



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Intentions this weekend:

- **Saturday Liturgy:** For the peace, health, and salvation of Lisa Brown-McCarthy, the loving wife of Father Dennis, requested by Father Dennis.
- **Sunday Liturgy:** For the peace, health and salvation of Marcelle Nohra, the loving sister of Dina Matar, requested by the parish.

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Volunteer	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
Next Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Volunteer	
February 4 and 5	\$1,707.38	42 Adults and 10 Children attended Divine Liturgy	Included in the collection was \$212 for candles, \$60 for Hall Rental to Alcoholics Anonymous Friday Group for February Rent, \$10 from the Poor Box, and \$155.38 from the Clothing Shed.	

Please pray for: Ron and Mary Talge, Marino De La Cruz, Nick Rahal, Daniel Conigliaro, George Abbiati, Jr, Sandy Flaherty, Tanios Karam, Anna Villani, Dee Porlidis, Marcelle Nohra, Joyce Whelan, Father Ed Kakaty, John and Gloria Jeffords, Betty and Alex Antipoff, Marie Antipoff, Irene McCarthy, Kathleen McCarthy, Sheila Burke, Billy Brown, Marcy Davis, Abroze Gharios, Lisa Brown, Dina Matar, Robert Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Edward Zalonski, Michael McCurdy, Tommy Brown, Bill Curtis, James Donkin, Bobby Moutron and his sister Helen, Lisa Brown-McCarthy

Financial news:

Bills paid this week:

- ✓ **Uncas Gas:** \$312.42 for propane to heat the church and the church hall.
- ✓ **Eversource:** \$702.96 for electricity for entire church, church hall, and rectory.
- ✓ **Cleaning supplies, supplies for coffee hour:** \$107.18
- ✓ **Menaion:** \$119.70 for books for priest to use during Lent.
- ✓ **Frontier Communication:** \$238.41 for cable, telephone, and internet.

Total bills paid this week: \$1,480.67. Total collected this week: \$1,707.38. We had a surplus this week of \$226.71. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have **a surplus now of \$5,484.94** in 22 weeks. **Our spectrum of donations on a regular basis runs from \$3.00 per week to \$160.00 per week. The parishioners giving toward the higher end of the range are not necessarily the wealthiest, but they have made a commitment to God to give back a larger portion of their finances. It all belongs to God anyway. God says in Proverbs; Chapter 3, verse 9: “Honor the Lord with thy substance, of all thine increase, and with your first fruits”. This is a command, not a request, from God!**

Memorial donations, funeral offerings, priest stole offerings, and baptism offerings are included in the regular collection totals.

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Sunday of Meat-Fare:** February 12
- **Sunday of Cheese-Fare:** February 19
- **Abstinence and Fasting rules are in the supplement inside this bulletin.**

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This memorial will be conducted at the end of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 5.

200 Club: The winners of the February drawing are: \$50 Gail Facas; \$25 Ray Sobanski; \$10 Amanda Hajj; \$10 Gerry Egan; \$10 John Dorunda. Congratulations to our winners! The next drawing will be on Sunday, March 5, after Liturgy. Checks were mailed to homes on Friday.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: The February meeting will take place on Sunday, February 12, after Liturgy in the Church Hall.

Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored in March by John and Gloria Jeffords.

Schedule for Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers Sunday, February 19 at 5:30 pm.

- **Every Wednesday:** Holy Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm
- **Every Friday:** Compline and Akathist at 5:30 pm. **Except on Friday, February 24 at 6pm we will pray with the parishioners of Saint Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church at 569 George Street, New Haven, Connecticut in observance of anniversary of the start of the terrible war in Ukraine. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church, if you need a ride and we will attempt to obtain one for you. Father Dennis has room for two more people in his car. He will be departing Saint Ann Church at 4:30 pm.**
- **Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy:** Saturday, March 25 at 5:00 pm
- **Lazarus Saturday:** April 1, Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm
- **Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy:** Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 am
- **Holy Week:** Various services everyday from Monday, April 3 to Friday April 7. Details to follow.
- **Hajmet:** Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 pm
- **Holy Resurrection (Pascha/Easter):** Sunday, April 9, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

Liturgy on Saturday February 25 at 5:00 pm: For the repose of the soul of Abla Jabbour, on the anniversary of her repose. Abla is the loving mother of Joumana Hajj. Also for Joumana's father, Elias, and her sister Jacqueline Jabbour Matta, requested by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj. May their memories be eternal!

Liturgy on Sunday February 26 at 10 am: For the repose of the loving father of Dina Matar, Georges Matar, requested by Dina Mater. May his memory be eternal!

Liturgy on Sunday March 5 at 10:00 am: For the repose of the souls of Albert, Mary, and Robert Dib, requested by Doctor William Kalosieh. May their memories be eternal!

