



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
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Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered 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!

The Liturgy will also be offered for the repose of the soul of Halim Hage, the loving father of Jack Hage. This is requested by Jack and Alia Hage and family. May his memory be eternal!

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sheila Burke. This is requested by the friends of Sheila. May her 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, 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

Quote of the Day: "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude."---Saint John Chrysostom

Meditation of the Day: "Scattered about the entire earth; your mother, the Church, is tormented by the assaults of error. She is also afflicted by the laziness and indifference of so many of the children she carries around in her bosom as well as by the sight of so many of her members growing cold, while she becomes less able to help her little ones. Who then will give her the necessary help she cries for if not her children and other members to whose number you belong."---Saint Augustine

Bible Verse of the Day: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the mind and try the heart, to give everyone according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings."---Jeremiah 17: 9-10

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 for your intentions. It is a tradition in our Church. 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. See schedule below!**

Divine Liturgy: On March 23, the Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Longin Sobanski, the loving father of Raymond Sobanski. This is requested by Raymond and Anna Sobanski. May his memory be eternal!

Divine Liturgy: On March 24, Palm Sunday, the Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sabrina Walker (2 years), the loving daughter of Gail and Hendrick Facas, the wonderful mother of Ariel and Mason Walker, and wife of Edward Walker. A memorial Service will be prayed at the end of Liturgy. May Sabrina's 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
- **Bridegroom Service:** Sunday, March 24 at 5:30 pm
- **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 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.

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:

- Eversource: \$860.82 for electricity for Church, Church Hall, outside lights, barn, and rectory
- Laurence Candle: \$1,158.30 for candles for the church and the Saint Jude Shrine
- Cleaning: \$125.00 for the cleaning of the Church, Church Hall, conference room, bathrooms, and Church hall kitchen. Also, for set up and extra cleaning before and after Order of Malta visit last Saturday.

Total bills paid the last week: \$2,144.12. Total collected last week \$2,232.00. We had a surplus last week of \$87.88. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; we have a surplus of \$111.12 in 28 weeks.

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Greg Bliss		Sunday Reader: Susan Hage	
March 9 and 10	\$2,232.00	54 Adults and 2 Children attended Liturgies last weekend	Included in the collection: \$80.00 for candles and \$150.00 from the Order of Malta. Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, house blessings, flowers, and funerals are included in the collection total.	