ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211

Pastor: Father Dennis McCarthy Email: abounadennis@gmail.com Cell phone: 860 287 0677 April 12, 2025 Saturday of Lazarus April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Intentions:

Saturday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Anna Machnicki Sobanski, the deceased mother in law of Anna Sobanski. May her memory be eternal! This is requested by Anna Sobanski.

Sunday, **Divine Liturgy:** For the peace, health and salvation of Lauren and David Petercheff on their upcoming 10th wedding anniversary. This is requested by Anna and Raymond Sobanski.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today's Liturgy: All parts are in the handout.

Divine Liturgy: April 19, for the repose of the soul of Amay Tamar (4 years), the dear friend of Journana Hajj. This is requested by Journana and Gabriel Hajj.

Divine Liturgy: April 26, for the repose of the souls of Joumana Hajj's parents, Elias and Abla Jabbour, and her sister Jacqueline Jabbour Matta. This is requested by Joumana and Gabriel Hajj.

Bishop's Appeal: The final totals will be announced shortly. I can tell you, we almost reached our goal of \$7,000.00. Thank you to all who donated!

Financial update; bills paid this week:

We spent \$7,296.45 last week. We collected, in total, \$2,154.00.. The deficit for the week was \$5,142.45. Our deficit for this fiscal year is \$2,285.40. The fiscal year began on September 1, 2024.

Summary:

- 41 adults and 11 children attended the two Liturgies
- Regular Collection: \$1,397.00
- Candles: \$112.00Hall Rental: \$645.00

Bills paid:

- Eparchy: \$6,706.92 for Medical, retirement, and Flock notes for the period 1/1/25 to 3/1/25. Also for the same for the month of October 2024, which we inadvertently did not send to the Eparchy, but it included our assessment for October 2024.
- Eversource: \$589.53. Our bill was lower by 57.3 percent than last year's April bill, by using energy diligence and monitoring light, heat, and refrigeration usage.

Holy Week Schedule:

- Bridegroom Service: Monday, April 14, Cancelled
- Tuesday: April 15, Cancelled
- Wednesday: April 16, Last Supper Service at 6:30 pm
- Thursday: April 17, Passion Gospels at 5:30 pm
- Friday: April 18, Descent from the Cross at 12 noon
- Friday: April 18, Funeral Service of Christ (Epitaphios Service) at 7:00 pm
- Saturday: April 19, Hajmet, Orthros of the Resurrection, at 8:00 pm
- Sunday: April 20, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy at 10 am

Note: The schedule has change due to Father Dennis needing to visit his mother in Florida. She is in Home Hospice and is not expected to live much longer. Please pray for a peaceful death, surrounded by the angels. Her name is Irene.

Collection: Good Friday at the Epitaphios Service for the Holy Land. There are envelopes on the usher's table in the rear of the church.

Request: Could everyone bring an Easter Lily this week before Saturday, so the parish does not have to spend a lot of money to decorate the church. We did this for Christmas with Poinsettias and it was a great success. You can drop them off by the Saint Jude Shrine. Thank you so much. It really helps. All sizes are welcome!

April 26: 9 am-12 noon. A general clean up of the church grounds. Tasks needed to be accomplished:

- ✓ Weeding
- ✓ Fertilizing the lawns
- ✓ Cuttings vines on trees that are killing the trees
- ✓ Debris pick up
- ✓ Paint the church sign and repair where possible
- ✓ Mulch gardens
- ✓ Clean out front yard rock garden/area
- ✓ Many more things. This is just an example. I need someone to volunteer to work with me as the Foreperson. Let's have some younger folks participate. Bring your own tools and gloves.