

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

TODAY | ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

MONDAY . JANUARY 6 | 7PM
FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY
Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water

WEDNESDAY . JANUARY 8 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by
PASTORAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEETING

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:30am (arabic/english)

Great Feast
Day Eve 7:00pm

Mystery of Holy Confession
30 minutes before each Divine Liturgy

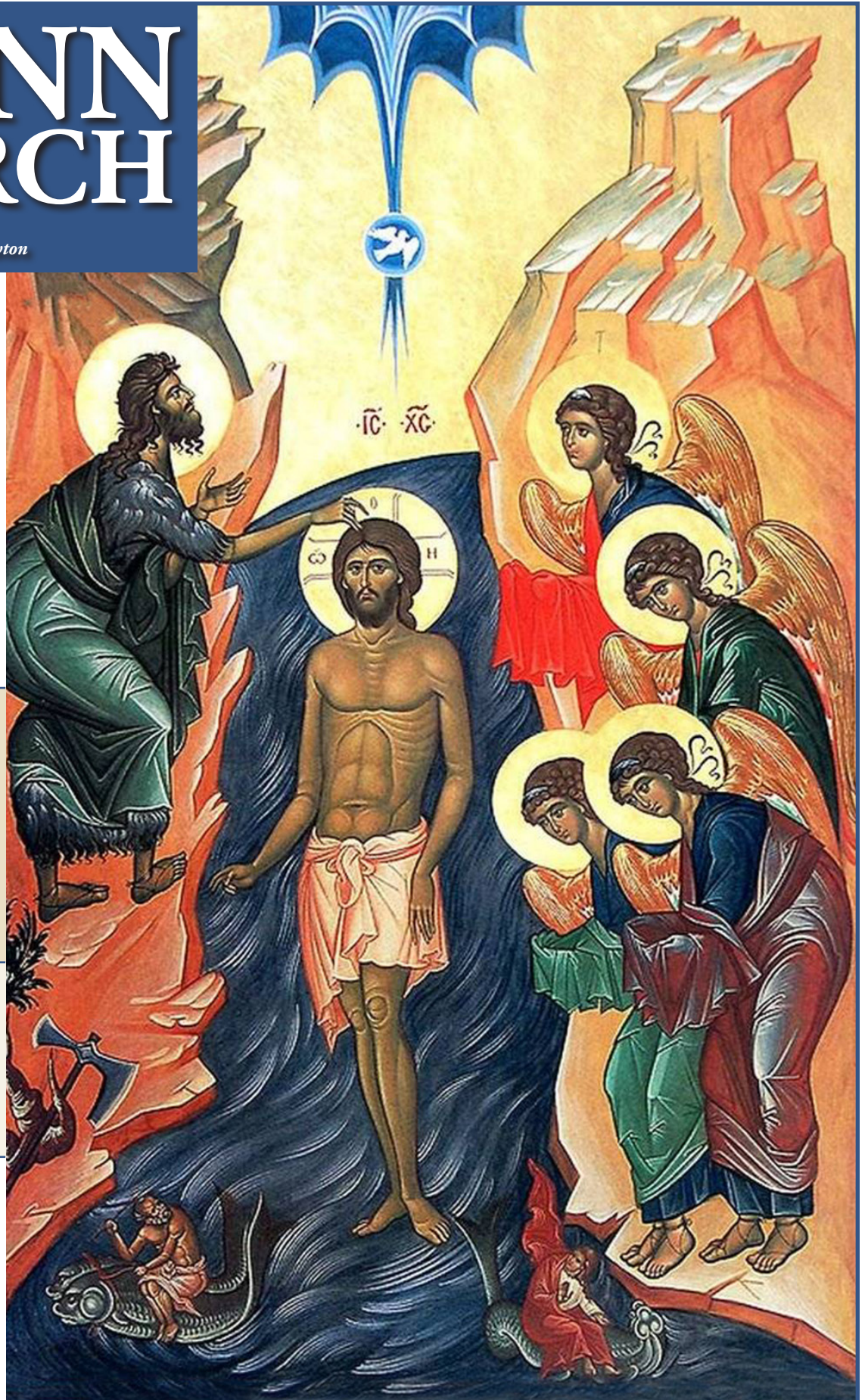
Our Community is Served By:

