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# Saint Ann Melkite Catholic Church

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Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Third Sunday After Pentecost

Commemoration of our Father among the Saints Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria

*The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of* ✠Raymond Antous & ✠Julie Shaker (40 Day Memorial) (Najlah Antous & Family); ✠Helen Georgette Ayoub (Nizar & Dua Haddad); ✠ Clara Kane (Nicholas & Barbara Borrello); ✠Marie Hamawi (Emile & Charlotte Noujaim) *and for the health and salvation of Khouria Joanne Davis* (Birthday) (Fr. Thomas)

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**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: Romans 5:1-10** (*Reader: William Coupe*): Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by faith to that grace in which we stand and exult in the hope of God's glory. And not only this, but we exult also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. For why did Christ die at the appointed time for the wicked while we were still weak? Hardly would someone die for a just man; perhaps someone would have the courage to die for a virtuous man. But God proves his love for us, since Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Much more now that we are made just in his blood, shall we be saved by him from wrath. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled with God through his death, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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

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

**Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33:** The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat and drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. Is not life a greater thing than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you, by being anxious about it, can add to his stature a single cubit? And as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. But if God so clothes the wildflower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or 'What are we to wear?' (For all these things the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides."

**St. Ann Prayer List:** *Please remember in your prayer the sick, the suffering, those isolated and alone, those in prison, and the forgotten, and especially for the servants and handmaids of God:* Carmen Balesh, Marilyn Baiad, Sharon Ballard, Robert Cheble, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Karen Fattouh, Brian Frank, Stephen McGrath, Jillian Michalenko, Josephine Nassif, William Michael, Linda Noujaim, Doreen Parrella, Tomas Ramirez, William Ramirez, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

**Lebanon American Day will be celebrated on June 30** with the annual flag raising ceremony and recognition of the honoree, who we are pleased to announce will be our own **Nabil Takla**, a pillar of our community and a dedicated leader of the Lebanon American Club. A Lebanese luncheon catered by Tabouli & More Middle East Restaurant will follow at the LAC (\$35/Person). Reservation for the luncheon is required by June 22. RSVP to Joe Walkovich @ 203.470.3271 of [walkovich2000j@aol.com](mailto:walkovich2000j@aol.com) or Ghassan Najm @ 860-488.0074 or [lebanonclub@att.net](mailto:lebanonclub@att.net). Payment may also be made using the QR code



**2024 National Melkite Catholic Convention, July 4-7**, hosted by Our Lady of the Annunciation Melkite Catholic Cathedral. **Hotel Information:** Marriott Boston Quincy, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy, MA 02169. For reservations: 617-472-1000 and mention the 53rd National Melkite Convention to get the proper discounted rate. To register for convention events please visit the convention link: <https://melkite.org/melkite-catholic-convention>. For more information call 617-323-5242.

**The Parish Council and Finance Council** meeting in the church hall on Monday, June 10 @ 6:00 pm.

**Tabernacle Society:** Following Divine Liturgy today (June 9, 2024) and after time for coffee and greetings. The meeting will address parish events for the remainder of 2024, including:

- **Jubilee Year Summer Concert on July 27<sup>th</sup>** to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the reunion of the Melkite Catholic and Roman Catholic Churches as well as the Feast of our Patroness, Saint Ann. Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14 in C minor, Op. 131 performed by the Larry Deming Quartet.
- **The Annual Bazar**
- **Possible Hafli**
- **Annual Christmas Concert**

The meeting will also address new initiatives for religious education for both children and adults and will welcome any proposals parishioners may bring forward for other activities or programs.

**Sunday, June 16, 2024 - Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Commemoration of our Holy Father Tykhon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Amathonte of Cyprus**

**Epistle: Romans 6:18-23** (Reader: Hala Hourani); **Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13**

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**Sunday Collections:**

5/12/2024	5/19/2024	5/26/2024	6/2/2024
Reg: \$1345	Reg: \$1,443	Reg: \$1,113	Reg: \$1,800
Home Mission: \$20	Fuel/Elec: \$45	Memorials: \$400	Spec Proj: \$205
Fuel/Elec: \$105	Memorials: \$2,050		
Spec Proj \$10	Spec. Proj: \$140		
Icon Lamp: \$60	Spec. Proj. Honor Roll: \$1,000		

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