



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For the conversion of all who do not believe in God. Also, for those who do believe, that they become more fervent in their faith. “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Sunday 8:00 am Spanish/English Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Irene McCarthy and Kathleen McCarthy the loving mother and sister of Father Dennis; requested by Father Dennis and Lisa.

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Mohsen Habib, Marcelle Habib, Michelle Brodeur, John Brodeur, Isaac Brodeur, baby Kateri Brodeur, David Habib and his friend Vanessa; requested by Marcelle Habib.

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, Janice Carthy, Edward and Linda Zalonski

Meditation of the Day: “The person who sacrifices to God her/his property by almsgiving, his/her honor by bearing insults, or her/his body by mortifications, by fasts and penitential rigors, offers to God a part of herself/himself and what belongs to them; but the person that sacrifices to God their will, by obedience, gives to God all that the person has, and can say: ‘Lord, having given you my will, I have nothing more to give You’.”---Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Quote of the Day: “Do not seek to be regarded as somebody; don’t compare yourself to others in anything. Leave the world, mount the Cross, discard all earthly things, and shake the dust off your feet.”--- Saint Barsanuphius

Bible Verse of the Day: “Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what He has made.”--- Romans 1:20

What are Ireland’s “Mass Rocks? How the Irish responded to anti-Catholic penal laws: Oliver Cromwell is one of the most infamous names in Irish history. As a representative of the English power in Ireland, Cromwell was the man who not only attempted to destroy the freedom and heritage of the Irish, but also attempted to destroy their faith.

Cromwell enforced the anti-Catholic penal laws on the people of Ireland. Fines, imprisonment, and death awaited Catholic lay people and clergy, and churches were closed or desecrated. Cromwell did his work very thoroughly, yet the Irish slipped through his fingers.

“No churches?” they said. “Very well, we will take our faith outside!”

They did just that. While Cromwell’s henchmen searched the obvious places for illegal Catholics, the Irish faithful were faraway in some obscure ravine or hidden valley celebrating the Holy Mass.

They found broad rocks with a good lookout view, and priests consecrated the stones as altars for Mass. In mossy forests, on windswept hillcrests, in headlands, the Holy Mass was celebrated on rocks and boulders of every size.

Every county in Ireland housed Mass Rocks, most of which were marked with a small cross. In fact, thousands of these secret altars were established, but most of them remain undiscovered to this day. In all, about 400 Mass Rocks have been identified.

Cromwell died of complications due to malaria, because he refused to take quinine, a medicine for the disease, as it was discovered by Jesuit missionaries, and he hated Catholics. His death was also caused by kidney problems which led to sepsis (blood poisoning). He was 59 years old. The night he died, a great storm hit England and most of Europe.--- From The Catholic Company

Sanctuary Light for July: It will be illuminated for the repose of the soul of Geraldine (Halaby) Kozmon; requested by her loving daughter, Alexis Kozmon. May her memory be eternal! The Liturgy on Saturday, July 22, at 5:00 pm will be for the repose of the soul of Geraldine.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, August 6 (the Transfiguration of the Lord).

Dormition Fast: August 1-14.

Feast of the Transfiguration: We will celebrate the Feast on August 5 and 6 at all Liturgies.

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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 to make sure we have everyone’s current home address, email address and cell phone number. We will go live on July 1, officially, and you will see some test emails and texts from me. Please open them-they are not “spam”! Thank you! Father Dennis

Thursday, July 20, at 5:30 pm; Feast of Saint Elias: We will celebrate Divine Liturgy, have the blessing of cars, and a barbeque. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda/water will be supplied by the church! Please bring a pot luck dish. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church by Sunday, July 16 so that we know how much to order. Father Dennis will also bless cars on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, after Liturgy.

Enders Island: We will observe the Dormition of the Mother of God at Enders Island at 5:00pm followed by our annual picnic on the island. The cost is \$20 per person with a maximum of \$50 for a family. Please sign up by Sunday, July 30, so we can get our count into the folks at Enders Island. Please bring a pot luck dish. Thank you!

Tuesday, July 25: We will observe the Dormition of our patron, Saint Ann, with Divine Liturgy at 5:30 pm

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 formational meetings to see what works of charity we can perform. We will have our second meeting on Sunday, July 23, 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 had 11 parishioners attend on June 28! Please come and spend 40 minutes with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Church! In July, we will pray on Wednesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30pm.

Sunday, June 25, at 8:00 AM: We celebrated our second Spanish/English Liturgy Sunday, June 25 at 8:00am. Although only two people attended, I am praying for God to send more. Father Dennis

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 last drawing for the year occurred on June 11. The winners were: Lisa McCarthy \$50, Laura Massad \$25, Patrick Moukawsher \$10, Gerard Massad \$10, and Gail Facas \$10. 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 9, so that we can have our first drawing of the new year on Sunday, July 16, after Liturgy. Thank you, in advance, for your participation! Father Dennis

Financial update:

Bills paid this week:

✓ **No bills were due this past week.**

Total bills paid this week: \$0.00. Total collected this week: \$1,685.00. We had a surplus this week of \$1,685.00 For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022, we have a surplus now of \$13,310.35 in 44 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.** Almsgiving is a very serious matter to God, and a basic obligation of all Christians.

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

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July 1 and 2	\$1,685.00	50 Adults and 3 children attended the Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday of last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$132 for candles, \$75 for rent of the Hall by Alcoholics Anonymous, and \$120 for the \$200 Club.	