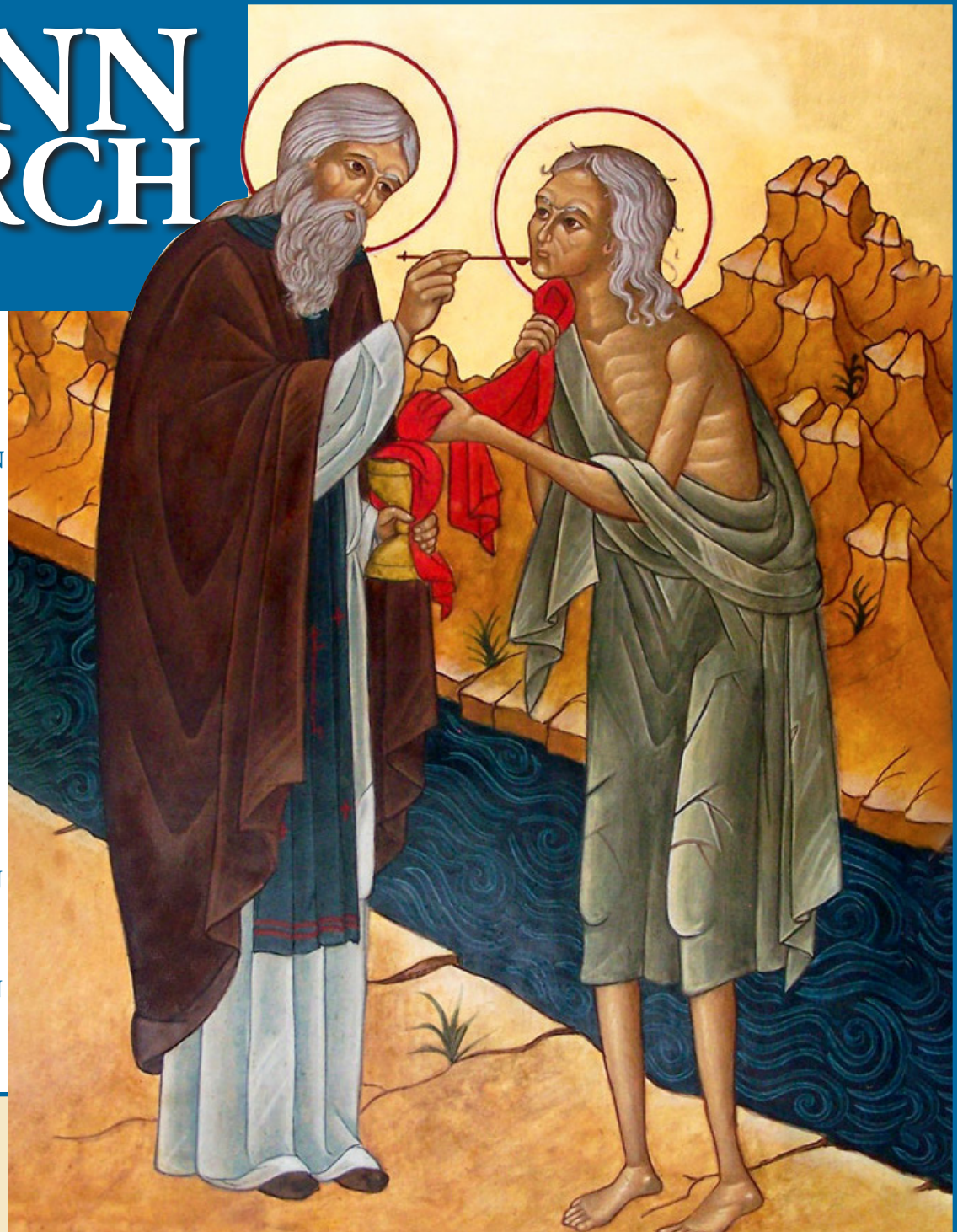


# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite  
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



## THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . MARCH 24

CHOIR PRACTICE | 5:30PM

VESPERS AND DIVINE | 7PM

LITURGY for the ANNUNCIATION  
of the MOTHER OF GOD

THURSDAY . MARCH 26 | 7PM

ARABIC MEDITATION –  
A VIGIL with the CRUCIFIED

FRIDAY . MARCH 27 | 7PM

GREAT VESPERS for  
SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

SATURDAY . MARCH 28 | 11AM

DIVINE LITURGY for  
SATURDAY OF LAZARUS followed  
by SAMY Baking in the Parish Center

DIVINE LITURGY for | 5:30PM

PALM SUNDAY with PROCESSION

NEXT WEEK is HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY . MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY with PROCESSION

DIVINE LITURGY 9AM & 11:30AM

*Details for times and days of all  
services are on the back of the 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

*True greatness in the kingdom of God is not found in the pursuit of honor, power, or human recognition, but in the quiet and humble surrender of the heart to the will of God. Christ, who walked toward the Cross with full knowledge of the suffering that awaited Him, revealed that divine glory is born through sacrifice, love, and the offering of oneself for others. In following Him, we learn that the soul rises not by exalting itself above others, but by descending in humility, carrying the cross with faith, and allowing love to transform suffering into a path that leads to resurrection and eternal life.*

March 22, 2026

**SUNDAY OF OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT**

Hebrews 9:11-14 | Mark 10:32-45

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# Intentions

## 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*

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†John Baladi . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

