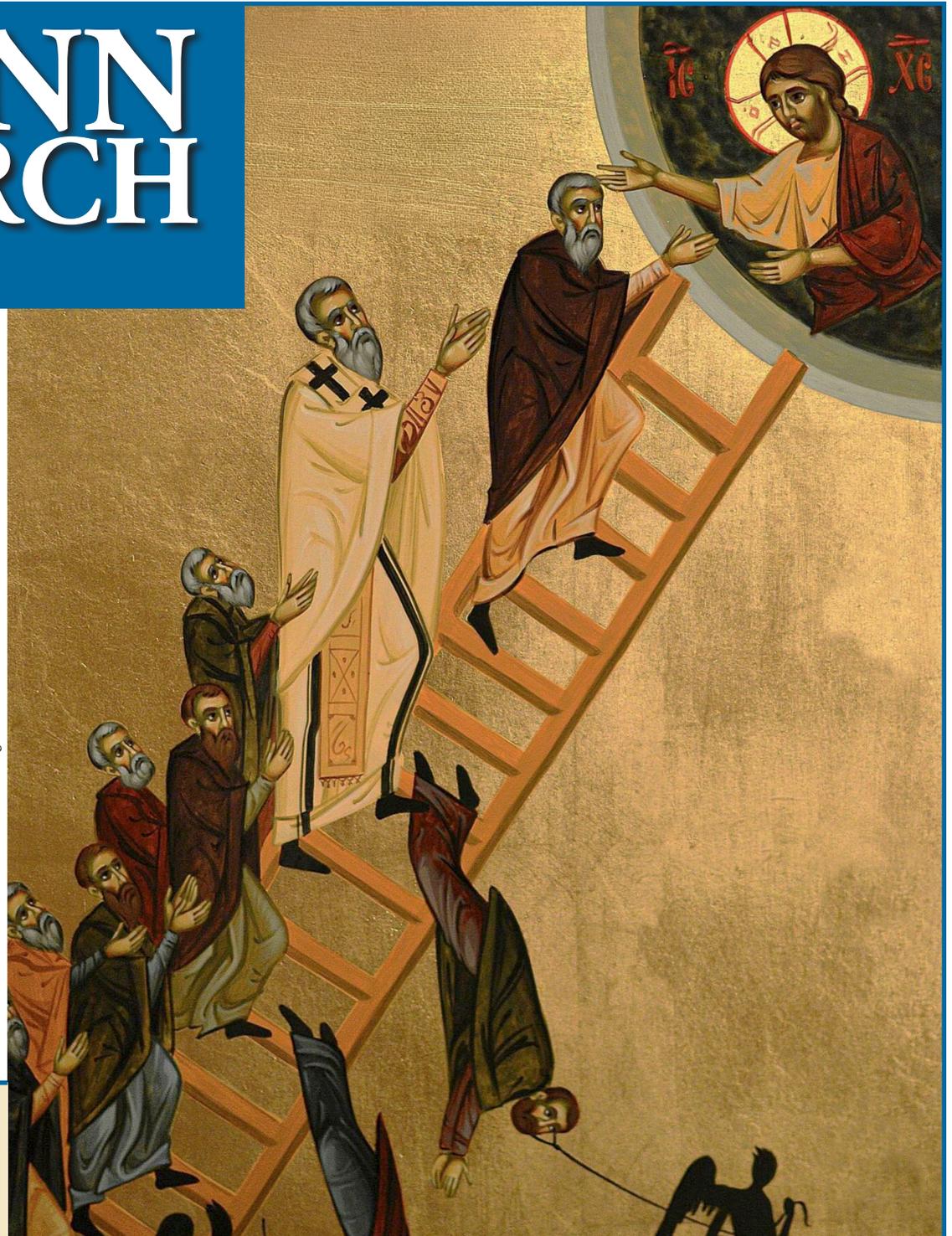


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

THIS WEEKEND | All Liturgies
**SECOND COLLECTION for
THE HOLY LAND**

MONDAY . MARCH 16 | 7PM
**ARABIC MEDITATION
and BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAY . MARCH 17
CHOIR PRACTICE | 5:30PM
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY | 7PM
followed by
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
TOPIC: THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE

