



# St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



## A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Weekly Bulletin for Sunday, August 7, 2022 - Tone 8 - Walking on Water  
Community Celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration, actual Feast Day of August 6<sup>th</sup>

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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 الكولوسيين) ”...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 fill out an information form located in the narthex (entrance) of the church or calling the church office. We ask for an ongoing attendance period before requesting to be a member.

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

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Interested in being a member of the Parish Council, please let the deacons know. In order to be a member of the Parish Council, one must be a member of the Melkite Catholic Church in good standing. **The first meeting will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> via video conference.**

**FEAST DAY CHAIRPERSONS:** 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.

**SPRING CLEANING IN FALL?** **Office and residence cleaning on August 27, 2022.** We look forward to your participation!

**BULLETINS** – All bulletins will now also be posted on the church [website](#), [click there to see past bulletins](#).

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

As a spiritual family, we encounter heaven on earth! As Sunday comes first in a week, so does God - it is the Lord's Day (*Kyriake* in Greek); attending Divine Liturgy as a priority for all family members; making up of any missed financial support/increase of giving; young adults registering & sharing in financial support; and a resolve for all to let us live a renewed life in Christ through Church!

### THIS WEEKEND, SUN., AUG 7

- Intentions below (Send requests for commemorations to [contact@sjohmelkite.org](mailto:contact@sjohmelkite.org) by Thursday)
- Cultural Center Coffee Hour

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

#### REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

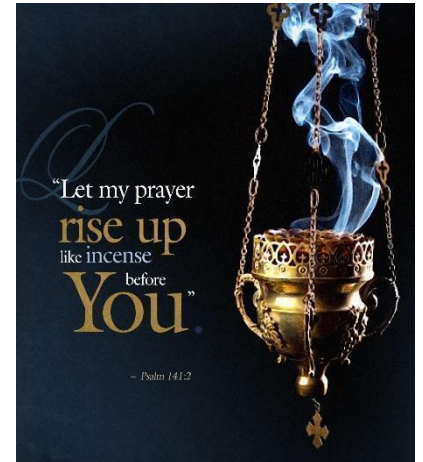
+Fr. Philaret Littlefield (WI), requested by Chancellor's Office

#### HEALTH & SALVATION

Sister Victoria Michalenko, Sapphire Jubilee (65 years) of religious life, requested by Chancellor's office

Rouviette Hanna, Requested by Deacon Elie Hanna and Family

Victims of the Kentucky floods, requested by the community of St. John Chrysostom  
Peace in the World, especially in the U.S., Middle East, Holy Land, Ukraine



### LITURGY INFORMATION

**Liturgy Cards** are available for any special intentions. Donations to the church are at your discretion.

**Health:** The decision to wear a mask is one of personal discretion. Monitor CDC guidelines to make an informed decision. Use hand sanitizer coming into and leaving the Church.

**Altar Servers:** Contact Deacon Elie if interested. Servers' robes are blessed for Orthros (9:50) and Divine Liturgy (10:15) Be early!

**Worship Guide (Typicon)** is offered for Divine Liturgy and contains the service's changeable parts. Pick up a copy on entering the church, along with the liturgical books, or use the weekly email PDF if viewing online. Contact us for a complimentary home copy.

**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 -----

**NOW THROUGH AUGUST:** PLEASE bring in non-perishable food items for the Atlanta Community Food Bank Can drive. Thank you!

**FAST OF THE DORMITION:** The Fast of the Dormition is from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SUN, AUG 7 - FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (actual Feast Day is AUG 6)** - Commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. THANK YOU TO JENNIE BAURSCHI for volunteering to bring grapes for the feast.

**MON, AUG 15 - FEAST OF THE DORMITION** - The Dormition of the Mother of God is a Great Feast of the Eastern Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Oriental Orthodox and Churches. It celebrates the "falling asleep" of Mary the Theotokos, and her being taken up into heaven. We will celebrate this feast on Sunday, August 14th.

**SUN, AUG 20-21 - St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church - Centennial Celebration** - Please support our brothers and sisters at St. Elias as they will be celebrating their 100th year anniversary. Saturday Banquet and Sunday Liturgical service will be held. See their [website](#) for more information. Banquet reservation deadline is August 7, 2022 (extended).

