

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday of the Paralytic

Intentions:

❖ **Saturday, Divine Liturgy:** For the peace, health, and salvation of Father Edward Kakaty

❖ **Sunday, Divine Liturgy:** For the peace, health, and salvation of Kathleen Marie McCarthy, the sister of Father Dennis

❖ **NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser: New date is Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.

200 Club: The next drawing will be after Liturgy on Sunday, April 26.

Big Thanks: Thank you Joumana Hajj for donating the gravel by the Virgin Mary statue and gardening. Thank you to Jack Hage for spreading the gravel with his backhoe with Joumana doing the detail work. They both straightened out our purple tree, which was leaning badly. Thank you to Gerard Massad, who supervised the electricians, who did many projects that needed to be done with our electrical system. Gerard was here from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. He also assisted the electricians, picked up trash on the lawn, raked leaves by our heating units, and helped cut the lawn. Thank you all so much for devoting your time! Father Dennis

Happy Feast Day! To all who are named George, happy late Feast Day, April 23.

Divine Liturgy: The Liturgy will be offered for Patrick and Joanne Moukawsher on Sunday, June 7, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (May 25).

Financial update: The following is a summary of income and expenses over the last week:

Income:

- Candles: \$183.00
- Good Friday Donation: \$100.00
- Regular Collection: \$1,188.00
- Total: \$1,471.00

Expenses:

Our expenses for last week are listed below. For the Liturgies last weekend, we had 33 adults and 1 child attend.

- Father Dennis' March Salary: \$2,409.46
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- Frontier: \$94.86 for cable, landline, internet
- Eversource: \$215.96
- Uncas Gas: \$367.35
- Total: \$5,497.09

Why does Jesus call the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete? We hear it in Scripture and it passes almost unnoticed. It is one of the most personal names Jesus gives to the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel of John, as Jesus prepares the apostles for His departure, He tells them, "I will ask the Father and He will give you another Paraclete to be with you forever."

The word *Paraclete*, from the Greek *parakletos*, which means something like the one who is called alongside. It has been translated as advocate, helper, counselor, even comforter. None of these translations quite capture the word fully, which is why the Church has often simply kept the word itself.

To be a *paraclete* is to remain close. It is not distant guidance or occasional help. It is a presence that accompanies, that intercedes. In a legal sense, it can mean an advocate, someone who speaks on your behalf. But in the way Christ uses it, the meaning seems even deeper. It is someone who does not leave. (The Catholic Company, April 2026)

