

Welcome to those who are visiting today. We are happy to have you worship with us. If this is your first time here, please come downstairs to the Hall, introduce yourself, have some refreshments, and get to know the Community. If you have any questions about the Melkite Church and its traditions, please don't hesitate to ask Fr. Bryan.

Weddings — One year notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

Baptisms — One month's notice. Contact Fr. Bryan for Sacramental Preparation.

Please let Fr. Bryan know about anyone who is sick, in the hospital, or homebound so that he can visit and bring them the Eucharist on a regular basis.

Bishop Nicholas' 30th Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday, **October 3rd**, Our Lady of Annunciation Cathedral will host a celebration in honor of Sayinda Nicholas' 30th Anniversary of episcopal ordination, 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination, as well as his 75th Birthday. The Divine Liturgy will begin at 5:00pm followed by a banquet at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and must be purchased in advance. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** Please see the flyer in the most recent edition of **Sophia** for more details. There are also copies of the flyer in the narthex of the church. The deadline to purchase tickets is **September 20, 2019**. It would be wonderful to have a strong representation from OLPH at the Liturgy and Banquet.

Sayings from the Fathers

“We do not change the boundaries marked out by our Fathers. We keep the Tradition we have received. If we begin to lay down the Law of the Church even in the smallest things, the whole edifice will fall to the ground in no short time.”+ St. John of Damascus



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 28, 2019



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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

3. For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn:

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 6, Pg.41)

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead; and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body. Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it and You met the Virgin, O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You!

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1, Pg. 15)

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion of the Transfiguration (Tone 7)

On the mountain You were transfigured O Christ our God and Your disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could hold, so that when they would see You crucified, they would know that You suffer willingly, and would proclaim to the world that You are verily the Splendor of the Father.

Prokimenon

Reader: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

People: O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: O Lord save Your people

People: and bless Your inheritance!

Epistle: Romans: 15:1-7

Alleluia Verses

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Verse: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Kiss of Peace (Pg. 23): Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Hirmos: It is Truly Meet... (pg. 26)

Kinonikon: "Praise the Lord..." (Pg. 32)

Divine Liturgy Intentions

+**Nicholas Rico Sanchez.** Requested by Tom Syseskey

Coffee and... sponsored by Tom Syseskey

This week's flowers are offered by Ronald Abraham in memory of Annie Abraham, Robert Abraham, Salim Abraham, and Arthur Abraham

- ◆ Last Week's Attendance/Donations: **33/\$740**
- ◆ **Mark your calendars!** Our annual Parish Picnic is **September 8**. We need everyone's help to make it a success.
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed** - We need people to sponsor the Coffee and... The following dates are available in August: 8/4 & 8/11. Please see Fr. Bryan or Joe Najemy if you would like to sponsor the Coffee and on one of those Sundays. We also need help with the cleanup.
- ◆ We have a new email address: olphmelkite@gmail.com
- ◆ If you are not receiving collection envelopes, please see Fr. Bryan.
- ◆ St. Ann's Melkite Church in Waterford, CT is having a parish picnic at Enders Island in Mystic, CT on Friday, **August 16**. Divine Liturgy is at 5PM and the picnic starts at 6PM. Fr. Dennis McCarthy has invited the parishioners of OLPH to join him and the parishioners of St. Ann's for the evening. Tickets are \$10 per person. There is sign-up sheet at the coffee hour so that we can let Fr. Dennis know how many people from OLPH to expect.
- ◆ **The Dormition Fast begins August 1 and ends on the feast of the Dormition (Aug. 15) . Traditionally, meat, meat products, eggs, fish, and dairy are not eaten, with the exception of the feast of the Dormition, when fish is allowed. The liturgical schedule for the fast is listed below:**
 - ◇ **Monday, August 5 @ 7:00pm - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by blessing of grapes**
 - ◇ **Wednesday, August 7 @ 7:00pm - Paraclisis**
 - ◇ **Wednesday, August 14. 7:00pm. - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition**