



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 16, 2022 - Tone 2, Orthros Gospel John 20:11-18 (8)

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council – Parable of the Sower

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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, 2022 – ends Aug. 31, 2023):

"The God of heaven will give us success. We His servants will start rebuilding." (Nehemiah 2:20)

"إِنَّ إِلَهَ السَّمَاءِ يُعْطِينَا النِّجَاحَ وَنَحْنُ عَبِيدُهُ نَقُومُ وَنَبْنِي." (نحميا ٢:٢٠)

----- 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 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 -----

COMMUNION: If you are unable to make Divine Liturgy on Sunday due to health reasons, and you would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please e-mail contact@stjohnmelkite.org by Saturday so that a clergy member may visit you with Communion.

REPAIRS: Repairs are in progress at the entrance of the Cultural Center. Additionally, the front door repair was completed on Friday, Oct 14th. Thanks for your patience.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND COMMUNION: Church school begins immediately after communion, so on school days, note that the teachers and students will exit into the pews for communion first. Thanks for your help.

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST DAY RAFFLE: 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale NOW. Please see Rita Karroum or Rania Layouts or one of the deacons to request tickets. **\$25/Ticket** or **\$100/5 Tickets** (1 free ticket). Please also take several tickets to sell to family and friends. If you write a check or send a Zelle, please put "50/50 Raffle Ticket" in the memo field. Thank you.



----- 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., OCT 16 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@sjohmelkite.org by Thursday.

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Victims of Gun Violence in Raleigh, NC, requested by St. John Parish Community

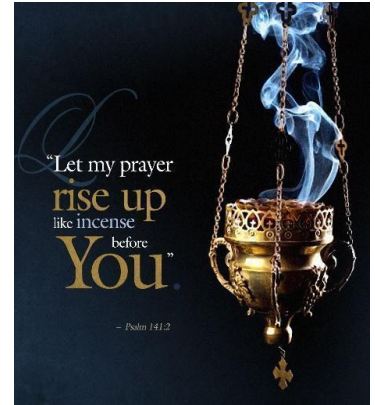
HEALTH & SALVATION

Bishop Francois Beyrouti, Ordination to the Episcopacy, requested by St. John Community
Peace in the World, especially in the U.S., Middle East, Holy Land, Ukraine

LITURGY INFORMATION

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 -----

SUN, OCT 16 – FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: The 7th Ecumenical Council dealt with the issue of the iconoclastic controversy and iconoclasm - the teachings regarding veneration of icons came from this council. Note that the Feast of Orthodoxy, feast celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, also commemorates the return of icons (sacred images) to the churches (843) and the end of the long iconoclastic controversy.

SUN, OCT 16 – LADIES SOCIETY MEETING: Open to all ladies, please come and join the Ladies Society in planning, organizing, etc. Please provide your dues at your earliest convenience to Patty Pharo, Treasurer.

WED, OCT 19 – ENTHRONEMENT OF NEW BISHOP: Axios! Axios! Axios! Bishop Francois was ordained on Oct 12th at St. Anne Melkite Cathedral. His enthronement (installation) as our new bishop will take place at the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral in West Roxboro, MA. We look forward to him being our new shepherd.

FRI, NOV 4 – FALAFEL FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT: Currently, the next Family Night is planned for Friday, November 4th. Falafel will be served. Dinner donation will be \$5/person or max \$20/family, kids 8 years and under are free. Donations are welcome if you are not planning on joining or want to provide additional help to the event. Please write "Family Night" in the memo field of check/Zelle.

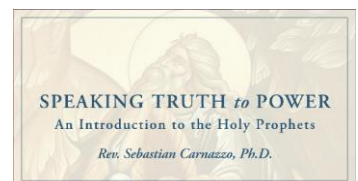
SAT, NOV 5 – CLEAN OUT DAY – We need help from our men for our final clean out day, as it is not possible for us to hire this function out to a firm. Only parishioners know what we need to discard, what materials to save for future use, and how to organize materials for future events such as festivals. Areas of focus: the basement, the attic, and the greenhouse.

SUN, NOV 13 – ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST: The Feast Day for our patron, St. John Chrysostom, will include a special Feast Day Luncheon after Divine Liturgy. Come celebrate this special feast day with us! Parishioners who have received the Cross of Jerusalem should wear them to Divine Liturgy.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS –

We support our community organizations and their good work!

- Oct. 19 @ 8 - 9 PM ET, [SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER: An Introduction to the Holy Prophets](#)
- Nov 2, Magnificat Prayer Gathering (see next page)



----- DIAPERS AND WIPES DRIVE -----



DIAPERS AND WIPES DRIVE: The Good Samaritan Society will be leading a Fall Diapers and Wipes drive to help young women in need of diapers and wipes for their babies. The collection started October 9th and will go through the end of November. Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation. Please bring in all types of diapers and wipes to the Cultural Center. Or, if you prefer, please provide a monetary donation and we will purchase diapers and wipes on your behalf.

----- 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 to help lead the Good Samaritan Society and 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).

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 to set up recurring ACH donations. All manual checks should be made to “St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church” except for diocesan collections, which should be made out to “Diocese of Newton.” We also receive Zelle donations. Our Zelle donation id is donate@stjohnmelkite.org. Please identify the purpose of all donations in memo field (e.g., Weekly/Monthly Support, Commemoration for _____, Shepherd’s Care, etc.).



