



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, November 13, 2022

Tone 6, Orthros Gospel MT 28:16-20 (1)-8th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

الأحد، 13 تشرين الثاني 2022

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Feast Day Celebration of Our Parish Patron Saint St. John Chrysostom



ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST: Sunday, November 13 is the Feast Day for our patron, St. John Chrysostom. There will be 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.

Please [RSVP](#) before Sunday.

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST DAY RAFFLE: 50/50 Raffle tickets on sale NOW. Please see Rita Karroum or Rania Layout 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 \$2,700

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

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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)

----- 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. As a reminder, 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.

THIS WEEKEND, SUN., NOV 13 LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Victims of Hurricane Nicole, Requested by St. John Parish Community

+Fr. William Haddad and +Fr. Jean Ghaby, Requested by St. John Parish Community

HEALTH & SALVATION

Fr. John Azar, Fr. Thomas Flynn, and Fr. George Gage, Requested by St John Parish Community

Jean Pierre Garcia (Jay), Requested by Ghawi Family

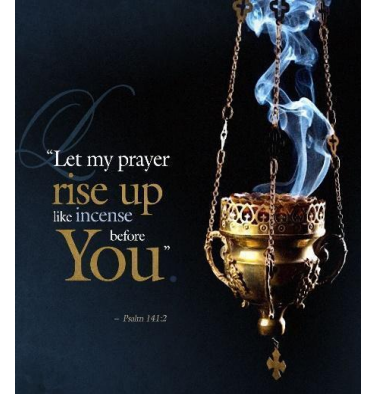
Butrus Jajeh, Requested by Deacon Sami Jajeh and Family

Kevin Steiger, Requested by Deacon Elie Hanna and Family

Michael Shikany, Requested by Deacon Elie Hanna and 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 -----

TUES, NOV 15 – TRADITIONAL NATIVITY FAST BEGINS: Fasting during this period in preparation for the feast of the Nativity on Dec. 25th. The Melkite form of the Fasting period begins on Dec. 10th.

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

MON, NOV 21 – FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE: Community Celebration on Sunday Nov. 20.

SUN, NOV 27 – ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM: Join us in the cultural center for a program on the Sacred Scriptures.

SUN, NOV 27 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: To decorate the Church and Cultural Center for the preparation of the feast of the Nativity of our Lord. We decorate again on Dec. 20th to add colors for the Nativity on Dec. 25th.

THURS, DEC 1 – PAC MEETING: Please e-mail contact@stjohnmelkite.org if you would like to receive the information to attend.

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 4 – GENERAL ASSEMBLY: A parish general assembly will occur at the end of Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Center.

TUES, 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.

SUN, DEC 11 – CELEBRATION OF FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: The Bake Sale, the visit by St. Nicholas and the Children Christmas Program will be this weekend. Please come for this special celebration.

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

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



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

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM: The newly formed Adult Education program will start on Sunday, November 27th after Divine Liturgy in the Cultural Center. The first topic is in Scripture Studies (Faith: The Foundation). The second program will be on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30pm via Zoom in Scripture Studies (Work of Righteousness).

----- 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 (OCT 2022)

Total Income \$11,944, including Ordinary Collections: \$7,170
 Total Expenditures: \$17,685, including \$6,730 repairs and maintenance
 Net Difference (-\$5,740)



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 -----

COMMEMORATIONS: GIVE THE GIFT OF PRAYER! Send a commemoration request for a family member, friend, colleague or more such as: (a) Repose of their soul, (b) health and wellness, (c) commemorate a special event in their life. Send your requests to contact@stjohnmelkite.org by Thursday.

Please keep in your prayers...