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



JANUARY 5, 2025 . SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

PROKIMENON 6: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

2 Timothy 4:5-8 | Mark 1:1-8

Intentions

— SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD —

SATURDAY | JANUARY 4 | 5:30PM

†James & Kathy Cantisano . *Yvonne Cantisano*

†Emil Garlewicz . *Rockel Family*

†Elias Harraka . *Wife Antoinette & Family*

SUNDAY | JANUARY 5 | 9:00AM

†William Siouffi . *His Family*

†Lorice Zelhof . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

†George Bsales . *Samira Fakhoury*

SUNDAY | JANUARY 5 | 11:30AM

†Rt. Rev. Cyril Anid

†Sayer Sawaged . *3rd/9th Memorial . Wife Babia and Family*

†Elias K. Sayad . *5 Year Remembrance . The Sayad Family*

†Raymond Orfaly . *Italia Gallo*

†Naji Homsy . *Juliette Sara*

†Dalal Hadad . *Ghassan & Maggie Slim*

— SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD —

SATURDAY | JANUARY 11 | 5:30PM

†Elias Harraka . *Wife, Antoinette & Family*

†Raymond Orfaly . *Mary's Rosary Group*

SUNDAY | JANUARY 12 | 9:00AM

†George Zelhof . *28 Year Remembrance . His Family*

†Richard Kruger . *16 Year Remembrance
M/M Gabe Raad & Ann Rocko*

†Michael & Mary Fahmie . *Jennifer & Eric*

†James & Jennie Gilarmo . *Jennifer & Eric*

†Robert Gerard Sladowski . *Jennifer & Eric*

†Felix Rosario . *Jennifer & Eric*

†William Siouffi . *His Family*

SUNDAY | JANUARY 12 | 11:30AM

†Georges Dayoub . *Wife Afaf Khawam*

†Georges Moussira Khawam . *Daughter Afaf Khawam*

†Dr. Razek Khawam . *Sister Afaf Khawam*

†Naji Homsy . *Marcele Ghandour*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick and convalescing friends and members of our community, especially:

Louis Dahdah	Robin A. Kingery
Tracey Ferraro	Mona Mardelli
Andrew Friedman	Joyce Neuss
Dolores Fritz	Mary Tahan
Mark Frommer	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Laurice Kayal	Donna Yuppa

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Available 30 minutes before each Divine Liturgy.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: Call the parish office three months before desired Baptism, Chrismation and First Eucharist date.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING (Marriage): Call the parish office twelve months before desired wedding date.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Call the parish office when a family member is hospitalized or seriously ill.

Our Community is Served By:

Parish Office | *Georgann Bsarany, Secretary*
Lina Alain, Secretary

Communications | *Doreen Pierson, Director*

Pastoral Advisory Council | *Bernadette Murray, Chair*

Property Advisory Council | *Nabil Alain, Chair*

Finance Advisory Council | *Louis Sayad, Chair*

Charitable Society | *Debbie Tahan, Chair*

Religious Education | *Michael & Jessica Hanczaryk*

Society of Publicans | *Jenine Long*

Readers | *Joann Fakhoury*

Ushers | *Joseph Murray*

S.A.M.Y. | *Paulie Harraka, Advisor*

Fr Choukri Sabbagh, Spiritual Advisor

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

2024 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

5PM Christmas Eve	40 Envelopes	\$3712.00
8PM Christmas Eve	22 Envelopes	1439.00
10AM Christmas Day	36 Envelopes	3237.00
Candles		98.00
Total Christmas Collection		\$8,486.00

Weekend of DECEMBER 29, 2024

5:30pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 588.00
9:00am	20 Envelopes	1251.00
11:30am	24 Envelopes	1511.00
Mailed	8 Envelopes	6810.00
Online	42 Envelopes	1617.00
Candles		90.00
Stole Offering		400.00
Christmas	26 Envelopes	3068.00
Weekly Total		\$6,814.00

Total Envelopes Received: 104

Total Christmas \$11,554.00

According to our 2023-2024 budget, our weekly sacrificial giving need is **\$8,000.00** to meet expenses.

