

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Machnicki Sobanski (November 22). This is requested by Anna and Ray Sobanski. May her memory be eternal!

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Many Thanks: Lily and Jeff Suntup, filled up the heating oil tank for the rectory and paid for it. The total was: \$489.16. Lily and Jeff quietly contribute many dollars to the church. I am so grateful for their generosity. Father Dennis

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! In December, it will be lighted for Charles Facas, Jr and Mary Jane Facas, thanks to the generous offering of Gloria and John Jeffords.

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

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!

Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple: This occurs on November 21 at 6:45 AM and also at 5:30 PM. There are two Liturgies scheduled so that more people might be able to attend, based on their schedules.

Lebanon Relief Fund: If you wish to give, please send your check to The Diocese of Newton, 3 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Please write on your check, in the memo portion: Lebanon Relief Fund.

Bishop Francois sent me a text this morning on his way to Danbury, Connecticut. It reads: "...recognizing the inherent dignity of each person as a child of God, we stand in firm solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters who live and labor in these United States."

This is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is signed by Bishop Timothy Broglio, Bishop Mark Seitz, and Bishop Jamie Soto. I have left a few copies on the table in the back of the church of the full statement.

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. We are over half-way there! 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, 10 parishioners, and our parish account, have donated \$3,679.36.** 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
- ❖ Anonymous
- ❖ 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.

Financial update; bills paid last week:

- **Integrated Security Solutions:** \$1,880.00. Our fire alarm and security system provider. This was for replacement of a faulty fire panel. All alarms were checked. Tech replaced and programmed one bad smoke detector and two heat detectors. The burglar alarm panel was shot. They donated that. The tech was here for 6 hours. This was ordered by the Waterford Fire Marshall, who inspected the church this past week. We still have more to do to be in compliance.
 - **MES Shipman's Fire Equipment Company:** \$105.50 for inspection of all fire extinguishers. We now have a 12 moth certification.
 - **Eastern Christian Bulletins:** \$109.00. For bulletins for the period November 10, 2024 to February 9, 2025.
 - **Laurence Candles:** \$1,074.00 for the large candles. This will last us for about 3 to 4 months. We make a profit off this expense.
- We spent \$3,168.50 last week. Total income was \$2,601.00. That leaves us with a deficit of \$567.50 for the week. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is \$5,117.45. 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 9 and 10	\$2,601.00 donated at the two Liturgies	42 adults and 3 children attended.	Included in the collection was \$43.00 for candles, \$450.00 for Hall Rental, and \$40.00 for the 50/50 raffle. 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.		