



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday Liturgy: For the repose of the souls of Elias Jabbour (23 years), Abla Jabbour, and Jacqueline Jabbour Matta, the loving father, mother, and sister, respectively, of Joumana Hajj; requested by Joumana, her husband Gabriel, and family. May their memories be eternal!

Sunday Liturgy: For the repose of the souls of Helen and Joseph Chanowsky, the loving aunt and uncle of Father Dennis; requested by Father Dennis and Lisa. May their memories be eternal!

In addition, for healing in our Congress, the Judicial Branch, and Executive Branch of our government and that the people holding positions, in these area of our government, learn kindness, love, dignity, honesty, humility, and respect and do what is best for the country and not for themselves. May God give them the Wisdom of Solomon to be able to determine what is best!

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 Gharios, 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, Gene Crowley, James Donkin, Janice Carthy, Richard Vining, Edward and Linda Zalonski

Quote of the Day: “The important thing is not to think too much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love.”---Saint Teresa of Avila (Teresa of Jesus), one of the 37 of “Doctors of The Church” discussed in last week’s bulletin.

Bible Verse of the Day: “We, who are strong, ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves; let each of us please our neighbor for the good, for the building up. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, “the insults of those who insult you fall upon Me (Jesus)”. ---Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans: Chapter 15, versus 1-3

Meditation of the Day: “Of all the divine attributes, only God’s omnipotence is named in the Creed. To confess this power has great bearing in our lives. We believe that His might is universal, for God, who created everything, also rules everything and can do everything. God’s power is loving, for He is our Father, and mysterious, for only faith can discern it when it is ‘made perfect in weakness’. The Holy Scriptures repeatedly confess the universal power of God. He is called ‘Mighty One of Jacob’, the Lord of Hosts’, the ‘Strong and Mighty One’. If God is almighty ‘in heaven and on earth’, it is because He made them. Nothing is impossible with God, who disposes His works according to His will. He is the Lord of the Universe, Whose order He established and which remains wholly subject to Him and at His disposal. He is the Master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with His will. “It is always in Your power, O God, to show great strength, and who can withstand the strength of your arm”. --- The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 268-269

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Feast of the Divine Body Divine Liturgy; this Thursday June 8th at 5:30 pm: In the 18th Century, this feast became very popular among the Melkites. The purpose of this great feast is to commemorate the passion of Christ and His Death upon the Holy Cross, and further, the great and wonderful gift that Jesus left us on earth—the Holy Eucharist. Please attend and honor this great celebration of our Lord, God, Savior, and friend!

The Fast of the Apostles (Saints Peter and Paul Fast): Monday, June 19 to Wednesday June 28. More on this in next week’s bulletin.

Altar servers for the main altar: Only one person took and completed the requirements of the course, Brayden Harper. Congratulations to Brayden! I have modified the training and anyone who desires to serve can meet with me 15 minutes after Liturgy. I do not want to discourage servers. However, you must wear black or brown dress shoes, a shirt with a collar, and be vested. Thanks Father Dennis

Sanctuary Light for June: It will be illuminated for the repose of the soul of Gloria Massad. This is lovingly requested by Gloria Jeffords, her best friend, and Gloria’s husband, John Jeffords. May her memory be eternal!

Liturgy: Saturday, June 17 at 5:00pm for the repose of the soul of Mary H. Murray, requested by Edward Weyant, her loving nephew. This will be the 55th anniversary of Mary’s falling asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal!

Remember Me in your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of Liturgy on this Sunday.

200 Club: Our next drawing will be on Sunday, June 11, after 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 antidoron. 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. For the Little and Great Entrances, please get the fans, candles, and crosses ready well before the priest comes from the altar. This prevents the last minute rush and distraction.

Thank you, in advance for your cooperation! Father Dennis

Announcement: We are attempting to revise and revitalize the Saint Jude Women’s Club, which has served the parish and many charities and causes since its inception, through the dedication of many devout women. We are changing the name to the Saint Jude and Saint Rita Society. It will be open to both woman and men and teenagers. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church for those who are interested. Our primary purpose will be to pray intercessory prayer for those who need prayer. However, faith without works is dead, so we will have a formational meeting to see what works of charity we can perform. A couple of ideas I have is to visit those in prison. Father Dennis visits Corrigan Correctional Prison in Montville every Wednesday. Also to visit our sick in nursing homes, hospitals, and those who are home bound. Also, I would like to start a soup kitchen in our Hall, one day a week, for the needy and partner with agencies to reach out to the homeless and the immigrants. Impossible, no it is not with Saint Jude and Saint Rita interceding on our behalf to God. Saint Rita and Saint Jude are the Patron Saints of Lost Causes and what appears to us as impossible or not practical. Please sign up and help bring our faith to the streets. Coming to Liturgy is wonderful, but Gods asks more of Christians. Our formational meeting to discuss this ambitious plan will occur on Sunday, June 25, after Liturgy in the Church Hall.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: Sunday, June 4 after Liturgy!

Holy Rosary: The second and 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 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 June, we will pray on Wednesday, June 14 **and** June 28, at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, June 18, at 8:00 AM: We will celebrate our first Spanish/English Liturgy: We will still have our Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday’s at 10:00 am Divine Liturgies. This is an additional Liturgy to hopefully attract our Hispanic brothers and sisters in the area. Come and see! Learn a little Spanish, while worshipping and thanking God for all His blessings!

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	
May 27 and 28	\$1,462.00	45 Adults and 5 children attended the Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday of last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$53 for candles and \$150 for the Building Fund.	

Financial update:

Bills paid this week:

✓ Father Dennis’ May Salary: \$2,370.10

Total bills paid this week: \$2,370.10. Total collected this week: \$1,462.00. We had a deficit this week of \$908.10. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have a surplus now of \$7,702.35 in 39 weeks. Our spectrum of donations on a regular basis runs from \$3.00 per week to \$100.00 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! **“One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.” This is the word of God from Proverbs: Chapter 11, verse 24.**