**THURS, SEP 1 – CHURCH NEW YEAR:** Beginning of the new liturgical Church year – a new church theme is in the works!

**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>.



**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.



----- 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:** Some suggestions below, but there are many opportunities to give your time and talent back to God.

**Volunteers Needed** to be Chairs for Ladies Society or for Men's Club, or to be a member of the Parish Advisory Council.

**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 Dcn. 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).

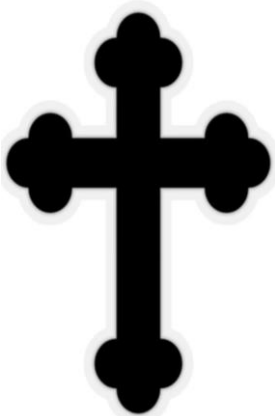
Please put a note in the memo of any Zelle donation, such as "Weekly Support" or "Commemoration."

As this is new to the parish, please let us know if this is more convenient.

Also, would you like us to add Venmo as an option?

**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.

**God With Us ONLINE:** A collaborative outreach of the Eastern Catholic Bishops and eparchies of the USA to provide educational resources for the faithful in our Eastern Christian traditions. [God With Us Online](#) has many excellent talks, the opportunity to sign up for live educational webinars and other resources! All resources are offered free of charge.



### Please keep in your prayers...

Those affected by the virus

Victims of natural disasters

Dr. Shajih Muhanna

Rouviette Hanna

The Wandering Sheep of this parish

Michael Shikany

Father Tom Flynn

Alber Mansour

*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  
Clair Nuar

### Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. Tony and Matilda Ghawi  
Mr. & Mrs. Kam and Judy Nassar  
Mr. & Mrs. Basil and Nidhal Kirma  
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!



## ----- SACRAMENTAL LIFE -----

### HOLY MYSTERIES (SACRAMENTS)

**Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:** Ideally inform us during the 5th month of pregnancy for preparation of the Mysteries of Christian Initiation, administered together in our tradition.

**Repentance/Confession/Reconciliation:** Confessions normally are available towards end of Orthros. Please inform a Deacon or Usher, in advance, that you desire such. All should prepare themselves well to receive the Eucharist properly each time.

**Crowning in Marriage:** Please call us 1+ year in advance of an anticipated marriage, before you book a place for reception to complete the questionnaire/research and confirm availability.

**Anointing with Holy Oil and/or Reception of Holy Eucharist and/or Sick Calls:** By personal or family request for those who are ill at home/nursing home/hospital or by anyone anticipating a hospital stay/surgery. Contact a Deacon to acquire a priest.

**CHANGE OF CONTACT INFO:** Email [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org) for any change of address, phone, or e-mail information.

**ASCRPTION TRANSFER (CHANGE OF RITE):** To formally join the Melkite Church, let us know as procedure has been updated.

**CHURCH CONTACT-** The old email [stjchrys@bellsouth.net](mailto:stjchrys@bellsouth.net) is not in use. Deacons may be contacted at: [contact@stjohnmelkite.org](mailto:contact@stjohnmelkite.org) or using e-mails above. All church-related business should be directed to them.

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

**UKRAINE CRISIS** – Donation checks should be made out to the Eparchy of Newton with "Ukrainian Relief" in memo; it will be forwarded to Ukrainian Archbishop to distribute where needed.

**VOCATIONS** - All inquiries about Priesthood vocations should be directed to Bp. Nicholas @ 617-323-9922.

**DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM** - Fr. Bryan McNeil, Director, announces the accepting of new applicants. Send requests to Fr. Bryan at [Brymc56@comcast.net](mailto:Brymc56@comcast.net). Pastor's approval is an application prerequisite.

**ORDER OF ST. NICHOLAS** - Dr. Sherine Rabbat & husband, Mr. George Mussalli are the chairpersons. Contact at 617-510-5743 or [sherineandgeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:sherineandgeorge@yahoo.com). The order supports clergy retirement/healthcare, Melkite outreach, and missions. Annual Fees: \$1,000/person, \$1,500/couple or \$5,000 for lifetime.

**MCAA - MELKITE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID** – a nonprofit organization - our Diocese's cooperation with Middle Eastern countries where our church exists. Transform lives of children who have known only war. Sign up at: [www.melkite.org](http://www.melkite.org) to assist with food, clothing, shelter, medicine & education for children.

**Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC)** - To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.