

<b>ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 <a href="http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org">http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org</a> 860-442-2211	
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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday Liturgy:** For the repose of the souls of William and Agnes Unger, the uncle and aunt of Father Dennis; requested by Father Dennis and Lisa. May their memories be eternal!

**Sunday Liturgy:** For healing in our Congress, the Judicial Branch, and Executive Branch of our government and that the people holding positions, in theses 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!

**Today's Liturgy; Proper Parts:**

**2nd Antiphon**

**Troparion of the Resurrection:** Page 67

**Troparion of the Feast of the Divine Body:** Christ having loved His own, loved them until the end and gave His Body and Blood as food and drink. Wherefore, let us offer them our veneration and say with fear: "O Christ, glory to Your presence, glory to Your compassion, glory to Your condescension: for You alone are the Lover of Mankind".

**Troparion of Saint Ann:** Page 19

**Kondakion of the Feast of the Divine Body:** O Christ, do not turn Your face from me: for I partake of the bread, which is Your Body, and of the wine, which is Your Blood. O Lord, let my sharing in these august mysteries be not for my judgment and condemnation, but for my eternal and everlasting life.

**Prokimenon:**

**Reader:** May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.

**People:** May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.

**Reader:** Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

**People:** May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.

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**PERMANENT CHANGES TO LITURGY:**

- ❖ Instead of singing "A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise." we will sing "Mercy and peace, a sacrifice of praise".
- ❖ Instead of singing "Remember all men and women." we will sing "Sanctify them, Lord, and protect all the faithful".

**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, Michael McCurdy, Tommy Brown, Bill Curtis, Bobby Moutron and his sister Helen, Lisa Brown-McCarthy, Gene Crowley, Janice Carthy, Edward and Linda Zalonski

**Meditation of the Day:** "True devotion to Our Lady is holy; that is to say, it leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin, particularly her profound humility, her lively faith, her blind obedience, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her divine purity, her ardent charity, her heroic patience, her angelic sweetness, and her divine wisdom. These are the ten principal virtues of the Most Holy Virgin."---Saint Louis De Montfort

**Quote of the Day:** "The patient endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do."---Saint Catherine Drexel

**Bible Verse of the Day:** "And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that the person's works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that the person's works may be clearly seen as done in God."---John 3:19-21

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

**Feast of the Divine Body Divine Liturgy; Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm:** We had only 9 people attend. Holy Days are important! There are not many of them. Please make an effort to attend.

**The Fast of the Apostles (Saints Peter and Paul Fast): Monday, June 19 to Wednesday June 28.** We will celebrate Liturgy at June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to commemorate the Apostles Peter and Paul. This is only a ten day fast, so most people can strictly observe it. The Fast honors the sacrifices and accomplishments of the Holy Apostles. Guidelines for the Fast are in the supplement on the table in the rear of the Church!.

**NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL:** The Eparchy has initiated a new communication tool called *Flocknote*. It allows the Eparchy and the parish to send emails and texts to everyone with just the click of “the mouse”. I will be passing around a document at Liturgy over the next 3 Sundays to make sure we have everyone’s current home address, email address and cell phone number. We will go live on July 1, officially, but you will see some test emails and texts from me before that. Please open them-they are not “spam”! Thank you! Father Dennis

**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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 10:00 am Liturgy on this Sunday, July 2

**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. 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

**200 Club:** Our next drawing will be this Sunday, June 11, after Liturgy. This will be our last drawing for the 200 Club Year. If you wish to participate in the July 2023 to June 2024, 200 Club year, the cost is now \$60. The prizes remain the same. Please give your entry fee to Pierre Hage, Father Dennis, mail it to the church, or put it in the collection basket in an envelope with your name and “200 Club” written on it. We need 21 people to break even! This past year we had 41 people participate. Let’s see if we can get more this year. It is a fund raiser for the parish and you have a chance to win money every month! The money needs to be collected by July 2, so that we can have our first drawing of the new year on Sunday, July 9, after Liturgy. Thank you, in advance, for your participation! 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 women 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. 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.

**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.

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	
June 3 and 4	\$2,650.03	72 Adults and 9 children attended the Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday of last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$66.00 for candles, \$510.00 for Hall Rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, and \$175.03 from the Clothing Shed.	

**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 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!

**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.***

**Financial update:**

Bills paid this week:

- ✓ Bartol Heating and Cooling: \$500.00 for preventive maintenance, cleaning, and new filters for our 3 air conditioner units.
- ✓ Integrated Scurity Solutions: \$305.00 for yearly inspection and testing of our smoke detectors and fire alarm system.
- ✓ Anytime Oil Company: \$509.00 for fuel oil.
- ✓ Catholic Mutual Insurance Company: \$2,000.00 for our property insurance payment. We currently pay \$8,009.00 a year for property insurance. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> installment. We have one more installment of \$2,000.00 payable by December.
- ✓ Paper Towels for Dispensers in Church Hall Bathrooms: \$62.75

Total bills paid this week: \$3,376.75. Total collected this week: \$2,650.03. We had a deficit this week of \$726.72. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have a surplus now of \$6,975.63 in 40 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.**

All donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, and funerals are included in the collection total. Father Dennis does not personally any accept money for the Sacraments!