

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org860-442-2211	
Pastor: Father Dennis McCarthy Email: abounadennis@gmail.com Cell phone: 860 287 0677	September 7, 2025 Sunday Before the Feast of The Holy Cross

Intentions:

Saturday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the souls of Lisa Marie Brown, Thomas McCarthy, Irene McCarthy, and Matthew B. McCarthy. May their memories be eternal! This is requested by Father Dennis and his sister Kathleen McCarthy

Sunday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Saide Zoohrob on the 4th anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal! This is requested by her loving daughter Katia Hage and the entire family.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Divine Liturgy: Monday, September 8 at 5:30 pm for the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God.

Remember Me in Your Kingdom: We will observe this memorial at the end of Liturgy, next Sunday, September 14.

Our next Parish Advisory Council Meeting: Originally scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 18, at 6 pm in the conference room, it will be moved until after Father Dennis returns from the clergy conference, the last week in September, in order to brief the council on the outcomes of the clergy conference.

Today’s Meditation:

The first level of contrition is contrition of fear. It is called “imperfect contrition” or “attrition”, because it is motivated by awareness of the ugliness of sin and by fear of eternal damnation. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, it begins a process of inner conversion that disposes us to grace and is completed by sacramental absolution. The second level of attrition is called “perfect contrition” It is motivated, not by a self-oriented fear, but by love for God and the awareness of how good He is. This is much more personal, leading to a deeper relationship with God and a growing desire to avoid anything that might offend him.
An excerpt from *7 Secrets of Confession* by Vincent Flynn, pages 118-119

200 Club:

Our new year for the 200 Club begins in October. If you wish to participate please give your money to Pierre Hage or Father Dennis. It is \$60.00 for the year. We will need 21 people to sign up to break even. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the rear of the church. Please sign up by September 30.

The August drawing will take place on this Sunday, after Liturgy.

Financial update: The following is a summary of last week’s of income and expenses.

Income:

- Candles: \$116.00
- Hall Rental:\$555.00
- Regular Collection: \$1,532.00
- Total: \$2,203.00

Expenses:

- Candles: \$1,164.00 for large candles
- Total: \$1,164.00

We had a surplus last week of \$1,089.00. For the fiscal year, which began September 1, 2024, and ended August 31, we have a deficit of \$14,158.54.

We had 40 adults and 4 children attend the two Divine Liturgies last weekend.

If everyone could increase their donation by \$5.00 a week, we could make great progress in reducing our deficit. Let’s see if we can better, this next fiscal year.

