

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.

Sunday: 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! Also, for Thomas John Francis McCarthy, the loving father of Father Dennis and his sister Kathleen. Requested by his family, May his memory be eternal,

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sanctuary Lamp: In December, it will be lighted for Charles Facas, Jr and Mary Jane Facas, thanks to the generous offering of Gloria (of precious memory) 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, January 5.

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!

Envelopes for 2025 Donations: They will be ready for your to pick up at next weekend's Liturgies

200 Club: December's winners were:

- \$50: George Homsey
- \$25: Faouzi Hage
- \$10: John Jalonski, Alex Antipoff and Gus Hage

Checks were mailed to your home. Our next drawing will take place on January 19 at coffee hour.

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.

Thank you! To Rose and David LaFleur for helping Father Dennis decorate the Church for Christmas.

Thank you! To Joumana Hajj and Michael Taptick for polishing the candle stands.

Request: Could every one bring in a Poinsettia plant next week. It will be an offering to God and you can place it anywhere in the church you would like!

Financial update; bills paid this week:

- Catholic Mutual Property Insurance: \$1,000.00. This pays for our final bill for 2024, and gives us a credit of \$21.00 for 2025.

We spent \$1,000 last week. Total income was \$2,146.00. That leaves us with a surplus of \$1,146.00 for the week. Last week, we had an additional \$681.14 in income which was not included due to a math mistake.. **Our deficit for this fiscal year is 1,771.73. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.**

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Nov 24	\$982.00 donated at Sunday Liturgy. Saturday Liturgy was cancelled.	31 adults and 0 children attended the two Liturgies.	Included in the collection was \$50 for Fuel. In addition to the collection, we received \$715 for Hall Rental and \$149 from candle offering, and \$300 from donations in memory of Gloria Jeffords. 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.

