



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 soul of Longin Sobanski, the loving father of Raymond Sobanski. This is requested by Raymond and Anna Sobanski. May his memory be eternal!

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: 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!

Also, the Liturgy will also be offered for the repose of the soul of Halim Hage, the loving father of Pierre Hage. This is requested by Pierre and Saide Hage and family. 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, 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, 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 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:

Holy Week Schedule:

- **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

Thank you! Many thanks to all who contributed to the Shepherd’s Care second collection. We collected \$242.18, which will be sent to the Eparchy this week. Please turn in any Lenten Boxes you may still have.

Thank You: Huge thanks to Jack Hage, who plowed and shoveled the snow this winter at his own expense. Without Jack, we would have had to spend much on this work.

Coffee Hour: A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church. 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: The winners of the March drawing: \$50-Afif Hage, \$25-Gerard Massad, \$10-Faouzi Hage, \$10- Alex Antipoff, \$10-Nicholas Moukawsher. Checks mailed to your homes on Thursday. The next drawing, Sunday, April 14 at Coffee Hour.

Holy Land-Good Friday Collection: This will occur on Friday, March 29 at the 7:00 pm Epitaphios Service.

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 only 18 families have signed up. These fund raisers become necessary, because we barely collect enough money on weekends to meet our financial needs. We are not building a modest surplus 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**

Picnic at Waterford Beach: Mark your calendars! It will be on Saturday, July 13 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. There will not be a Saturday Liturgy on that day.

Ender’s Island: Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God annual Divine Liturgy and Picnic on August 15. Liturgy will be at 5:00pm, followed by the picnic. We only have room for 60 people. More information will be forthcoming.

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- Water Bill: \$105.70 for quarterly water bill for Church, Church Hall, and rectory
- 2025 Donation Envelopes: \$400.98 for 60 boxes for next year. Bought early for sale price!
- Miscellaneous: \$717.59 for postage, cleaning of Church complex, coffee hour supplies, markers, flood lights, trash bags, storage bins for Liturgy literature, batteries, and flowers.

Total bills paid the last week: \$1,224.27. Total collected last week \$2,295.18. We had a surplus last week of \$1,070.81. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; we have a surplus of \$1,181.93 in 29 weeks.

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Greg Bliss		Sunday Reader: Susan Hage	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Subdeacon Paul Zalonski		Sunday Reader: Joumana Hajj	
March 16 and 17	\$2,295.18	50 Adults and 8 Children attended Liturgies last weekend	Included in the collection: \$147.00 for candles, \$60.00 for the 200 Club. \$125.00 for the Building Fund, \$50 for Fuel, and \$242.18 for the Shepherd’s Care second collection (this will be sent to Eparchy this week). Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, house blessings, flowers, and funerals are included in the collection total.	