



St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 22, 2023

6th Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Healing of Gerasene Demoniac - TONE 4
Commemoration of the Holy Averkios, the Equal of the Apostles, Bishop of Hieropolis, the Wonderworker,
and of the Seven Holy Children martyred at Ephesus

الأحد 22 تشرين الأول 2023
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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

WELCOME VISITORS! Please register on FlockNote to receive e-mails/texts and join us in the Church Hall. Interested in becoming catechumens or 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.

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 SUNDAY, OCT 15th -----

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)
Lauren Makhlof, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Scott Alexander, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
Karen & Raymond Vincent and family, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community

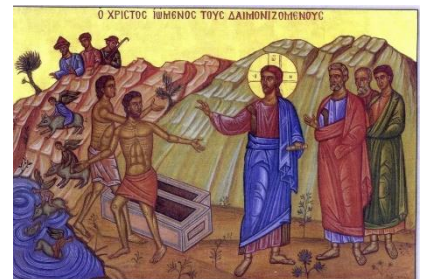
REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM

+Souren Palanjian, father of Zoe Hanna, Requested by Robert & Jo Ann Azar
+Aznive Osko (Syria), mother of Ghada Osko Boghos, Requested by Rob Ghawi
+Rouviette Hanna, Requested by Soheli and Vicki Elias
+Liv Teverino, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Mary Raybada, aunt of Fr. Lewis, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community
+Thomas Sweeney, grandfather-in-law of Subdeacon Riley Winstead, Requested by the St. John Parish Community

SUN, OCT 22 – 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS – JESUS AND THE GERASENE DEMONIAK

- Special 2nd Collection: World Missions Sunday, October 22, 2023 (done during litany after the Anaphora)
- Ladies Society Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall

(Luke 8:27-39) At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray Thee, do not torment me." For he was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating Him to give them leave to enter into them. And He gave them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported



it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to thy house, and tell all that God has done for thee." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for him.

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

HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE: The Good Samaritan Society is sponsoring a drive to collect items to distribute to men who are homeless. We hope to collect enough before Christmas to be able to hand them out during the Christmas season. A large bin will be set up in the cultural center to collect donations. We plan to set aside a time one Sunday after Liturgy when the Sunday school teachers and students (and anyone else interested in helping) can get together to assemble these packs. A sample of items needed will be provided. Please watch out for the e-mail.

LADIES SOCIETY & NAMW 2024 DUES: We have started collecting dues for National Association of Melkite Women. Thank you to the **thirty-six (36) women** who have paid their dues already – this is three more than we collected last year, and it is only October! Please provide \$25 to Patty Pharo via cash, check or Zelle. Note LS & NAMW in the memo.



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS: We now have two adult education series, both on Wednesday evenings. (1) There is a bible study program which started two weeks ago and will continue every other Wednesday. (2) We are excited to announce a new Adult Education offering - **Eastern Christianity 101**. This is designed to be an opportunity to learn about Eastern Christianity in general, and the Melkite Church in particular. This lively **online** exploration of our faith, tradition and current practices will be hosted by Father Elias and Greg Pharo every other Wednesday at 8:00 PM, **beginning on November 1**. Our first few discussions will be on +Archbishop Joseph Tawil's 1970 Christmas Pastoral Letter "The Courage to be Ourselves." An email will be sent out soon to allow you to register for this bible study.



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

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

SAT, OCT 21 – SAINT ELIAS ORTHODOX CHURCH 45th ANNUAL MIDEAST FOOD FESTIVAL

- Doors open at 11am, Vespers at 5pm and Hafleh/DJ/Dancing at 7:30pm

FRI, OCT. 27 – COMMUNITY NIGHT: We will have a Community Night and 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.

SUN, OCT 29 – 7th SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS – THE RAISING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

- +Rouviette Hanna – 40 Day Memorial Service

SAT-SUN, NOV. 11 & 12 – ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM PATRONAL FEAST DAY WEEKEND EVENTS: See details on back page.

----- SPECIAL WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY COLLECTION -----

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR

GENEROSITY: On Oct. 21 and 22, the Universal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, and we have a special 2nd collection for this event. World Mission Sunday, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only



canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year, the spirit of Pope Francis's theme, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," resonates with us as we are reminded of the energetic and unwavering faith that fuels our shared mission.

The World Mission Sunday collection in the United States supports CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association) aiding the Oriental Churches in need with 9% of the contributions. It also supports the Pontifical Council on Latin America, that directs 5% of the gifts to aid the poorest jurisdictions in South America and the Caribbean. The balance (86%) supports the Church in those dioceses in Africa and Asia which are designated as mission territories. Last year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States sent over \$23 million to the bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters and lay missionaries who help spread the Gospel in these territories.

----- 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.

----- 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

----- 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

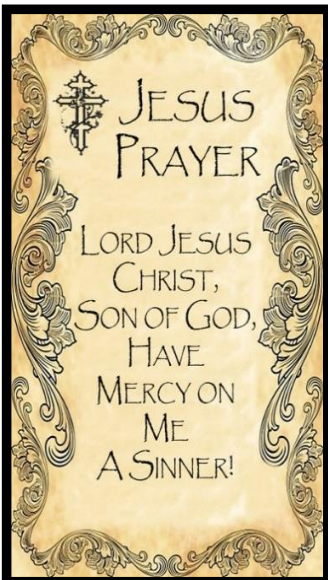
PRAYER LINE: Please keep in your prayers...

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| Fr. Tom Flynn | Butrus Jajeh | Samira Jajeh |
| Serene Kadadu | Scott Alexander | |
| Rebecca Schmiedeknecht | | Lauren Makhoul |

- The Wandering Sheep of this parish
- Victims of natural disasters
- Earthquake Victims in Morocco
- Those taking care of (grand)parents
- Areas of War and Violence, Including Holy Land, Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon
- Those looking for employment
- 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. Suleiman(John) & Vera Madana

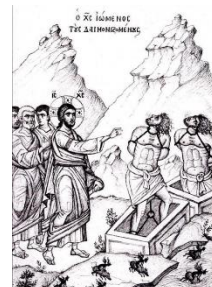
---- "Caught You Listening" Series ----

The puzzles and questions below are for your kids, to see how much of today's gospel they remember.

October 22, 2023, Gospel: Luke 8: 27-39

Jesus is God and has power over demons.

- What did Jesus command the unclean spirit to do?
- Did the demon know who Jesus was?
- What was the demon afraid Jesus would do?
- What did the possessed man look like before Jesus came?
- What did he look like after Jesus came?
- What did Jesus tell the man to do, rather than come with him?
- Was the man obedient?



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+Rt. Rev. William Haddad, Founding Pastor
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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



**SATURDAY
NOV. 11, 2023**

6:00 PM Vespers
7:00 PM Cocktail Hour
8:00 PM Dinner & Dance

Cash Bar

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George Kouz

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