



**ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Intentions This Weekend:**

- **Saturday Liturgy:** For the health, recovery, and well being of Amal Karam.
- **Sunday Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Helen Chanowsky, the aunt of Father Dennis. May her Memory Be Eternal!

**Please pray for:** Ron and Mary Talge, Bobby Dib, Father Ed Kakaty, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Gail Facas, Jerry Kaufman, Daniel Conigliaro, Carol Shasha, George Abbiati, Jr; Michael Flaherty, Mary Jane Facas; Amal Karam.

This Weekend	Saturday: John Jalonski	Sunday: Susan Hage	<i>Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including fuel and building fund!</i>	
Next Weekend	Saturday: Joumana Hajj	Sunday: Michelle Habib		
<b>February 8</b>	<b>35</b>	gave		<b>\$517.00</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>26</b>	gave		<b>\$345.00</b>

**In addition to the offertory: \$69 for candles and \$40 in the poor box. Also, a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave \$2,000. Included in the offertory was \$20 for the Building Fund.**

**Religious Education:** 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm-Arabic Class. 3:30pm to 5:00 pm-Religious Education: Feb 29; March 7 and 21; April 4 and 18; May 2. Please contact Joumana Hajj for details.

**Bishop's Appeal:** Please give to the annual Bishop's Appeal. You have until **March 31** to contribute. **Please make your checks out to the Diocese of Newton. Please be sure to indicate that you are from St Ann, Waterford, CT. Please mail to the Office of the Economos, 802 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey, 07424. Thank you—Father Dennis.**

**Pasta Dinner:** Thanks to all who made the event such a success. We made \$760 in profit. Special thanks to the following parishioners: Joumana Hajj for coordinating the event and donating the pasta, decorations, coffee and tea. Bechara and Jolla El Khoury for set up, clean up, and cooking. Pierre Hage for supplies and arranging the donation of salad from Filomena's. Jeff Jeffords for providing the meatballs, salad dressing, soda, and sausages. Joe Doro for set up, clean up and cooking. David Haddad for arranging for the sauce from Mr. G's. Khouria Lisa for set up, decorations, flowers and coordinating the garlic bread from Crown Pizza. Katia Hage for the cookies and sharing the birthday cake for Maria's birthday. Brayana Jabbour for set up and clean up. Tony Gharios for cooking and clean up. All the people who brought desserts and made donations. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know. Father Dennis

**Fasting and Abstinence:**

Fasting is abstaining from all food and drink from midnight until sunset. No fasting on Saturday and Sunday, except Holy Saturday. Abstinence is abstaining from meat, dairy products and eggs on all days. White fish is permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation and Palm Sunday.

The **minimum rule** that Melkite's, in the Eparchy of Newton, should observe is fasting from all food and drink (except water) from midnight until noon on the first day of Great Lent and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) Abstinence, at least from meat, should be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. All are encourage to do more.

**Upcoming observances, events, and notes:**

**Great Lent** begins on February 24. Next week's bulletin will contain the complete listing of services. We will have services every Friday, followed by a voluntary Pot Luck dinner. We will celebrate Presanctified Liturgy on designated Wednesdays. Services will begin at 6:30 pm.

- **Liturgy:** Feb 23-Two year memorial for Georges Matar by his loving daughter Dina.
- **Liturgy:** Feb 29 for the repose of the souls of Elias and Abla Jabbour and Jacqueline Jabbour Matta by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj.
- **Baptism:** March 1, after Liturgy, Remington Brooks, the son of Robert and Melanie Brooks, will be baptized.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us after Sunday Liturgy for coffee, goodies, conversation, and fellowship. **Please bring a snack to share.**

**200 Club:** We now have the minimum number of people to proceed with the drawings. The first drawing will occur next Sunday, after Liturgy.