



# St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church



A Parish Community of the Eparchy of Newton

Bulletin for Sunday, October 8, 2023

Third Sunday After the Holy Cross - The Widow's Son- TONE 2

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Commemoration of our Venerable Mother Pelagia

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

**SUNDAY: ORTHROS (10am) – HIERARCHICAL 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](mailto: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 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  
Paul Peterson, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community  
Scott Alexander, Requested by his family, Margaret Alexander and family

### **REPOSE IN THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM**

+Amal Abyad, mother of Fr. Zyad Abyad, Requested by the St. John Chrysostom Parish Community  
+Rouviette Hanna, Requested by Tony and Matilda Ghawi  
+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 Rani and Viola Ghawi  
+Robert Schwind, Requested by St. John Chrysostom Parish Community



## **----- PARISH LIFE UPDATE -----**

**WELCOME BISHOP TO OUR PARISH:** Welcome Sayedna François to St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church in Atlanta, Georgia! We are blessed to have you here this weekend visiting us our community. Note the latest calendar details for Sayedna's visit below.

**CAUGHT YOU LISTENING:** New kids feature based on Kh. Sylvia's work in The ByziKids Magazine ([www.byzimom.com](http://www.byzimom.com)). See last page for this week's feature for the gospel.

**NAMW 2024 DUES:** We have started collecting dues for National Association of Melkite Women. Thank you to the eighteen (18) women who have paid their dues already. Please provide \$25 to Patty Pharo via cash, check or Zelle. Note NAMW in the memo.

**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.

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

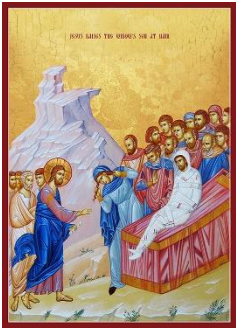
**OCTOBER COMMUNITY NIGHT:** We will have a Community Night on Fri., October 27<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are invited! We will begin with prayer in the church at 7 PM and continue our time together in the Church Hall with food, activities and games for everyone.

----- 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](mailto: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 8 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – THE WIDOW’S SON**



**The Gospel for this week (Luke 7:11-16):** *At that time it came to pass that Jesus went to a town called Naim; and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. And as he drew near the gate of the town, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large gathering from the town was with her. And the Lord, seeing her, had compassion on her, and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he went up and touched the stretcher; and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to thee, arise.” And he who was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. But fear seized upon all, and they began to glorify God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us.” and “God has visited his people.”*

**BISHOP VISIT AGENDA (Oct 6-8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Saturday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 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 – Based on availability
- Vespers – 4-4:45 (Church)

**Sunday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

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



**SUN, OCT 15 – PARABLE OF THE SOWER – SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVEN ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

The 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SAT, OCT 21 & 28 (9-6 Eastern) – THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK**

A workshop for engaged and married couples provided by Fr. Elias Dorham.

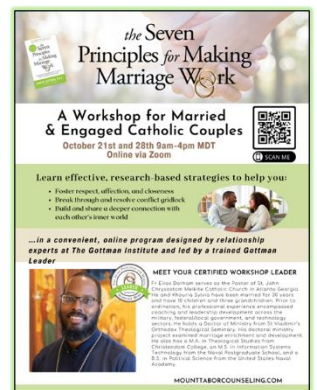
----- Prayers During Pregnancy and After Childbirth -----

**On the day of delivery:** Please have someone call the Priest on the day you go into labor and where, so he may pray for a safe delivery and be ready in case of any complications to be at your family’s side. There is an Emergency Rite of Baptism should the health of the baby be in any way under question, and if need be, you may baptize your baby yourself if time does not permit the priest to arrive by pouring on water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**The day after birth:** There are prayers for recovery and convalescence which are also said the day after birth.

**On the Eighth day after birth:** There are the naming prayers (once the day of circumcision in the Old Covenant.) Please invite your Parish Priest to come and offer them at the hospital and/or at home! It is traditional for the Priest to come and bless the child on that day, and it’s a good time to discuss baptism and other concerns about raising a child as a Melkite.

**Note:** Melkite mothers are not expected to attend church until the 40th day after birth, a kind of liturgical maternity leave.



----- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:	<b>(\$13,005)</b>	<b>(\$105,975)</b>

\* 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](mailto: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

**PRAYER LINE: Please keep in your prayers...**

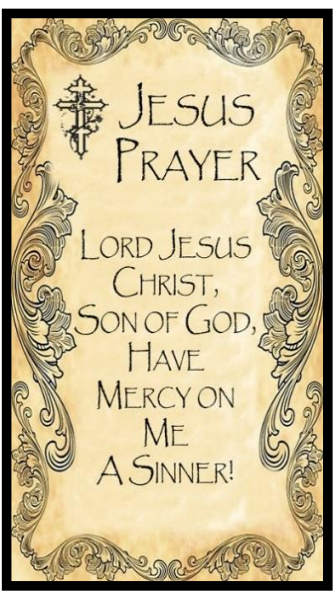
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| Fr. Tom Flynn          | Butrus Jajeh  | Samira Jajeh    |
| Serene Kadadu          | Paul Peterson | Scott Alexander |
| Rebecca Schmiedeknecht |               | Lauren Makhlouf |

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

- Those looking for employment
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 ---

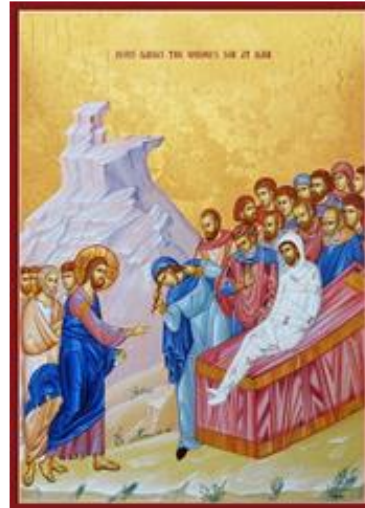
To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.

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

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

**October 8, 2023**

**Gospel: Luke 7:11-16**



How much do you remember from today's Gospel? Look up what you don't know!

Where was Jesus going?  
 Who was with him?  
 Who did he meet at the gate?  
 Why did Jesus say, "Do not weep?"  
 What's a bier? What's a bearer?  
 What happened when Jesus touched the bier?  
 What did the young man do when Jesus spoke to him?  
 What did Jesus do with the young man?  
 "Fear seized them all." What did the bystanders do?

**Give yourself one point for every correct answer. Your score:**

## St. Elias Orthodox Church's 45<sup>th</sup> 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:



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