a girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much profit by her soothsaying. Now, she was following Paul and us, and kept crying out loudly, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they announce to you a way of salvation!" This she did for many days. But Paul could not stand it, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ: get out of her!" And it went out of her that very moment. But seeing that their hope of profit was gone, her masters seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the marketplace before the authorities; and bringing them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city. They are Jews, and they advocate practices it is not permitted for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans." And the crowd opposed them too, and the magistrates tore off their cloaks and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And after inflicting many blows on them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to keep them under safe guard. And he, receiving this command, consigned them to the inner jail and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight, while Paul and Silas were singing hymns to God, the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and at once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose. But when the jailer woke up and saw all the doors of the jail open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here!" Then calling for a light, he ran in, and trembling with fear, fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. And he let them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved together with your household." And he spoke to him the word of the Lord, and also to all his household. And he took them at that same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he himself was baptized, and all those of his household immediately after. And taking them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

Gospel: John 9:1-38: At that time as Jesus was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man's eyes, and said to Him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted 'sent')." So, he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is." But others said, "He only looks like him." Yet, the man declared, "I am the one." They therefore asked him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' And I went and washed, and I see." And they asked him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him: how

he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?" And there was a division among them. Again, therefore they said to the blind man, "What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?" But he said, "He is a prophet." The Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself." These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess Him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, "He is of age; question him." They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner." He therefore said, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." They therefore asked him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become His disciples?" They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where He is from." In answer the man said to them, "Why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does His will, him He hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?" And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when He had found him, said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He it is who speaks with you." And he said, "I believe, Lord." And falling down, he worshipped Him.

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, Robert Cheble, Jeffrey Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Clara Kane, Stephen McGrath, Jillian Michalenko, Josephine Nassif, William Michael, Doreen Parrella, Tomas Ramirez, William Ramirez, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Thursday, May 9 is the Feast of the Ascension. This Feast, like all the twelve Great Feasts, is a holy day of obligation. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated @ 5:30 pm.

Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Sunday of the Fathers of Nicaea I - Commemoration of our Holy Fathers Epiphianos, Bishop of Cyprus and Germanus the Hymnographer, Patriarch of Constantinople

Epistle: Acts (Reader: Arabic, Nuhad Haddad + English, Mirna Marji); **Gospel: John**

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠Raymond Antous; ✠Abraham Haddad (Antonio Padilla) and for the health and salvation of Lieutenant Julia M. Davis (Fr. Tom and Khouria Joanne)

Sunday Collections:

| 4/7/2024 | 4/14/2024 | 4/21/2024 | 4/28/2024 |
|--|--|---|--------------------------|
| Reg: \$1,165 Clergy Ret: \$90 Spec. Proj: \$30 | Reg: \$648 Spec. Proj: \$40 Holy Land: \$100 Home Mission: \$10 Clergy Ret: \$25 | Reg: \$960 Spec. Proj: \$195 Honor Roll: \$1,000 Bake Sale: \$22 | To Be Reported Next Week |

Special Project Honor Donors for 2024

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nabil & Hind Takla | Selim & Linda Noujaim | Joseph & Daad Noujaim |
| Ted Haddad | Edward & Olympia Stoller | Robert Hennessey |
| Carol Hennessey | Hoda Riachy & Anthony Ataya | + Nazha Abdella Zowine |
| + Joe & Rita Stankwitz | + George & Alice Davis | + Jim & Helen Hennessey |
| + James L. & Gail Hennessey | | + George & Mary Antous |

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