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Sunday, February 12, 2023 – Meat Fare Sunday

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch

Troparion after the Great Doxology (Cantor Solo): *Today Salvation has come to the world: Let us sing to him who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for he has crushed death by his death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.*

Antiphon Prayer of the Triodion: O Christ, our God, you were sent by the Father, not to judge the world, but to save it. We ask you in your boundless compassion: assist our weakness. Overcome our selfishness. Teach us to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked and to serve all people faithfully for your sake. Then we shall deserve to hear your divine voice saying: “Come you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” For you are our life and our hope, O Christ God, and to you we render glory, and to your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

Hymn of the Incarnate Word: *O Only-begotten Son...* (p. 18)

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): *Let all in heaven rejoice,...* (p. 32)

Troparion of Saint Ann: *O divinely wise Ann...* (p.30)

Kontakion of Meat Fare (Cantor Solo): *When You shall come down, O God, upon earth in your glory, every creature shall tremble before you. A river of fire shall flow before your judgments seat, the books shall be opened and all secrets revealed. On that day, O righteous Judge, deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at your right.*

Prokimenon: *My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.*

Stichon: *The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.*

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-13; 9:1-2 (Reader: Rima Antous)

Alleluia: *The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.*

Stichon: *O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.*

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Hirmos: *It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...* (p. 57)

Kinonikon: *Praise the Lord...* (p. 65)

Communion Hymn: *Make me this day...* (p. 68); **After Communion:** *We have seen the True Light...* (p. 69)

THE DIVINE LITURGY IS OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ✠ JULIETTE HADDAD (40 DAY MEMORIAL) (HIND & NABIL TAKLA); ✠ CORINNE HALAL (ANDREW & MARTHA QUINN); ✠ FR. SERAPHIM MICHALENKO (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN); ✠ MARY ADAMCZYK (SR. VICTORIA & SR. MARY ANN)

Sun. Feb. 19, 2023: Cheesefare Sunday

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4 (Reader: Mirna Marji) **Gospel:** Matthew 6:14-21

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Friday, February 17: Lent begins at sundown on February 19th. We begin our Lenten liturgical prayer with Forgiveness Vesper on Monday, 2/20/23 @ 5:30pm. **On 2/17/23 we will celebrate Fat Friday** with the music of Billy Michael and Friends in the Church Hall from 7:00-9:30 pm. Doors open at 6 pm. Bring your own food. Meatfare Sunday, celebrated this Sunday, precludes meat in the church until Pascha. **All food brought to Fat Friday must be meat free.** After Cheesefare Sunday on 2/19 no dairy products are permitted in the church until Pascha. So, let's make **Fat Friday** "cheese rich" but meat free.

Donations for flowers for the Akathist Hymns on Fridays in Lent in the amount of \$50 are being accepted. Please see Fr. Tom for more information.

Syria Earthquake Relief: The earthquake in northern Syria has devastated the region. Please consider a donation to the Diocese's Syria Relief Fund, which assures that all funds are used to provide for those in true and immediate need. <https://melkite.org/products-page/donation/donate-to-the-eparchy?fbclid=IwAR3nTTg7iK6MAGPvvKaEyCKiD7B840aIjr7OXXKLBXddRJVXKsw9FnHHx0>

A NEW BIBLE STUDY starting Saturday, February 18: An introduction to the Old Testament texts: the Patriarchs, the captivity in Egypt, the Exodus & Mount Sinai, the Levitical priesthood, the Tabernacle, the wanderings, the entry and conquest of the Holy Land, the Judges, the United Kingdom, the Temple of Solomon, the Divided Kingdoms, the exiles, and the promise of restoration and of a new covenant. On that foundation we will then take up a study of the Book of Hebrews, from which all the Sunday Epistles of Great Lent are taken. Participatory facilitation by those attending will be encouraged but not required.

Important News from the Clergy Conference in San Antonio: In 1970 Archbishop Joseph Tawil strictly prohibited eulogies or reminiscences by anyone at a funeral. That includes the priest, family members and friends of the deceased. Archbishop Tawil, Bishop Nicholas Samra, and now Bishop François have mandated the following exceptionless norms for funerals in the Melkite Catholic Church:

- No eulogies or reminiscences, whether by the priest, a relative or anyone else, are given in church.
- Only the music of the funeral service in the approved texts may be used at a funeral.
- Services or prayers by fraternal organizations are prohibited.

The Mercy Meal or the funeral home is the appropriate place for relatives and friends to offer eulogies or reminiscences.

Sunday Collections: The Second Collection next Sunday, February 19, is for Special Projects

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| 1/15/2023 Fuel/Elec: \$500 Reg: \$1,910 Fundraising: \$4,100 Spec. Proj: \$121 | 1/22/2023. 1 st Env. Offer: \$10 Reg: \$1,100 Fuel/Elec: \$20 Spec. Proj: \$ 25 Fundraising: \$200 | 1/29/2023 Reg: \$922.52 Fundraising: \$50 | 2/5/2023 Reg: \$1,952 Clergy Ret: \$233 |
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UPCOMING EVENTS: Sat. Feb. 11 - Saturday of the Dead Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service @ 9:00 am

Fri. Feb 17 - Fat Friday Celebration @ 7:00-9:30 pm

Mon. Feb. 20 – Forgiveness Vespers and the beginning of Lent @ 5:30 pm

Announcement from the Eparchy: A Victim Assistance private toll-free line for reporting of sexual abuse in the Eparchy of Newton has been established. This phone rings to and is answered only by the Eparchial Victim Assistance Coordinator. To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel, or volunteers of the Eparchy of Newton, please call the coordinator of the Victim Assistance Office (1-800-479-5910).

Sacramental Guidelines

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: Before or after any service, or by appointment.

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Please contact the parish in advance to arrange the required baptismal instructions.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING (Marriage): Please contact the parish six months in advance to arrange the required interview and instructions.

HOLY MYSTERY OF ANOINTING (and Communion) OF THE SICK: Please contact the rectory to arrange a home or hospital visit.