

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 10, 2024
8th Sunday after the Cross

Intentions:

Saturday: For the repose of the soul of Gloria Jeffords, requested by Father Dennis and Lisa. May her memory be eternal! Also, the Divine Liturgy is offered for the repose of the souls of Elias and Abla Jabbour, the loving father and mother of Joumana Hajj. In addition, the Divine Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline Jabbour Matta, the dear sister of Joumana, who fell asleep in the Lord on November 5th, six years ago. May all their memories be eternal!. This is requested by Joumana Hajj.

Sunday: In memory of Anna and Longin Sobanski on the observance of their wedding anniversary on November 16. This is requested by Anna Sobanski.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sanctuary Lamp: For November, it is lighted for the repose of the soul of Stephen Massad. This is requested by Gloria Jeffords (of precious memory) and her loving husband, John Jeffords. May Stephen's memory be eternal!

200 Club: Our next drawing will be, after Liturgy, on Sunday, November 17.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom: We will observe this memorial prayer at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, December 1.

Beginning of the Christmas Fast: November 15

Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple: This occurs on November 21 at 5:30 pm. This is a Holy Day and, if you are Catholic, it is your obligation to observe it.

40 Day Memorial: On December 7th at the 5:00 PM Liturgy, we will observe the 40 Day Memorial Service for Gloria Jeffords. May her memory be eternal!

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. Although 7 people registered only one attended. Our next meeting will be on Saint Athanasius' book: *On the Incarnation*. 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 the religious education classes. For November: Rosary on the 13th and 27th. Religious Education is on the 6th and 20th.

50/50 Raffle: Each Sunday, starting this week, we will have a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 a ticket and on Sundays, at coffee hour, we will draw the winning number. 50% of what we collected before the drawing will go to the winner. The other 50% goes into our Building Fund.

A Great Website: Great Lebanese recipe's from the Kalil family at: www.kalilsinthekitchen.com

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. Please be as generous as you can. **So far, 9 parishioners have donated \$2,556.53.** A great start, since we have until December 31 to meet our goal. The following parishioners have already contributed:

- ❖ Alex and Betty Antipoff
- ❖ Jamal Beckford
- ❖ Gerry and Kathy Egan
- ❖ Pierre and Saide Hage
- ❖ Joumana Hajj
- ❖ Amanda Hajj
- ❖ Father Dennis and Lisa
- ❖ Christopher Massad
- ❖ Martin Stavros
- ❖ Saint Ann Church Checking Account

Bishop Francois has requested that every Melkite consider it their duty to give according to their ability, to fund the works of our Church in America. Your generous donation funds the production of *SOPHIA* magazine, supports the education of our young in the Faith, supports our missions in America, trains new priests and deacons, and cares for our retired priests. All of these are vital to the health of our Church in America. Let's try to have 100% participation. Any amount will be appreciated. If you need assistance in making your donation, please contact Father Dennis.

Toys for Tots: Joumana Hajj, in collaboration with the U. S. Marine Corps, is collecting new toys with no gift wrapping on them for families in need. The collection box is in the narthex (entry way to the church). Please help make a child's Christmas brighter and donate!

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- Eversource: \$593.38
- We spent \$593.38 last week. Total income was \$2,786.57. That leaves us with a surplus of \$2,193.19 for the week. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is \$4,549.95. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.**

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		
Nov 2 and 3	\$2,592.34 donated at the two Liturgies	29 adults and 2 children attended.	Included in the collection was \$110.00 for candles, \$450.00 for Hall Rental, \$50.00 for Building Fund, and \$282.34 from closure of Saint Jude Women's Club. In addition to the collection was \$194.23 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.		