



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Nick and Anita Sobanski, who are celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary this month; requested by Raymond and Anna Sobanski.

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 peace, health, and salvation of David and Cora Massad remembering their wedding anniversary; requested by Raymond and Anna Sobanski.

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, Alexa Massad.

Meditation of the Day: “In the case of biblical parables, we must always expect that the hearers will be brought into a situation in which they believe they are going to enjoy a thrilling story, then all at once everything changes. They are confronted with the will of God or the evil situation in which they are living in God’s eyes.”---Gerhard Lohfink, page 17 of his book *The Forty Parables of Jesus*

Quote of the Day: “Prayer is the best armor we have. It is the key which opens the heart of God.”---Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Bible Verse of the Day: “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows It. But you know It, because It remains with you and will be in you.”---John 14:15-17

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

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:

✓ No bills were due this week, but we have a number due next week.

Total bills paid the last week: \$0.00 Total collected last week \$1,946.00. We had surplus last week of \$1,946.00. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023 we have a surplus of \$2,485.00.00 in two 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.**

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	
September 9 & 10	\$1,946.00	42 Adults and 2 Children attended the Liturgies last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$284.00 for candles and \$100 for the Building Fund.	