



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 1, 2023

Second Sunday After the Holy Cross - Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos-TONE 1

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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

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 clergy may visit you with Communion.

THIS WEEK'S DIVINE LITURGY COMMEMORATIONS

HEALTH & SALVATION

Fr. Tom Flynn, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Rebecca Schmiadeknecht, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Banks Thomas Davidson (AL), Requested by Fr. Justin Rose, St. George Melkite Church (AL)
Leonard Edelmann, Requested by John Chambers
Lucas Hasni, son of Moez and Christine Hasni, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Lauren Makhlof, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Paul Peterson, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community

REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Amal Abyad, mother of Fr. Ziad Abyad, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Marcella Chambers, Requested by John Chambers
+Rouviette Hanna, Requested by Deacon Sami Jajeh and Family
+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 Rob Ghawi
+Robert Schwind, Requested by St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+George Zarour (Canada), 2nd Year Anniversary, Father of Lourice Jajeh, Requested by the Jajeh Family
+Widad Zarour (Canada), Mother of Lourice Jajeh, Requested by St. John Chrysostom Parish Community



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

BISHOP VISIT: Sayedna François will be visiting us our community on October 6-8th. Please see the latest calendar below.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Moez and Christine (Malouf) Hasni on the birth of their baby boy, Lucas.

NAMW 2024 DUES: We have started collecting dues for National Association of Melkite Women. Please provide \$25 to Patty Pharo.

ADULT EDUCATION: A bible study program began last Wednesday evening and will continue every other Wednesday. It was very well attended. Please be on the lookout for more invitations.

COMBINED PAC/FINANCE/BUILDING MEETING: In preparation of the visit by the Bishop, this upcoming Tuesday at 7:30pm, we will have an important meeting for ALL. Please be on the lookout for an invite. If you have not previously attended a PAC meeting and would like to attend, please send a request to contact@stjohnmelkite.org.

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

OCTOBER COMMUNITY NIGHT: We will have a Community Night on Fri., October 27th. All parishioners are invited! We will begin with prayer in the church at 7 PM and continue our time together in the Church Hall with food, activities and games for everyone.

----- 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, 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.



BISHOP VISIT AGENDA (Oct 6-8th)

Saturday, Oct 7th

- State of the Parish Report (all invited) – 11 AM –12:30PM (Church Hall)
- Potluck Luncheon, Led by the Ladies Society – 1-2PM (Church Hall)
- Individual Meetings with the Bishop – TBD based on availability
- Vespers – 4-4:45 (Church)

Sunday, Oct 8th

- Liturgical Services – 10-12:00PM (Church)
- Luncheon and Bishop Address – 12:30-2:30PM (Church Hall)

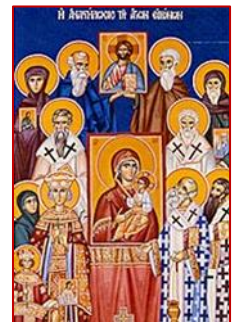


FRI, OCT 6 – HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

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

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.



----- SOME LITURGICAL NOTES FROM FR. ELIAS -----

The Third Antiphon

We have been singing the Third Antiphon for the past few Sundays. As part of the Third Antiphon, we normally sing one of the 8 Resurrectional Troparia, which change on a weekly basis. These are hymns that focus on the Resurrection of Christ, and what it means for us as Baptized Christians. We will continue to focus on the 3rd antiphon over the coming weeks so that we can all learn to sing the Resurrectional Troparia as a community.

Tone 2 Resurrectional Troparion

Next Sunday while the Bishop is with us, we will be singing the 2nd Resurrectional Troparion during the third antiphon. Please listen to the attached recording and practice this at home this week. One way you can do this by singing the Troparion as part of your before meal prayer.

----- 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 - SEP 2023 and JAN-SEP 2023):

*Total Income:	\$11,217 (O.C. \$8,416)	\$112,593 (O.C. \$82,671)
**Expenses:	<u>\$24,222</u>	<u>\$218,427</u>
Net Income:	(\$13,005)	(\$105,975)

* O.C. – Ordinary Collections

** YTD RENOVATION AND REPAIR EXPENSES: \$78,568

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...

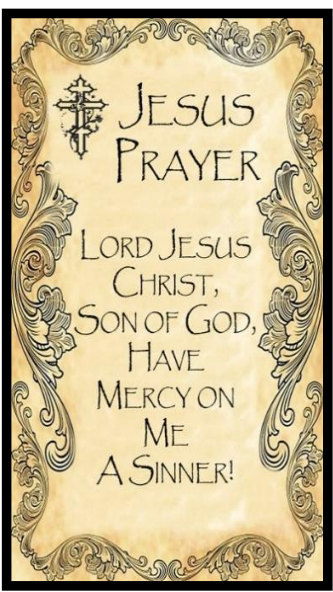
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| Fr. Tom Flynn | Butrus Jajeh | Samira Jajeh |
| Serene Kadadu | Paul Peterson | Ghada Nabhan |
| Rebecca Schmiedeknecht | | Lauren Makhlouf |

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

Victims of natural disasters
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.



October 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

Marina Aeshaea	Angelina Badri
Ronin Curry	Sami Hagley
Fadi Layous	Rania Layous
Samer Layous	Theresa Luu
Marc Maalouf	Vera Madanat
Albert Mishu	Kennedy Nuar
Kolbe Nuar	Patricia Pharo
James Reichard	Georges Sawaya
Nazim Shadeed	Maryam Talla
Dcn. Elie Hanna	Ethan

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Bishara & Sumaya Kadadu
 Mr. & Mrs. Suhail & Sammor(Sandra) Madanat
 Mr. & Mrs. Suleiman(John) & Vera Madana

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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

Church Hall Manager - Jerome Hagley -
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--- VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR ---

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.

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

Delicious Foods:



Church Tours Entertainment & Children's Activities:



2045 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE
 Atlanta, Georgia 30307



the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

A Workshop for Married & Engaged Catholic Couples

October 21st and 28th 9am-4pm MDT
 Online via Zoom



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Learn effective, research-based strategies to help you:

- Foster respect, affection, and closeness
- Break through and resolve conflict gridlock
- Build and share a deeper connection with each other's inner world



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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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