

<b>ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 <a href="http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org">http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org</a> 860-442-2211	
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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy:** For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Doro and Hage families, requested by Albert and Jamal Doro. Albert and Jamal also donated Easter flowers in their names for the deceased. May the memories of all the deceased be eternal!

**Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Kevin Hesch, the good friend of Jamal Beckford. Kevin was killed in a tragic car accident during Holy Week last year. May Kevin's memory be eternal!

For the repose of the souls of Elias and Abla Jabbour, father and mother, and Jacqueline Jabbour Matta, sister, of Joumana Hajj. May their memories be eternal! Also, the Liturgy is offered for the Hajj and Feghali Families. This is requested by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj.

**All the parts are in the handouts and booklets!**

**.PERMANENT CHANGES TO LITURGY:**

- ❖ Instead of singing "A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise." we will sing "Mercy and peace, a sacrifice of praise". on page 25
- ❖ Instead of singing "Remember all men and women." we will sing "Sanctify them, Lord, and protect all the faithful". on page 33.

**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

**Quote of the Day:** "I earnestly admonish you, my sisters and brothers, to look after your spiritual well-being with judicious concern. Death is certain; life is short and vanishes like smoke. Fix your minds, then, on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Inflamed with love for us, He came down from heaven to redeem us. For our sake, he endured every torment of body and soul and shrank from no bodily pain. He, himself, gave us an example of perfect patience and love. We, then, are to be patient in adversity."---Saint Francis of Paola

**Today's Meditation:** "Solomon prayed for prudence and wisdom so that he might govern God's people rightly. Because his request was unselfish, God granted what he sought. When we pray, we should make sure that our desires are not motivated by selfishness. We should only want those gifts that help us most to serve others."--- Reverend Jude Winkler, from his book: *Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit*, page 105

**Daily Verse from the Bible:** "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."---Romans 15:5-6

**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 EVENT:**

**Thank you!** Many thanks to all who contributed to the Shepherd's Care second collection. We collected \$288.18, which was sent to the Eparchy this week.

**Thank you!** Thank you to all who contributed to the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday. We raised \$650.00. It was sent to the Eparchy on Monday.

**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. , 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 next drawing, Sunday, April 14 at Coffee Hour.

**Donations:** 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. More information will be forthcoming.

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

**Financial update; bills paid last week:**

- Because of the busy Holy Week schedule, an accounting of bills paid was not done. It is updated below for last week and the prior week:
- Frontier Communications: \$280.59 for March bill: cable, telephone, and internet.( Father Dennis negotiated a lower price starting on May’s bill of \$152.12 per month).
- Frontier Communications: \$280.59 paid early for April’s bill which was not due until April 22
- Father Dennis’ Salary: \$2,383.22 for March
- Eparchy: \$3,063.15 for March’s assessment. medical insurance for Father Dennis and Lisa, and the priest retirement fund
- Uncas Gas: \$444.24 for propane to heat the church and church hall.
- Orkin: \$194.61 for quarterly insect and pest control
- Fischer’s Florist. \$225.00 for red and white carnations for Holy Week
- BJ’s: \$234.89 for Easter Lilies and Hydrangeas for Pascha
- Michaels: \$15.66 for iconostasis garlands for Pascha

Total bills paid the last week: \$7,121.95. Total collected last week \$2,341.00. We had a deficit last week of \$4,780.95. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; we have a deficit of \$1,365.02 in 31 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: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer		
March 30 and 31	\$2,341.00	42 Adults and 1 Child attended The Hajmet Liturgy on Saturday evening. 36 Adults and 12 Children attended the Holy Pascha Liturgy on Sunday morning.	Included in the collection: \$55.00 for candles, \$75.00 for flowers, \$20.00 for Spaghetti Dinner, \$450.00 from Alcoholics Anonymous for April rental of the church hall, and \$120.00 for hall rental for dance lessons. Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, flowers, house blessings, and funerals are included in the collection total.		

