



**ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday Liturgy:** For the peace, health, and salvation of Kathleen McCarthy, the loving sister of Father Dennis, who has devoted herself to the care of our ailing mother. Please pray that she be given the strength, patience, and love to aid her in this 24 hour/7 day a week act of mercy. As Jesus said of those who would be saved, "...for when I was sick, you cared for me". Father Dennis.

For the peace, health and salvation of Father Ed Kakaty, who is suffering from Covid and Pneumonia, requested by Father Dennis

**Sunday Liturgy: Memorial Service:** For the repose of the souls of Halim and Souad Hage, requested by Jack and Alia Hage, their loving son and daughter-in-law. May their memories be eternal!

For the repose of he soul of James Donkin, the loving father of Sean Donkin, requested by Father Dennis

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	
March 11 and 12	\$1,887.32	43 Adults and 17 Children attended Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.	Included in the collection was \$63 for candles, \$50 for Fuel, and \$4.32 for our Long View Antennae project.	

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

**Financial news:**

**Bills paid this week:**

- ✓ **Frontier Communication:** \$235.49 for cable, internet, and phone.
- ✓ **City of New London:** \$52.71 for quarterly water bill.

**Total bills paid this week:** \$288.20. Total collected this week: \$1,887.32. We had a surplus this week of \$1,599.12. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have **a surplus now of \$5,826.47** in 27 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!**

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**NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- **Abstinence and Fasting rules are in the supplement on the table in the rear of the church.**

**Schedule for Great Fast (Lent):** It began with Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, February 19 at 5:30 pm.

- **Every Wednesday:** Holy Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm (not this week)
- **Every Friday:** Compline and Akathist at 5:30 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, March 25 at 5 pm:** For the repose of the soul of Sabrina Walker (one year), requested by her loving mother, Gail Facas, and family. May her memory be eternal!

**Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp is sponsored in March by John and Gloria Jeffords for the repose of the soul of Charles Facas, Sr., the loving father of Gloria. May his memory be eternal!

**Meditation of the Day:** “Scattered about the entire earth your mother, the Church, is tormented by the assaults of error. She is also afflicted by the laziness and indifference of so many of the children she carries around in her bosom as well as by the sight of so many members growing cold, while she becomes less able to help her little ones. Who then will give her the necessary help she cries for if not her children and other members to whose number you belong?”---Saint Augustine

**Quote of the Day:** “What does Jesus do in the Eucharist? It is Jesus who, as our Savior, offers himself for us to His Father’s justice. If you are in difficulties and sorrows, He will comfort and relieve you. If you are sick, He will either cure you or give you strength to suffer so as to merit heaven. If the devil, the world, and the flesh are making war on you, He will give you the weapons with which to fight, to resist, and to win victory. If you are poor, He will enrich you with all sorts of riches for time and eternity. Let us open the door of His sacred and adorable Heart, and be wrapped about for an instant by flames of his love, and we shall see what a God who loves us can do.”---Saint John Vianney

**Bible Verse of the Day:** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the mind and try the heart, to give every man and woman according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.”---Jeremiah 17:9-10

**Bishop’s Appeal:** Thanks you all who donated. The names of all who donated will be posted once we received the delayed final report from the Eparchy.

**Parish Advisory Council Meeting:** The March meeting will take place on Sunday, March 19, after Liturgy in the Church Hall.

**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, 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 Gharos, Lisa Brown, Dina Matar, Robert Lynch, Michael Mooradian, Edward Zalonski, Michael McCurdy, Tommy Brown, Bill Curtis, Bobby Moutron and his sister Helen, Lisa Brown-McCarthy

**200 Club:** The next drawing will be on Sunday, March 19, after Liturgy.

**Holy Rosary:** The last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, unless we have a Feast Day Liturgy on that particular day or a Lenten Service We pray the Rosary with a Byzantine approach using, as our guide, a book 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! In March we will pray on Tuesday, March 28, at 5:30.

**Children’s Religious Education Class Schedule for Remaining Classes for the Academic Year:** Classes will be conducted on Saturdays at 3:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact Joumana Hajj. The schedule:

- ❖ March 18: Class
- ❖ March 26: Class
- ❖ April 1: Class
- ❖ April 8: Class
- ❖ April 15: Class
- ❖ April 29: Class
- ❖ May 6: Final class and Graduation Ceremony at the end of Liturgy

**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 causes 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 of 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

**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.**