



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 23, 2022 - Tone 3, Orthros Gospel John 20:19-31 (9)

Apostle James, Brother of the Lord - Healing a Demoniac

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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.

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).

Current raffle value is \$1,200

(Winner will win 50% and 50% will go to church.)

<p>St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church PATRONAL FEAST DAY 50/50 RAFFLE Drawing date: Nov. 13th 2:00 pm 1428 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE Atlanta, GA 50% of Proceeds will support St. John Chrysostom Church \$25.00/Ticket or \$100.00/5 Tickets www.stjohnmelkite.org</p>	Name _____
	Phone _____
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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

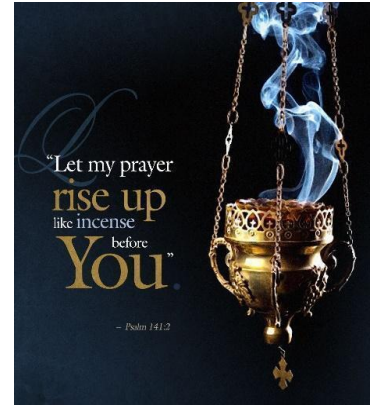
+Victims of War, requested by St. John Parish Community

HEALTH & SALVATION

Michael Shikany, requested by the Hanna family

Kim Hobbs, requested by the Hanna family

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 -----

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. Please e-mail contact@stjohnmelkite.org to let us know you will be coming.

SUN, NOV 6 – EASTERN CATHOLIC EDUCATION CLASSES - Students and teachers should come up for Communion FIRST and then be dismissed by Fr. George as a group.

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!

- **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
Vic Maloof
Albert Mishu

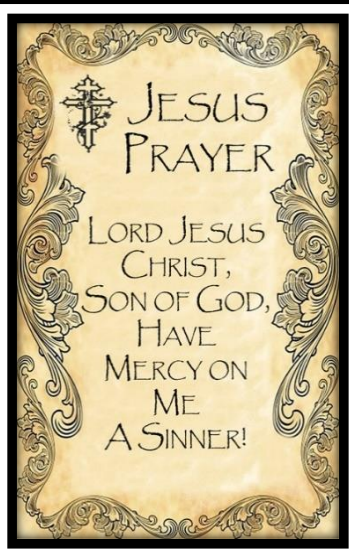
Michael Shikany
Souren Palanjian
Fr. Tom Flynn
Judy Nassar

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 Elijah 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.

----- Vocation -----

The Vocation of the Gadarene

The Gadarene whom Jesus healed (Lk 8:27-39) wanted to follow Jesus as well; the Scripture says that he *“begged to go with Him,”* but the Lord had another plan for him. *“Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return home and tell how much God has done for you.’ So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him”* (Lk 8:38-39).

The Gadarenes had made it clear that they wanted Jesus to go away. He would not force Himself on them. At the same time, He wanted to leave them with a permanent reminder of His presence: their own fellow countryman whom He had delivered. This man had once been a burden to the townspeople; now He would be a blessing.

The apostles were told to go through the world preaching the Gospel; this man’s call was to go home and do the same in his village. Was his call by Christ less of a vocation than that of the apostles? It was different, surely, but it was a vocation, nonetheless.

Some people in the Church tend to think that “vocation” refers exclusively to the calling of a cleric or monastic, or as a member of a religious community. The Lord does call some people in every age to serve the Church as priests, deacons, chanters, etc. He does invite others to serve Him as a monk or nun, but these are not the only people whom He calls to serve Him.

Our Fundamental Vocation

Every person baptized into Christ has a vocation. The essence of that vocation is perhaps best expressed in the First Epistle of Peter: *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light”* (1 Pt 2:9).

There are three important aspects of our universal vocation expressed in this passage. First, our vocation is to a priesthood: what the Scripture calls a “royal priesthood.” Christ is the true kingly priest and because we have been baptized into Him and sealed in His Holy Spirit, we share in His priesthood. As members of a people, the people of God. We are not individually priests, as are the ministers of the altar, but members of a priesthood because of our common union with Christ the High Priest.

This passage also tells us the reason for this priesthood: *“that you may declare the praises of”* God. Our vocation as members of the royal priesthood is to support the Church’s call to proclaim the work of God in Christ. Some, like the apostles and evangelizers, are called to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Others, like the Gadarene whom Jesus delivered in the Gospel or the Samaritan Woman, are called to show forth God’s love for mankind in their own corner of the world. Still others – most of us, in fact – are called to lend our assistance to these chosen vessels as they proclaim Christ to the world.