



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH			
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: 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!

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: 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!

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: "Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures, and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits become tedious."--- Saint Thomas Aquinas

Today's Meditation: "The Eucharist is alive. If a friend who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive it, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true Man? How many times Lord have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive You, am I thinking about how much You want to unite Yourself with me? Am I seeing Your hands filled with the graces You want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that You love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this intimate way? Or am I distracted; busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made You sad, mindlessly receiving You into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of Your love? How many times have I treated You as a dead object? The Eucharist that we receive is not a thing! It is not bread and wine. It is a person--He is alive!"--- Vincent Flynn from his book *Seven Secrets of the Eucharist*, page 8

Bible Verse of the Day: "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weaknesses; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the spirit itself intercedes with inexpressive groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."---Romans 8: 26-27

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS:

Coffee Hour: A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church. The schedule so far is: 1/14-Laura and Gerard Massad; 1/21-Dina Matar; 1/28-Father Dennis and Lisa.

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, February 4, 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.

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:

- Stamps: \$39.60
- Christmas lights: \$34.02
- Butane charcoal lighter: \$29.99
- Heating Oil: \$665.28
- Rosary Books: \$137.50

Total bills paid the last week: \$906.39. Total collected last week \$3,437.96. We had a surplus last week of \$2,531.57. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023, we have a surplus of \$946.60 in 18 weeks.

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

From Saint Pauly Textile (the company that operates our clothing shed): The impact our clothing shed had during calendar year 2023:

- 48,546 pounds of clothing were donated to our shed
- This was enough to clothe an estimated 8,943 people all over the world
- Based on our volume of clothing , we received \$1,942.00 in reimbursement

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Paul Zalonski	
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January 6 & 7	\$3,437.96.	36 Adults and 3 Children attended Liturgies last week.	. Included in the collection: \$335.00 for candles, \$360.00 for Hall rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, \$1,000.00 for Christmas Offerings, and \$499.96 from Clothing Shed for November, December, and January.	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.