MONTHLY FINANCIALS (SEPT 2022)

Total Ordinary Collections: \$8,994.00

Total Expenditures: \$11,475.00



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 below.

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

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER: The Magnificat (Mary’s Song of Praise), which is in the Gospel of Luke during Mary’s visit with Elizabeth (The Visitation), is prayed during Orthros. Please see the Magnificat Prayer Gathering for women on the next page of the bulletin.

Please keep in your prayers...

Dr. Shajih Muhanna

Evelyn Whalen

Souren Palanjian

Bishop Francois Beyrouti

Albert Mishu

Michael Shikany

Alber Mansour

Vic Maloof

Mayy Wehbeh

Those affected by the virus

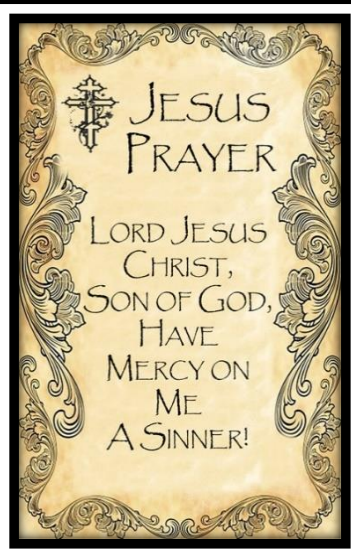
Those approaching matrimony

Victims of natural disasters

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.



October Birthdays Name Days, 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 so we

Name Days for St. Thomas, St. James, St. Luke, St. Philip:

Fr. Tom Flynn	Thomas Atalla
James Daho	James McCaffery
Titus James Nuar	James Reichard
Luke Ghawi	Philip Reynolds

Birthday:

Maryam Talla	Dcn. Elie Hanna
Fadi Layous	Samer Layous
Angelina Badri	Marina Aeshaea
Rania Layous	Kennedy Nuar
Nazim Shadeed	Albert Mishu
Patricia Pharo	Ronin Curry
Kolbe Eljah Nuar	Sami Hagley
Vera Madanat	Georges Sawaya

Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. John & Vera Madanat
Mr. & Mrs Sal & Sammora Madanat

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GATHERING

All women are invited to the NOVEMBER MAGNIFICAT PRAYER GATHERING FOR WOMEN on Sat., November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. Guest speaker will be Marion Metz, of St. Monica Church in Duluth. **Reservations, which include breakfast, are \$25 and are required in advance. Register by Nov. 2 at <https://tinyurl.com/MagnificatNov> or send check, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, to: Debbie DuPont, 315 Rose Court, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 by Oct. 31. Contact: Debbie DuPont at 770-696-6216 or email joyfulvisitation@gmail.com.**



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.

----- 7th Ecumenical Council -----

The Second Council of Nicaea - the seventh ecumenical council - which we remember every October is chiefly known for formally recognizing the use of icons as a consequence of the Incarnation. If the Word of God could take on human nature, He could be depicted in images. In effect, the Council taught, the Incarnation restricted the Old Testament ban on "graven images."

The Council, held in AD 787, decreed that, "As the sacred and life-giving cross is everywhere set up as a symbol, so also should the images of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, the holy angels, as well as those of the saints and other pious and holy men be embodied in the manufacture of sacred vessels, tapestries, vestments, etc., and exhibited on the walls of churches, in the homes, and in all conspicuous places, by the roadside and everywhere, to be revered by all who might see them. For the more they are contemplated, the more they move to fervent memory of their prototypes. Therefore it is proper to accord to them a fervent and reverent adoration, not, however, the veritable worship which, according to our faith, belongs to the Divine Being alone - for the honor accorded to the image passes over to its prototype, and whoever venerates the image venerates in it the reality of what is there represented."

Triumph of Orthodoxy

While the veneration of two icons was officially accepted by the Greek and Latin Churches at this council, it did not mark the end of iconoclasm. Beginning in 811, the Byzantine army had suffered a series of military defeats at the hands of the Bulgars. One emperor had been killed in battle and his two successors forced to abdicate because of military losses. In 814, the new emperor, Leo the Armenian, reasoned that "all the emperors who took up images and venerated them, met their death either in revolt or in war; but those who did not venerate images all died a natural death, remained in power until they died, and were then laid to rest with all honors." As a result, he decreed a revival of iconoclasm, which continued until the "Triumph of Orthodoxy" in 843, which we celebrate on the First Sunday of the Great Fast.

Use of Relics

In addition to its dogmatic decrees, Nicaea II issued a number of canons, including one on the use of relics (Canon 7) – Since the Roman persecutions of the first centuries, it was customary to erect altars over the tombs of – or at least the relics of – the martyrs and other saints. During the era of iconoclasm altars had been consecrated without the usual relics which the iconoclasts saw as idolatrous. Nicaea II mandated that the practice be revived and that relics be inserted in any altars consecrated without them, "For as they took out of the churches the presence of the venerable images, so likewise they cast aside other customs, which we must now revive and maintain in accordance with the written and unwritten law. We decree therefore that relics shall be placed with the accustomed service in as many of the sacred temples as have been consecrated without the relics of the Martyrs."