

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	September 20, 2026 Sunday After the Holy Cross

Intentions:

Saturday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Irene Virginia (Colwell) McCarthy, on the occasion of her birthday, September 23 ,the Holy Day of the Conception of Saint John the Baptizer and Forerunner of Christ. May her memory be eternal! This is requested by her loving children, Kathleen and Father Dennis.

Sunday, Divine Liturgy: For the repose of the soul of Matthew Brown McCarthy, the loving son of Lisa and Father Dennis, on the occasion of his birthday, September 27. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by the his loving Aunt Kathleen and his mom and dad, Lisa and Father Dennis

NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Upcoming Important Liturgies:.

Divine Liturgy: On Saturday, September 26, 2026. For the repose of the soul of Tekla Wright; may her memory be eternal! This is requested by Anna Hugyo.

Divine Liturgy: On Saturday, October 3, 2026. For the repose of the soul of Jeff Bigelow; may his memory be eternal! This is requested by Anna Hugyo.

Attendance: For the Liturgies last weekend, we had 31 adults and 4 children attend.

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

Income:

- Candles: \$125.00
- Regular Collection: \$1,363.00
- Total: \$1,488.00

Expenses:

- No bills were processed last week.

200 Club: The next drawing will be held on Sunday, September 20, after Divine Liturgy.

Big Thanks! Thank you to the following people, who answered my call for help with projects around the church, this past two weeks:

- ❖ Joumana and Gabriel Hajj: They cleared the overgrown gardens, mowed, blew off all debris with an electric blower, mowed, and trimmed away the weeds.
- ❖ Joumana Hajj: Joumana helped Father Dennis fertilize the lawn. She did half of it, by herself.
- ❖ Mark Hopkins: Mark helps every week with landscaping. He cleared the path to the propane tank last week, in order to make it safer and more accessible to the delivery man. On Friday, he cleared the main garden of weeds and took down old Christmas lights on two big trees. He also cleaned the front entrance to the church and swept the sidewalks as our blower needs repair.
- ❖ James Richmond: James is a skilled carpenter and he has started work on the Saint Ann Icon enclosure on the front lawn. Check it out!
- ❖ Brad Shakir: Brad worked on trimming tree branches.
- ❖ Nicholas Moukawsher: Nick trimmed trees and disposed of dead tree limbs.
- ❖ Gerard Massad: Gerard, every week, weeds the front entrance garden to the church.

Thank you all so much. With just a few volunteers, we accomplished a great deal. Our church is beautiful. We should take pride in that. When, even a few, work for a small amount of time, the result is so attractive. I was on the front yard this week, and a married couple imparted to me how beautiful our sign is and the great, general upkeep of the church. They said it is a highlight of the neighborhood! Let us be proud of that! We are noticeable. Many hundreds of cars use Cross Road every day. “Curb Appeal” makes a person notice us and, hopefully, brings them to our wonderful parish. If you pitch in, only for a half an hour, you can make a significant impact. Love the House of Lord, and give it tender care. It is your duty as a Melkite Catholic. Embrace your duty. I will be retiring next July. I want to leave the next priest a beautiful church. Thank you all. Father Dennis