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| ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH | |
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| http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org | 860-442-2211 |
| Pastor: Father Dennis McCarthy Email: abounadennis@gmail.com Cell phone: 860 287 0677 | March 10, 2024 Sunday of the Father John Climacus |

Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the souls of Albert, Mary, and Bobby Dib. This is requested by Dr. William Kalosieh, a dear friend of the family. May their memories be eternal!

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: Divine Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered and a Memorial Service held at the end of Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Elias Gharios (10 years). This is requested by his loving wife Abroze and family. May his memory be eternal!

It will also be offered for the peace, health, and salvation of Kristen Sobanski (her birthday). This is requested by her loving parents, Anna and Raymond Sobanski; and for the repose of the soul of Mark Bliss (birthday March 7), the loving father of Greg Bliss. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Greg Bliss.

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, 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, Father Roger Boucher, Ron Abraham, Joseph Perry

Lighting candles: We have two candle stands in the front of the church. I would like to encourage everyone to light a candle before Liturgy. Please light a candle every week, if possible. A donation of \$1.00 per candle is requested to cover the cost of the pure beeswax candles and to allow the church to make a small profit on them. Thank you---Father Dennis

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENTS:

Lenten Schedule: We will celebrate Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Great Compline and Akathist on Fridays at 5:30 pm. **No Rosary during Lent, as we will be celebrating Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays.**

Divine Liturgy: On Saturday, March 16, for the repose of the soul of Joseph Feghali, the loving uncle of Joumana Hajj. This is requested by Joumana and family. May his memory be eternal.

Divine Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sheila Burke on March 17. This is requested by the friends of Sheila. May her memory be eternal!

Lent and Holy Week Schedule:

- **Every Wednesday:** Holy Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 5:30 pm
- **Every Friday:** Compline and Akathist at 5:30 pm.
- **Lazarus Saturday:** Saturday, March 23, Divine Liturgy at 5:00 pm
- **Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy:** Sunday, March 24 at 10:00 am
- **Feast of the Annunciation:** Monday, March 25 at 5:30
- **Tuesday:** March 26, Anointing Service at 5:30 pm
- **Wednesday:** March 27, Last Supper Service at 5:30 pm
- **Thursday:** March 28, Passion Gospels at 5:30 pm
- **Friday:** March 29, Descent from the Cross at 12 noon
- **Friday:** March 29, Funeral Service of Christ (Epitaphios Service) at 7:00 pm
- **Saturday:** March 30, Hajmet, Orthros of the Resurrection, at 8:00 pm
- **Sunday:** March 31, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Coffee Hour: A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church. On Sunday, March 10, Abroze Gharios and family will host, on Sunday, March 17, Sandra and Habib Serhan will host, March 24, Palm Sunday-no coffee hour, on March 31, Easter-no coffee hour, on Sunday, April 7, Joumana Hajj will host, on Sunday, April 14, Fidel Alvarez will host, on Sunday, April 21, the El Khoury family will host, on Sunday, April 28, Gus and Katia Hage will host.

Readers of the Epistle: A signup sheet 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, April 7.

200 Club: Our next drawing will be on March 17 after Liturgy at Coffee Hour. Winners of February's drawing are:

- Hendrick Facas: \$50
- Father Ed Kakaty: \$25
- Sandra Serhan: \$10
- Joe Doro: \$10
- Gabriel Hajj: \$10

Checks were mailed to your homes on Thursday.

Shepherd's Care Second Collection: This will occur on Saturday, March 16 at the 5:00pm Liturgy and on Sunday, March 17 at the 10:00 am Liturgy.

Sanctuary Lamp for March: For the repose of the soul of Charles Facas, Sr., the loving father of Gloria Jeffords, requested by Gloria and John Jeffords. May his memory be eternal!

Spaghetti Dinner: This will be held on Saturday April 6 at 6:00 pm. There is a signup sheet on the table in the back of the church and a flyer with details. So far 18 families have signed up. These fund raisers become necessary, because we do not collect enough money on weekends to meet our financial needs. Please support your church through supporting our fund raising efforts. **We have about 40 people who give on a regular basis. If those parishioners gave just \$5.00 more than they usually do per week, we would have another \$10,400 per year in donations. Please pray on this and follow where God is leading you in the support of His Church. Thank you for all that you give. Father Dennis**

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- March Payment to Eparchy: \$3,063.15 for monthly assessment, health insurance for Father Dennis and Lisa, and pension fund for retired clergy
- Hall Stove Repair: \$508.10
- Uncas Gas: \$444.24 for propane for Church and Church Hall

Total bills paid the last week: \$4,015.49. Total collected last week \$5,918.13. We had a surplus last week of \$1,902.49. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; we have a surplus of \$23.32 in 27 weeks.

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| This Weekend | Saturday Reader: Paul Zalonski | | Sunday Reader: Greg Bliss | |
| Next Weekend | Saturday Reader: Joumana Hajj | | Sunday Reader: Volunteer | |
| March 2 and 3 | \$5,918.13 (one family donated \$3,300.00) | 55 Adults and 3 Children attended Liturgies last weekend | Included in the collection: \$69.00 for candles, \$510.00 for Hall Rental from Alcoholics Anonymous, \$100.00 for Fuel, \$3.00 from Poor Box, \$120.00 for 200 Club, \$3,360 for Building Fund, and \$126.13 from Clothing Shed. Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, house blessings, and funerals are included in the collection total. | Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund. |