



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, September 24, 2023

1st Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – TONE 8

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SATURDAY: GREAT VESPERS (5pm) – CONFESSIONS (4:30-5pm)

SUNDAY: ORTHROS (10am) – DIVINE LITURGY (10:30am) – CONFESSIONS: 9:30-10:00am

Followed by Coffee Hour Fellowship in the Church Hall

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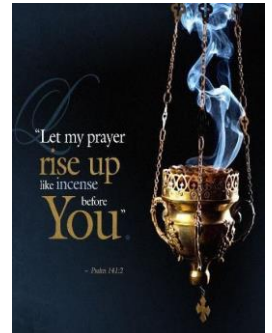
THIS WEEK'S DIVINE LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

HEALTH & SALVATION

Fr. Tom Flynn, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Rebecca Schmiereknecht, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Banks Thomas Davidson (AL), Requested by Fr. Justin Rose, St. George Melkite Church (AL)
Dennis Lauzon, Requested by Deacon Elie Hanna and family
Lauren Makhlof, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Daniel Fuleihan, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Ghada Nabhan, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Paul Peterson, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Butrus and Samira Jajeh, Requested by Tony and Matilda Ghawi

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Amal Abyad, Mother of Fr. Zyad Abyad, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Rouviette Hanna, Mother of Deacon Elie, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Edma Nakhlee Layous (Syria), Mother of Fr. Ziad Layous, Requested by St. John Chrysostom Community
+Aznive Osko (Syria), mother of Ghada Osko Boghos, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Community
+Souren Palanjian, Father of Zoe Hanna, Requested by John Chambers
+Robert Schwind, Requested by St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Widad Zarour (Canada), Mother of Lourice Jajeh, Requested by Rob Ghawi



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

BISHOP VISIT: Sayedna François will be visiting us our community on October 6-8th. Please mark the dates. More info to come.

MEMORY ETERNAL: Please remember in your prayers the soul of the Handmaid of God, +Rouviette Hanna, mother of Deacon Elie Hanna, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, September 18, 2023 in Atlanta, Ga. Please also keep Deacon Elie, Diakonissa Zoe, Taleen, and Bryce, and their loved ones in your prayers. May her soul rest in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief and no sighing but life everlasting! May her memory be eternal!

40 DAY MEMORIAL: A 40 Day Memorial and Mercy Meal will be held this Sunday for +Souren Palanjian, father of Diakonissa Zoe.

SINGING THE OUR FATHER AND NICENE CREED: The word, "liturgy," literally means the work (*ergos*) of the people (*laos*). One important way we do this "work" of praise and worship in our tradition is by singing (chanting). Hence, as we continue to move all elements liturgical worship towards our Byzantine tradition, we will be moving towards singing the Our Father and Nicene Creed for our community. Be on the lookout, as the choir leads us in implementing this for our community. Thank you.

PAC MEETING: To be rescheduled. New date to be announced.

LADIES SOCIETY MEETING: Scheduled for September 24, 2023, after Divine Liturgy and coffee hour.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: Father Elias has started house blessings. To schedule yours, please e-mail father at pastor@stjohnmelkite.org.

----- A WARM WELCOME TO ALL -----

WELCOME VISITORS! Please register on FlockNote to receive e-mails/texts and join us in the Church Hall to introduce yourself.

INTERESTED-IN-BECOMING-CATECHUMENS/PARISHIONERS? Please send an 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.

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----- UPCOMING AND IMPORTANT EVENTS -----

SUN, SEP 24 – 1ST SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – GOSPEL OF FISHERS OF MEN

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed him.



40 DAY MEMORIAL AND MERCY MEAL – Souren Palanjian, Father of Zoe Hanna

SUN, OCT 1 – FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodiviyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century. The *Theotokos* approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.



FRI, OCT 6 – HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

SUN, OCT 8 – 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – THE WIDOW'S SON

SUN, OCT 15 – FATHERS OF THE SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

----- LOVE STILL THE BASIS OF GOSPEL LIVING -----

According to the Lord Jesus

And one of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question, to test him: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:35-40).

And According to St Paul

"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13: 8-10).

----- STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE -----

God entrust us with the gifts of the earth and of our church. Through Stewardship, we return it to Him. It is a way of life!

TREASURE: [CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW](#), or scan QR Code or send an email to contact@stjohnmelkite.org to set up ACH donations. All checks should be made to "St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church" except for diocesan collections, which are to be made out to "Diocese of Newton." We receive Zelle donations at donate@stjohnmelkite.org. Identify donation purpose of donations in memo field. We appreciate those who have made the ongoing commitment to St. John Chrysostom. Please consider a regular giving plan if not already on one.

