



<b>ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>	
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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Alice Hage, requested by her loving daughter, Jamal, and her husband, Albert. May Alice’s memory be eternal!

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

**Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy:** For the repose of the souls of Thomas John McCarthy (father) and Matthew Brown McCarthy (son); requested by Father Dennis and Lisa. May their memories be eternal!

**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, 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, William Brown, Rebecca and her son Karter.

**Meditation of the Day:** “Man will not consent to drive away the money-changers from the temple of his soul until he realizes that that it is a Holy of Holies, not a house of traffic, but in very truth--- the House of God. We thus reach two striking conclusions: There cannot be entire dependence on the Holy Spirit’s guidance, which is the true meaning of living in Christ, without complete self-renunciation. There cannot be complete self-renunciation without the constant underlying spirit of faith, without the habit of interior silence, a silence where God is dwelling. Many do not see the connection between thoughts about the King and the service of the King; between the interior silence and the continual detachment. If we look closer, it will be seen that there is a strong, close, unbreakable link between the two. Find a recollected (calm, undisturbed, unshaken) person, and the person will be detached; seek one who is detached, and she or he will be recollected. To have one is to have the other. Anyone who tries, on a given day, to practice recollection (tranquility of mind) or detachment cannot ignore the fact the she or he is doing a double stroke of work.”---From the book *How to Pray Always* by Raoul Plus, S. J., pages 39-40

**Quote of the Day:** “Go forth and set the world on fire!”---Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Bible Verse of the Day:** “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”---Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans: Chapter 8, versus 38-39

**NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Thank you! A family that wishes to remain anonymous powered washed the barn and the statues and cleaned up the garden by the Blessed Virgin statue. Thank you so much! Father Dennis

**Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God:** Divine Liturgy on, Friday, September 8 at 5:30 pm.

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross:** Divine Liturgy on Thursday, September 14, at 5:30 pm.

**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. If you wish to participate in the September 2023 to September 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 will be tallied this week to see if we have enough to proceed. If not, money will be refunded to those who gave.

**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, September 24, after Liturgy in the Church Hall. Only one person showed up for last week’s meeting, so we cancelled it.

**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. Please come and spend 40 minutes with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Church! **In September, we will pray on Wednesday, September 13, and Wednesday, September 30, at 5:30pm**

**Financial update; Bills paid last week:**

✓ **Salary:** \$2,383.22 for Father Dennis’ August salary.

Total bills paid the last week: \$2,383.22 Total collected last week \$1,739.00. We had deficit last week of \$644.22. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2022 and just ended on August 31, 2023 we had a surplus of \$17,167.49. 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!**

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Volunteer	
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August 26 & 27	\$1,739.00	69 Adults and 1 Child attended the Liturgies last weekend.	Included in the collection:\$38.00 for candles.	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.