



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Intentions this weekend:

Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy: For peace in the world. This will be the last Saturday Liturgy until September 7, when we will determined if it will be permanently cancelled due to low attendance.

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.

Quote of the Day: “See, my children, we must reflect that we have a soul to save, and an eternity that awaits us. The world, its riches, pleasures, and honors will pass away; heaven and hell will never pass away. Let us take care then. The saints did not all begin well; but they all ended well. We have begun badly; let us end well, and we shall go one day to meet them in heaven.”---Saint John Vianney

Meditation of the Day: “Man will not consent to drive away the money changers from the temple of his soul until he realizes that it is a Holy of Holies, not a house of traffic, but in very truth the house of God. We thus meet two striking conclusions: There cannot be entire dependence upon the Holy Spirit’s guidance, which is the true meaning of living in Christ, without complete self-renunciation. There cannot be complete self-renunciation without the constant underlying spirit of faith, without the habit of interior silence, a silence where God is dwelling. Many do not see the connection between thoughts about the King and the service of the King; between the interior silence and conditional detachment. If we look closer, it will be seen that there is a strong, close, unbreakable link between the two. Find a recollected person, and he will be detached; seek one who is detached, and he will be recollected. To have found one is to have discovered the other. Anyone who tries, on a given day, to practice either recollection or detachment cannot ignore the fact that he is doing a double stroke of work.”---Raoul Plus, S.J., pages 39-40 of his book: *How to Pray Always*

Bible Verse of the Day: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”---Romans 8: 38-39

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENT:

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

Summer Hours: Due to declining attendance at the Saturday, 5:00 PM Liturgy, we will be cancelling the Saturday Liturgy from June 1 to September 7, 2024. For example, last Saturday, May 18, only two people attended and it was the Holy Feast of Pentecost. On the next day, Sunday of Pentecost, we only had 24 adults attend and no children. We will reevaluate in August as to whether to reestablish the Saturday Liturgy after September 7 or cancel it permanently.

Divine Liturgy: On Sunday, June 23, the Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mary H. Murphy. This is requested by her loving nephew, Edward Weyant. May her memory be eternal!

Sanctuary Lamp: It will be lighted in June in memory of Gloria Massad. This is requested by her best friend, Gloria Jeffords, and her husband, John Jeffords. May her memory be eternal!

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 and Mary in Church! In May, we will pray on Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30 pm, as May 8 is the Leave-taking of Easter. Father Dennis will be in Florida, but the Rosary will still be prayed by those in attendance.

200 Club: The next drawing is on Sunday, June 9, 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. More information will be forthcoming, after our Parish Council meeting this weekend.

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, after our Parish Council meeting this weekend,

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 from which you pick them up in the rear of the church. Do not leave them in the pews or the Liturgy books.
4. If you are bringing bread for a memorial, please let Father Dennis know in advance, so he will not have to prepare the antidoron. 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 the cross 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

Second Collection: On Sunday, June 9, at the Liturgy, we will have a second collection for the Holy Father, Pope Francis’ Peter’s Pence Charities. Please be generous. Thanks you!

Note: Over the past three weeks, in the bulletin, I have posted a section asking for all those who donate to the church each weekend to give \$5.00 more per week than what they typically do. This would amount to about a \$10,400 yearly increase in the collection. I regret to inform you that we had a limited response to that request. Thank you for all that you do give. The parish council is meeting this weekend, and one of our topics will be to discuss what our next steps will be in addressing the deficit. Father Dennis

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- **Altar:** \$164.19 for Liturgical Spear Set for preparing Communion bread, communion wine, carnations for Mother’s Day.
- **Fund Raising:** \$60.00 for pavilion rental at Waterford Beach for July 13 picnic
- **Maintenance** \$334.89 for two pear trees, garden flowers, fertilizer, tools and yard work
- **Household:** \$245.84 for household food
- **Maintenance:** \$350.00 for landscaping (spreading mulch, lawn mowing, trimming, blowing grass off sidewalks and parking lot, watering flowers and trees) and cleaning of the entire church, except rectory
- **Father Dennis’ May Salary:** \$2,382.23

Total bills paid the last week: \$3,537.14. **Total collected** last week \$1,543.00. We had a deficit last week of \$1,994.14. For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; **we now have a deficit of \$6,545.70 in 38 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		
May 18 and May 19	\$1,543.00	26 Adults and 0 Children attended the Divine Liturgies last weekend	Included in the collection: \$53.00 from candles, and \$200.00 for the Building Fund. Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, house blessings, and funerals are included in the collection total.		