

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

TODAY | 10AM
ONE DIVINE LITURGY
followed by a community breakfast

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY . JANUARY 13 | 6PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING
in the Parish Center

FRIDAY . JANUARY 31
FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

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
Administrator Pro Tempore

Rev Sayed Kozhaya
Parochial Vicar

Rev Choukri Sabbagh

Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany

Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

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parish personnel or volunteers in the
Diocese of Newton, please call the Victim
Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.

JANUARY 26, 2025 . FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON 15

1 Timothy 4:9-15 | Luke 19:1-10

Intentions

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | JANUARY 25 | 5:30PM

- †Brian Palestis . 5 Year Remembrance . Mother Elizabeth Kattak
†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
†George Akshar . M/M Eamon Doherty
†Raymond Orfaly . Mary Lou DiCaprio

SUNDAY | JANUARY 26 | 10:00AM

- †George Tahan . 1 Year Remembrance . Wife Karen & Family
†George Raad . 3 Year Remembrance . The Raad Family
†Elias Harraka . Julie Molloy
†Naji Homsy . M/M Karam Lazieh
†Lorice Zelhof . M/M Charles Cathcart
†William Siouffi . His Family
†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 1 | 5:30PM

- †Annie Shackoor . 5 Year Remembrance . Shackoor Family
†Raymond Orfaly . Dolores Joseph
†Elias Harraka . M/M Elias Hamway

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 2 | 9:00AM

- †Rev. Philip Azoon . Community of St. Ann
†William Siouffi . His Family
†Barbara Hanczaryk . Her Family

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 2 | 11:30AM

- †Naji Homsy . Samira Fakhoury
†Sayer Sawaged . His Family

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes is the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.”

John 5:24

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

DAILY READINGS January 27-February 1, 2025

MONDAY 1/27

JN 10:1-9
HEB 7:26-28; 8:1-2
JN 10:9-16

TUESDAY 1/28

GAL 5:22-26; 6:1-2
LK 6:17-23

WEDNESDAY 1/29

JN 10:9-16
HEB 10:32-38
MK 9:33-41

THURSDAY 1/30

JN 10:9-16
HEB 13:7-16
MT 5:14-19

FRIDAY 1/31

1 COR 12:27-31; 13:1-7
MT 10:1; 5-8

SATURDAY 2/1

ROM 8:28-39
LK 10:19-22

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION *(Tone 3) pg. 61*

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm, by death He has trampled upon death, and has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

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.

KONDAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

O Christ our God who through your birth have sanctified the virginal womb and have blessed the arms of Simon, You have come today to save us. When wars prevail, keep your people in peace and strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, for You alone are the lover of Mankind.

TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

EPISTLE: 1 TIMOTHY 4:9-15

Prokimenon: The Lord will give strength to his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

Stichon: Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy:

My son Timothy, this saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: for we work and are reviled for this reason, that we hope in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Command and teach these things. Let no man despise the fact that you are young, but be an example to the faithful by what you say and do, by love, faith, spirituality and chastity. Until I come, be diligent in reading, exhorting and teaching. Do not neglect the grace that is in you, granted to you as a speaker for God through the laying on of the hands of the priesthood. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

Alleluia

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

Stichon: To proclaim Your kindness at dawn and Your faithfulness throughout the night.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:12-19

Gospel of the 15th Sunday of Holy Cross, (Zacchaeus' Repentance)

At that time as Jesus was passing through Jericho, behold there was a man named Zacchaeus; and he was a leading publican, and he was rich. And he was trying to see Jesus, to find out who he was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay in your house today." And he made haste and came down, and welcomed him joyfully. And upon seeing it, all began to murmur, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, I give one-half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he, too, is the son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

HIRMOS

It is truly right to call you blessed...

KINONIKON

Praise the Lord from the highest. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the True Light...

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of JANUARY 19, 2025

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| 5:30pm | 10 Envelopes | \$ 506.00 |
| 9:00am | 18 Envelopes | 1169.00 |
| 11:30am | 27 Envelopes | 877.00 |
| Mailed | 10 Envelopes | 2265.00 |
| Online | 44 Envelopes | 1622.00 |
| Candles | | 83.00 |
| Liturgy Stipends | | 685.00 |
| Coffee Hour | | 300.00 |

Weekly Total \$7,507.00

Total Envelopes Received: 109

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 saintannmelkite.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.

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Lois Dikdan Lozy**, who went to her eternal rest this week. Lois is the wife of Fred Lozy, and sister of Janet Bonagura, Sandy Foster, Donna Lozy and Jenine Long. *Memory Eternal.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31, 2025 . Friday Night Social

February 21, 2025 . MAYA/SAMY Debka Night

Watch for more details.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Contact Father Rezkallah at 858 280 6131 if you are interested in having your house blessed.

FATHER SON BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 8, 2025 . 9:30am

Open to all men and boys of the parish, join us for a catered breakfast in the parish center. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children up to 14 years of age. **Get tickets by scanning the QR code or going to saintannbreakfast.com.**



CONTACT INFORMATION

Father Rezkallah's cell number is 858 280 6131. Please send your contact info, to create a parish group list. Please also email Doreen Pierson at stannmelkitechurch@gmail.com to be added to our parish list.

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. 4 seats left!**

saint ann foodpantry

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:

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| 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.