

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org860-442-2211	
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Intentions:

Saturday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Richard Pintal., the great friend of Michael Taptick, May his memory be eternal!

Sunday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Irene and Thomas McCarthy, the mother and father of Father Dennis and his sister Kathleen, May their memories be eternal!

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Remember Me in Your Kingdom: We will observe this memorial at the end of Liturgy, on Sunday!

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 Father Dennis. You can also put in the collection. Make sure it is in an envelope, with your name on it, marked “200 Club”. 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 winners for the August drawing were:

- \$50 Fidel Alvarez
- \$25 Faouzi Hage
- \$10 Joe Doro
- \$10 Anissa Starr
- \$10 Mariette El Khoury

The checks will be mailed to your homes on Monday.

The last drawing for this 200 Club year will be on Sunday, September 28, after Sunday Liturgy.

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

Income:

- Candles: \$65.00
- Clothing Shed: \$175.03
- Regular Collection: \$1,160.00
- Total: \$1,4003.03

Expenses:

- Eversouce: \$781.13
- Eparchy \$1,800.06: For monthly assessment, priest retirement fund, and Flocknotes
- Total: \$2,581.19

We had a deficit last week of \$1,178.16. For the fiscal year, which began September 1, 2024, and ended August 31, **we have a deficit of \$15, 336.70.**

We had 42 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.