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SUN. 2 JAN 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

TROPARIA:

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 7): *You destroyed death by your cross... (p. 27)*

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST: *Make ready, Zebulon, and prepare Naphtali! And you, Jordan River, stop your flow and receive with a thrill of joy the Master coming to be baptized. And you, Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve, and hide not as you did of old in Paradise: for Christ at the sight of your nakedness has come forth to clothe you with the robe of innocence. Indeed, Christ has come to renew the whole creation.*

TROPARION OF ANN: *O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)*

KONTAKION:

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST: *Today the Lord Christ has appeared in the Jordan's waters, and he has cried out to John: "Fear not of baptizing me, for by my own will I have indeed come to save Adam, the first-created man."*

PROKIMENON:

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Stichon: To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

EPISTLE:

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-8

ALLELUIA:

May God have mercy on us and bless us.

Stichon: May he let his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

GOSPEL:

MARK 1:1-8

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ NAKHLY HADDAD (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN; ✠ ANDREW WURWUR (DUA & NIZAR HADDAD)

SUN. 9 JAN 2022:

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-13

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-17

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ ALICE KHOURI (FARID & LAILA KHOURI)

Thursday, January 6, 2022 – Great Feast of Theophany. Vespers and the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 5 @ 5:30 p.m. A second Great Blessing of Water will take place at Candlewood Lake Town Park, 36 Hayestown Road in Danbury at 8:00 a.m. on January 6 as we cast the Cross of our Savior into the Waters of the world. Divine Liturgy for the Feast will be celebrated on January 6 @ 5:30 p.m.

Scripture Reflection - Spirit and Fire: In today's Gospel we hear from the Forerunner: "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8) The Scriptures themselves recall "the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 11:16). This is "the promise of the Father" of which the Risen Messiah spoke to the Apostles (Acts 1:5). This Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life" (Nicene Creed), was manifest by tongues of fire that came to rest on the Apostles on Pentecost (Acts 2:3). Had Jesus not said "I have come to set the earth on fire" (Luke 12:49)? Had John not foretold "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). This purifying fire burns off the dross of lukewarmness and indifference. Praise be the Father. Glory to the Son. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

A number of special donor opportunities are available for those interested, including:

- **Saint Ann Melkite Hymnal**
- **Altar curtains in various colors**
- **Altar covers in various colors**
- **Side Altar table covers in various colors**
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- **Epistle Cover (Taken)**
- **Tabernacle (Taken)**
- **Censer**
- **Processional Cross, Fans & Candles**
- **Icon of Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified for Shrine of St. Ann and the Holy Relics**
- **Sound System for the church**
- **Camera and components system to facilitate high quality liturgical live streaming**
- **Custom Cross to adorn the top Royal Doors of the Iconostas**

Interested Donors should contact Fr. Tom for information and options.

Sunday Collections:

12/5/21 Reg: \$1,694 Clergy Ret: \$365 Spec Proj: \$40 Xmas Flowers: \$25	12/12/2021 Reg: \$981 Spec. Proj: \$125 Clergy Ret: \$ Xmas Flowers: \$340 Fundraising: \$10	12/19/2021 Reg: \$1,743 Spec. Proj: \$335 Fuel/Heat: \$150 Xmas Flowers: \$490 Clergy Ret: \$20	Christmas, 12/25/2021 Xmas Offering: \$1,635 <p style="text-align: center;">Christ is Born! Glorify him!</p>	12/26/2021 Reg: \$770 Fuel: \$100
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Special Project Honor Donors make a one-time donation of \$1,000 or more to fund special projects for the church. Donations are now being accepted for the 2022 Honor Roll.

Events (saintann.org/parish-calendar/):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed. 1.5.2022 • Thurs. 1.6.2022 • Thurs. 1.6.2022 • Thurs. 1.6.2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespers and Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany @ 5:30 p.m. Great Blessing of Water at Candlewood Lake Town Park @ 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal @ 4:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany @ 5:30 p.m. |
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