

ST. ANN MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH 41 Cross Rd, Waterford, CT 06385 http://www.stannmelkitechurch.org 860-442-2211	
Pastor: Father Dennis McCarthy Email: abounadennis@gmail.com Cell phone: 860 287 0677	August 2, 2026 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Intentions:

Saturday, Divine Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of Michael Taptick.

Sunday, Divine Liturgy: For the peace, health, and salvation of John “Jeff” Jeffords.

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sanctuary Lamp: The lamp is lighted for the month of August for David Facas. This is requested by John Jeffords and his loving wife, Gloria, who has passed to her eternal reward. May David’s and Gloria’s memories be eternal!

Vacation: Father Dennis will be visiting his family in Maryland. He will leave on Sunday evening, August 2 and be back late Saturday night, August 8. He was unable to obtain a Priest to cover for **Saturday, August 8th, so Liturgy will be cancelled.** On Sunday, August 9th, Liturgy will occur at the same time, 10 am. If there is an emergency, please call Father Dennis on his cell phone: 860 287 0677.

Feast of the Transfiguration, Divine Liturgy: Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 PM. Father Bryan McNeil, from our sister parish in Worcester, Massachusetts, has kindly agreed to cover for Father Dennis. Please attend, as he is driving a long way to help us out.

Prayer Request: Please pray for the peace, health, and salvation of Father Edward Kakaty.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Worcester, MA: Their annual Middle Eastern Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 12-6pm. Please see the flyer on the back table of the church.

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

Income:

- Candles: \$268.00
- Hall Rental: \$50.00
- Memorials: \$50.00
- Regular Collection: \$1,361
- Total: \$1,679.00

Expenses: For the Liturgies last weekend, we had 44 adults and 3 children attend.

- Advanced Power Equipment: \$629.22 for lawnmower repair and annual preventive maintenance
- Biagiarelli Electric: \$300.00 to repair wiring issues in church
- Checking Account Monthly Fee: \$7.00
- Eparchy: \$4,425.88 for pension funding, Flocknote, medical insurance, and assessment
- Total: \$5,362.10

200 Club: The winners of last week’s drawing for July were:

- \$50: Betty Antipoff
- \$25: Raymond Sobanski
- \$10: Joe Doro
- \$10: Anna Sobanski
- \$10: Jeff Jeffords
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Your checks will be mailed to your homes this week. The next drawing will be on Sunday, August 23.

What is in a name? In the Old Testament, names carried profound significance. Whenever someone’s name was changed, it connoted a new identity and a mission from God. For example, God changed Abram’s name to Abraham, when He called him to be the father of many nations. Similarly, after Jacob wrested with God, the Lord blessed him and renamed him Israel, a name which means: “He strives with God”.

Simon, Son of John, also received a new name upon professing Christ and receiving his commission as the first Pope. Jesus renamed him Peter (which means “rock”). Names are important. Jesus’ name is divinely appointed and means “Savior”. In the Jewish religion, the name of God, *YAHWEH*, was so holy that it was rarely spoken.

In contrast Jesus’ name was pronounced every day during His earthly life, since He lived and worked among men and using His name was necessary.

We have then, this sacred name, which He allowed us to use every day while on earth. He still desires us to use it every day, not because it is ordinary but because it is powerful. Our Lord desires us to call on His name for temporal and spiritual aid, as a shield against temptation, as a sword against the devil and his legions that fear Him. It is a name that should be on our lips not just in life, but at the hour of our death, as it was in the lives and deaths of countless saints.