WEDNESDAY . MARCH 18 | 4PM *until?*
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

FRIDAY . MARCH 20 | 5PM
AKATHIST HYMN
followed by the
LENTEN SUPPER

NEXT WEEK

Details on back of bulletin

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

*In the silence of prayer and the discipline of fasting, the soul unites with God,
and faith turns suffering into grace. Let us offer ourselves and all that struggles
within us to His mercy, trusting that His love alone brings true salvation.*

*Through humility, vigilance, and steadfast prayer, the heart is purified
and made strong in God. In surrendering all to Him,
even the deepest darkness yields to His transforming light.*

March 15, 2026

SUNDAY OF OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMACOS

Hebrews 6:13-20 | Mark 9:17-31

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 OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMACOS

SATURDAY | MARCH 14 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Murray*

†Tony Najjar . *Samira Fakhoury*

SUNDAY | MARCH 15 | 9:00AM

†Selma Tobjy . *59 Year Remembrance . Son, Joseph Tobjy*

†Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Gabe Raad*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Nick Baldo*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Rosemarie Cortese*

†Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayals*

SUNDAY | MARCH 15 | 11:30AM

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*

†John Baladi . *Rev/ M Edward Bsarany*

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Shakib Alsamaan . *His Family*

SUNDAY OF OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

SATURDAY | MARCH 21 | 5:30PM

†Lucille Bsales . *Birthday Remembrance . Husband Ray Bsales*

†Mary Borsina . *Birthday Remembrance*
M/M John Nagel & Family

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Bart Pierson*

†Tony Najjar . *Reem Hannoush*

SUNDAY | MARCH 22 | 9:00AM

†Kathleen Carlisle . *40 Day Memorial . M/M Gabe Raad*

†Mary Tahan . *Adrienne Kattak*

†Laurice Kayal . *Barbara Berlin & Family*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Barbara Jarosz*

SUNDAY | MARCH 22 | 11:30AM

†Shakib Alsamaan . *40 Day Memorial . His Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†John Baladi . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

†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 . March 16-21, 2026

MONDAY 3/16
IS 37:33-38;38:1-6
GEN 13:12-18
PROV 14:27-15:4

TUESDAY 3/17
IS 40:18-31
GEN 15:1-15
PROV 15:7-19

WEDNESDAY 3/18
IS 41:4-14
GEN 17:1-9
PROV 15:20-16:9

THURSDAY 3/19
IS 42:5-16
GEN 18:20-33
PROV 16:17-17:17

FRIDAY 3/20
IS 45:11-17
GEN 22:1-18
PROV 17:17-18:5

SATURDAY 3/21
HEB 9:24-28
MK 8:27-31

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 OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMACOS

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – 4th Sunday of Lent

Prior to the Profession of Faith turn to page 67 to complete the Liturgy.

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Lord, Lover of mankind, You saved the people of Nineveh as they repented, fasting and weeping. Have mercy on us, for we fall short of any defense. And since You are compassionate, strengthen in our hearts our faith in Your name and steady our footsteps in the way of Your Commandments.

For You are good and forbearing, O our God, and to You we render glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

1. Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us; let Your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who are risen from the dead...

2. That Your name may be known upon earth, among all nations Your salvation.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead...

3. Let the peoples praise You, O God, let all the peoples praise You!

O Son of God who are risen from the dead...

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 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 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS *Tone 8*

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labors fruitful a hundredfold. You became a star, shining over the world with miracles, Holy Father John. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

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 ANNUNCIATION *Tone 8*

Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you, our thanks. We are your people O mother of God! So, as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you Hail, O Virgin and bride ever pure.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 6:13-20

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.

