

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
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Intentions this Sunday: For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Today’s Divine Liturgy:

Antiphons of the Transfiguration:

Reader: His foundation is upon the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Sion more than any dwelling of Jacob!

People: O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sign to You: Alleluia!

Reader: Glorious things are said of you, O City of God!

People: O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sign to You: Alleluia!

Reader: O Sion, they shall say: “A Man was born in her, and He is the Most High Who made her.

People: O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sign to You: Alleluia!

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Kondakion for the Transfiguration: See insert on the table with the bulletins

Prokimenon:

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: All you peoples clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

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 35.**
- ❖ Instead of singing “Remember all men and women.” we will sing “Sanctify them, Lord, and protect all the faithful.” **on page 40.**

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thank You! Thank you so much, Joumana Hajj and Gerard Massad, for coordinating the bids, selecting the flooring, and supervising the work for our new conference room and foyer floor. I came back from vacation to see the beautiful work that was done, while I was away! Thank you very, very much! ---Father Dennis

Holy Rosary: In August, we will pray on Wednesday, August 14, at 5:30 pm, and on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:30 pm.

200 Club: The next drawing is on Sunday, August 18, at Coffee Hour.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial: This will occur at the end of Liturgy on August 11.

Dormition Fast: It begins August 1 and ends August 14. This fast prepares us for the falling asleep of the Virgin Mary. Next to Great Lent, this is probably the most kept fast. That tells us how dear the Theotokos remains to the hearts of the Christian people. At her death, the Mother of God is the First Fruit of the bodily resurrection. Jesus gathers her soul and then her most pure body. The apostles put her body in a tomb. Later, at the nostalgic instigation of Saint Thomas, who wanted to see her face one more time, the Apostles found the tomb empty and filled with fragrance and flowers. For guidance on fasting and abstinence, please refer to your 2024 Diocese of Newton calendar or talk to Father Dennis.

Enders Island Divine Liturgy and Picnic: This will occur on Tuesday, August 13, *The Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Transfiguration*. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 5:00 PM, with the picnic immediately after. The price for an individual is \$20.00. The maximum cost for a family is \$50.00. The sign-up timeframe is over, as we have already given our count. We have 35 people who have signed up. The list is in the back of the church on the table. Please pay what you owe no later than Sunday August 11. If you signed up and are not going, we still need the money, as we have committed to that number of people. You can put your money in the regular collection, but please mark it as “Enders Island”, so it does not get counted as a regular Sunday donation.

Dormition of the Mother of God: The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 PM. This is a major Feast and all parishioners should attend.

Sanctuary Lamp: It will be lighted in August for the repose of the soul of David Facas. This is requested by John and Gloria Jeffords. May his memory be eternal!

Coffee Hour: The list to provide snacks for Sunday coffee hour, after Liturgy, is on the table in the rear of the church.

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- \$2,767.00 to ALB Building for the new conference room and foyer floor.

We spent \$2,767.00 last week.. Our deficit for the fiscal year, which began on 9/1/2023, is: \$6,410.80 in 49 weeks.

This Weekend			Sunday Reader: Volunteer	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
Next Weekend			Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
August 4	\$1,123.12 donated	35 adults and 0 children attended	Included in the collection were: \$98.00 from candles, \$100.00 from Hall Rental, and \$174.12 from the Clothing Shed. Donations for Memorial Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings, Priest Stole Offerings, Blessing of Homes, and Funerals are included in the collection total, as these are private matters.	