

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

FEBRUARY 23, 2025
SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

PROKIMENON

*My strength and my courage is the Lord,
and He has been my Savior*

1 Corinthians 8:8-13 & 9:1-2 | Matthew 25:31-46

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY . FEBRUARY 22 | 5:30PM
SATURDAY OF THE DEAD SERVICE

UPCOMING

SUNDAY . MARCH 2 | 5:30PM
FORGIVENESS VESPERS

MONDAY . MARCH 3
THE GREAT FAST BEGINS

TUESDAY . MARCH 4 | 7PM
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

WEDNESDAY . MARCH 5 | 7:30PM
CHOIR PRACTICE

FRIDAY . MARCH 7 | 7PM
ACATHIST HYMN
followed by a Lenten Potluck in the hall

SATURDAY . MARCH 8 | 9:30AM
FATHER-SON BREAKFAST

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



Intentions

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 22 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *Husband Fred & Family*

†Maria Gueriere . *Samira Fakhoury*

†Elias Harraka . *Julie Malloy*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23 | 9:00AM

†Barbara Hanczaryk . *12 Year Remembrance . Her Family*

†Joseph Agia . *Birthday Remembrance . His Family*

†Bernadette Palmer . *Community of St. Ann*

†William Siouffi . *M/M Gabe Raad*

†Ann Shaker . *Her Family*

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 23 | 11:30AM

†Naim Haddad . *Memorial . Wife Nelli & Family*

†Issa Sawaged . *20 Year Remembrance . M/M Ramsey Sawaged*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia Sawaged*

†Naji Homsy . *Juliette Sara*

NEXT WEEKEND

Second Collection for St Ann Chairtable Society

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

SATURDAY | MARCH 1 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *40 Day Memorial . Husband Fred & Family*

†Rev. Basil Samra . *His Family*

SUNDAY | MARCH 2 | 9:00AM

†William Siouffi . *Adrianne Kattak*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Reem Hannoush*

SUNDAY | MARCH 2 | 11:30AM

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Naji Homsy . *M/M Gilbert Sabeh*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robin Brigida

Louis Dahdah

Dolores Fritz

Mark Frommer

Charles Gleason

Laurice Kayal

Robin A. Kingery

Mona Mardelli

Joyce Neuss

Mary Tahan

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS

February 24-March 1, 2025

MONDAY 2/24

LK 7:17-30
2 COR 4:6-15
MT 11:2-15

TUESDAY 2/25

JUDE 1:1-10
LK 22:39-42; 45-71; 23:1

WEDNESDAY 2/26

JOEL 3:12-21
JOEL 2:12-26

THURSDAY 2/27

JUDE 1:11-25
LK 23:1-33; 44-56

FRIDAY 2/28

ZECH 8:19-23
ZECH 8:7-17

SATURDAY 3/1

ROM 14:19-23; 16:25-27
MT 6:1-13

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 Harnaka, Advisor

Fr Choukri Sabbagh, Spiritual Advisor

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION *(Tone 7) pg. 65*

You destroyed Death by Your Cross, You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the Myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen granting 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 MEAT FARE

O God, when You shall come down upon earth in your glory, every creature shall tremble before You. A river of fire shall flow before your judgment-seat, the books shall be opened and all secrets revealed. On that day, O Just Judge, deliver me from eternal fire and make me worthy to stand at your right!

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:8-13 & 9:1-2

Prokimenon: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

BRETHREN, food does not commend us to God. For neither shall we gain any advantage if we eat, nor suffer any loss if we do not. And yet, beware lest perhaps this right of yours become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if a man sees you who "have knowledge" sitting at table in a place dedicated to idols, will not his conscience, weak as it is, be emboldened to eat idol offerings? And through your "knowledge" the weak one will perish, the brother for whom Christ died. Now, when you sin in this way against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. Therefore, if food scandalizes my brother, I will never again eat any more meat so as not to scandalize my brother. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? And if to others I am not an apostle, yet to you I am. For you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46

Last Judgement

The Lord said, "At that time when the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you to drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' And answering, the King will say to them, 'Amen I say to you, every time you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his ministers. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in; naked and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Amen I say to you as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.' And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life."

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 FEBRUARY 16, 2025

5:30pm		\$
9:00am	40 Envelopes	2061.00
11:30am	35 Envelopes	1251.00
Mailed	8 Envelopes	570.00
Online	41 Envelopes	1237.50
Candles		53.00
Coffee hour		274.00
Stole Offerings		2500.00
Weekly Total		\$7,946.50
Total Envelopes Received: 124		

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.

saint ann
foodpantry

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Mona Oliver**, who went to her eternal rest this week. *Memory Eternal.*



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.**



COMMUNITY LUNCHEON - NEW DATE

Cheesefare Sunday . March 9 . 1:30pm

Save the date. Tickets are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child (4-10 years old). Advanced reservations only by Wednesday, March 5. **Please contact Lena Batikha 973.303.5232, Julie Thalab 929.888.0880 or Nellie Cathcart 973.610.8036**

MAMMOUL SALE

St Ann's MAYA group is having a Mammoul sale just in time for Easter! Filled with your choice of nuts or dates, \$20 per dozen. Pickup will be April 5 & 6 before and after Liturgy. Call or text your order to Natalie Bittar 973.931.1204 or Jessica Ibrahimian 201.878.6526.

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!**

Mark Your Calendar

SAMY Retreat . February 28 to March 03

LENTEN MISSION

St Ann | Friday, March 21 | 7:30pm
Sacred Heart | Friday, March 28 | 7:30pm
St Michael | Wednesday, April 2 | 7:00pm

Fish & Chips Lenten Supper

Friday, April 4th – Watch for more details.

St Thomas Sunday Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 27 - Watch for more details

Please see the Lenten Calendar for a full list of Services and Activities during Lent.