



# St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



## A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, August 28, 2022 - Tone 3 – The Rich Young Man

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Rev. Deacon Sami Jajeh & Rev. Deacon Elie Hanna, Parish Administrators

Celebrant: Rev. George Gage

Attached Clergy: Rev. Dr. Thomas Flynn - Bi Ritual

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Cultural Center Manager - Jerome Hagley - [jerome.hagley@gmail.com](mailto:jerome.hagley@gmail.com)

10:00 AM – ORTHROS

10:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY

Followed by Coffee Hour Fellowship in the Cultural Center.

### Parish Church Year Theme

(Liturgical Year – began Sept. 1, 2021 – ends Aug. 31, 2022):

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men....” (Colossians 3:23)

السنة الكنسية لرعيّتنا

(٢٠٢٢ تبدأ في ١ أيلول/سبتمبر ٢٠٢١ وتنتهي في ٣١ آب/أغسطس)

”مَهْمَا فَعَلْتُمْ فَأَفْعَلُوهُ مِنْ صَمِيمِ قُلُوبِكُمْ

(٣: ٢٣ الكولوسيّين) “...فَعَلْكُمْ لِلرَّبِّ لَا لِلنَّاسِ

----- A WARM WELCOME TO ALL -----

**HAPPY TO HAVE VISITORS WITH US!** Please sign our Visitor’s Guest Book in the narthex (entrance) of the church. If interested in receiving news, make sure we have an email address. And join us in the Cultural Center behind the Church to introduce yourself.

**INTERESTED-IN-BECOMING-CATECHUMENS/PARISHIONERS?** Please send email to [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org) or leave your contact information in the guest book in Narthex. We ask for an ongoing attendance period before requesting to be a member.

### ----- PARISH LIFE UPDATE -----

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Next meeting will be held on September 8, 2022, at 7:30pm virtually. If you would like to attend this meeting, please send an email requesting the virtual meeting information.

**LADIES SOCIETY** – Meetings are held second Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be held on Sunday September 11, 2022. Ladies Society officers will be selected, as well as important discussions regarding the Patronal Feast Day celebration.

**FEAST DAY CHAIRPERSON(S):** It is never too early to start the planning of our Feast Day in November. If you would like to be on the committee or a chairperson, please let the deacons know.

**FALL CLEANING:** Thank you to those who came out for the cleaning/organization on Saturday, Aug 27, 2022. The next cleaning/organization will be held in early October... date TBD!

## ----- SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY -----

As a spiritual family, we encounter heaven on earth through the Divine Liturgy - the Lord's Day (*Kyriake* in Greek) as a priority for all families; making up of any missed financial support; and a resolve for all to let us live a renewed life in Christ through Church!

### THIS WEEKEND, SUN., AUG 28 LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER! Below are the commemorations received from parishioners for this week. If you would like one said for you, your family members, or friends, please send requests for commemorations to [contact@sjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@sjohnmelkite.org) by Thursday.

#### REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+James Kannon, requested by Jerome Hagley and family  
+Jef Murray (7 yr Anniv), requested by Lorraine Murray

#### HEALTH & SALVATION

Protodeacon David Baroody, ordination to priesthood August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Souren Palanjian, requested by Deacon Sami Jajeh and family  
Peace in the World, especially in the U.S., Middle East, Holy Land, Ukraine

### LITURGY INFORMATION

**Liturgy Cards** are available for any special intentions. A donation is at your discretion.

**Altar Servers:** Contact Deacon Elie if interested. Servers' robes are blessed for Orthros (9:50) and Divine Liturgy (10:15) Be early!  
**Masstimes.org:** If traveling, consider researching schedules of weekend liturgies, (Melkite, Byzantine Catholic or Roman Catholic). If there is no Catholic Church in the area, you may attend an Orthodox church when on vacation.

## ----- UPCOMING AND IMPORTANT EVENTS -----

**MON, AUG 29:** Beheading of the Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist

**THURS, SEP 1 – CHURCH NEW YEAR:** Beginning of the new liturgical Church year – we are excited to announce the new Church theme. "*The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding.*" (Nehemiah 2:20). May the Lord God bless his vineyard in Atlanta, as we continue to build up His church for His greater glory!

**THURS, SEP 8 – NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS.** Community celebration to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Nativity of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Eastern Catholic Church. The Holy Virgin and Theotokos Mary was born to elderly and previously barren parents by the names of Joachim and Anna, in answer to their prayers.

