

**ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**December 15, 2024**

**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! His 40 day memorial will be celebrated next Sunday.

Also, for Thomas John Francis McCarthy, the loving father of Father Dennis and his sister Kathleen. And the loving husband of Irene. Thomas would have been 100 years old on December 11. 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.

**Next weekend, a Second Collection for the Bishop's Appeal: All of those who have not contributed can put their offering in an envelope with their name and Bishops' Appeal on it. Surely all can give \$5.00!**

**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.

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

**200 Club:** Our next drawing will take place on January 19 at coffee hour.

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

**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
- ❖ Frederick Shakir
- ❖ 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:**

- Eversource Electric:\$896.02

We spent \$896.02 last week. Total income was \$2,483.00. 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 \$184.75.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		
Dec 8	\$2483.00 donated at the two Liturgies.	42 adults and 7 children attended the two Liturgies.	In addition in the collection was \$234 for candles, \$25 for flowers, and \$15 for Hall Rental. Memorial Liturgies, Baptisms, Weddings, Priest Stole Offerings, Blessing of Homes, and Funerals are included in the collection total, as these are private matters.		