

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the  
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

## THIS WEEK

THIS WEEKEND | All Liturgies  
HOLY CROSS PROCESSION

MONDAY . MARCH 24 | 7PM  
VESPERS for the  
FEAST of the ANNUNCIATION

TUESDAY . MARCH 25 | 7PM  
DIVINE LITURGY for the  
FEAST of the ANNUNCIATION

WEDNESDAY . MARCH 26 | 7:30PM  
CHOIR PRACTICE

FRIDAY . MARCH 28 | 7:30PM  
LENTE MISSION at  
SACRED HEART . *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY . MARCH 29 | 11AM  
HELP MAKE MAMMOUL  
*In the Hall Kitchen*

## 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

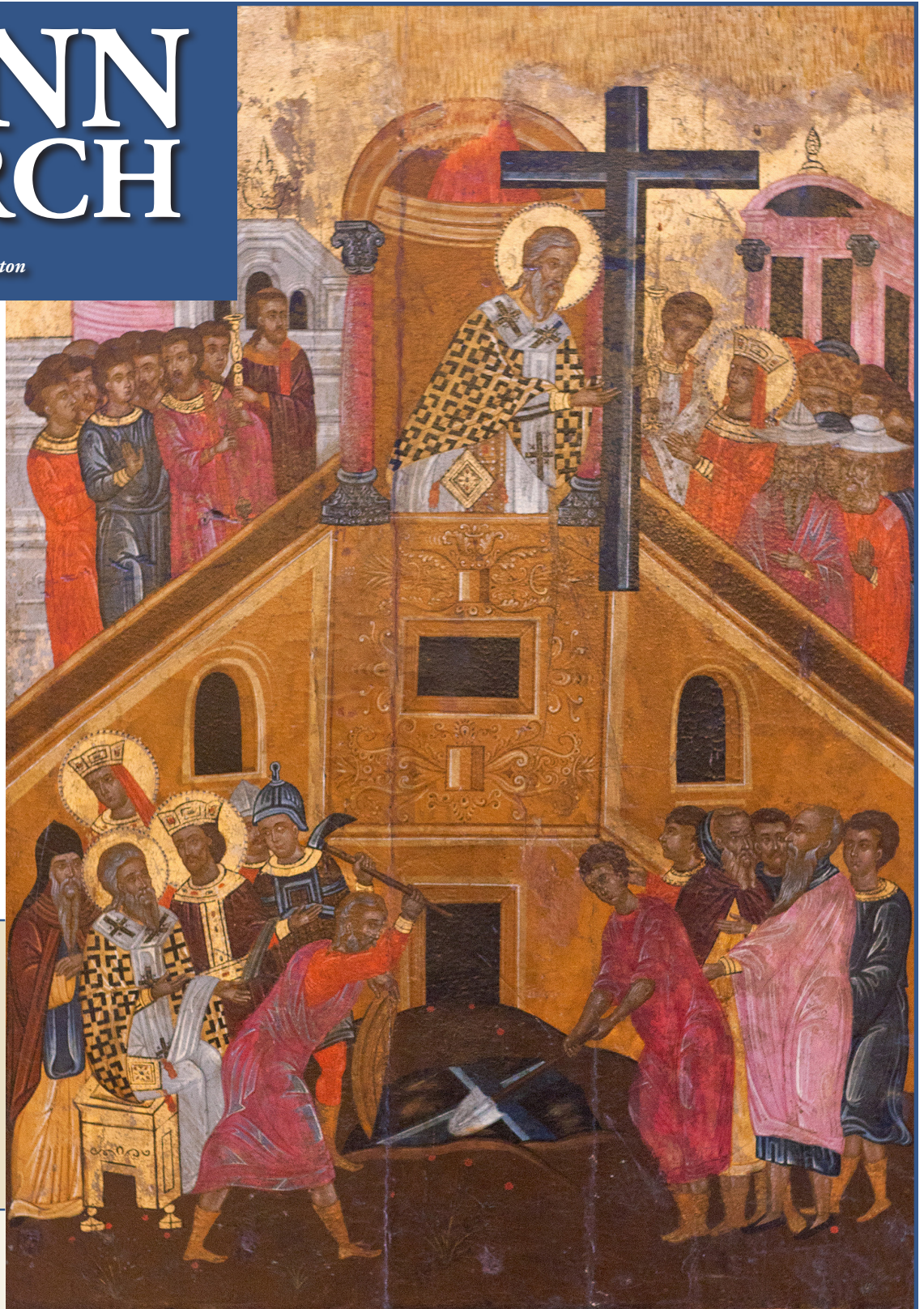
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*"The Cross is the mystery of divine love, where Christ, through His self-emptying sacrifice, conquered sin and death, turning suffering into redemption and the ultimate path to glory. To carry the Cross is to enter this mystery: dying to self, rising with Christ, and finding true life in the power of His love."*

## SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON 6

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 | Mark 8:34-9:1



# Intentions

## SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS — Holy Cross Procession —

SATURDAY | MARCH 22 | 5:30PM

- †Mary Borsina . Birthday Remembrance . M/M John Nagel
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . M/M George Sous

SUNDAY | MARCH 23 | 9:00AM

- †Thomas Woods, Jr . 10 Year Remembrance  
Parents Tom & Sandy Woods and Family
- †Louis Iandoli . Birthday Remembrance . His Family
- †Basil & Jean Tahan . Their Family
- †Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce & Family
- †William Siouffi . M/M John Bsarany
- †Regina Siouffi . Her Family

SUNDAY | MARCH 23 | 11:30AM

- †Julie Clark Molloy . Her Family
- †Joan Balady Humphrey . Altemus & Balady Families
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †George Haddad . Kahtoun Haddad
- †Siham Haddad . Kahtoun Haddad
- †Oghlinian Family . Khatoun Haddad
- †Naji Homsy . Juliette Sara
- †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . M/M Riad Homsy
- †Mary Haddad . M/M George Jalinos
- †Jamil & Adnan Sawaged . Nawal Sawaged

## SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

SATURDAY | MARCH 29 | 5:30PM

- †Lois Lozy . M/M Joseph Barbary
- †Joseph & Anna Hallock . Their Family

SUNDAY | MARCH 30 | 9:00AM

- †Selma Tobjy . 58 Year Remembrance . Her Family
- †Elizabeth Wardy . 34 Year Remembrance . Dr/M George Ajjan
- †Charles Wardy . 16 Year Remembrance . Dr/M George Ajjan
- †William Siouffi . M/M John Bsarany
- †Margaret Balkji Samra . Jeanette Brennan

SUNDAY | MARCH 30 | 11:30AM

- †Reda Awad Qaqish . Memorial . Armout Family
- †Julie Clark Molloy . Her Family
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †George Haddad . Kahtoun Haddad
- †Siham Haddad . Kahtoun Haddad
- †Oghlinian Family . Khatoun Haddad
- †Rekni Romhen . His Family
- †Naji Homsy . Rima Fallaha
- †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Marie Sara

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

## DAILY READINGS

March 24-29, 2025

### MONDAY 3/24

IS 14:24-32  
GEN 8:21-9:7  
PROV 11:19-12:6

### TUESDAY 3/25

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

### WEDNESDAY 3/26

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

### THURSDAY 3/27

IS 28:14-22  
GEN 10:32-11:9  
PROV 13:19-14:6

### FRIDAY 3/28

IS 29:12-23  
GEN 12:1-7  
PROV 14:15-26

### SATURDAY 3/29

HEB 6:9-12  
MK 7:31-37

### 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 THE HOLY CROSS

*Before the Profession of Faith, turn to page 67 to continue with the Liturgy of St. Basil*

## ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST

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

1. O Lord, let the light of your countenance shine upon us.  
*O Son of God...*
2. O Lord, for those who fear You, You have raised a banner to which they may flee out of the range of arrows.  
*O Son of God...*
3. You have ascended on high, taken captives, and received men as gifts.  
*O Son of God...*

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 THE HOLY CROSS

“O Lord save your people and bless your inheritance, granting peace to the world; and protect your community by the power of your Cross.”

## 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 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. 144

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship Sovereign Lord, and Your Holy Resurrection we glorify.

## EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-5:6

**Prokimenon:** O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

*Stichon:* To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

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

Brethren, since we have a great high priest who has passed into

the heavens, let us hold fast our profession of faith. For we have not a high priest unable to pity our weaknesses, but one tried as we are in all things, save sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in matters pertaining to God, so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to have compassion on the ignorant and erring, because he himself also is beset with weakness, and therefore must make offerings for sin in his own behalf as in behalf of the people. And no one invests himself with this honor: only one who is called by God takes it, as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself with the high priesthood, but glorified the One who had spoken to him, “*You are my son, I this day have begotten you* (Ps. 2:7). “*As he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek* (Ps. 109:4).”

## Alleluia

Remember your congregation which you have acquired from the beginning: you redeemed the scepter of your inheritance.

*Stichon:* God is our King forever: he brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

## GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1

### *Taking up the daily cross*

The Lord said: “If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father.” And he said to them, “Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power.

## HIRMOS

### *Hymn to the Theotokos (pg. 74)*

In you, O full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the human race as well. O sanctified Temple, spiritual Paradise and glory of virgins from whom our God who exists before all eternity, took flesh and became a little Child. He has taken your womb as his throne making it more spacious than the heavens. Therefore, O full of grace, in you all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

**KINONIKON** (*Either*) “Let the light of your Face shine on us, O Lord”, or “O Christ, You brought about salvation in the midst of the earth”, Alleluia.

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN** We have seen the True Light...

(pg. 88)

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK:

### MARCH 24

Monday Vespers for the  
Feast of the Annunciation | 7pm

### MARCH 25

Tuesday Divine Liturgy for the  
Feast of the Annunciation | 7pm

### MARCH 26

Wednesday Choir Practice | 7:30pm

### MARCH 28

Friday **Lenten Mission at Sacred Heart** | 7:30pm  
Stations of the Cross

## NEXT WEEK:

### APRIL 1

Tuesday Great Compline | 7pm  
Parish Advisory Council Meeting | 8pm

### APRIL 2

Wednesday **Lenten Mission at St Michael** | 7pm  
Presanctified Liturgy

### APRIL 3

Thursday Church Clean Up Day | 4pm

### APRIL 4

Friday Acathist Hymn | 5:30pm  
Lenten Supper | 6:30pm

### APRIL 5 & 6

Saturday Mammoul Pickup  
and Sunday *Before and after each Liturgy*

## SPRING CHURCH CLEAN UP

**THURSDAY . APRIL 3 starting at 4pm**

Help us clean the church before Holy Week.

*Many hands make light work.*

## LENTEN FISH FRY

**FRIDAY . APRIL 4 following 5:30pm Akathist Hymn**

\$20 per Adult and \$10 per Child ages 4-10. Fish, french fries, hummus, emjaddara, salad and dessert. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact: Debra Gorny 973.919.4571, Bernie Murray 551.206.1986 or Julie Thalab 929.888.0880. **Reservations by Sunday, March 30th.** Take out available. Insurance regulations NO BYOB PLEASE!

## MAMMOUL SALE

Sponsored by the MAYA group. 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.

**Helping hands welcome to prepare the Mammoul on Saturday, March 29th at 11am.**

## TRIP UPDATE

### SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH

in Lancaster, PA . **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**\$160 per person** includes theater tickets, bus transportation and lunch. A **\$50 deposit per person, payable to St. Ann Church, holds your reservation. 7 seats left!**

**Next CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING**  
**MONDAY . APRIL 7 . 7PM**

**ST THOMAS SUNDAY EGG HUNT**  
**SUNDAY . APRIL 27 . Watch for details.**

## 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 MARCH 16, 2025

5:30pm	20 Envelopes	\$1395.00
9:00am	19 Envelopes	1138.00
11:30am	32 Envelopes	1936.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	600.00
Online	38 Envelopes	1557.50
Candles		196.00
Coffee hour		250.00
*Holy Land Collection		842.00

**Weekly Total** \$7,072.50

Total Envelopes Received: 109

*\*This collection is sent to the Diocese.*

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 [saintanmelkite.com](http://saintanmelkite.com) and click the online giving tab.