



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, November 6, 2022 - Tone 5, Orthros Gospel John 21:14-25 (11)

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Paul, Archbishop of Constantinople, The Confessor
Raising Jairus' Daughter

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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 -----

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).

LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS: Commemorations are gifts of prayer to your family and friends. Please make sure to send your commemoration requests to contact@stjohnmelkite.org. Commemorations can be done for Special Events in your family/friend's life such as birthdates, anniversaries, name days, etc. Also, they can be for recently deceased relatives and friends or on their anniversary. Each family should try to request commemorations as often as needed.

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 \$2,400
(Winner will win 50% and 50% will go to church.)

----- 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 6 LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Fr. Phillip Scott, Requested by Paul and Janice Peterson

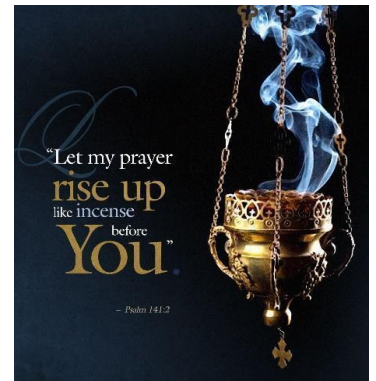
+Nikki Purcell Sylvest, requested by Hanna family

HEALTH & SALVATION

Butrus Jajeh, requested by Dcn Sami Jajeh 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 -----

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

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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS –

- **SAT, NOV 12 - REPOSED IN THE LORD:** +Fr. Philip Scott (Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church retired Pastor from 1980 to 2016). A Memorial Divine Liturgy will be held on Saturday, November 12 @ 11am at Epiphany Church. **May his soul rest in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief and no sighing but life everlasting! May his memory be eternal!**

----- 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.



Time



Talent



Treasure

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)

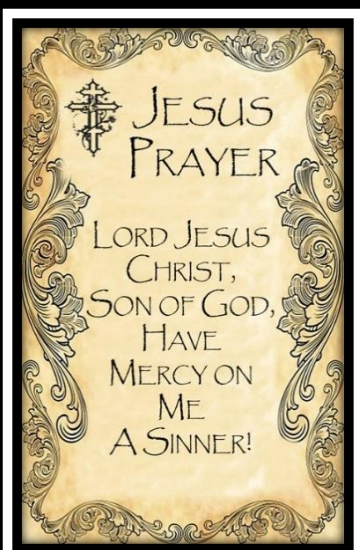
Total Income \$11,944, including Ordinary Collections: \$7,170
 Total Expenditures: \$17,685, including \$6,730 repairs and maintenance
 Net Difference (-\$5,740)



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

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.

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!

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

----- 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 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).