



<b>ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>	
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**Intentions this weekend:**

**Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy:** For the repose of the soul of Vincent Vaise who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday at the age of 84. This is requested by his brother in law, John Jalonski. May Vincent’s memory be eternal!

**Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy:** For the peace, health and salvation of Thecla (Massad) and George Abbiati who celebrated their wedding anniversary on April 1, requested by Anna(sister of Thecla) and Raymond Sobanski (brother in law). May God grant them many years!

**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

**Today’s Meditation:** “The Lord measures our perfection not by the number and greatness of the works that we do for Him, but by our manner in doing them. And this manner is only the love of God with which, and for which, we do them. They are more perfect as they are done with more pure and perfect love, and as they are less mingled with thoughts of pleasure or praise in this life or the other.”---Saint John of the Cross. “When Saint Bernard was assisting at morning prayer in church, he saw some angels who were carefully noting down the merit of each monk. The merits of those praying with much fervor, they wrote it down in golden characters; of those with less fervor, in silver characters; of those with good will, but without affection, in ink; of those with sloth and drowsiness, in water; but as to those who were in mortal sin or voluntarily distracted, they wrote nothing, but, standing motionless, they lamented their blindness.”---Anonymous---An excerpt from the book *Cultivating Virtue: Self-Mastery with the Saints* by Mary Kate Hetzel, page 292

**Quote of the Day:** “I will simply counsel every man and woman to beware of even the very least speck of pride, which seems to me to be the mere delight and liking of ourselves for anything whatsoever that either is in us or outwardly belongs to us.”---Saint Thomas More

**Daily Verse from the Bible:** “Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God.”--- 1 Corinthians 1: 26-29

**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:**

**Divine Liturgy:** Mid-Pentecost Liturgy will take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 PM. No Rosary that evening.

**Coffee Hour:** A new signup sheet for the next quarter is on the table in the back of the church. , 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, May 5.

**200 Club:** The next drawing, Sunday, April 14, at Coffee Hour.

**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:**

- Medical Bill: \$701.00 for a medical bill for an anonymous parishioner, who was in dire need
- Dave’s Fresh Market Place: \$3.98 for bread
- BJ’s: \$14.88 for communion wine
- BJ’s: \$128.93 for flowers for Easter
- Amazon: \$16.99 for butane lighter for incense charcoal
- Amazon: \$14.70 for Scripto lighters for candles for Saint Jude Shrine and the Church
- Amazon: \$20.89 for butane
- Orkin: \$194.61 for quarterly insect and pest control
- Cleaning: \$100.00 for deep cleaning of Church and Hall for March (we do this every 3 weeks)
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- Cleaning: \$125.00 for cleaning the Hall, Hall Bathrooms, Hall Kitchen, Hall Foyer both before and after Spaghetti Dinner
- Michaels: \$95.66 for artificial flowers and plants for Easter. These can be used over and over
- New White Altar Cloth and Communion Cloths: \$201.99
- Maintenance: \$264.31 for Preventive Maintenance on our Zero-Turn Lawnmower
- Lawn: \$351.29 for grub killer and fertilizer
- Household: \$39.98 for toilet paper and paper towels for church hall bathrooms and church. Our church hall is being used every day by Alcoholics Anonymous, a few times a week for Dance Lessons, and quarterly by the Southeastern Connecticut Junior Soccer Association for their business meetings
- Eparchy: \$3,063.15 for April assessment, medical insurance, and priest retirement fund
- Waterford Utility Commission: \$205.50 for quarterly sewer bill
- Copier Rental: \$163.81
- State of Connecticut Boiler Inspection: \$80.00
- Power Washing of Church, rectory, and barn: \$600.00
- **Total bills** paid the last week: \$6,486.67. **Total collected** last week \$4,625.93. We had a deficit last week of \$1,860.64. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; we have a deficit of \$3,225.66 in 32 weeks.
- **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

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
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April 6 and 7	\$2,663.64	72 Adults and 10 Children attended the Divine Liturgies last weekend	Included in the collection: \$121.00 for candles, \$25.00 for flowers, \$120.00 from Alcoholics Anonymous for March rental of the church hall, \$500.00 for church hall rental from the Southeastern Connecticut Junior Soccer Association for their meetings, \$40.00 for the Holy Land (which was sent to Eparchy), \$3.00 for Shepherd’s Care (which was sent to Eparchy), and \$120.64 from the 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.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser:** Last Saturday evening, we had our annual dinner. We made a record profit of **\$1,962.29** after all expenses were paid. Thank you for all who attended. Thank you all who donated raffle items and desserts. A special thanks to the following parishioners who worked to make the dinner a fantastic night: the entire El Khoury family (Bechara, Yolla, Mariette, and Michael); Habib and Sandra Serhan; Joumana Hajj; Joe Hage; Pierre Hage; and Michael Taptick. The parish thanks you all for your commitment of time and attention to detail. The food was delicious and all attending had a great time. We also wish to thank our sponsors who generously donated food, gifts cards, or both:

- ❖ Log Cabin Restaurant: Clinton
- ❖ Mirsina's: Old Saybrook
- ❖ Great Oak Pizza: Norwich
- ❖ Engine Room: Mystic
- ❖ Buon Appetito Ristorante and Pizzeria, North Stonington
- ❖ Recovery Room, New London
- ❖ Nissan of Norwich
- ❖ YMCA-Naik Family Branch, Mystic
- ❖ Nana's Byreck, Waterford