Meditation of the Day: "A spiritual Communion acts on the soul as blowing air on a cinder-covered fire which was about to go out. Whenever you feel your love for God is growing cold, quickly make a spiritual Communion. There is a sense of urgency here. The saints are trying to tell us that we should not limit our union with Christ in the Eucharist to sacramental Communion once a week, or even once a day. We need Christ's living presence in our lives moment-by-moment regularly, especially any time we feel ourselves drifting away. Christ is not merely present in the Eucharist during Liturgy! The Eucharist is an ongoing fulfillment of Christ's Gospel promise to remain with us: 'Behold, I am with you always, even until the end of the age' (Matthew; 28:20)."
---Vincent Flynn from his book *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*, pages 98-99. **An Act of Spiritual Communion is enclosed in this bulletin!**

Quote of the Day: "He who splits his bread with the poor becomes a part of He who, for us, wanted to be poor. The Lord was poor; do not be afraid of poverty."---Saint Gregory of Nyssa

Bible Verse of the Day: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."---1st Corinthians: Chapter 1, verse 18

Bishop's Appeal: Thanks you all who have donated:

1. Gerald and Cathy Egan
2. Andrea Hall
3. Father Dennis and Lisa
4. Sean and Samantha Donkin
5. Joseph and Roberta Zizik
6. Albert and Jamal Doro
7. Alex and Betty Antipoff
8. Brad Shakir
9. Marie Antipoff
10. Edmond Najim
11. Kevin Powers
12. David and Rose LaFleur
13. Paul Zalonski
14. Joseph Hage
15. Gabriel and Joumana Hajj
16. Joseph and Cindy Doro
17. Faouzi and Katia Hage
18. St. Ann Checking Account
19. James and Karen Jones
20. Gerard and Laura Massad
21. Pierre and Saide Hage
22. Anthony Donkin
23. John and Gloria Jeffords
24. Cash in second collection, not identifiable to any person or persons

Note: If you gave and your name is not on the list, the list will be updated with the names that have donated after the final report from the Eparchy in mid-February.

Holy Rosary: The last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, unless we have a Feast Day Liturgy on that particular day. We pray the Rosary with a Byzantine approach using, as our guide, a pamphlet by Kenneth Chrusch. We currently have only 2 to 6 people participate. Please come and spend 40 minutes with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Church! **This month it will be cancelled as we will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 pm**

Children's Religious Education Class Schedule for February and March. Classes will be conducted on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Joumana Hajj. The schedule for February and March is:

- ❖ Feb 4: Class
- ❖ Feb 11: Class
- ❖ Feb 18: Class
- ❖ Feb 25: Class (Change to original schedule)
- ❖ March 4: No Class (Change to original schedule)
- ❖ March 11: Class
- ❖ March 18: Class
- ❖ March 26: Class

Announcement from the Eparchy: The Victim Assistance private toll-free line for reporting of sexual abuse in the Eparchy of Newton has been established. This phone rings to and is answered only by the Eparchial Victim Assistance Coordinator. To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel, or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the coordinator of the Victim Assistance Office (1 800 479 5910). **From Father Dennis: You should also report this immediately to your local Police Department.**

Church Etiquette: Below are listed some things that you should adhere to at church:

1. Bathroom: Many people drive long distances or have little children. While not always possible, please use the conference room bathroom before Liturgy or after. It is a distraction to the Liturgy to have people walking through the sacristy. If you need to use the conference room bathroom, please use one of the church entrances/exits and enter by the church office door. The doors to the hall will be open during Liturgy, so folks can also use the hall bathrooms, if they can navigate the stairs. Also, the outside doors to the hall will be open for those who cannot navigate the stairs.
2. Please do not come into the sacristy area before Liturgy. If you need to tell something to the priest, email or call, otherwise wait until Liturgy is over. There are preparations going on for the service and people entering the sacristy cause distraction.
3. We are doing a good job of putting the booklets with the binders facing up in the pew holders. Please return all bulletins and papers that you are not taking home to the place you pick them up in the rear of the church.
4. If you are bringing bread for a memorial, please let Father Dennis know in advance so he will not have to prepare the antidiron. Also, please bring it no later than a half hour before the start of the Liturgy, so that there is not a rush to properly display it.
5. If we have a procession, it should be done silently and with reverence. There should be no talking.
6. For the Little and Great Entrances, please get the fans, candles, and crosses well before we start, so there is not a rush to get them, line up properly, and be ready when the priest comes out of the Holy Place to start.
7. When you enter the church before Liturgy, you should be silent. Socializing should take place after Liturgy. Be aware if anyone is trying to pray, and if so, please move the conversation after Liturgy outside or to the conference room.

Thank you for observing these guidelines. Father Dennis