

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: For the repose of the soul of John Colwell, the grandfather of Father Dennis. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Father Dennis

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord: January 1 at 5:30 PM

Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Theophany: January 6, at 5:30 PM **Remember Me in Your Kingdom:** We will observe this memorial prayer at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, January 5.

200 Club: Our next drawing will take place on January 19 at coffee hour. The winners of the December drawing were:

- \$50: Mariette El Khoury
- \$25: Father Dennis
- \$10: Andrea Hall
- \$10: Joanne Moukawsher
- \$10: Gail Facas

Checks were mailed to your homes on Friday, December 27.

Envelopes for 2025 Donations and 2025 Calendars: They are on the back two rows of pews. Your names are on each. They are in numerical and alphabetical order. I ordered one calendar per family to keep costs down. If you do not want your calendar, please leave it on the usher's table in the back of the church, so we can distribute it to another person. Thanks, Father Dennis

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 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 \$6,617.76.** A great start, since we have until December 31 to meet our goal. The following parishioners have already contributed:

- ❖ Alex and Betty Antipoff
- ❖ Jamal and Jessica Beckford
- ❖ Zachary Bowman
- ❖ Albert and Jamal Doro
- ❖ Joseph and Cynthia Doro
- ❖ John and Jenine Doro
- ❖ Gerry and Kathy Egan
- ❖ Pierre and Saide Hage
- ❖ Gabriel and Joumana Hajj
- ❖ Amanda Hajj
- ❖ Andrea Hall
- ❖ George and Beverly Homsey
- ❖ John Jeffords
- ❖ David and Rose LaFleur
- ❖ Father Dennis and Lisa
- ❖ Christopher Massad
- ❖ Gerard and Laura Massad
- ❖ Patrick and Joanne Moukawsher
- ❖ Nicholas Moukawsher
- ❖ Ed Najim
- ❖ Alexa and Jack Powers
- ❖ Frederick Shakir
- ❖ Gilbert Shasha
- ❖ Martin Stavros
- ❖ Jeanne Van Gilder
- ❖ 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. Our goal is \$7,500.00. We have generously given, to date, \$6,617.57. A special thanks to Jeanne Van Gilder, our parishioner who attended when her submarine was stationed in Groton. She contributed over \$2,000. If you have not given, there is still time. The appeal ends on December 31, 2024. If you gave and your name is not on this list, let Father Dennis know.

Financial update; bills paid this week:

- Christmas Decorations and Lights: \$310.42
- Batteries for Outside Lights: \$113.06
- Floodlights for Saint Ann Icon outside and Nativity Scene (6): \$69.10
- Portable Heater for Church: \$138.24
- New Christmas Tree (our old one's stand broke):\$170.15
- Tea light Candles for Saint Jude Shrine: \$80.80
- Chocolate Coins for Saint Nicholas Day: \$92.46
- Books for Religious Education for Adults: \$55.53
- BIC Candle Lighters: \$27.92
- Father Dennis's December Salary: \$2,383.22

We spent \$3,441.40 last week. Total income for last weekend and Christmas was \$4,493.00. That leaves us with a surplus of \$1,051.60 for the week.. **Our surplus for this fiscal year is \$866.85. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.**

Thank you all for your generosity last week. It really helped. Also, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, who donated Poinsettia Plants, we did not have to purchase any. Father Dennis

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		
December 22&23	\$1,298.00 donated at the two Liturgies.	32 adults and 2 children attended the two Liturgies.	In addition in the collections: \$76.00 for candles, \$70.00 for flowers, \$45.00 for Hall Rental,\$220.00 for Building Fund, and \$350.00 for Fuel, and \$20.00 for Memorial. Baptisms, Weddings, Priest Stole Offerings, Blessing of Homes, and Funerals are included in the collection total, as these are private matters.		
December 24& 25	\$2414.00 donated at the two Liturgies	58 adults and 12 children attended the two Litugies			