



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Father John Azar, requested by the parish.

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, 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 Moore and her son Karter Moore, Alexa Massad, Father John Azar

Quote of the Day: “While other martyrs suffered by sacrificing their own lives, The Blessed Virgin suffered by sacrificing her Son’s life; a life she loved more than her own. So, she not only suffered in her soul all that her Son endured in His body, the sight of her Son’s torments brought more grief to her heart than if she had endured them in her own person. No one can doubt that Mary suffered in her heart all the outrages that she saw inflicted on her beloved Son. Anyone can understand that the sufferings of their children are also those of their mothers who witness them.”--- Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Today’s Meditation: “What was the first rule of our dear Savior’s life? You know it was to do His Father’s will. Well, then, the first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner He wills; and thirdly, to do it because it is His will.”---Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Bible Verse of the Day: “But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”---Micah 7:7

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS:

Coffee Hour: A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church.

Readers of the Epistle: A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

200 Club: Our next drawing will be on January 21, after Liturgy at Coffee Hour. **(Change of Date)**

Parish Advisory Council Meeting: Sunday, January 14, after Liturgy in the Hall.

Divine Liturgy: On Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 pm, the Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the souls of Alice, George , and Nicholas Hage, the loving mother, brother , and father of Jamal Doro. This is requested by Jamal and Albert Doro. May their memories be eternal!

Divine Liturgy: On Sunday, January 14, for the repose of the soul of Cora Massad, the loving mother of Anna, Thecla, and Gerard. This is requested by Anna Sobanski. May Cora’s memory be eternal!

Bishop’s Appeal: It has commenced and ends January 31. Please be generous.

Holy Rosary: On 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. **In January, we will pray on Wednesday, January 10, and Wednesday, January 31, at 5:30pm. We are getting between 12-15 people at the Holy Rosary.**

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- No bills were due last week

Total bills paid the last week: \$00.00. Total collected last week \$2,361.50. We had a surplus last week of \$2,361.50. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023, we have a deficit of \$1,584.97 in 18 weeks.

All donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, and funerals are included in the collection total.

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Sean Donkin	
Next Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Volunteer	
December 30 & 31	\$2,361.50	40 Adults and 7 Children attended Liturgies last week.	Included in the collection: \$70.00 for candles, \$75.00 for Hall rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, and \$200.00 for Christmas Offerings.	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.