

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 3, 2024
5th Sunday After The Holy Cross
Martyrs Aceptsimas, Joseph, and
Aeithalas

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.

Sunday: For the peace, health, and salvation of Irene and Kathleen McCarthy. This is requested by Father Dennis.

Today's Liturgy:

1st Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection: Page 73

Troparion of Saint Ann: Page 19

Kondakion for Ordinary Time: Page 20

Prokimenon:

- **Reader:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
- **People:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

- **Reader:** Give to the Lord you sons and daughters of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.
- **People:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
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PERMANENT CHANGES TO LITURGY:

- ❖ Instead of singing “A mercy of peace, a sacrifice of praise.” we will sing “Mercy and peace, a sacrifice of praise.” **on page 35.**
- ❖ Instead of singing “Remember all men and women.” we will sing “Sanctify them, Lord, and protect all the faithful.” **on page 40.**

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, November 3.

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. For November: Rosary on the 13th and 27th. Religious Education is on the 6th and 20th.

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

50/50 Raffle: Each Sunday, starting next 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.

Reminder: Father Dennis does not accept any money for the sacraments, which are the absolute blessings of Our Lord and the right of every Catholic. There is no “charge” for baptisms, funerals, etc. Please do not attempt to give any money to Father Dennis! It is an affront to our faith to charge money for any Holy Sacrament. Thank you!

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, 24 parishioners have donated \$2,556.53.** A great start, since we have until December 31 to meet our goal.

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:

- Priest Salary for October: \$2,396.33
 - Miscellaneous Expenses: \$738.76 for landscaping, cleaning supplies, altar supplies, household food,, and Clergy Conference expenses.
 - Copier Machine Rental: \$171.96
- We spent \$3,307.05 last week. Total income was \$1,481.01. That leaves us with a deficit of \$1,826.04 for the week. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is \$6,743.14. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.** Unfortunately, unlike the U.S. Treasury Department, we cannot print money to cover a deficit. Please consider increasing your giving. We are very grateful for all that you do give! Father Dennis

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| 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 | | |
| Oct. 20 and 27 | \$1,327.00 donated at the two Liturgies | 34 adults and 6 children attended. | Included in the collection was \$115.00 for candles, \$30.00 for Hall Rental, and \$60.00 for 200 Club. In addition to the collection was \$154.01 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. | | |