**WED, SEP 14 – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** – The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is September 14<sup>th</sup>, but will be celebrated Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please get your crosses ready to bring for this celebration so that you can carry it in procession!

**SAT, SEPT 24 - PARISH PICNIC** – [Click here or scan QR code](#) to RSVP, get more information and sign-up to bring items to the picnic. As always, we thank Vic Maloof for being such a gracious and hospitable host. **DEADLINE to RSVP is September 18, 2022!**



## ----- EPARCHIAL NEWS -----

### FATHER FRANCOIS BEYROUTI NAMED 6TH EPARCHIAL BISHOP OF NEWTON

Bishop Nicholas Samra is happy to announce that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has given his assent to the canonical election of Father Francois Beyrouti as the 6th Eparchial Bishop of Newton for Melkite Greek Catholics in the United States. Father Francois, 51, was elected on June 23, 2022, by the Melkite Synod held at the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome, Italy. A terna (list of the nominated) of 3 names was sent to the Dicastery of the Eastern Churches and Pope Francis confirmed the election. The announcement was made on August 20, 2022, by His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East for Melkite Greek Catholics. Consecration and installation dates will be determined shortly. We pray for Bishop-Elect Francois that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, will give him continued good health and long life, and "give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love" (Prayer for a Bishop). (SEE FULL BIOGRAPHY ON PAGE 4)



----- STEWARDSHIP (AL WAQF) IS A WAY OF LIFE -----

This is our being entrusted by God with the gifts of the earth and of our church. We are all stewards: earthly caretakers and managers for the Lord. Our return of Time, Talent and Treasure to Him is our understanding of being good stewards (caretakers) of what is already His... It is a way of life!

**TIME AND TALENT:**

**Volunteers Needed** for Chairs for Ladies Society or for Men's Club.

**Liturgical Participation:** Please consider joining the Choir and learning the chants, taking turns to be a reader (contact Eric Hansen), becoming an usher (contact Joe M. or Jerome H.) or an adult altar server (contact Deacon. Elie).

**Religious Education Teachers** at the same time of sharing the faith with our young, we too will grow in our own faith. **Gift Shop:** staff the shop for those wishing to purchase items.



**TREASURE:** [CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW](#), or scan QR Code or send an email to [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org) to set up recurring ACH donations. All manual checks should be made to "St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church" with the exception of diocesan collections, which should be made out to "Diocese of Newton." Please identify the purpose of all donations in the memo field (e.g. Weekly/Monthly Support, Commemoration for \_\_\_\_\_, Shepherd's Care, etc.).



ZELLE! ZELLE! ZELLE! St. John Chrysostom can now receive donations via Zelle. Our "handle" (donation id) is [donate@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:donate@stjohnmelkite.org). Please put a note in the memo of any Zelle donation, such as "Weekly Support" or "Commemoration." As this is new to the parish, please let us know if this is more convenient or if you prefer Venmo.

**TREASURE ACCOUNTING:** Since July 1, 2022, the church has been using software to track donations, providing us with financial reporting to Eparchy and for Tax reporting requirements. If you give via cash, PLEASE use a donation envelope (found in narthex) with your name to record your family's donation properly. We have many options (Bill pay, credit card, ACH and Zelle), so please contact us to help you setup what is most convenient.

**WHAT ABOUT TRADITION?** Yes, the fourth "T" of stewardship, as we have received the apostolic tradition and the Melkite Byzantine tradition as a gift from God. To be stewards of it, we must not only learn it and grow spiritually but share it - perhaps by inviting a friend to the Divine Liturgy or praying for others, including those in our Prayer Line.

----- PRAYER IS A WAY OF LIFE -----

**Please keep in your prayers...**

Dr. Shajih Muhanna

Rouviette Hanna

Alber Mansour

Melinda Ajmo

Victims of natural disasters

Bishop-Elect Fr. Francois Beyrouti

Michael Shikany

Father Tom Flynn

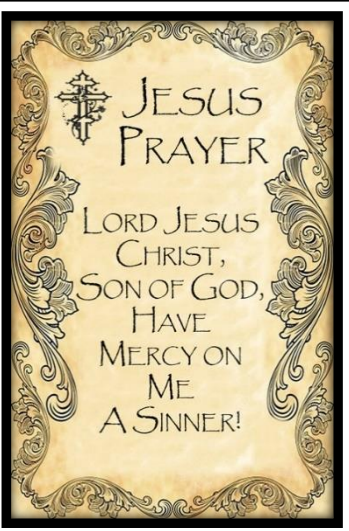
Souren Palanjian

Those affected by the virus

The Wandering Sheep of this parish

*May the Divine Physician of our souls and bodies extend His healing hand over His servants and handmaids.*

For those in need of prayer and to keep us up to date on everyone's condition, please share at [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org).



