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SUN 6 MARCH 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY (TONE 8)

- TROPARIA:** **TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 8):** *You destroyed death by your death... (p. 28)*
TROPARION OF THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY: *Before your most pure image we bow in worship, O Good Lord, begging forgiveness of our sins, O Christ God, because you chose of your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh in order to deliver from the enemy's bondage those you had created. For this reason, we cry out to you in thanksgiving: "you have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, when you came to save the world!"*
TROPARION OF ANN: *O divinely wise Ann... (p. 30)*
- KONTAKION:** **TRIUMPHANT LEADER:** *Triumphant Leader, to you belongs our prize of victory... (p. 168)*
- PROKIMENON:** *Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers; and your name is worthy of praise forever!*
Stichon: *For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.*
- EPISTLE:** **HEBREWS 11:24-26, 32-40: 12:1-2**
- ALLELUIA:** *Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel among those who called upon his name.*
Stichon: *They called upon the Lord and he answered them; from the pillar of cloud he spoke to them.*
- GOSPEL:** **JOHN 1:43-51**

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ **LEILA NOUJAIM** (MRS. THERESE BRANDANO & FAMILY); ✠ **NASIMA FAWAZ** (JOSEPHINE NASSIF); ✠ **HENRY MENZIES** (FR. THOMAS); **AND FOR THE HEALTH AND SALVATION OF AMAL EL KOURI** (GEORGETTE AYOUB).

SUN. 13 MARCH 2022: SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS & ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

EPISTLE: **HEBREWS 1:10-14; 2:1-3** **GOSPEL:** **MARK 2:1-12**

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: ✠ **LEILA NOUJAIM** (FREDRICK & RANDA ANTOUS)

Palm Sunday Pastries baking in underway. All are invited to assist with kitchen baking or donations. Please see Najlah Antous or Georgette Ayoub for more information.

Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land. Wednesday, March 9th, 7:00-9:30 pm @ St. Mary Church, 183 High Ridge Avenue, Ridgefield, CT. Join Christopher West from the Theology of the Body Institute, with musical guest Mike Mangione, as they weave a dynamic presentation of music, movie clips, videos, and art reflecting on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. St. Ann Church has several tickets to this remarkable offering for the benefit of parishioners. See Fr. Tom for more information.

The Ladies Guild will meet in the church hall on Tuesday, March 8 @ 5:00 pm.

St. Mary Church in Bethel, March 24 @6:30 pm – Fr. Thomas will join a panel of experts for a **Diocese of Bridgeport Legacy Planning** presentation. He will address ethical & moral issues related to health care and advance medical directives with special attention to issues relevant to seniors. Other speakers include the Director of Catholic Cemeteries, its Development Office, its Charitable Foundation, and an estate planning lawyer.

What shall we do this Lent? A reflection by a holy priest of God.

*My brothers and sisters, the traditional spiritual practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This is how Jesus lived and this is how he asks us to live. **Prayer** is not complicated. It's just talking to God, listening to him, reading his words in the Gospel. Prayer is a personal conversation with God — telling him what's on your heart and then making time to be quiet and listen for his voice in your heart. **Fasting** does not mean starving yourself. It just means learning to live with less, trying to be less selfish. It means making little sacrifices, little offerings to God, with a spirit of penance and sacrifice. **Almsgiving** means being more generous — opening our hearts more and more to the needs of others. It is about finding little ways to serve the people around us. This Lent, let us try to make these three practices part of our daily life. When we live like this, we are becoming more and more like Jesus!*

Archbishop José H. Gomez,
Archbishop of Los Angeles & President of the U. S. Conf. of Catholic Bishops

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

- *Melkite Hymnal *Altar Curtains *Altar Covers *Side Altar Covers *Ornamental Ribbons *Zeon
- *Epistle Cover (Taken) *Tabernacle (Taken) *Processional Cross *Icon of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified
- *Processional Fans *Church Audio & Livestreaming System *Cruets *Tomb of Christ (Taken)

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

Donations of Flowers for Akathist Hymn are welcome:

- Friday, March 4: Mrs. Nuhad Haddad - in memory of and for the eternal salvation of +Souad Karam
- Friday, March 11: Available for donation
- Friday, March 18: Available for donation
- Friday, April 1: Available for donation

Sunday Collections:

The Second Collection on March 6 is for Fuel/Electric.

1/30/2022	2/6/2022	2/13/2022	2/20/2022	2/27/2022
Reg: \$1,529	Reg: \$1,814	Reg: \$781	Reg: \$1,186	Reg: \$2,972
Spec. Proj: \$10	Spec. Proj: \$50	Fundraising: \$90	Spec. Proj: \$336	Spec. Proj: \$100
Fuel/Elec: \$10	Fuel/Elec: \$30		Clergy Ret: \$10	Fundraising: \$500
First Env. Offer: \$10	Clergy Ret: \$283			
	First Env: \$30			
	Fundraising: \$1,000			

Special Project Honor Donors for 2022:

- Robert & Dianne Morey
- Josephine Nassif
- Joseph & Daad Noujaim
- Nabil & Hind Takla
- Selim & Linda Noujaim

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

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Great Lent Liturgical Schedule:

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| Monday 3.7, 3.14, 3.21, 3.28 & 4.4: | Great Compline @ 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday 3.2, 3.9, 3.16, 3.23, 3.30 & 4.6: | Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm |
| Friday 3.4, 3.11, 3.18 & 4.1: | Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm |
| Friday 3.25 | Divine Liturgy (Feast of Annunciation) @ 5:30 pm |
| Lazarus Saturday 4.9: | Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am |