



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 9, 2022 - Tone 1, Orthros Gospel: JOHN 20:1-10 (7)

The 3rd Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – The Widow’s Son

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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 تَقُومُ وَتَبْنِي." (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.

CULTURAL CENTER FIRST AID KIT: A new first aid kit and stop bleed kit have been purchased for the Cultural Center and installed in the kitchen. God willing, we will never have to use them, but do note that they are there should such an emergency arise.

REPAIRS: Repairs are in progress at the entrance of the Cultural Center. Additionally, the front door repair work begins October 10th. 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.

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 will start October 9th and 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.

----- 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 9 LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

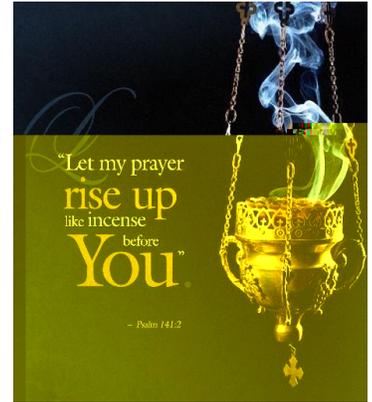
GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER! Below are the commemorations received from parishioners for this week. If you would like one said for you, your family members, or friends, please send requests for commemorations to contact@sjohmelkite.org by Thursday.

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

- +Deacon Seraphim Ritchey, requested by Chancellor's Office
- +Victims of Hurricane Ian, requested by St. John Parish Community

HEALTH & SALVATION

- Abraham Barahmeh, Blessed as Reader and Subdeacon, requested by Chancellor's Office
- Jordan Barahmeh, Blessed as Reader and Subdeacon, requested by Chancellor's Office
- John Chambers, requested by St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
- Tammie Pogue, requested by Deacon Sami Jajeh and 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 -----

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.

TUE, OCT 11 – PAC MEETING: Monthly PAC meeting normally on first Thursday, moved to this date. All are welcome to attend and observe. Send email to contact@stjohmelkite.org to get online meeting information.

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.

SAT, NOV 5 – CLEAN OUT DAY – We are hoping for greater participation in the upcoming and hopefully final clean out day. We accomplish much more with your involvement. It is not possible for us to hire this function out to a firm. Only parishioners know what we need to save versus discard. Areas of focus: the basement, the attic, and the greenhouse.

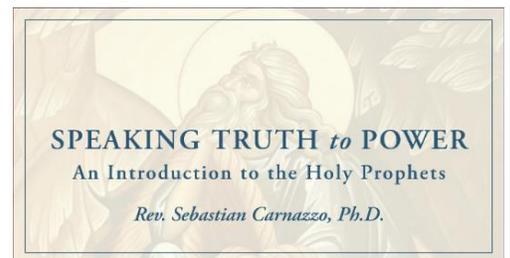
SUN, NOV 13 – ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST: The Feast Day for our patron, St. John Chrysostom, will include a special Feast Day Luncheon after Divine Liturgy. Come celebrate this special feast day with us! Parishioners who have received the Cross of Jerusalem should wear them to Divine Liturgy.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS –

We support our community organizations and their good work!

- **Oct. 12, 19 @ 8 - 9 PM ET**
[SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER: An Introduction to the Holy Prophets](#)



----- THANK YOU -----

WITH GRATITUDE: We offer our thanks to Atlanta Scapes for their years of dedicated service to the church in the area of landscaping, landscape design, and tree pruning. We appreciate your stewardship very much!



----- 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

Matilda Ghawi

Bp-Elect Fr. Francois Beyrouti

Michael Shikany

Alber Mansour

Vic Maloof

John Chambers

Mayy Wehbeh

Those affected by the virus

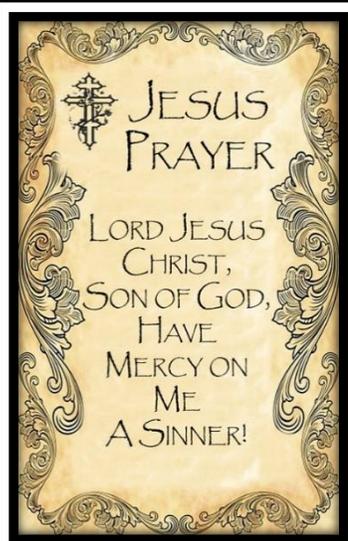
Those approaching matrimony

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:

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

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
Mr. & Mrs. Bishara & Sumya Kadadu

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.

----- Resurrection or Resuscitation -----

We commonly think of what Jesus did for this young man as “raising him from the dead.” Speaking in this way, it is easy to mistake this event as being the same as Christ’s own resurrection. This is clearly not the case.

The Lord Jesus rose to the new and eternal life of victory over death. The ways in which He manifested Himself were clearly different from our normal earthly experience. He entered rooms when the doors were closed, appeared in other forms (to Mary Magdalene and the disciples on the road to Emmaus) and ascended to His Father with the promise of a future return.

We know of no such happenings in the life of the young man of Na’in. He resumed the earthly life he had before. As the Gospel says, the Lord gave the young man back to his mother. Speaking precisely we should say that he was resuscitated or revived, rather than resurrected.

Three Resuscitations

The Gospels contain three reports of resuscitations, each one being slightly different. Both Mark and Luke report the revival of Jairus’ daughter. Her father, “*a ruler of the synagogue*” (Lk 8:40) told Jesus that his daughter was dying. By the time they got to the man’s house they were told that the girl had died. “*Now all wept and mourned for her; but [Jesus] said, ‘Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.’ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, ‘Little girl, arise.’ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat*” (Lk 8:52-55).

Unlike the girl, who had just died, the young man in Lk 7 had been dead for at least some hours. Customarily in the Middle East people would be buried on the day that they died. The third and even more amazing revival is, of course, that of Lazarus who had died four days before Jesus called him from the tomb (see Jn 11). While each of these people were returned to the same earthly life which they had before, the Fathers saw them as indications of the true resurrection to come. St Cyril of Alexandria, for example, teaches:

“Christ is the Destroyer of death and of corruption: He is the One ‘in whom we live and move and are.’ He it is who has restored the nature of man to that which it originally was; and has set free our death-fraught flesh from the bonds of death. ... “We understand that those persons who were restored to life by the power of Christ are a pledge of the hope prepared for us of a resurrection of the dead: namely, this young man, Lazarus of Bethany, and the daughter of the chief of the synagogue. ...

“For it was by reason of Adam's transgression of the commandment that we, having our faces turned away from God, returned to our dust: for the sentence of God upon human nature was, ‘Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.’ But at the time of the consummation of this world, the face of the earth shall be renewed: for God the Father by the Son in the Spirit will give life to all those who are laid within it.” (*Sermon 36 on Luke*).