

**ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**December 1, 2024**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After The Holy 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 Abba 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. Also, the Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Eugene Najim, the twin brother of Edmond Najim. Eugene passed to his eternal reward on November 7. May his memory be eternal!

**Sunday:** For the repose of the soul of Mathew Brown- McCarthy, the dear son of Lisa and Father Dennis on the 8th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. May his sweet memory be eternal! This is requested by his parents, his grandmother, Irene, and his aunt Kathleen.

Also, the Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Thomas D. Carey, the loving husband of Patricia Carey and father of Meaghan, Michael, and Brian Carey. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Kathleen McCarthy. In addition, the Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Russell Wingate, beloved son of Patti Hardman. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Kathleen McCarthy

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

**At the Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8:** Gold chocolate coins will be given to the children in honor of Saint Nicholas, whose Feast Day is December 6.

**Divine Liturgy:** Feast of the Maternity of Saint Ann, 5:30 PM on December 9.

**Christmas schedule:** Divine Liturgy at 5:30 PM on December 24  
Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM on December 25

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

**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!

**A Great Website:** Great Lebanese recipe's from the Kalil family at:  
[www.kalilsinthekitchen.com](http://www.kalilsinthekitchen.com)

**Lawn:** Father Dennis fertilized the all the lawns this week, so hopefully in the spring it will be lush and beautiful! He waited until this week to get a great deal on the fertilizer. It was \$29.00 a bag, where normally it is \$60.00 a bag. He used his military discount to save another 10%.

**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, our parish has donated \$3,779.36.** 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
- ❖ Andrea Hall
- ❖ George and Beverly Homsey
- ❖ Father Dennis and Lisa
- ❖ Christopher Massad
- ❖ Gerard and Laura Massad
- ❖ Patrick and Joanne Moukawsher
- ❖ Nicholas Moukawsher
- ❖ Ed Najim
- ❖ 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 this week:**

- Father Dennis' November Salary: \$2,396.33
- Eparchy of Newton: \$3,163.14 for monthly assessment, medical insurance, retirement fund, and Flocknotes
- Orkin: \$194.61
- Uncas Gas: \$435.78
- Dumpster: \$400.00
- Fertilizer for Lawn: \$169.90

We spent \$6,189.86 last week. Total income was \$6,871.00. That leaves us with a surplus of \$681.24 for the week. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is \$3,599.21. 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 24	\$1,371.00 donated at Sunday Liturgy. Saturday Liturgy was cancelled.	28 adults and 0 children attended.	Included in the collection was \$60.00 for candles and \$50.00 for the Building Fund. In addition to the collection, we received a year's rent for the Barn, which amounted to \$5,500.00. 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.		

