

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

TODAY | 5:30PM
FORGIVENESS VESPERS

MONDAY . MARCH 3
THE GREAT FAST BEGINS

MONDAY . MARCH 3 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY . MARCH 4 | 7PM
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

WEDNESDAY . MARCH 5 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by PASTORAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany

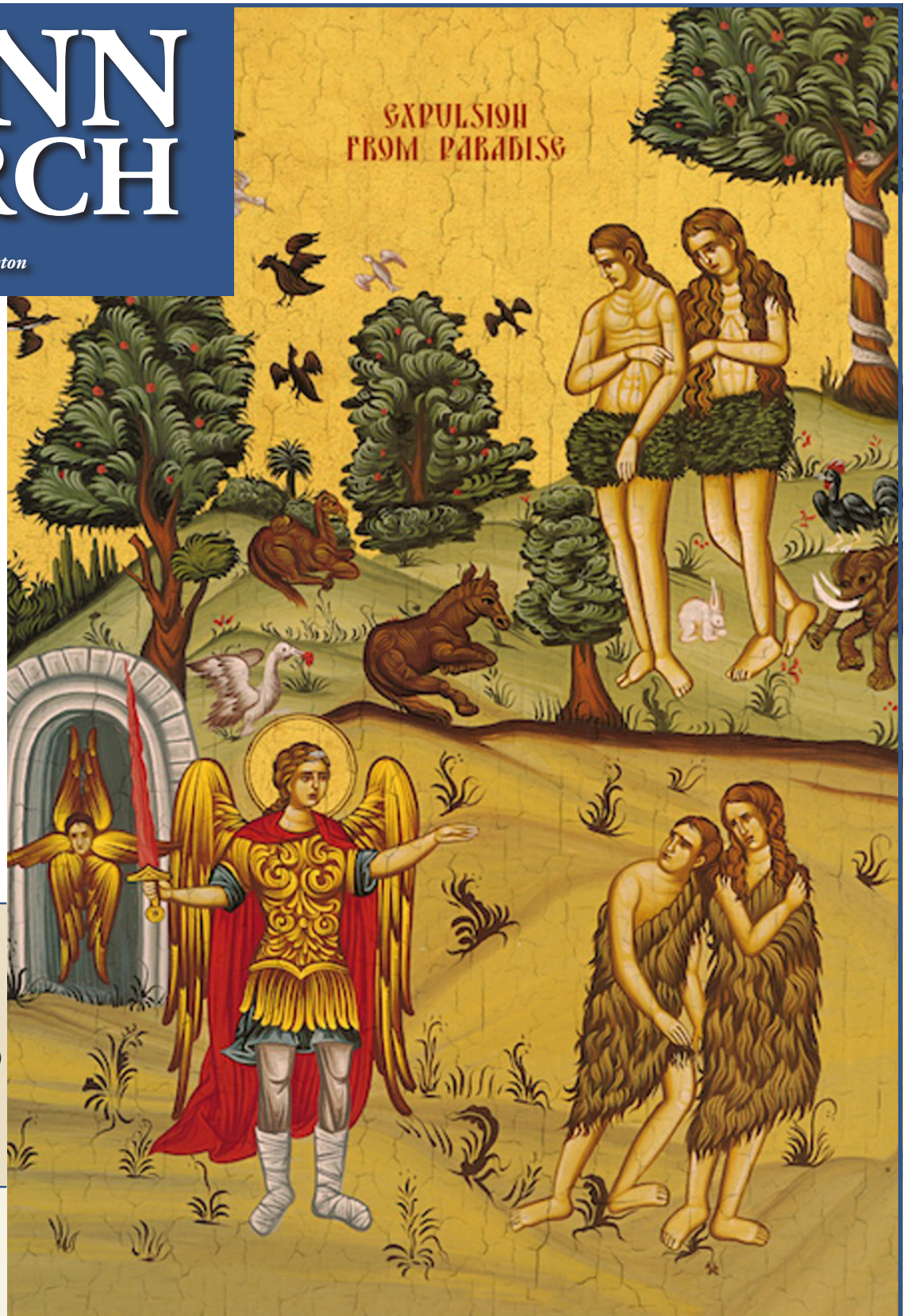
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EXPULSION FROM PARADISE



True fasting is the soul's offering to God, a quiet surrender that strips away all but His presence, where hunger is not for bread but for Him alone. When heaven becomes our only treasure, the heart is freed from the weight of this world, resting in the depths of His mercy. In that sacred union, our lives cease to be our own and become a reflection of His love, a vessel of His grace, and a dwelling place for His holiness.

