



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
Pastor: Father Dennis McCarthy Email: abounadennis@gmail.com Cell phone: 860 287 0677	January 21, 2024 Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican

Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered for the repose of soul of Matthew Brown McCarthy, the son of Father Dennis and Lisa. May his memory be eternal!

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Thomas John McCarthy, the father of Father Dennis. 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, 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: “Here is a rule for everyday life: Do not do anything which you cannot offer to God.”--- Saint John Vianney

Today’s Meditation: “And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say ‘the Christ-life’ is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being ‘in Christ’ or of Christ being ‘in them’, this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts—that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body. And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts of belief, but by bodily acts like Baptism and Holy Communion. It is not merely the spreading of an idea; it is more like evolution-- a biological or super biological fact. There is no good trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put new life into us. We may think this is rather crude and unspiritual. God does not. He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it.”— C.S. Lewis, from his book *Mere Christianity*, page 64

Bible Verse of the Day: “Every word of God is true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”---Proverbs 30:5

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord: Divine Liturgy will be observed on Friday, February 2, at 5:30 pm. This is a major Feast Day and all should attend.

Saturday of the Dead: Will be observed at the 5:00pm Saturday Divine Liturgy on February 3.

Sunday of Meat-Fare: February 4

The Great Fast (Lent): It begins on February 12.

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: 1/21-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)**

Bishop’s Appeal: It has commenced and ends January 31. Please be generous. If you have not made your donation, please give this week.

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- Orkin Pest Control: \$186.11
- City of New London Sewer: \$ 86.81
- Frontier Communications: \$259.22

Total bills paid the last week: \$532.14. Total collected last week \$2,231.00. We had a surplus last week of \$1,698.86. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023, we have a surplus of \$2,645.46 in 19 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: Volunteer	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building. Fund.
Next Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: Paul Zalonski	
January 13 and 14	\$2,231.00.	56 Adults and 4 Children attended Liturgies last week.	Included in the collection: \$334.00 for candles and \$2.00 from the Poor Box	