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## THE FEAST OF SAINT ANN

### *The Collect*

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we remember in thanksgiving this day the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and we pray that we all may be made one in the heavenly family of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

### *The Lesson is written in the seventeenth chapter of the Book of Genesis beginning at the first verse*

Genesis 17:1-8

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

*The Word of the Lord*

### *Psalm 132:11-18*

11. The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:
12. "A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne. *Antiphon*
13. If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."
14. For the LORD has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation: *Antiphon*
15. "This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
16. I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread *Antiphon*

17. I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
18. There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.     *Antiphon*

***The Lesson is written in the fourth chapter of the Letter of Saint Paul  
the Apostle to the Galatians beginning at the first verse***

Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything; but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*The Word of the Lord*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Saint Luke***

Luke 1:26-33

† In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her, and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."