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Online giving directly from your bank account is the most cost effective way to donate. Consider this for your Sunday Offering. For details, go to saintanmelkite.com and click the online giving tab.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Please contact Fr. Rezkallah at 973.785.4144 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415. *All inquiries are confidential!*

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you are not receiving the weekly envelope, you are not registered! All families, seniors and post-college singles should register as official parish members! Please call the Office at 973.785.4144 to register.

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SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

PROKIMENON 6

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

2 Timothy 4:5-8 | Mark 1:1-8

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 8*) pg. 66
You descended from on high O Compassionate One, and consented to burial for three days, that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

Preparation of Theophany

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST

Make ready Zebulon and prepare Naphtali and you Jordan River, stop your flow and receive with a thrill of joy the Master coming to be baptized. And you, Adam, rejoice with the first Mother, Eve, and hide not as you did of old in paradise: for Christ at the sight of your nakedness has come forth to clothe you with the robe of innocence. Indeed, Christ has come forth to renew the whole creation.

TROPARION OF TRANSFIGURATION

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God showing your disciples as much of your glory as they could hold. Let your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayer of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, glory to You.

TROPARION OF SAINT ANN

 pg. 22

O divinely wise Ann, you carried in your womb the pure mother of God, who gave birth to the Life. Wherefore you now have been carried up joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory. O blessed one, obtain the forgiveness of sins, for those who honor you with fervor.

Preparation of Theophany

KONDAKION OF THE FOREFEAST

Today the Lord Christ has appeared in the Jordan's waters, and He has cried out to John: Fear not of baptizing me, for by my own will I have indeed come to save Adam, the first created man.

KINONIKON

 pg. 166

The Grace of God our Savior has appeared to all people. Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS

January 6-11, 2025

MONDAY Mk 1:9-11 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Mt 3:13-17	TUESDAY Acts 19:1-8 Jn 1:29-34	WEDNESDAY 2 Cor 4:6-15 Jn 3:22-33
THURSDAY 2 Tim 2:1-10 Mk 1:9-15	FRIDAY Eph 4:7-13 Lk 3:19-22	SATURDAY Lk 6:17-23 Heb 13:7-16 Mt 4:1-11

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Sunday before Theophany

Prokimenon 6

- O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
- To you, O Lord, I have called:
O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

READING from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy

My son Timothy be watchful in all things, bear with tribulation patiently, work as a preacher of the Good News, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I am already being poured out in sacrifice, and the time of my deliverance is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have completed the course, I have kept the faith. For the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the just Judge, will give to me on that day: yet not to me only, but also to those who love his coming. Alleluia

- May God have mercy on us and bless us.
- May he let his face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Sunday before Theophany

(The Preaching of John the Baptist)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before you, who shall prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths,'" there came John in the desert, baptizing and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea went out to him, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and all were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF THEOPHANY

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025** as we wish Fr Ken a happy retirement! Please watch your email for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes resume today Sunday, January 5, 2025.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH

in Lancaster, PA . **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**
Cost is estimated to be \$150-\$160 per person and include theater tickets, bus transportation and lunch. Please send **a \$50 deposit per person, payable to St. Ann Church, to hold your reservation. 3 seats left!** If you are interested, please respond to office@saintannmelkite.com.

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food pantry

The St Ann Food Pantry is committed to keeping the shelves stocked, and we need your help to do that.

The pantry welcomes all non-perishable items, and is need of:

Household Paper Products	Sugar & Flour
Laundry Detergents	Rice
Bleach & Softeners	Cereal
Household Cleaning Supplies	Cookies & Snacks
Personal Health Items	Fruit Drinks & Juices
Beauty Items	Fruit (cans, jars and snack)

Please place donations, in the bin, in the narthex of the church.