



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of a good friend of Gregory Bliss. His friend was in a car accident before Easter and has been hospitalized since. This is requested by Gregory. May the Great Physician of our souls and bodies, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, pour his healing grace upon the injuries of this good man.

Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy: For the peace, health and salvation of Irene McCarthy and Kathleen McCarthy, the mother and sister, respectively, of Father Dennis, requested by Father Dennis and Lisa

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

Quotes of the Day: “Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose you’re your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.”---Saint Francis de Sales “I have been all things unholy; if God can work through me, He can work through anyone.” Saint Francis of Assisi

Meditation of the Day: “Most persons have temptations to anger. There is hardly anyone who does not at times become peevish, irritable, or impatient; and these are the beginnings of more serious faults. Now, we all know the harm and very serious results of anger. There is no example that makes clearer its ruinous effects than the Crucifixion of Our Lord. We have also seen how anger has brought families into discord and even permanent separation. We have read how nations have been led to war. The surprising fact is, that though each and everyone has had brought to her or his attention the fruits of anger, still there is much that could be sought by most persons in regard to meekness and something of meekness that could be sought by everybody.” Matt Fradd from his book **Rooting Out Hidden Faults-How the Particular Examen Conquers Sin**, page 75-76

Bible Verse of the Day: “And they prayed (the apostles) and said, `Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show us which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthi’as; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.”---Acts 1:24-26

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENT:

Parish Advisory Council: The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 25th at 3:30PM.

Veteran Needs Help: A disabled veteran is in need of clothing. He wears a size 40 inch waist with a length of 30 inches in pants. He wears a XXL size in shirts. Please help him. You can drop your donations off in the bin in the back of the church next to the organ.

Sunday Coffee Hour After Liturgy: There is a signup sheet on the table in the back of the church for the next 2 months.

Epistle Reader Volunteers: There is a signup sheet on the table in the back of the church. If you would like to read the Epistle, please sign up. If you have never done it, Father Dennis will teach you how to do it.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, June 2.

Holy Rosary: The second and last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, unless we have a Feast Day Liturgy on that particular day. We pray the Rosary with a Byzantine approach using, as our guide, a book by Kenneth Chrusch. Please come and spend 60 minutes with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Church! In May, we will pray on Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30 pm, as May 8 is the Leave-taking of Easter.

200 Club: The next drawing is on Sunday, June 9, at Coffee Hour. Winners for the May drawing were:

- ❖ \$50.00: Ed Najim
- ❖ \$25.00: Ghassan Hage
- ❖ \$10.00: Charbel Yovakia
- ❖ \$10.00: Edward Walker
- ❖ \$10.00: Hendrick Facas, Jr.

Congratulations to our winners! Your checks were mailed to your home addresses on Saturday, May 18, 2024

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.

Church Etiquette: Below are listed some things that you should adhere to at church:

1. Bathroom: Many people drive long distances or have little children. While not always possible, please use the conference room bathroom before Liturgy or after. It is a distraction to the Liturgy to have people walking through the sacristy. If you need to use the conference room bathroom, please use one of the church entrances/exits and enter by the church office door. The doors to the hall will be open during Liturgy, so folks can also use the hall bathrooms, if they can navigate the stairs. Also, the outside doors to the hall will be open for those who cannot navigate the stairs.
2. Please do not come into the sacristy area before Liturgy. If you need to tell something to the priest, email or call, otherwise wait until Liturgy is over. There are preparations going on for the service and people entering the sacristy causes distraction.
3. We are doing a good job of putting the booklets with the binders facing up in the pew holders. Please return all bulletins and papers, that you are not taking home, to the place you pick them up in the rear of the church.
4. If you are bringing bread for a memorial, please let Father Dennis know in advance, so he will not have to prepare the antidiron. Also, please bring it no later than a half hour of the start of the Liturgy, so that there is not a rush to properly display it.
5. If we have a procession, it should be done silently and with reverence. There should be no talking. For the Little and Great Entrances, please get the fans, candles, and crosses ready well before the priest comes from the altar. This prevents the last minute rush and distraction.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation! Father Dennis

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
May 11 and May 12	\$1,609.29	35 Adults and 2 Children attended the Divine Liturgies last weekend	Included in the collection: \$50.00 from candles, \$295.00 from Hall Rental to Alcoholics Anonymous and Dance Lesson Instructor, and \$9.29 from our long wave antenna company. 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.

Note: Our second collection for Home Missions resulted in \$143.00 in donations, which is not included in the above numbers, as we mailed that to the Eparchy on Saturday, May 18, 2024. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- **Eparchy:** \$3,063.15 for monthly assessment, health insurance, priest retirement fund, and Flocknote communication system.

Total bills paid the last week: \$3,063.15. **Total collected** last week \$1,609.29. We had a deficit last week of \$1,453.86. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; **we now have a deficit of \$4,551.56 in 37 weeks.**