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| Pastor: Father Dennis P. McCarthy<br>Email: abounadennis@gmail.com<br>Cell phone: 860 287 0677 | **November 8, 2026: 7th Sunday after the Holy Cross: Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the Heavenly Bodiless Powers: 24th week after Pentecost** |

**Intentions:**

**Saturday, Divine Liturgy:**

- For the repose of the soul of Jacqueline Jabbour Matta, the loving sister of Joumana Hajj. May her memory be eternal! Every Saturday night Liturgy in November will be offered for her repose, as requested by her loving sister Joumana.

**Sunday Divine Liturgy:**

- For the repose of the soul of Archimandrite, Father Edward Kakaty. Father Ed devoted his life to God and His Church. He guided us as Pastor from 2002 until 2017. May his memory be eternal! Father Dennis

**NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Divine Liturgy:** On November 16, 2026, the Liturgy will be offered in honor of the wedding anniversary of Anna and Longin Sobanski. This is requested by Anna and Raymond Sobanski.

**Sanctuary Lamp:** For November**,** it will be offered for the repose of the soul of Stephen Massad. May his memory be eternal! This is requested by John Jeffords and his late wife Gloria.

**Incense:** I have received feedback from parishioners on the amount of incense we use during services. Some people have hard time breathing with heavy incense. We will take care in the future to be much more moderate. We do not want people not to attend Liturgy because of incense. However, some incense is integral to our services. Thanks, Father Dennis

**Attendance:** For the Liturgies last weekend, we had 45 adults and 5 children attend.

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

**Income:**

- Candles: $117.00
- Memorials:$100.00
- 200 Club: $120.00
- Building Fund: $50.00
- Pastoral Appeal: (formerly known as Bishop's Appeal) $1,000.00
- Clothing Shed: $130.35
- Regular Collection: $1,762.00
- Total: $3,149.25

**Expenses:**

- Priest Salary for October: $2,409.46
- Bank Maintenance Checking Fee: $7.00. This is a monthly fee.
- Total: $2,416.46

**200 Club: #####NOTE:** The last drawing for the year took place on October 18. Our new year of drawings was scheduled to begin in November. If you want to participate, please donate $60.00. We do not have enough participants to continue the drawing at this time, so we are extending the donation period to December 31, 2026. If we do not have enough participants, we will refund the money of those who have already donated. Thank you, Father Dennis.

**The Pastoral Appeal (former name: The Bishops Appeal):** It started on October 18 and runs through December 31, 2026. Please be as generous as you can. You should have received material at your home address. If not, please let Father Dennis know, so that we can add to or correct our parish roster. Please make sure you identify, in your donation, our Parish: Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church, WATERFORD, CT, so that we get credit for our generosity. There are a number of Saint Ann parishes in the Eparchy

**New services:** Every Sunday, at 9:15 (change in time from 8:45 am), we will conduct Orthos before Liturgy. Last Sunday, we had 4 people attend. We will continue the service, every Sunday, until the end of 2026, and then evaluate whether we will continue based upon attendance. Starting November 5, I will be conducting the service of Vespers every other Thursday evening at 5:30 PM. Each service lasts about 30 minutes. Father Dennis

**Adult Education**: Beginning November 17, I will be conducting adult religious education from 5:30 to 6: 30 PM, every other Tuesday. It will be held in the church hall. Father Dennis

**Note: I need 3 adults with chain saws to cut down the tree leaning over the parking lot, so we can open up the space for parking. Please see Father Dennis for details.** ***If we do not have volunteers to cut it this week, I will contract with a tree service, which is expensive.*** **Thanks, Father Dennis**

***The above was written in last week's bulletin. I know some men intended to do the work, but had a busy schedule. It is a safety issue and restricting parking for the handicapped people who attend the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. So, it needs to take place this week. I will leave it up to the volunteers to coordinate with each other.***