



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 30, 2022 - Tone 4, Orthros Gospel John 21:1-14 (10)

Commemoration Holy Martyr Zenobios & his sister Zenobia - Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

الأحد 30 تشرين الأول 2022
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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 -----

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.

HVAC REPLACEMENT: A new HVAC was installed for the east side of the Church building (offices, bathroom, hallway, and foyer) this week including Wi-Fi thermostats. With recent HVAC hall replacements, proper venting, and electronic thermostat control, we have seen a decline of more than 40% in both the cultural center and church proper, leading to lower energy bills.

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.

Current raffle value is \$2,100
(Winner will win 50% and 50% will go to church.)

St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church		Name _____	
PATRONAL FEAST DAY		Phone _____	
50/50 RAFFLE		Email _____	
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		_____	
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----- 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!

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.

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@stjohnmelkite.org by Thursday.

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

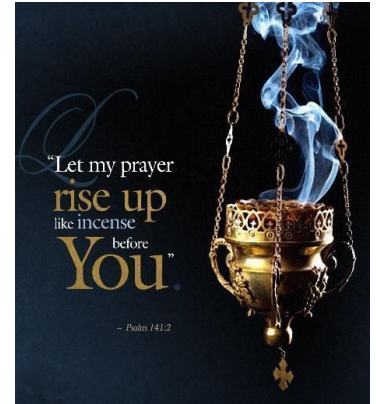
+Victims of Suicide, requested by St. John Parish Community

HEALTH & SALVATION

Souren Palanjian, requested by Palanjian Family

Those in our Prayer Line, requested by St. John Parish 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 -----

THURS, NOV 3 – PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETING: Please e-mail contact@stjohnmelkite.org if you would like to attend a PAC meeting, as it is open to all current members of the Church.

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. An e-mail was sent out – please [RSVP](#) at your convenience.

SUN, NOV 20 – LADIES SOCIETY MEETING: Ladies Society will meet at the Cultural Center after fellowship and coffee.

SUN, DEC 4 – FEAST OF ST. BARBARA: The Feast Day for St. Barbara (died c. 200 CE), legendary virgin martyr of the early church.

SUN, DEC 6 – FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: Saint Nicholas of Myra, also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of Greek descent from the maritime city of Myra in Asia Minor during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker.

----- 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

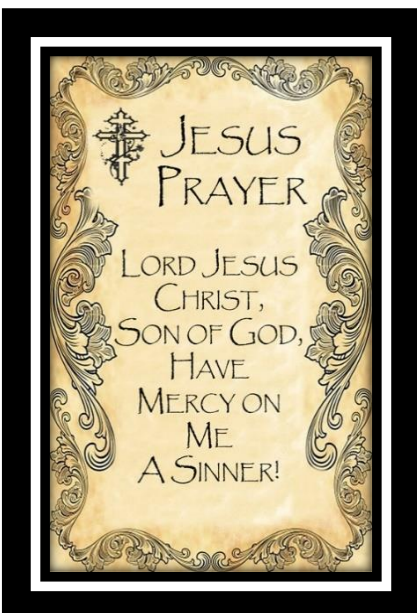
Michael Shikany
Souren Palanjian
Fr. Tom Flynn
Judy Nassar

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 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.

----- The Rich Man and Lazarus -----

A parable is a story with a moral, not a detailed history of an event. In this case, as in most, the moral is found at the end of the story. When the rich man in the parable asks Abraham to send Lazarus to shake up his brothers, Abraham says, *"They have Moses and the prophets: let them listen to them"* (Luke 16:29). In other words, they have the Scriptures – what we call the Old Testament – as their means of discerning the mind of God for them.

This saying, of course, is directed at us – it is the moral of the story. We are meant to base our faith on the mystery of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures rather than on some fantasy that the Holy Virgin or an angel might visit us. Just as our daily life must be based on something more practical than a hope of winning the lottery, so our Christian life must have the solid foundation of the Word of God to us.

We have not only the Law and the prophets, but the Gospels and Epistles. We have the witness of Christ and the apostles, the testimony of the martyrs and the ascetics. We have the power of the holy mysteries, the words of our liturgical texts and the unspoken voice of the holy icons. These are the voice of the Lord to us – let us hear them in faith.

A Missed Opportunity

When people think about violating God's law, they think about sins of commission: doing something prohibited like stealing, harming another, or the like. We often forget that sins of omission – things that we neglect to do – are often even more damaging.

The rich man in Christ's parable is not accused of any sin of commission. He is not blamed for being rich any more than Lazarus is praised for being poor: in itself, having money is not a sin. We are not told how he made his money. He is not accused of defrauding people as Zacchaeus claimed to have done. The only thing he is accused of is not giving alms.

The poor man, Christ says, lay at the rich man's gate, hoping for scraps. It may be easy to ignore a panhandler on the street; it is not so easy to ignore him when he is at your doorstep day after day. Yet this is what the rich man did. He did not overlook abstract appeals from far-away charities; he passed by a flesh-and-blood person in need on his own doorstep, "the living creature," as St John Chrysostom describes him, "for whom God cares."

The rich man in Christ's parable may have felt that he needed every scrap he had acquired, but as St John Chrysostom affirmed, he did not know what he needed it for: "If a person enjoys luxury in moderation and distributes the rest to the stomachs of the poor, then his wealth does him good. But if he is going to give himself up to luxury and profligacy, not only does it not help him at all, but it even leads him down to the great pit. That is what happened to this rich man" (On Wealth and Poverty).