

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
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NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Holy Rosary: In October, we will pray on only on Wednesday, October 30, at 5:30 pm, as Father Dennis will be at a clergy conference the week of October 7-11, 2024

200 Club: Our new year for the 200 Club begins in October. If you wish to participate please give your money to Pierre Hage or Father Dennis. It is \$60.00 for the year. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the rear of the church. Please sign up right away, as the October drawing will be on Sunday, October 15, after Liturgy at coffee hour.

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

2nd Collection: We will have a second collection for World Missions on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20. Please be as generous as you can. Thanks you!

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.

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

Bishop’s Appeal: The 2024 Bishop’s Appeal drive has begun. Our goal this year is \$7,500.00. In 2022, our goal was \$6,000.00. We exceeded our goal by giving \$6,328.00. In 2023, we never received our goal. We collected \$720.00. Our goal for 2024 is \$7,500.00. When you send money, make sure you put in the memo portion of your check: Saint Ann, Waterford, CT.

Thank you Jamal! Jamal Beckford answered the call, to assist Father Dennis and the Knights of Malta to feed the poor on Monday night, September 30, in New London. He washed pots and pans and cleaned tables, after a long day at his job. Thank you so much, Jamal!

Thoughts Pertaining to the Election: There is a poem written by a famous German Lutheran minister, Martin Niemoller, who criticized Hitler and spent from 1937 to 1945 in German prisons and concentration camps for having the courage to challenge that madman. Here is the poem:

- ❖ First they came for the Communists
- ❖ And I did not speak out
- ❖ Because I was not a Communist
- ❖ Then they came for the Socialists
- ❖ And I did not speak out
- ❖ Because I was not a Socialist
- ❖ Then they came for the trade unionist
- ❖ And I did not speak out
- ❖ Because I was not a trade unionist
- ❖ Then they came for the Jews
- ❖ And I did not speak out
- ❖ Because I was not a Jew
- ❖ Then they came for me
- ❖ And there was no one left
- ❖ To speak out for me.

A lot has been said during the presidential campaign about immigrants, both legal and illegal. What does the Holy Bible say?

- ❖ You shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”---Deuteronomy 10:39
- ❖ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as a citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”---Leviticus 19:34
- ❖ “Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow.”---Deuteronomy 27:19
- ❖ The Lord watches over the stranger; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.”---Psalm 146:9
- ❖ ‘I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was Father to the needy and I championed the cause of the stranger. I broke the fangs of the unrighteous, and made them drop their prey from their teeth.” Job 29:15-17

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- Fr. Dennis' Salary for September: \$1,896.33. Reduced by \$500.00 as he used that to pay for the Hall floor.
 - Copier: \$163.81
 - Property Insurance: \$1,500.00
 - Frontier: \$154.76 for internet, cable, and land line.
 - Eversource: \$900.75
- We spent \$4,615.65 last week. Total income was \$2,030.00 That leaves us with a deficit for the week of \$2,585.65. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is already \$4,565.89 and the fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.**

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Sept 29 and 30	\$2,030.00 donated at the two Liturgies	37 adults and 4 children attended.	Included in the collection were: \$68.00 from candles, \$50.00 for the Building Fund, and \$250.00 for a Fuel Donation. 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.	Thanks to all who always make up their missed envelope, including Fuel and Building Fund.