

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

EXPULSION FROM PARADISE



THIS WEEK

TODAY | 7PM
FORGIVENESS VESPERS

MONDAY . FEBRUARY 16
GREAT LENT BEGINS
ARABIC MEDITATION | 7PM
and BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY . FEBRUARY 17
CHOIR PRACTICE | 5:30PM
for 9AM CHOIR
PRESANCTIFIED | 7PM
LITURGY

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
following Presanctified Liturgy
Topic: The Theology of Repentance

FRIDAY . FEBRUARY 20 | 7PM
AKATHIST HYMN
followed by LENTEN POTLUCK

SATURDAY . FEBRUARY 21 | 11:30AM
MAYA RETREAT
in the PARISH CENTER

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . FEBRUARY 22
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
Icon Procession all Liturgies

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 Musil Shihadeh | Pastor
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | Parochial Vicar
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski
Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

True forgiveness is not a conditional exchange, but the opening of our hearts to God's boundless grace. When we release others from their debts, we allow His mercy to pour into the broken corners of our own souls, restoring humanity to its divine image and bathing the world in the light of reconciled love.

Fasting, prayer, and renunciation are not mere acts of discipline, but sacred gestures that lift the heart above earthly shadows, purify desire, ignite mercy, and anchor our soul in the eternal embrace of God, where every treasure is found in His presence and every longing fulfilled in His perfect love.

February 15, 2026

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

Romans 13:11-14:4 | Matthew 6:14-21

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.

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Intentions

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 14 | 5:30PM

- †George Bsales . *Birthday Remembrance . His Family*
- †Anthony Najjar . *Wife Fran & Family*
- †Lois Lozy . *M/M Eli Siouffi*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 15 | 9:00AM

- †Bertha Bsarany . *36 Year Remembrance . Her Family*
- †Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *Nadia Kayal*
- †Marlene Rodgers . *Joe Tobjy*
- †Laurice Kayal . *M/M Gabe Raad*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 15 | 11:30AM

- †Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*
- †Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*
- †John Baladi . *Amal Nakhle*
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Icon Procession

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 21 | 5:30PM

- Josephine Kaspar . *Continued Good Health . Brother Ray Bsales*
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
- †Lois Lozy . *Anthony Rowek*
- †Anthony Najjar . *Wife Fran & Family*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 22 | 9:00AM

- †Joseph Agia . *Birthday Remembrance . His Family*
- †Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *M/M Thomas Woods*
- †Marlene Rodgers . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Jacqueline Scully*
- †Karam Karam . *Samira Fakhoury*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 22 | 11:30AM

- †Hani Haddad . *1 Year Memorial . Wife Mary & Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †John Baladi . *M/M Edward Dahdah*
- †Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger
Dolores Fritz

Mark Frommer
Charles Gleason

Mona Mardelli
Joyce Neuss

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

DAILY READINGS . February 16-21, 2026

MONDAY 2/16

IS 1:1-20
GEN 1:1-13
PROV 1:1-20

TUESDAY 2/17

IS 1:19-2:3
GEN 1:14-23
PROV 1:20-33

WEDNESDAY 2/18

IS 2:3-11
GEN 1:24-2:3
PROV 2:1-22

THURSDAY 2/19

IS 2:11-21
GEN 2:4-19
PROV 3:1-18

FRIDAY 2/20

IS 3:1-14
GEN 2:20-3:20
PROV 3:19-34

SATURDAY 2/21

HEB 1:1-12
MK 2:23-28; 3:1-5

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.

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Creator of the Universe, You fashioned Adam from the dust of the earth. You infused him with a breath of life. You gave him dominion over the earth. By the enticement of the Serpent he rebelled against Your Commandments and fell. You therefore exiled him from Paradise. But your Only-begotten Son was incarnate, endured Passion and restored us to the Garden of Eden which we had lost. We therefore implore You, at the threshold of Holy and Great Lent, to make us worthy of a sincere repentance, so that we may avoid even the shadow of evil and abstain from carnal pleasure in order to gain You, Divine River of Paradise that quenches the thirst of our souls. Thus, having lived according to your commandments, we may share the glory of the Resurrection of Christ, our God and Savior. *For You are long-suffering, most compassionate and You call all people to salvation; and to You we render glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.*

FIRST ANTIPHON *pg. 15*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

1. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to His name!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

3. "Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!"

