

# 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 . FEBRUARY 3 | 6PM  
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING  
in the Parish Center

## NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY . FEBRUARY 12 | 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  
*Administrator Pro Tempore*  
Rev Sayed Kozhaya  
*Parochial Vicar*  
Rev Choukri Sabbagh  
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany  
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parish personnel or volunteers in the  
Diocese of Newton, please call the Victim  
Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.



FEBRUARY 2, 2025 . ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

PROKIMENON 2

Hebrews 7:7-17 | Luke 2:22-40

# Intentions

## 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

†Lois Lozy . Husband Fred & Family

**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**

†Sayer Sawaged . His Family

†Naji Homsy . Samira Fakhoury

## SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

**SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 8 | 5:30PM**

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters

†George Natter . Elizabeth Kattak

†Elias Harraka . Julie Molloy

†Lois Lozy . Husband Fred & Family

**SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 9 | 9:00AM**

†Ann Shaker . Her Family

†William Siouffi . His Family

**SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 9 | 11:30AM**

†Sayer Sawaged . 40 Day Memorial . Wife Badia Sawaged

†Georget Barousou . Birthday Remembrance . Her Family

†Naji Homsy . M/M George Fallaha

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Louis Dahdah

Mark Frommer

Mona Mardelli

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Tracey Ferraro

Laurice Kayal

Joyce Neuss

Donna Yuppa

Dolores Fritz

Robin A. Kingery

Mary Tahan

## DAILY READINGS

February 3-8, 2025

### MONDAY 2/3

PT 2:21-25; 3:1-9  
MK 12:13-17

### TUESDAY 2/4

1PT 3:10-22  
MK 12:18-27

### WEDNESDAY 2/5

1PT 4:1-11  
MK 12:28-37

### THURSDAY 2/6

1PT 4:12-19; 5:1-5  
MK 12:38-44

### FRIDAY 2/7

2 PT 1:1-10  
MK 13:1-8

### SATURDAY 2/8

2 TIM 2:11-19  
LK 18:2-8

### 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*

# ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

## ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST

O Son of God who was carried in the arms of Simeon the Just, save us who sing to You: Alleluia

## TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 4) pg. 62

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

## TROPARION OF THE FEAST (twice)

Hail, O Full of grace, Virgin and Mother of God: for from you has arisen the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who stand in darkness. You too, O just Elder Simeon, rejoice, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, our Resurrection.

## 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.

## EPISTLE: HEBREWS 7: 7-17

**Prokimenon:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*Stichon:* Because he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid, for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

**A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews:** BRETHREN, certainly the lower is blessed by the higher. And in one case indeed mortal men receive tithes, while Scripture testifies that this man lives on. And even Levi, the receiver of tithes, was also, so to speak, through Abraham made subject to tithes (Cf. Gn. 14 :20), for he was still in his father's loins when Meichisedek met him. If then perfection was by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the Law), what further need was there that another priest should rise, according to the order of Meichisedek, and said not to be according to the order of Aaron? For when the priesthood is changed, it is necessary that a change of law be made also. For the one of whom these things are said is from another tribe, from which no one has ever done service at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord has sprung out of Judah (Cf. Is. 1 :2), and Moses said nothing at all about priests when referring to this tribe. And it is yet far more evident if there arises another priest, according to the likeness of Melchisedek, who has become so not according to the law of carnal commandment, but according to a life that cannot end. For it is testified of him, *You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedek* (Ps. 109 :4).

## Alleluia

Now you shall dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace; because my eyes have seen your salvation.

*Stichon:* A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel.

## GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

### *Gospel of the Feast*

At that time the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord according to the Law of Moses, as it is written in the Law of the Lord: "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" — and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was in Jerusalem a man named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by inspiration of the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he also received him into his arms and blessed God, saying, "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word, in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for thy people Israel." And his father and mother were marveling at the things spoken concerning him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had fulfilled all things prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

## HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS: HIRMOS

O Mother of God, hope of all Christians, watch over those who have placed their hope in you. Let us, O faithful, glorify the First-born, the Eternal Word of God, born of a Virgin all-pure, for we have seen, beyond the shadow and letter of the Law, a sign of Christ in the words: "Every male opening the womb shall be called holy to the Lord."

## KINONIKON OF THE FEAST

I will take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia

# SACRIFICIAL GIVING

## Weekend of JANUARY 26, 2025

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 440.00
10:00am	70 Envelopes	3214.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	325.00
Online	44 Envelopes	1592.50
Candles		78.00
Liturgy Stipends		250.00

**Weekly Total** \$5,899.50

Total Envelopes Received: 129

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

**THIS WEEKEND  
SECOND COLLECTION**  
*for St. Ann Charitable Society*



### 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](http://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

## THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to the Parish Advisory Council, John Tahmoosh, and Ed Dahdah for the beautiful retirement breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came to honor 8Fr. Ken and celebrate his many years of service.

## SAMY DEBKA NIGHT

**Saturday, February 21, 2025 . 6:30-10:30pm**

We're so excited to announce we are having a Youth Debka Night. For SAMY members, 13-17 years of age. Entertainment by DJ Danny. Donation \$25 which includes a delicious dinner spread.

**Get tickets by scanning the QR code.**



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the newly elected MAYA Officers. President – Brian Katat, Vice President – Natalie Bittar, Secretary – Karen Katat, Treasurer – Lila Baladi, Social Media Manager – Jessica Ibrahimian

## 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](http://saintannbreakfast.com).**



## 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:**

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.**