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries



Note: The information below is from our Parishioner database. We apologize IN ADVANCE for anyone who is missing or any information which is mistaken. Please send corrections to [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org) so we can update our database. THANK YOU!

### Birthday:

Sandra Madanat  
Shadi Jaraysi  
Margaret Alexander  
Claire Nuar

### Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Matilda Ghawi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kam and Judy Nassar  
Mr. & Mrs. Basil and Nidhal Kirma  
Mr. and Mrs. Walid Alzaraaneh  
Rev. Deacon Elie Hanna

## ----- FEEDBACK -----

**CONCERNS?** Any needs, thoughts, concerns, questions, misunderstandings, charitable suggestions in any area of parish life that you may have, please do not hesitate to immediately contact Dcn. Elie Hanna or Dcn. Sami Jajeh. Any possible explanations, corrections, discussions or changes will never be taken care of unless all bring these concerns to us, and especially to the proper person.

### HAVE AN IDEA?

For parish life?

For the upcoming picnic?

Share it with us!



## FATHER FRANCOIS BEYROUTI BISHOP-ELECT - EPARCHY OF NEWTON

Bishop-Elect Francois was born July 3, 1971, to Elias and Maggy Beyrouti in Hadeth-Beirut, Lebanon. He has two brothers, +Joseph, of blessed memory, who passed away in 2004, and Anthony. The family emigrated to Canada in 1976, settling in North Vancouver, British Columbia. He attended primary and secondary Catholic schools in North Vancouver. He then entered the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, British Columbia in 1989 where he completed a B.A. in 1993.

He then moved to Ottawa, Ontario, and in 1996 completed a Civil and Ecclesiastical Baccalaureate in Theology in Eastern Christian Studies at the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at Saint Paul University. In 1997, he completed a Master of Arts in Theology, Biblical Studies concentration, and in 1998, a Licentiate in Theology, Biblical Studies concentration, both at Saint Paul University (Ottawa, Ontario). He has also completed workshops in Conflict Resolution and Youth Ministry.

On October 4, 1998, Bishop Sleiman Hajjar ordained Father François a priest. He was the first diocesan priest ordained for the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Saint-Sauveur (Montreal, Canada) where he served as Vocations director and member of the College of Consultors.

Upon ordination, Bishop Sleiman appointed him assistant pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Melkite Catholic Church in Ottawa where he ministered until January 31, 2010. There he focused on building up pastoral programs, developing strong children, youth, and young adult ministries, leading marriage preparation programs, media work with newspapers, radio, and TV stations, and engaged political leaders on religious topics. On the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth to the Throne, Father Francois was awarded the Golden Jubilee Medal in a ceremony at the Parliament of Canada on November 1, 2002.

In 2013, he received a Ph.D. (The University of Ottawa) and D.Th. (Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario) for his thesis on Origen of Alexandria's Commentary on the Gospel of John, focusing on Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4. During these studies, he attended and presented at Academic conferences and published articles and book reviews in academic journals.

He was incardinated into the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton, USA on December 2, 2011, and serves on the Presbyteral Council and College of Eparchial Consultors. Since November 2012, he has been the pastor of Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church in Placentia, California ([www.HolyCrossMelkite.org](http://www.HolyCrossMelkite.org)) and since 2015, has served consecutive terms as president of the Eastern Catholic Pastoral Association.

He has taught the following courses: "Christianity in the Middle East" (2000), "Hermeneutics and Exegesis in Eastern Christianity" (2000, 2003, & 2015), "The Synoptic Gospels" (2008), "The Eastern Catholic Churches at Vatican II" (2014), and online courses on the Gospel of Saint Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, the Bible in the Divine Liturgy, the Old Testament Prophecies of Jesus, and Foundational Bible resources. He has also given retreats for parishes and groups of priests. His weekly Sunday homilies appear on [YouTube.com/MelkiteTV](https://www.youtube.com/MelkiteTV)