



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Intentions This Weekend:

- **Saturday Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Halim Gerges Hage, loving father, by Jack and Alia Hage. May his Memory be Eternal!
- **Sunday Liturgy:** Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial.

Please pray for: Ron and Mary Talge, 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: Rose LaFleur		
Next Weekend	Saturday: Joumana Hajj	Sunday: Gerard Massad		
March 7	16	gave	\$434.00	In addition to the offertory: \$75 for candles and \$20 for Home Missions. Also, a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave \$1,200. Included in the offertory was \$55 for the Building Fund and \$50 for Fuel.
March 8	42	gave	\$595.00	
<i>Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including fuel and building fund!</i>				

Religious Education: Note-the March 21 class and the April 4 class will be cancelled while we reassess the impact of the Corona Virus. 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm-Arabic Class. 3:30pm to 5:00 pm-Religious Education: April 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**

NOTE: The Lenten Brunch scheduled for Sunday, March 15, has been postponed. A breakfast will be scheduled on another date once arrangements are complete.

Corona Virus Precautions:

- We are eliminating the Sign of Peace
- No Holy Water dish in the entry to the church.
- When receiving the Holy Eucharist, please lean your head back and open your mouth wide, do not stick out your tongue. This will limit the chance of the priest or deacon touching your mouth.
- Religious Education cancelled for one month, while we assess the situation.
- Coffee hour cancelled for one month, while we assess the situation.
- Do not kiss the Gospel or Icons, please bow before them.
- If you are uncomfortable, you do not need to receive Communion.

Upcoming observances, events, and notes:

Funeral of Robert Dib: Monday March 16. The Wake will be from 11am till 12 noon in the church, 12 noon will be the Funeral Service followed by interment at St Mary's Cemetery in New London. There will be a Mercy Meal at Christie's in Madison, CT following the interment.

Great Lent: Services for March:

- Monday, March 16, 6:30: Presanctified Liturgy
- Friday, March 20, 6:30: Great Compline and Akathist (No Pot Luck Dinner)
- Wednesday, March 25, 6:30: Liturgy: Feast of the Annunciation
- Friday, March 27, 6:30 Great Compline and Akathist.(No Pot Luck Dinner)

• **Sanctuary Lamp for March:** In memory of Charles Facas, Sr., by Gloria and John Jeffords.
200 Club: Last month's winners: \$50 George and Beverly Homsey; \$25 Barbara Facas; \$10 Joumana Hajj; \$10 Father Ed Kakaty; \$10 Ed Najim. Next drawing will be after Liturgy on Sunday, March 22.

Coffee Hour: The Coffee Hour that takes place after Sunday Liturgy will be cancelled for the next month while we reassess the impact of the Corona Virus.

Today's Liturgy: Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: 1st Antiphon; Troparion of the Resurrection (page 63); Troparion of the Holy Cross (see below); Troparion of St Ann; Kondakion of the Annunciation.

Troparion of the Holy Cross: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance, strengthen our public authorities in every good deed, and protect your nation by the power of your Cross.

Prokimenon:

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

People: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

People: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Reader: O Lord, save your people

People: and bless your inheritance!