UPDATED FINANCIALS: (MONTHLY - AUG 2023 and JAN-AUG 2023):

*Total Income:	\$11,885 (O.C. \$9,603)	\$101,235 (O.C. \$74,256)
**Expenses:	\$15,499	\$194,205
Net Income:	(\$3,613)	(\$92,970)

* O.C. – Ordinary Collections

** YTD RENOVATION AND REPAIR EXPENSES: \$77,414

GIVING IN FLOCKNOTE: With Flocknote, we can raise funds quickly, and you have the convenience of paying via your computer (e-mail) or phone (text)! Some parishioners have set up regular giving using Flocknote, improving their tithing convenience, and the church's cash flow. The process is easy, safe, and secure.

----- TIME AND TALENT-----

Volunteers Needed to help lead various ministries such as Men's Club or Publican Society.

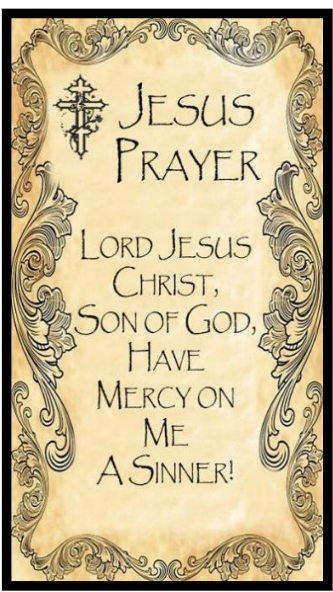
Liturgical Participation: Please consider chanting, being a reader (see Eric Hansen), becoming an usher (see Joe M. or Jerome H.) or an altar server (see Dcn. Elie).

----- MINISTRY LEADERS -----

- Adult Education** – Greg Pharo
- Altar Servers** – Deacon Elie Hanna
- Building Council Members** – Rani Ghawi, Sami Nassar
- Choir** – Sohel Elias
- Children Education** – Viola Ghawi, Tyra Nuar
- Church Hall Rental** – Jerome Hagley
- Friday Fellowship** – Rita Karroum, Vera Madanat
- Gift Shop** – Joseph Manguno, Patty Pharo
- Good Samaritan Society** – Suely Elias, Marie Hansen
- Ladies Society** – Susie Hagley, Lina Muhanna (co-presidents)
- Readers** – Eric Hansen
- Sunshine Committee** – Matilda Ghawi
- Ushers** – Jerome Hagley, Robert Ghawi, Joseph Manguno

----- PRAYER IS A WAY OF LIFE -----

COMMEMORATIONS: Send a commemoration request to contact@stjohnmelkite.org for a family member, friend, or colleague such as: (a) Repose of their soul, (b) health and wellness, (c) commemorate a special event in their li



Please keep in your prayers...

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| Fr. Tom Flynn | Butrus Jajeh | Samira Jajeh |
| Serene Kadadu | Paul Peterson | Lauren Makhlouf |
| Rebecca Schmiedeknecht | | |

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| The Wandering Sheep of this parish | |
| Areas of War and Violence | |
| Earthquake Victims in Morocco | Victims of natural disasters |
| Those taking care of (grand)parents | Flooding Victims in Libya |

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.

September Birthdays & 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 can update our database.

BIRTHDAYS

Aymen Badri	Veronica Curry
Aldair Delibrado	Rob Ghawi
Andrew Hagley	Mary Ellen Hughes
Lourice Jajeh	Youssef Layous
Michael Maalouf	Kingston Maloof
Laila Kriss Nassar	Peter Nuar
Titus Nuar	Paul Oddo
Greg Pharo	Steven Wright

ANNIVERSARIES

Dcn. Elie & Mrs. Dzovag Hanna
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maalouf
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Peterson

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Rev. Deacon Sami Jajeh, Administrator and Finance Chair
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Rev. Deacon Elie Hanna, Administrator and PAC Chair
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Rt. Rev. Archimandrite John Azar, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Dr. Thomas Flynn, Retired

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MEET YOUR CERTIFIED WORKSHOP LEADER

Fr. Elias Dorham serves as the Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church in Atlanta Georgia. He and Khouria Sylvia have been married for 30 years and have 10 children and three grandchildren. Prior to ordination, his professional experience encompassed coaching and leadership development across the military, federal/local government, and technology sectors. He holds a Doctor of Ministry from St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. His doctoral ministry project examined marriage enrichment and development. He also has a M.A. in Theological Studies from Christendom College, an M.S. in Information Systems Technology from the Naval Postgraduate School, and a B.S. in Political Science from the United States Naval Academy.

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St. Elias Orthodox Church's 45th Mid-East Festival October 21, 2023



Doors Open: 11:00 am
Vespers: 5:00 pm
Hafli/DJ & Dancing: 7:30 pm

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✝ Church Tours Entertainment & Children's Activities:



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