



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Matthew Brown-McCarthy, the loving son of Lisa and Father Dennis. This is requested by the McCarthy and Brown families. May his 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 peace and unity in the United States.

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, and Cindy, and Alexa Massad.

Meditation of the Day: “Saint John Paul II proposed another set of mysteries that many of us are now familiar with: the Mysteries of Light (Luminous Mysteries). These scenes from the Gospels fill in the gap between Jesus’ childhood and His Passion with events in His public ministry. They have a distinctly sacramental character not found in the traditional mysteries. They remind us that our salvation is revealed not just in Jesus’ life on earth two thousand years ago, but also in Baptism, Matrimony, the Eucharist, and the other sacraments.”--- An excerpt from the book *The Contemplative Rosary* by Dan Burke and Connie Rossini, page 34.

Quote of the Day: “Love Our Lady and make her loved; always recite the Rosary and recite it as often as possible.”---Saint Padre Pio

Bible Verse of the Day: “With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.”--- Ephesians 6:18

Twins, doctors, miracle workers: meet Saints Cosmas and Damian: Who were these saintly brothers? Cosmas and Damien were two brothers living in what is now Saudi Arabia during the reign of Emperor Diocletian (284-305 A. D.) and his terrible persecution of the early Christians. They studied medicine and practiced together.

They were supernaturally skilled and developed an outstanding reputation due to their remarkable gifts. Practicing medicine, free of charge, they became known as the “Moneyless Ones” or *Anargyroi*, in the eastern Church.

Desiring to heal more than bodies, they shared their belief in Christ with their patients while ministering to their health needs. They also prayed for, and with, their patients. Cooperating with God’s grace, they brought about healings many considered miraculous. Renowned for their work in healing bodies and souls, they caught the attention of Lysias, the Roman governor. He ordered their capture and condemned them to death. Ancient Church histories record that they were first cast into the sea with their three brother: Anthimus, Euprepus, and Leonitus. An angel is said to have saved them by delivering them safely to shore. Later the twins were burned, stoned, and shot with arrows, and yet remained unharmed and refused to renounce Christ.

Finally, executioners beheaded Cosmas and Damien, when they realized that they could not force the faithful brothers to abandon their faith. Eventually, Christians built a church over the burial site in the city of Cyrrhus, in what is now Syria. When Roman Emperor Justinian became ill, he prayed to the brothers for a cure. Upon receiving this favor, he enlarged the city and the church in their honor.

In honor of these Saints, we will have a Liturgy on their Feast Day and a healing service. This will occur on November 1 at 5:30 pm. This day is also the seven year anniversary of death of Lisa and my son, Matthew. This idea was proposed to me by Subdeacon Paul. Father Dennis

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Bishop Francois’ visit: The Bishop will visit us for services on Saturday, October 21, and Sunday, October 22. He wants to meet with all parishioners and the Parish Council. I will be getting more details at the Clergy Conference next week, confer with the Parish Council, and announce them next weekend. He is very excited to be coming to our Church! Father Dennis

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: October 29, after Liturgy

Sanctuary Lamp: The lamp will be illuminated in the month of October for the repose of the soul of Mary Facas, the loving mother of Gloria Jeffords; requested by Gloria and John Jeffords.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, November 5.

Coffee Hour: Many of our sister churches have a different family or individual family sponsor the coffee hour on Sundays. They simply bring in some food to the coffee hour; the coffee is made by Pierre Hage. This is a great way to share food at table, as Jesus did so many times. It does not have to be elaborate-some cookies or pastry and maybe some fruit. It should not turn into a competition trying to outdo the last week's efforts. Simple and easy is the key. I have put a signup sheet on the table in the back of the church. The coffee hour is extremely important. It allows us to gather after the Divine Liturgy and have fellowship, which is a desire of our Lord. If you attend one of our other Divine Liturgies, this should not stop you from sponsoring the coffee hour and attending the Sunday, 10 am Liturgy that day. This is a way to serve your church and your brothers and sisters, and it is so easy. Father Dennis and Lisa will start this off by sponsoring Sunday, Oct 1. **No one else has volunteered as yet.** Please participate and have fun! Father Dennis

NO LITURGY on Saturday, November 11: Father Dennis will be in Massachusetts concelebrating a wedding. Please attend one of our two Liturgies on Sunday, November 12.

Annual Fall Yard Sale: Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am to 3:00 pm; rent a place on the lawn for a \$20 fee. We have tables available for those who may need one or two. Just set your items up and sell. You keep the profit. You would be surprised at what people will buy! Everyone in the parish has something they want to dispose of. Instead of putting it in the landfill, sell it! A signup sheet is on the table in the back of the church.

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 October, we will pray on Wednesday, October 18, and Wednesday, October 25, at 5:30pm. This change is due to Father Dennis being in Detroit from October 9 to 13, for the annual Clergy Conference.**

200 Club: Our last drawing for the year occurred on June 11. If you wish to participate in the October 2023 to September 2024, 200 Club year, the cost is now \$60. The prizes remain the same. These are the people who have joined for this year's drawings. If you wish to join, you still can. Our first drawing will take place on this Sunday, October 8 after Liturgy.

1. John Jeffords
2. Gloria Jeffords
3. Bechara El Khoury
4. Alex Antipoff
5. Joe Doro
6. Paul Zalonski
7. Faouzi Hage
8. Katia Hage
9. George Homsey
10. Ed Najim
11. Tim Jones
12. Afif Hage
13. Joumana Hajj
14. Gabriel Hajj
15. Laura Massad
16. Gerard Massad
17. Father Dennis
18. Lisa
19. Karen Jones
20. Joe Zizik
21. Roberta Zizik
22. Ray Sobanski
23. Anna Sobanski
24. Gus Hage
25. Nicholas Moukawsher
26. Gerry Egan
27. Father Ed Kakaty

If you joined and your name is not on this list, please see Father Dennis.

Financial update; Bills paid last week:

- U.S. Bank Equipment Finance: \$579.72 for 3 months
- Frontier: \$258.14 for cable, landline and internet.
- Eversource: \$556.30 for electricity for church, church hall, rectory, barn, and outside night lighting.

Total bills paid the last week: \$1,394.16 Total collected last week \$1,644.00. We had a surplus last week of \$249.84. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023 we have a deficit of \$3,334.63 in four 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.**

Please consider tithing. That way we will not need to rely on extra events to support our church. For example, if you make \$50,000 per year, the tithe would be \$5,000. If you gave 5%, you would contribute \$2,500 per year. Thanks, Father Dennis.

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 30 & October 1	\$1,644.00	33 Adults and 3 Children attended the Liturgies last weekend.	Included in the collection: \$46.00 for candles, \$450.00 for Hall Rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, \$120 for the \$200 Club, \$20 for Enders Island	