Dr. Shajih Muhanna
 Evelyn Whalen
 Vic Maloof
 Albert Mishu
 Nadir Haddadin

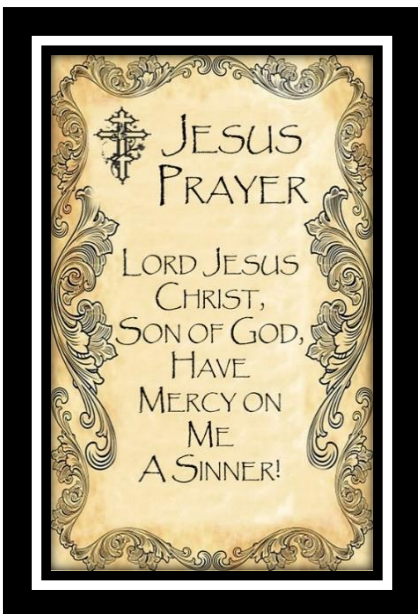
Michael Shikany
 Souren Palanjian
 Fr. Tom Flynn
 Judy Nassar
 Jean Pierre Garcia (Jay)

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.



November 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. Phillip, St. Gregory, St. Matthew, St. Catherine, St Andrew:

Philip Reynolds	Philippe Maakaroun
Greg Pharo	Matthew Atalla
Katie Spell	Andrew Hagley
Andrew Curry	

Birthdays:

Joseph Cirou	Basil Kirma
Marilyn Doolan	Evelina Shalymoon
Rani Ghawi	Aida Maalouf
David Haddad	

Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. Moez & Christine Hasni
Dcn. Sami Jajeh Ordination Anniversary

----- MISCELLANEOUS -----

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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS – The Parish Advisory Council meets on the first Thursday of every month, and the Ladies Society meets on the third Sunday of every month.

HOLY MYSTERIES (SACRAMENTS) Please contact the parish administrators as soon as possible once you know of an upcoming sacrament in your (family) life!

ASCRIPTION TRANSFER (CHANGE OF RITE): To formally join the Melkite Church, please let us know so we can have a discussion.

--- St. John Chrysostom on the Good Samaritan---

St John Chrysostom was able to help us see through this text God's constant and all-embracing love for us.

A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho – Adam, by trusting in himself instead of God, descended from Paradise into this world. Jericho, at 825 feet below sea level is the lowest city on earth, as far down as you can get.

He fell among robbers – Mankind apart from God is beset by the band of demonic powers led by the ruler of this age.

They stripped him of his raiment – the robe of immortality.

They departed, leaving him half dead – he was reduced to the half-life of this earth, subject to sin and death.

It happened that a priest ...and a Levite came that way, but passed by on the other side – The people of Israel kept to themselves and did not aid mankind.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine – Christ, not from this world, who was accused of being a Samaritan (John 8:48), is that compassionate stranger. He doctors mankind by His teachings (the bandages), His anointing with the Holy Spirit (the oil), and the Eucharist (the wine) by which He begins our healing.

He set him on his own beast, brought him to an inn and took care of him - Christ joined mankind to His own human nature, brought him to the hospital of His Church and continued to minister to him as the divine physician.

When he left on the next day he gave the innkeeper two dinars and said, 'Take care of him' – After His ascension Christ entrusted mankind to the Apostolic Synod personified by its great apostle to the Gentiles, St Paul, and “through Paul to the high priests and teachers and ministers of each church,” saying: “Take care of the Gentiles whom I have given to you in the Church. Since men are sick, wounded by sin, heal them, putting on them a stone plaster, that is, the prophetic sayings and the gospel teachings, making them whole through the admonitions and exhortations of the Old and New Testaments.” So according to St. John Chrysostom, Paul is the one who upholds the churches of God “and heals all men through spiritual admonitions, distributing the bread of offering...”

'And when I come again I will repay you' – At my second coming I will reward you.

In his important work, *Orthodox Psychotherapy*, Greek Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos expresses the life of the Church in this imagery. “So in the Church we are divided into the sick, those undergoing treatment, and those – the saints – who have already been healed. ... The Fathers do not categorize people as moral and immoral or good and bad on the basis of moral laws. This division is superficial. At depth humanity is differentiated into the sick in soul, those being healed, and those healed. All who are not in a state of illumination are sick in soul... These stages of healing are the purpose of the Orthodox way of life.”