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

Brethren, when God made his promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you, and will surely multiply you Gn.22: 14)." And so, after patient waiting, Abraham obtained the promise. For men swear by one greater than themselves, and an oath given as a guarantee is the final settlement of all their disagreements. Hence God, meaning to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the firmness of his will interposed an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to deceive, we may have the strongest comfort – we who have sought refuge in holding fast the hope set before us. This hope, we have as a sure and firm anchor of the soul, reaching even behind the veil where our forerunner Jesus has entered for us, as he became a high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

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: MARK 9:17-31

(Healing of a possessed boy)

At that time one of the crowd came to Jesus and bowed to him saying: "Master, I have brought to you my son, who has a dumb spirit; and whenever it seizes him it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth; and he is wasting away. And I told your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." And he, answering him, said, "O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought him to him; and the spirit, when it saw Jesus, immediately threw the boy in convulsions, and he fell down on the ground and rolled about foaming at the mouth. So he asked his father, "How long is it since this has come upon him?" And he said, "From his infancy. Oftentimes, it has thrown him into the fire and into the waters to destroy him. But if you can do anything have compassion on us and help us." But Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to the man of faith." At once the father of the boy cried out and said with tears, "I do believe; help my unbelief." Now when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, go

out of him and enter him no more.” And crying out and violently convulsing him, it went out of him, and he became like one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him and he stood up. And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” And he said to them, “This kind can be cast out in no way except by prayer and fasting.” And leaving that place, they were passing through Galilee, and he did not wish anyone to know it. For he was teaching his disciples, and saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be

betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and having been killed, he will rise again on the third day.”

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos* pg. 74
In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices...

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

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION**
for the Holy Land



COMMUNITY SURVEY

A community survey has been sent by email to all registered parishioners. Your input is important to us, so please take a few moments to complete it. If you did not receive the email, please contact the church office at 973-785-4144.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 2 . Doors open at 8:30pm

St. Ann and St. Demetrius Churches cordially invite you to celebrate Mother's Day at St. Ann's Parish Center! Full course dinner, cash bar (no BYOB). Guest Singer is Wajdi Ayoub. \$100/ adult, \$60/children (ages 4-10). **For reservations, contact Nabil Alain 973.930.9794, Bashar Katat 480.589.8909, Mona Fares 201.562.779, Elin Abdallah 201.699.3666.** *There is limited seating, reserve today!*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MARCH 8, 2026

5:30pm	17 Envelopes	\$1017.00
9:00am	25 Envelopes	2132.00
11:30am	41 Envelopes	1945.00
Online	42 Envelopes	1727.00
Mailed	10 Envelopes	835.00
Candles		54.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
Liturgy Stipends		1925.00
Weekly Total		\$9,835.00

Total Envelopes Received: 135

According to our **2026 budget**, we need **\$10,464.42** per week to meet our monthly expenses

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

NEXT WEEK

March 23 @ 7pm | ARABIC MEDITATION & BIBLE STUDY

March 24 @ 7pm | VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY for the ANNUNCIATION of the MOTHER of GOD

March 27 @ 7pm | VESPERS for SATURDAY of LAZARUS

March 28 @ 11am | DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY of LAZARUS

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

Wednesday, March 18th . starting at 4pm

Come help make St Ann sparkle. We will start at 4pm but will have plenty to do if you come after work!

LENTEN SUPPER FISH FRY

Friday, March 20 after 5pm Akathist Hymn

Takeout orders begin pickup at 6pm.

Cost: \$25 Adults | \$10 Children (ages 4-10)

Menu: fish & chips, eech, hummus, and coleslaw. Children's plate has a choice of mac & cheese or fish & chips. **RSVP by March 15** by **Scan the QR code or call/text Debbie Gorny at 973-919-4571.**



ZUMBA CLASSES

Beginning April 11th

Starting in April there will be Zumba Classes in the Parish Center. Classes are: Saturday, April 11th, 18th, 25th, and May 16th at 9am, and Friday, May 1st, and 8th at 7pm. The cost is \$10.00 per class. Scan the QR code to register for any or all of the classes. Payment will be taken at the door. More info, call Debbie Gorny 973.919.4571, Julie Thalab 929.888.0880, or Bernie Murray 551.206.1986.



2026 GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, June 17 (rain date June 24)

Sunset Valley Golf Course, Pompton Plains
\$180 per golfer includes 18 holes, cart, sleeve of golf balls, one drink ticket, and buffet dinner at St. Ann Parish Center. Dinner-only tickets are \$40. Join us for dinner or support our Tricky Tray with a gift or monetary donation. **To register or learn more, contact John Gorny at 973-919-4570.**