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- ❖ Also, the Divine Liturgy is being offered for Nickolas and Anita Sobanski on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (September 9). This is requested by Anna and Raymond Sobanski.

**NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Saturday Divine Liturgy:** Beginning Saturday, September 7, 2024, we will be resuming Saturday Divine Liturgy at 5:00 PM.

**Monday, September 9:** It is the Feast Day of Saint Joachim and Saint Ann, the grandparents of Jesus. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 5:30 PM.

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This holy feast will be celebrated on Saturday, September 14, at 5:00PM. This is a major Feast Day and all should attend.

**Holy Rosary:** In September, we will pray on Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30 pm, and on Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 pm.

**Remember Me in Your Kingdom Memorial:** This will occur at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, October 6.

**Religious Education for the youth:** It will begin on Saturday, September 21, at 3:30. Please contact Joumana Hajj, if you have questions.

**Religious Education for adults:** Beginning in November, we will have religious education for adults. This will be one hour beginning at 5:30 PM, and it will be held on the Wednesdays that we do not have the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed on the second and last Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 PM. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church, if you will attend these classes.

**Parish Advisory Council:** We will have elections for the parish council, as we are overdue for that. We will need six positions. If you are interested in being on the council, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church. The election will take place on the weekend of 21 and 22 September. Current Parish Advisory Council members are still eligible to sign up.

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

**Hall Floor:** The Hall floor is going to undergo a face-lift. Don't worry; it is not costing the parish anything. The floor has not been attended to for at least 8 years, other than mopping and sweeping. We have a company that is going to strip the floor, encase it in a state of the art polymer, and then buff it. They will also come back in three months to maintain the shine. The four separate Alcoholics Anonymous groups, which we host, are paying \$ 1,700.00 towards the cost. Father Dennis and Lisa are donating \$500.00 towards the cost. The project will start on September 16 and end on September 19.

**Today's Meditation:** "The virtue of fortitude always calls for a certain overcoming of human weakness and particularly of fear. Man, indeed, by nature, spontaneously fears danger, affliction, and suffering. Therefore, courageous men must be sought not only on the battlefields, but also in hospital wards or on a bed of pain, such men could often be found in concentration camps or in places of deportation. They were real heroes."---- Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted from his book *Manual for Men*, page 99.

**Quote of the Day:** "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."---Saint Augustine

**Today's Bible Verse:** "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." --- Hebrews 11:1

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Church (OLPH), Worcester, MA:** Middle Eastern Picnic, Sunday, September 8, 2024, 12 Noon to 6:00PM; featuring the Mitch Kaltsunas Band. Please call Father Bryan McNeil at OLPH church, if you need information.

**200 Club:** The next drawing is on Sunday, September 15, at Coffee Hour. August winners:

- \$50: Karen Jones
- \$25: Gloria Jeffords
- \$10: Gabriel Hajj
- \$10: Joe Zizik
- \$10: Roberta Zizik

The last drawing for the year will be on September 15, 2024. Our new year for the 200 Club begins in October. If you wish to participate please give your money to Pierre Hage. It is \$60.00 for the year. We will need 21 people to sign up to break even.

**Financial update; bills paid last week:**

- **Eparchy:** \$3,163.15 for the August assessment, retirement fund, medical insurance, and Flocknote
- **Frontier:** \$154.76 for cable, landline, and internet
- **Orkin Pest Control:** \$182.99 for quarterly prevention of insects and rodents

The total income for last week was \$1,945.15. The bulk of the income was from candle donations, hall rental, and clothing shed. The people who give to these three areas are primarily non parishioners. Of that amount, parishioners gave \$769.00. If it were not for the Saint Jude Shrine candles, hall rental, and clothing shed it would have been a worse financial week.

We spent \$3,500.90 last week. Total income was \$1,945.15. That leaves us with a deficit for the new fiscal year of \$1,555.75, which began on September 1, 2024.

**Last fiscal year, which began on 9/1/2023 and ended on 8/31/2024 ended with a deficit of \$5,931.98.**

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.
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Sept 1	\$769.00 donated	27 adults and 0 children attended. The average donation was \$28.48 per adult attending, however, <b>7 people accounted for \$660.00 of the \$769.00 donated.</b>	We also collected: \$208.00 from candles, \$810.00 for rental of the Hall, and \$158.15 from the Clothing Shed for the month of August. 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.	