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Sunday, January 12, 2025 – The Sunday After Theophany
Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 (Jeanine Antonios) + Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Alice Khoury (Farid & Laila Khouri); ✠ Carmen Balesh (George Saade & Family); ✠ Clara Kane (Michel & Hala Hourani); ✠ Paul Phaneuf (Alessandra de la Vega); ✠ Jon Stanko (Alessandra de la Vega); ✠ Kristin Nauheimer (Alessandra de la Vega) and for the health and salvation of William Coupe, Jr., & Rima Antous (Saint Ann Parish)

The Great Doxology (Hymnal p. 97): *Glory to you, O Giver of Life, glory to God in the highest...*

Troparion After the Great Doxology: Today Salvation has come to the world: let us sing to him who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for he has crushed death by his death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.

Antiphon Prayer of the Theophany: O Lord, who have saved us by the baptism of regeneration and the renewal coming from the Holy Spirit, enlighten our minds. Uphold us in faith. Confirm us in hope. Fulfill us in love. Make us worthy members of your Christ, who sacrificed himself in redemption of our souls, so that being justified by your grace we may inherit eternal life. For you are our light and our sanctification and to you we render glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Antiphon of Theophany: Psalm 117:

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his love endures forever.
Son of God, who were baptized by John in the Jordan River, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.
2. Let the house of Israel say: He is good, for his love endures forever.
Khallisna YabnAllah, ya man 'atamada min Youhanna fil Urdoun, nahnul muranneemeena Laka. Haleloueya.
3. Let those who fear the Lord say: He is good, for his love endures forever.
O Son of God, who were baptized by John in the Jordan River, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

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

Entrance Hymn: Priest: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us.
All: O Son of God, who were baptized by John in the Jordan river, save us who sing to you, Alleluia."

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1) (Hymnal p. 1): After the stone was sealed by the Jews...

Troparion of Theophany (Hymnal p. 169): At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord...

Troparion of St. Ann (Hymnal p. 187): O divinely wise Ann, you carried in your womb...

Kontakion (Hymnal p. 170): Today you have appeared, O Lord, to the Universe, and your light, O Christ...

Trisagion (Hymnal p. 108): All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Prokimenon: Psalm 32: 22&1: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13: Brethren, to each one of us the grace was given according to the measure of Christ's bestowal. Thus it says, *Ascending on high, he let away captives; he gave gifts to men (Ps.61:19)*. Now this *ascending*, what does it mean but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended, he it is who ascended also above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he himself gave some men as apostles, and some as prophets, and others as pastors and teachers, in order to perfect the saints for a work of

ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the deep knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia: Psalm 88:2 & 3: Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17: At that time, When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulon and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Hirmos: (Hymnal p. 170). O my soul, magnify the higher in honor and glory than the Heavenly Powers.

Post Communion Hymn: Troparion of Theophany (Hymnal p. 169): At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord...

St. Ann Prayer List: *Please remember in your prayers the suffering handmaids and servants of God:* Marilyn Baiad, Anthony Colangelo, Paul Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Abraham Fattouh, Karen Fattouh, Michael Haddad; Daniel Jowdy; Madelyn Madkour, George Michael, Jillian Michalenko, Linda Noujaim, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Saturday, January 11, 2025: The annual **Great Blessing of the Waters**, postponed due to illness, will be celebrated this Saturday @ 5 pm in lieu of Great Vespers. Come join this powerful prayer and take home the Waters of Jordan for your home and family.

House Blessings may be scheduled by email to Fr. Tom [pastor@saintann.org] beginning Sunday, January 26. No house blessings the week of February 16.

Fr. Thomas will be away the weekend of January 18-19. Fr. Thomas Moses, chancellor of the diocese, will be visiting to celebrate Vespers on Saturday, 1/18, and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, 1/19.

Saturday, January 18, 2025: The church hall is rented for a party and will be unavailable for parish use on this date.

Saturday, January 25, 2025: Red Cross Blood Drive in the church hall. To schedule your life-giving blood donation, call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)** or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Sunday, January 19, 2025 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Col 3:4-11 (Mirna Marji) + Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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Sunday Collections: Multiple weeks to be reported on January 5, 2025.

12/22/2024	Christmas 12/25/2024	12/29/2024	1/5/2025
Reg: \$1,560 Spec. Proj: \$ 90 Xmas flowers: \$130 Memorials: \$300 Christmas Offering: \$100 First Envelope Offer: \$90	Reg: \$1,127 Fundraising: \$2,000	Reg: \$490 Christmas Offering: \$20 First Envelope Offer: \$40 Fundraising: \$2,000	Church Closed Due to Illness

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