

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	December 21 , 2025 Sunday before the Nativity of the Lord (Genealogy)

Intentions:

Saturday’s Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Theodore Constantine. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by Father Dennis.

Sunday’s Divine Liturgy: December 21: For the peace, health, and salvation of Haley Petercheff on the occasion of her 7th birthday. Her birthday is on December 23. This is requested by her grandparents, Raymond and Anna Sobanski.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15: Beginning of the Nativity Fast.

Divine Liturgy: Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 10 AM, we will remember the Circumcision of our Lord.

Upcoming Memorial Services/ Liturgy Intentions:

- ❖ **Sunday, February 1, 2026:** The Liturgy will be offered for Lisa Brown-McCarthy on the one year anniversary of her passing to the Lord (January 31, 2025) After Liturgy, Father Dennis will be hosting a meal in her memory, his mother’s memory, and his son’s memory. This will be at Langley’s or Filomena’s and is open to all parishioners, and there is no charge. Father Dennis will put out a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, so he will know how many people are attending. The location and sign-up sheet will be available next weekend. Thank you, Father Dennis!

Christmas Divine Liturgy Schedule:

- ❖ On Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM, we will celebrate the Paramony of the Nativity. *Paramony literally means “ permanence\” and refers to Christians keeping all night Vigils in the church building for Christmas and Theophany.*
- ❖ On Thursday, December 25, we will celebrate The Nativity of Our Lord at 10 AM.

Sanctuary Lamp: In December, it is lighted for the repose of the souls of Charles Facas, Jr. and Mary Jane Facas. May their memories be eternal! This is requested by Jeff Jeffords and his late wife Gloria.

200 Club: Next drawing is on December 21, after Liturgy. There are a few people who signed up, but have not given their \$60 donation. Their names will be deleted from the drawings. If you have questions, please contact Father Dennis.

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

Income:

- Candles: \$103.00
- Hall Rental: \$159.00
- Fuel: \$50.00
- Building Fund: \$50.00
- Flowers: \$20.00
- Fuel:\$50.00
- Regular Collection: \$2,136.00
- Total: : \$2,518.00

Expenses:

- Property Insurance: \$500.00

We had a surplus last week of \$2,068.00. Attendance for the weekend was 29 adults and 1 child. Sunday was a snowy day, so attendance was light.

Lily and Jeff Suntup: Thank you so much. They filled our Oil Tank in the amount of \$637.00

Bishop’s Appeal: So far, 16 people have donated. If you have not donated, please do. Any amount is appreciated. All the information for doing so is on the back table. Thank you for your support. We now have contributed \$7,114.99 towards our goal of \$7,500. Father Dennis

New Calendars for 2026 and the 2026 Donation Envelopes will be available this weekend in the back of the church.

May God bless you all for sustaining His House. Please remember to give the Lord a Poinsettia on his birthday: any size is welcome. You can bring to church at services or leave it in the Saint Jude Shrine, which is open 24 hours a day, all year!