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

PROKIMENON 5

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

Intentions

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

†**Rekni Romhen** . Memorial . Wife Nawal & Family
†**Fred Brusco** . 2 Year Anniversary . Joseph Stambuli
†**William Siouffi** . Adrienne Kattak
†**Claude Fallaha Ullrich** . Reem Hannoush

SUNDAY | MARCH 2 | 11:30AM

†**Hani Haddad** . Memorial . Wife Mary & Family
†**Sayer Sawaged** . Wife Badia & Family
†**Naji Homs** . M/M Gilbert Sabeh

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Susan Brigida	Laurice Kayal
Louis Dahdah	Mona Mardelli
Tracy Ferraro	Joyce Neuss
Dolores Fritz	Mary Tahan
Mark Frommer	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Charles Gleason	Donna Yuppa

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

— Icon Procession —

SATURDAY | MARCH 8 | 5:30PM

†**Bessie Styborski** . 30 Year Remembrance . Her Family
†**Annie Shackoor** . Birthday Remembrance . Shackoor Family
†**Norman & Laurice Dikdan** . Their Daughters
†**Lois Lozy** . M/M Tom Woods

SUNDAY | MARCH 9 | 9:00AM

†**Rita Harraka** . 1 Year Remembrance . Her Family
†**George & Victoria Hamway** . Their Family
†**Frank & Victoria Dillon** . Their Family
†**William Siouffi** . Elaine & Lillian Sayeg
†**Maria Gueriere** . Samira Fakhoury

SUNDAY | MARCH 9 | 11:30AM

†**Georget Barouisou** . Her Family
†**Sayer Sawaged** . Wife Badia & Family
†**Naji Homs** . M/M George Fallaha
†**Claude Fallaha Ullrich** . Marie Malki
†**Rekni Romhen** . His Family
†**Hani Haddad** . Wife, Marlene & Family

DAILY READINGS

March 3-8, 2025

MONDAY 3/3

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

TUESDAY 3/4

IS 1:19-2:4
GEN 1:14-23
PROV 1:20-33

WEDNESDAY 3/5

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

THURSDAY 3/6

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

FRIDAY 3/7

IS 3:1-15
GEN 2:20-3:20
PROV 3:19-34

SATURDAY 3/8

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.

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

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

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!

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

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.

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 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...

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,

Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of FEBRUARY 23, 2025

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 785.00
9:00am	30 Envelopes	1737.00
11:30am	40 Envelopes	1794.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	775.00
Online	44 Envelopes	1657.50
Candles		57.00
Coffee hour		200.00
Stole Offerings		800.00

Weekly Total **\$7,805.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 135

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Rekni Romhen**, husband of Nawal Romhen, and also **Hani Haddad**, husband of Mary Haddad, who both went to their eternal rest last week.
Memory Eternal.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Felix & Diana (Homs) Roman** on the recent birth of their son!



HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Oliver James Hernandez**, son of Steven & Jennifer (Lozy) Hernandez and also to **Emilia Charlotte Lozy**, daughter of Matthew & Samantha (Schaeffer) Lozy, who received these sacraments last week.



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.**



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 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.

THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION for St. Ann Charitable Society



THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 2 | Forgiveness Vespers | 5:30pm

Monday, March 3 | GREAT LENT BEGINS

Please see the Lenten Calendar for Lenten Services and Fasting obligations. The calendar is available in the Narthex or online at saintannmelkite.com.

Monday, March 3 | Charitable Society Meeting | 7pm
in the Parish Center.

Wednesday, March 5 | Vespers | 7pm

followed by the Parish Advisory Council Meeting in the Parish Center.

Sunday, March 9 | Sunday of Orthodoxy | All Liturgies
Icon Procession

| Community Luncheon | 1:30pm
in the Parish Center.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON - NEW DATE

Sunday of Orthodoxy . 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.

Mark Your Calendar

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