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## SUN 20 MARCH '22 THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

- TROPARIA:** TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 2): *When you descended to death... (p. 21)*  
TROPARION OF THE THIRD SUNDAY: *O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to your people... (p. 131)*  
TROPARION OF ANN: *O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)*
- KONTAKION:** TRIUMPHANT LEADER: *Triumphant Leader, to you belongs our prize of victory... (p. 168)*
- PROKIMENON:** Ps. 27: 9,1: *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:** HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:1-6
- ALLELUIA:** Ps. 73: 2,12: *Remember your congregation which you have acquired from the beginning: you redeemed the scepter of your inheritance.*  
*Stichon: God is our king forever: he brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.*
- GOSPEL:** MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

**DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:** ✠ LEILA NOUJAIM (FREDRICK & RANDA ANTOUS); ✠ EDWARD SHAMY (GEORGETTE AYOUB); ✠ FAHIMI KARAM & LAURA KARAM (NUHAHD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✠ THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE, RECENTLY DECEASED IN THE CURRENT INVASION OF THEIR HOMELAND (EPARCHY OF NEWTON); ✠ JOSEPH KATURA (DUA & NIZAR HADDAD); ✠ ANDREW (FR. THOMAS) **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE ENDURING THE VIOLENT ATTACKS OF THE RUSSIAN INVASION AND OPPRESSION (EPARCHY OF NEWTOWN); NICHOLAS BORRELLO (SAINT ANN PARISH)**

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## SUN. 27 MARCH 2022: FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF THE OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMACOS

**EPISTLE: HEBREWS 6:13-20 GOSPEL: MARK 9:17-31**

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:** ✠ LEILA NOUJAIM (FRED & RANDA ANTOUS); ✠ AUGUSTINE DELUCA, SR. (AUGUSTINE & LORRETTA DELUCA); ✠ ALFRED & LOUISE HAJJ (HAJJ & GOODSSELL FAMILIES); ✠ NAHOUM & SA'ADA AYOUB (GEORGETTE AYOUB); ✠ THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE, RECENTLY DECEASED IN THE CURRENT INVASION OF THEIR HOMELAND (EPARCHY OF NEWTON); **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE ENDURING THE VIOLENT ATTACKS OF THE RUSSIAN INVASION AND OPPRESSION (EPARCHY OF NEWTOWN)**

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**April 4, 2022: Mark the date.** Fr. Gregory (Hryhoriy) Lozinsky, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Trumbull, Connecticut, will visit Saint Ann to preach an evening Lenten Retreat. More information about this graced opportunity will follow in the weeks ahead.

**Easter Flowers & Intentions:** Don't forget to submit your Easter liturgy intentions for the repose of the souls of the deceased and the health & salvation of the living. A special envelope was enclosed in the March envelope mailing for this purpose. Use of that envelope is much appreciated as it allows coordination of envelope number and donations.

**Parish Spring Clean Up Day, Saturday April 2** – Outdoor and indoor cleaning. A sign-up list will be in the church hall identifying tasks that need attention to make our church look its best for Easter. Lunch will be provided.

**March 24 @ 6:30- 8:00 pm - St. Mary Church in Bethel, in collaboration with the Diocese of Bridgeport,** will host an information session regarding legacy planning. Speakers will address the spiritual, liturgical, financial, and legal aspects of planning for end-of-life from a Catholic perspective. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm followed by presentations from 6:45-7:30. The evening will conclude with a Q&A session from 7:30-8:00 pm. Speakers include Fr. Thomas Davis, pastor of St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church in Danbury and president of the Liberty Institute for Faith & Ethics (L.I.F.E.) ([www.liberty4life.org](http://www.liberty4life.org)), who will address ethical & moral issues related to health care and advance medical directives with special attention to issues relevant to seniors. Other speakers from the Diocese of Bridgeport include: Joseph Gallagher, Chief Development Officer; Dean Gestal, Director of Catholic Cemeteries; Thomas Koienberg, Trustees its Charitable Foundation; and Attorney Michele Gartland of the Rucci Law Group, LLC. Please RSVP to [stmaryoffice@comcast.net](mailto:stmaryoffice@comcast.net) or to Sue Dolan at (203) 744-5777. **A repeat of this event will take place at St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown on March 31.**

**Monday, April 4 at 10 A.M:** Regina Caeli Academy ([www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org)) provides a university-style hybrid™ education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3 - 12th grade students attend Socratic classes in Danbury two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans are provided and optimized for in-home education. Events includes a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A. RSVP to [cvodola.fcc@rcahybrid.org](mailto:cvodola.fcc@rcahybrid.org).

**Donations of Flowers for Akathist Hymn:**

- Friday, March 4: Mrs. Nuhad Haddad. In memory of **Souad Karam**
- Friday, March 11: Sr. Mary Ann & Sr. Victoria. **Living & deceased of the Michalenko & Socha families**
- Friday, March 18: **For the parishioners of Saint Ann Parish**
- Friday, April 1: Mrs. Samira Karam. In memory of **Souad Karam; Fahima Karam; Laura Karam**

**The intentions of the donors will be commemorated in the Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, April 2 @ 10:00 am,** which is the morning after the final Akathist Hymn and the final day of Great Lent.

**Sunday Collections:                      The Second Collection on March 20 is for Special Projects**

<b>2/13/2022</b> Reg: \$781 Fundraising: \$90	<b>2/20/2022</b> Reg: \$1,186 Spec. Proj: \$336 Clergy Ret: \$10	<b>2/27/2022</b> Reg. \$2,972 Spec. Proj: \$100 Fundraising: \$500	<b>3/6/2022</b> Reg. \$ 1,781 Spec. Proj: \$20 Fuel/Elec: \$ 184 Clergy Ret: \$ 70 Easter Flowers: \$55	<b>3/13/2022</b> Reg. \$955 Fuel: \$50 Easter Flowers: \$240 Akathist Flowers: \$50
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**Special Project Honor Donors for 2022:**

- Robert & Dianne Morey
- Joseph & Daad Noujaim
- Selim & Linda Noujaim
- Josephine Nassif
- Nabil & Hind Takla
- Robert Hennessey
- Carol Hennessey
- +George & Alice Davis
- +George & Mary Antous
- +Nazha Abdella Zowine
- + Joe & Rita Stankwitz
- + Jim & Helen Hennessey
- + James L. Hennessey

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

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**Remaining Great Lent Liturgical Schedule**

Monday 3.21, 3.28 & 4.4	Great Compline @ 5:30 pm
Wednesday 3.23, 3.30 & 4.6:	Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
Friday 4.1	Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm
Thurs. 3.24	Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation @ 5:30 pm
Friday 3.25	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation @ 5:30 pm
Lazarus Saturday 4.9	Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am