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# Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

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**Sunday, November 3, 2024 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22 (Randa Antous) + Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Clara Kane (Michel & Hala Hourani);  
and for the health and salvation of Paul Davis (Fr. Thomas); Daniel Jowdy (St. Ann Parish)*

**Antiphon (Psalm 65: 1, 2, 3) (Liturgy Book p. 15)**

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, and sing praise to his name.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

2: Say to God: How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

*Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.*

3: Let all the earth worship you and sing praises to you; let it sing praises to your name, O Most High!

*Tes presvee tees Theotokou, Soter, soston imas*

**The Incarnational Hymn (Liturgy Book p. 18):** O Only-begotten Son and Word of God...

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7) (Liturgy Book p. 27):** You destroyed Death by your cross...

**Troparion of Saint Ann (Liturgy Book p. 30):** O divinely wise Ann...

**Kontakion: (Liturgy Book p. 31):** O never failing Protectress of Christians...

**Prokimenon:** The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

*Stichon:* Give to the Lord, you Sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22:** (Arabic, Nuhad Haddad + English, Hala Hourani): Brethren, Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both [Jews and Gentiles] one and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in his flesh. He has voided the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two he might create in himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having destroyed their enmity within himself. And as he came, he announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Cf. Is. 28:16) with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

**Alleluia:** It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

*Stichon:* To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31:** At that time, the Lord told this parable: "There was certain rich man who used to clothe himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted every day in splendid fashion. And there was a certain poor man, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And it came to pass that the poor man died and was borne away by the angels into Abraham's bosom; but the rich man also died and was buried in hell. And lifting up his eyes, being in torments, he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember you in your lifetime have

received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now here he is comforted whereas you are tormented. And besides all that, between us and you a great gulf is fixed, so that those who wish to pass over from this side to you cannot, and they cannot cross from your side to us.’ And he said, ‘Then, father, I pray you to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they too come into this place of torments.’ And Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ But he answered, ‘No father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**St. Ann Prayer List:** *Please remember in your prayers the suffering handmaids and servants of God:* Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Khouria Simone Bustros, Robert Cheble, Yolanda Marisol Chica, Paul Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Abraham Fattouh, Karen Fattouh, Michael Haddad; Daniel Jowdy; Madelyn Madkour, Mariam Marji, Stephen McGrath, George Michael, Jillian Michalenko, Josephine Nassif, William Michael, Linda Noujaim, Doreen Parrella, Tomas Ramirez, William Ramirez, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

**Bishop’s Annual Appeal** is underway. Please consider a gift to help fund operations, foster vocations, strengthen parish and diocesan infrastructure, assist in forming our children and youth, support retired clergy, and meet the many other obligations of the diocese. Online donation link: <https://flocknote.com/melkite-bishops-appeal/>

**Sunday, November 17, 2024:** Join us and add your voice to our prayer asking **Long Life, Health, and Prosperity of Linda & Selim Noujaim** as they celebrate their birthdays. Bishop François will join us for Vespers on Saturday 11/16 @ 5 pm and Divine Liturgy on Sunday 11/17 @ 10 am. Selim and Linda have generously arranged for a lovely meal from Hanna’s to be served in the hall following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

**Parish Council, Finance Council & Board of Directors and Officers of the Parish Corporation:** Both councils and the BOD of the parish corporation will meet jointly at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, along with the officers of the parish corporation.** All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Virgen in the Temple,** a day of liturgical obligation for Melkite Catholics. Vespers will be celebrated on November 20 at 5pm. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on the feast at 5 pm.

**The Tabernacle Society** will meet in the church hall on **Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm** to select a date for the Spring Hafli, schedule and plan the parish Christmas party, and decide on Valentine’s Day event.

**Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024: Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am.**

**Choir Rehearsal:** This Sunday and the following upcoming Sundays: November 10, 17 & 24 @ 9:30 am.

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**Sunday, November 10, 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Holy Cross**

**Epistle: Ephesians Eph 4:1-7 (Rima Antous) + Gospel: Luke 10:25-37-**

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**Sunday Collections:**

10/6/2024	10/13/2024	10/20/2024	10/27/2024
Reg: \$3,531	Reg: \$597	Reg: \$815	Sunday and Bazaar
Clergy Ret: \$48		Memorials: \$35	2024 Bazaar Report
Memorials: \$1,000		Spec Proj: \$5	to be provided next
Special Projects Honor Roll: \$3,600		World Mission: \$10	week

**Special Project Honor Donors for 2024**

Nabil & Hind Takla	Selim & Linda Noujaim	Joseph & Daad Noujaim
Ted Haddad	Edward & Olympia Stoller	Robert Hennessey
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+ George & Alice Davis	+ James L. & Gail Hennessey	+ Jim & Helen Hennessey
+ George & Mary Antous		

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**Upcoming Events:** Sat - Sun, 11/16-17: Bishop François visit & Selim & Linda Noujaim Birthday Celebration  
 Tues, 11/19: Parish and Finance Council & BOD of parish corporation @ 6 pm  
 Wed, 11/20: Vespers for the Feast @ 5 pm  
 Thurs, 11/21: Divine Liturgy for the Feast @ 5 pm  
 Tues, 11/26: Tabernacle Society at 6 pm  
 Thurs, 11/28: Divine Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day @ 9 am