

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 22, 2024
Sunday Before the Nativity
of Our Lord
Genealogy

Intentions:

Saturday: The Liturgy is offered for the repose of the souls of Joseph Feghali and all the deceased members of the Feghali and Jabbour families. This is requested by Gabriel and Joumana Hajj. May their memories be eternal!

Sunday: The Liturgy is offered for the repose of the soul of Norman Levesque, the father of Scott Levesque, Fr. Dennis' good friend. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Father Dennis.

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.

Christmas schedule: Divine Liturgy at 5:30PM on December 24
Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM 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. I apologize for the delay.

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 getting close! 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 \$5,942.67.** 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
- ❖ Albert and Jamal Doro
- ❖ Joseph and Cindy Doro
- ❖ John and Jenine Dorunda
- ❖ Gerry and Kathy Egan
- ❖ Faouzi and Katia Hage
- ❖ Pierre and Saide Hage
- ❖ Gabriel and Joumana Hajj
- ❖ Amanda Hajj
- ❖ Andrea Hall
- ❖ George and Beverly Homsey
- ❖ Father Dennis and Lisa McCarthy
- ❖ Christopher Massad
- ❖ Gerard and Laura Massad
- ❖ Patrick and Joanne Moukawsher
- ❖ Nicholas Moukawsher
- ❖ Edmond Najim
- ❖ Frederick Shakir
- ❖ Gilbert Shasha
- ❖ Martin Stavros
- ❖ Jeanne Van Gilder (our former parishioner, when her submarine was temporarily ported in Groton)
- ❖ 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:

- No bills were paid last week.
- But we have a number of big bills due at the end of this month.

We spent \$0.00 last week. Total income was \$3,515.00. That leaves us with a surplus of \$3,515.00 for the week. **Our surplus for this fiscal year is \$3,330.25. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.**

This Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Next Weekend	Saturday Reader: Volunteer		Sunday Reader: Volunteer	
Dec 15	\$2,101.00 donated at the two Liturgies.	48 adults and 7 children attended the two Liturgies.	In addition in the collection was \$89.00 for candles, \$10.00 for flowers, and \$415.00 for Hall Rental,\$150.00 for Building Fund, and \$750.00 For Fuel. 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.