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

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 CHEESE FARE *(Tone 6) pg. 108*

O You who guide men toward wisdom, and give them intelligence and understanding, instructor of the ignorant and helper of the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Lord, give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold I will not refrain my lips from crying out to You: O merciful One, have mercy on me who have fallen.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us. *(3 times)*

EPISTLE: ROMANS 13:11-14:4

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness.

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans:

BRETHREN, now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced: the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in daytime, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, pay no attention to its lusts.

But whoever is weak in faith, receive him without arguing about opinion. For one believes he may eat all things but another who is weak, let him eat vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who does not; and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who does, for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls but he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Alleluia

In You, O lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame.

In Your Justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:14-21

(Forgiveness & Fasting)

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their offenses, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen, I say to you they have had their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your Father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where worm and rodent consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither worm nor rodent consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart."

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 42*

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...

KINONIKON *(pg. 50)* Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

POST-COMMUNION *(pg. 52)* We have seen the true light....

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Issa Sawaged**, who went to his eternal rest in Jordan. He is the father of Janet Sawaged and George Sawaged.

Also remember in your prayers the soul of **Ghada Dekki**, who went to her eternal rest last week. She is the mother of Mark Dekki. *Memory Eternal.*



STAY CONNECTED!

Text the word FRMUSIL to 84576 or connect with us online at: saintannmelkite.flocknote.com.

Not receiving our emails? go to the flocknote address above or email: stann.woodlandpark@melkite.org.

Join the Whatsapp Group.

Text Fr. Musil 630.209.9834, Fr. Sayed 857.203.1034, or Bashar Katat 480.589.8909.

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register!

If you are not receiving parish envelopes, you are not registered. We encourage all families, seniors, and post-college singles attending St. Ann to register as parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms, and Religious Education registration.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance?

If so, please contact Fr. Musil at 973.785.4144 or Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034. *All inquiries are confidential!*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of FEBRUARY 8, 2026

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 834.00
9:00am	26 Envelopes	1447.00
11:30am	35 Envelopes	1398.00
Online	46 Envelopes	1320.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	425.00
Candles		71.00
Liturgy Stipends		765.00

Weekly Total \$6,260.00

Total Envelopes Received: 128

To maintain our operational expenses, we need
\$10,464.42 per week in giving.

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER

There will a Children's Craft Corner following the 9am Divine Liturgy for those children not attending Religious Ed Class.

LENTEN SUPPER FISH FRY

Friday, March 20 following 5pm Akathist Hymn

Take out orders begin pickup at 6pm.

\$25.00 Adult, \$10.00 Children under 10. Serving fish & chips, Eech, hummus and coleslaw. Choice of macaroni & cheese or fish & chips for children. **Look for signup and ordering information this week!**

LAYALI AL SHAM

Friday, March 14 . 6:30pm

Hosted by St Ann MAYA Group, join us for a night filled with tarab, traditional mazza and entertainment. Featuring Oud player Maurice Chedid. \$35 per person. Reservations: Hala Homsy 973.393.0799, Alya Homsy 973.925.3238, Selena Dahdouh 973.768.2541. A portion of the proceeds will go to Syrian Relief efforts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LENTEN MISSION

Friday, March 6 | 7:30pm

SACRED HEART . Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 11 | 6:30pm

SAINT MICHAEL . Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 13 | 7pm

SAINT ANN . Akathist Hymn

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Please see the Lenten Calendar, available in the Narthex or online at saintannmelkite.com, for a full list of Services and activities during Lent.