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SUN 13 MARCH '22 SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RELICS & ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

TROPARIA: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 1): *After the stone was sealed... (p. 21)*

TROPARION OF THE SECOND SUNDAY: *O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth fertilized by your blood and holy are the heavenly places that opened to your souls. You have vanquished the enemy in the stadium, and proclaimed Christ with courage. We beg you to intercede with him who is all good, that he may save our souls.*

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. 11: 8,2: *You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.*
Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer an holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 1:10-14; 2:1-3

ALLELUIA: Ps. 88: 2,3: *You 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: MARK 2:1-12

DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF: ✠ LEILA NOUJAIM (FREDRICK & RANDA ANTOUS); ✠ EDWARD ACKELL (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).**

SUN. 20 MARCH 2022: THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT; SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-16; 5:1-6 **GOSPEL:** MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF: ✠ LEILA NOUJAIM (FREDRICK & RANDA ANTOUS); ✠ ALFRED & LOUISE HAJJ (HAJJ & GOODSSELL FAMILIES); ✠ EDWARD SHAMY (GEORGETTE AYOUB)

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.

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), 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 or to Sue Dolan at (203) 744-5777.

Monday, April 4 at 10 A.M: Regina Caeli Academy (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.

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:

- 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: Available for donation
- 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:

2/6/2022 Reg: \$1,814 Spec. Proj: \$50 Fuel/Elec: \$30 Clergy Ret: \$283 Fundraising: \$1,000	2/13/2022 Reg: \$781 Fundraising: \$90	2/20/2022 Reg: \$1,186 Spec. Proj: \$336 Clergy Ret: \$10	2/27/2022 Reg. \$2,972 Spec. Proj: \$100 Fundraising: \$500	3/6/2022 Reg. \$ 1,781 Spec. Proj: \$20 Fuel/Elec: \$ 184 Clergy Ret: \$ 70 Easter Flowers: \$55
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Special Project Honor Donors for 2022:

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

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

Great Lent Liturgical Schedule:

Monday 3.14, 3.21, 3.28 & 4.4
 Wednesday 3.16, 3.23, 3.30 & 4.6:
 Friday 3.18 & 4.1
 Friday 3.25
 Lazarus Saturday 4.9

Great Compline @ 5:30 pm
 Presanctified Liturgy @ 5:30 pm
 Akathist Hymn @ 5:30 pm
 Divine Liturgy (Feast of Annunciation) @ 5:30 pm
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 am