



ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH	
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Happy Father's Day!

Welcome Father Marwan El-Khoury, who is covering for Father Dennis!

Intentions this weekend:

Sunday 10:00 AM Liturgy:

- ❖ For all the Father's, living and deceased.
- ❖ For the peace, health, and salvation of Kaien Sobanski on the occasion of his 4th Birthday (May 24). This is requested by his loving grandparents, Anna and Raymond Sobanski.
- ❖ For the peace, health, and salvation of Anita Sobanski on the occasion of her birthday (June 6). This is requested by her loving mother in law, Anna Sobanski, and her loving father in law, Raymond Sobanski.

NOTES, UPCOMING EVENT:

Apostles Fast: June 19 through and including June 28. See our 2024 calendar for all the guidelines. The calendar is online, if you never took one.

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!

Divine Liturgy: On Sunday, June 30, the Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the souls of Boutros Hajj (23 year anniversary) and Samira Hajj. This is requested by Gabriel and Joumana Hajj. May their memories 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!

Our American Red Cross Blood Drive: On June 7, we hosted the drive which collected 23 units of blood, enough to save up to 69 lives.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Sunday, July 7.

Last Sunday: Last Sunday, I tried something different at Liturgy to obtain real data on the time it takes for me to celebrate the Liturgy. I have heard comments from parishioners that the Liturgy takes too long and that my homilies are too long. So, on Sunday, I shortened my homily considerably, so much so that for instruction on the Gospel, it was totally ineffective. I, also, chanted the priest's parts quicker, and I deleted the Ecumenic Prayer. It took 51 minutes to complete the Liturgy. It usually takes one hour and 15 to 20 minutes for me, or any other Melkite priest who is celebrating the Liturgy properly. Since I do not have a deacon, and sub deacons are not permitted to distribute communion, communion takes a large portion of the time. I can do nothing about that. I am not permitted to delete any portions of the Liturgy, so the Ecumenic Prayer stays. The homily is meant to explain and expand on the Gospel and the Christian life. It may be the only time during the week that a parishioner gets the opportunity to learn about their faith, and I cannot shorten that to the point it becomes ineffective. It is also one of the main responsibilities of the priest. So, we will continue the Liturgy as we have been celebrating it. Father Dennis

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 June, we will pray on Wednesday, June 12, at 5:30 pm, and on Wednesday, June 26, at 5:30 pm.

200 Club: The next drawing is on Sunday, July 14, at Coffee Hour. The winners of the June drawing were: \$50.00 Charbel Youakim; \$25.00 Hendrick Facas, Jr.; \$10.00 Father Ed Kakaty; \$10 George Homsey; \$10 Ed Najim. Congratulations to our winners! The checks were mailed to your houses on June 11.

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. The cost is \$20 per person. Maximum cost per family is \$50.00. Please bring a side dish and/ or dessert. Enders Island will supply hot dogs and hamburgers and all the condiments. They will also provide lemonade. **Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church by, Sunday, June 23, so that we can plan properly and offer the opportunity to our sister church in Rhode Island, Saint Basil's, any remaining seats. So far we only have 13 people who have signed up.**

Second Collection: Thanks you all who generously donated to the second collection last Sunday. We raised \$195.00 for the Pope's charities. That check was sent to the Eparchy on Monday.

Picnic at Waterford Beach: Mark your calendars! It will be on Saturday, July 13 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. There will be games and swimming at the beach, hot dogs and hamburgers, baked beans, and chips. Please bring a side dish and/ or a dessert. **Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church by, Sunday, June 23 so that we can plan properly. So far, we only have 6 people who have signed up. If we don't get, at least, 30 people, we will cancel the event. Invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives.**

Parking:

- Residents/Taxpayers: \$6.00 per vehicle
- Residents /Taxpayers age 65 or older-no charge (must show valid identification with birth date)
- Non Residents: \$35.00 per vehicle
- Non Residents on the Picnic List: \$11.00 per vehicle

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- Eversource Electricity: \$648.66

Total bills paid the last week: \$648.66. **Total collected** last week \$1,998.00 We had a surplus last week of \$1,349.34 For the Fiscal Year, which began September 1, 2023; **we now have a deficit of \$9,114.94 in 41 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		
June 2	\$1,998.00	38 Adults and 2 Children attended the Divine Liturgy last week.	Included in the collection: \$63.00 from candles, \$200.00 from rental of part of the garage, and \$195.00 for Pope's Charities (this was sent to Eparchy on Monday). Donations for memorials, baptisms, marriages, priest stole offerings, house blessings, and funerals are included in the collection total.		

