



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For God’s help for Bishop François as he performs his duties for our Eparchy

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 soul of Joseph Yameen; requested by Faouzi and Katia Hage. May his memory 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: “The first level of contrition is contrition of fear. It is called ‘imperfect contrition’ or ‘attrition’, because it is motivated by awareness of the ugliness of sin and the fear of eternal damnation. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, it begins a process of inner conversion that disposes us to grace and is completed by sacramental absolution. The second level of contrition, called ‘perfect contrition’ is motivated not by self oriented fear, but by love for God and the awareness of how good He is. This is much more personal, leading to a deeper relationship with God and with a growing desire to avoid anything that might offend Him.”---From the Catholic Company website

Quote of the Day: “There are in truth three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the perfection. In the beginning they experience the charms of the sweetness; in the middle the contests of temptation; and in the end the fullness of perfection.”---Pope Saint Gregory the Great

Thank you! A family, that wishes to remain anonymous, power washed the barn and the statues and cleaned up the garden by the Blessed Virgin statue. Thank you so much! Father Dennis

Bible Verse of the Day: “But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as the Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame.”---1 Peter 3:14-16

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, October 1.

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.

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 27, at 5:30pm**

Financial update; Bills paid last week:

- ✓ **Landscaping:** \$220.00 to Van Ness Landscaping for mowing the lawn while Father Dennis was ill, weeding, and trimming.
- ✓ **Church and Hall Cleaning:** \$100.00
- ✓ **Property Insurance:** \$500 to Catholic Mutual. We still owe \$1,500.00 due by February 2024.

Total bills paid the last week: \$820.00 Total collected last week \$1,359.00. We had surplus last week of \$539.00. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023 we have a surplus of \$539.00 in one week. 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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September 2 & 3	\$1,359.00	31 Adults and 3 Child attended the Liturgies last weekend.	Included in the collection:\$106.00 for candles. \$510.00 for Hall Rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, and \$40.00 for Enders Island	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.