## PALM SUNDAY *with Procession*

**SATURDAY | MARCH 28 | 5:30PM**

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Robert Shalhoub*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Robert Gennawey*

**SUNDAY | MARCH 29 | 9:00AM**

†Thomas Woods . *11 Year Remembrance*  
*Parent Sandy & Tom Woods*

†William Siouffi . *Birthday Remembrance . His Family*

†Regina Siouffi . *Her Family*

†Valerie Balady . *Sandy & Tom Woods*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Joseph Barbary*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Patti Tahan*

†Laurice Kayal . *M/M John Nagel*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *George Raad*

**SUNDAY | MARCH 29 | 11:30AM**

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†John Baladi . *M/M Antoine Mousally & Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

†Shakib Alsamaan . *M/M Riad Homsî*

## 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 23-28, 2026

*Feast of the Annunciation*

**MONDAY 3/23**

IS 48:17-22;49:1-4  
GEN 27:1-41  
PROV 19:16-25

**TUESDAY 3/24**

IS 49:6-10  
GEN 31:3-16  
PROV 21:3-21

**WEDNESDAY 3/25**

LK 1:39-49; 56  
HEB 2:11-18  
LK 1:24-38

**THURSDAY 3/26**

HEB 2:2-10  
LK 10:16-21

**FRIDAY 3/27**

IS 66:10-24  
GEN 49:33-50:26  
PROV 31:8-31

**SATURDAY 3/28**

HEB 12:28-29; 13:8  
JN 11:1-45

### 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 VENERABLE MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

## Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

### ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Lord God, You examine the inner heart. You know our concerns before they emerge into being. You saved Mary of Egypt from the tribulations of this earth, for she had recourse to You. We implore You to purify our hearts and to make us temples of your Holy Spirit and rich in virtues, so that we may glorify You by hymns of praise and good works.

For You are our God and to You are due all 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 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 OUR MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT *Tone 8*

In you, O Mother Mary, was restored the likeness of God, for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body for it passes away, and how to value the soul for it is immortal. Wherefore, your soul is forever in happiness with the angels.

### 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) pg. 177*

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 9:11-14

**Prokimenon:** Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about bring gifts to the awesome God.

*Stichon:* God is renowned in Judah; in Israel great is His name.

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

Brethren, when Christ appeared as the high priest of the good things to come (Cf. Lv. 16:14; 19:4), He entered once for all through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands (that is, not as a part of the present creation), nor again by virtue of blood of goats and calves, but by virtue of His own blood, into the sanctuary, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of a heifer sanctify the unclean for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ (Cf. Rv. I: 5), who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

### Alleluia

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

*Stichon:* Let us greet Him with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

### GOSPEL: MARK 10:32-45

*(The greatest in the Kingdom)*

At that time Jesus took the Twelve, and began to tell them what would happen to Him, saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the Scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and spit upon Him and scourge Him, and put Him to death; and on the third day He will rise again.” And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Master, we want thee to do for us whatever we ask.” But He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said, “Grant to us that we may sit, one at thy right hand and the other at thy left hand, in thy glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking for. Can you drink of the cup of which I drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized?” And they said to Him, “We can.” And Jesus said to them “Of the cup that I drink, you shall drink; and with the baptism with which I am to be baptized, you shall be baptized; but as for sitting at My right hand or at My left, that is not Mine to give, but it belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard this, they were at first indignant at James and John. But Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles, I Lord it over them, and their great men exercise

authority over them. But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wishes to become great shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the slave of all; for the Son of Man also has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

**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

### HOLY WEEK

**MARCH 30 GREAT & HOLY MONDAY**

7:00PM Bridegroom Service

**MARCH 31 GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY**

7:00PM Bridegroom Service

**APRIL 1 GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY**

7:00PM Mystery of Holy Anointing

**APRIL 2 GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY**

12PM NOON Celebration of the Mystical Supper  
(*Vespers & Divine Liturgy*)

7:00PM The Crucifixion Service (*Orthros*)

**APRIL 3 GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY**

1:00PM The Descent from the Cross (*Vespers*)

7:00PM The Burial of Christ (*Orthros*)

**APRIL 4 GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY**

5:00PM New Light and Divine Liturgy

8:30PM Hajme & Divine Liturgy (*English & Arabic*)

**APRIL 5 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA**

10:00AM Hajme & Divine Liturgy

**SAMY BAKE SALE .** Sunday, March 29th

### 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.

### THANK YOU FROM THE SAMY GROUP

Thank you to our St. Ann's community for your generous support of our clothing and hygiene drive. The families at Oasis were deeply grateful for the donated items, which our SAMY group delivered during our volunteer visit on March 14.

### THANKS FOR HELPING US SHINE!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came to help clean the church and hall. Your time and generosity are deeply appreciated and helped make our church sparkle and shine!

### ZUMBA CLASSES

**Beginning April 11th** 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.



### 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!*

### 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.**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of MARCH 15, 2026

5:30pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 372.00
9:00am	31 Envelopes	1047.00
11:30am	24 Envelopes	799.00
Online	44 Envelopes	1887.00
Mailed	6 Envelopes	425.00
Candles		83.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
Donations*		750.00
Hall Rental		700.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>\$6,263.00</b>

Total Envelopes Received: 115

\*Holy Land Collection \$750.00, is sent to the Diocese.

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

### GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to [saintannmelkite.com](http://saintannmelkite.com) and click on online giving.