

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday of The Fathers of Nicea

Intentions:

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

❖ **Sunday, Divine Liturgy:** For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser: Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. Signup sheet in back of church on the table.

Saturday, June 13: This is the night of the Spaghetti Dinner. Liturgy will begin at 4:30 pm rather than 5:00 pm.

Divine Liturgy: Feast of the Sunday of Pentecost: May 24 at 10 am.

Divine Liturgy: On May 24th, the Liturgy will be offered for the peace, health, and salvation of Thecla Abbiati, on the occasion of her birthday and also for the peace, health, and salvation of Kaien Sobanski on the occasion of his 6th birthday. Thecla is the sister of Anna Sobanski and Gerard Massad and Kaien is the grandson of Anna and Raymond Sobanski. This is offered by Anna and Raymond Sobanski.

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)

The Sanctuary Lamp: The Sanctuary Lamp is lighted for the month of June for Gloria Massad. This is offered by John Jeffords and his late wife Gloria. They were the best of friends. May both Gloria's memories be eternal! We miss them both. Father Dennis

200 Club: The next drawing will be held on Sunday, May 24, after Liturgy.

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour snack signup sheet in back of the church on the table.

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

Income:

- Candles: \$73.00
- Hall Rental:\$260.00
- Fundraiser (Spaghetti Dinner): \$75.00
- Regular Collection: \$2,563.00
- Total: \$2,896.00

Expenses:

Our expenses for last week are listed below. For the Liturgies last weekend, we had 39 adults and children attend.

- Eversource Electricity:\$185.67
- Eparchy: 4\$1,613.66 for medical insurance
- Eparchy: \$700.00 for priest retirement fund
- Eparchy: \$100.00 for Flocknotes email system
- Total: \$2,599.33

Why did the Apostles choose Saint Matthias by casting lots? When Judas's betrayal left the group of the Twelve incomplete, the early Church faced a decision of how to restore the number of Apostles chosen by Christ. In the *Acts of the Apostles*, we find the account of how Saint Matthias was selected to fill that role.

Before choosing a new apostle, Peter outlined specific qualifications: the man must have accompanied Jesus and the other apostles throughout His ministry, from His baptism by John to His Ascension. This requirement ensured that the new Apostles could bear firsthand witness to Christ's Resurrection, a central point for the Twelve.

Although Matthias is not mentioned again by name in the New Testament, early church tradition holds that he faithfully carried out the mission of the Apostles: preaching the Gospel and building the church. Various sources suggest that he evangelized in regions such as Judea or possibly as far as modern day Georgia and Ethiopia, though details remain cloudy.—The Catholic Company

