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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy:** For the peace, health, and salvation of Tillman Brown family who as a result of cancer to a dear family member, had to sell their farm in order to pay medical bills

**Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Sheila Burke, requested by John and Gloria Jeffords. May her memory be eternal! For the peace, health, and salvation of Tillman Brown family who as a result of cancer to a dear family member, had to sell their farm in order to pay medical bills

**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, the Tillman Brown Family

**Quote of the Day:** “Keep to the ancient way and custom of the church, establish and confirmed by so many saints under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And live a new life. Pray and get others to pray, that God not abandon His Church, but reform it as He pleases, and as He sees best for us, and more to His honor and glory.”--- Saint Angela Merici

**Bible Verse of the Day:** “Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall. No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial, he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.”---1 Corinthians 10: 12-13

**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: 1/28-Father Dennis and Lisa.

**Today’s Meditation:** “Now surely, I do see what an immense effect such doctrine [of the Holy Trinity] must have upon life. It is no mere question for theologians, but one that concerns every living soul. Whatever is allowed by God’s power must be guided by His wisdom and urged on by His love. All that happens to me in life, the little worries and great anxieties, the crises and the daily annoyances, the sorrows and the joys, the harms that reach me through the sins of others, the great crimes of history, the huge and devastating wars, the partings and loves, and the whole cycle of human experience are permitted by Power, which is itself wise and loving. These three Persons determine my life, and, since I walk by faith, I must surely grow very patient in my attitude towards life. For how can I complain or criticize God’s Providence, since it all comes under the triple influence of Power, Wisdom, and Love? Under the guidance, then, of this mystery, I can walk through the valley of death or the more perilous borders of sin without loss of courage or hopefulness. Nothing can make me afraid. How these are separate, yet one, I do not know, nor can I reconcile in my concrete experience the claims of each. It is always a mystery, but a mystery in which I believe. Whatever Power allows on earth is designed in Wisdom and attuned by Love.”--- Father Bede Jarrett from his book *Classic Catholic Meditations*, page 10

**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 Saturday Divine Liturgy at 5pm on February 3.

**Sunday of Meat-Fare:** February 4

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

**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 February 21, after Liturgy at Coffee Hour. Winners for the January drawing:

- ❖ Lisa McCarthy: \$50
- ❖ Roberta Zizik: \$25
- ❖ Anissa Starr: \$10
- ❖ Gail Facas: \$10
- ❖ Faouzi Hage: \$10

Your checks will be mailed to your homes this week!

**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:**

- Eversource: \$746.78
- Waterford Utility Commission: \$184.50
- Frontier Communications: \$265.95
- Eparchy: \$3,063.15 for Assessment (we Pay 11% to Eparchy on everything we collect) health insurance for Father Dennis and Lisa, and Priest Retirement Fund
- Ink and Pad:\$11.78
- Garbage bags: \$15.14
- Insect Spray: \$7.99
- Flour for Communion Bread: \$5.79
- Communion Wine \$18.99
- New Discos: \$133.60 for serving communion
- Paper Towels: \$24.99
- Toilet Paper: \$34.79
- Candles: \$163.01
- Background Check on Father Dennis:\$35.00, required by Eparchy for all priests

Total bills paid the last week: \$4,711.46. Total collected last week \$1,324.00. We had a deficit last week of \$3,387.46. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023, we have a deficit of \$742.00 in 20 weeks.

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

This Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday: <b>Paul Zalonski</b>	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
Next Weekend	Saturday: Reader: Volunteer		Sunday:	
January 20 and 21	\$1,324.00	43 Adults and 2 Children attended Liturgies last week.	Included in the collection: \$27.00, \$50 for Hall Rental for Dance Lessons,\$50 for Building Fund,\$300 for Fuel	