

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



MONDAY . MARCH 30 | 7PM
BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

TUESDAY . MARCH 31 | 7PM
BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

WEDNESDAY . APRIL 1 | 7PM
MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING

THURSDAY . APRIL 2
CELEBRATION OF THE
MYSTICAL SUPPER | 12PM NOON
(Vespers & Divine Liturgy)

CRUCIFIXION SERVICE | 7PM
(Orthros)

FRIDAY . APRIL 3
DESCENT FROM THE CROSS | 1PM
(Vespers)

THE BURIAL OF CHRIST | 7PM
(Orthros)

SATURDAY . APRIL 4
NEW LIGHT & | 5PM
DIVINE LITURGY

HAJME & DIVINE | 8:30PM
DIVINE LITURGY
(English & Arabic)

SUNDAY . APRIL 5 | 10AM
HAJME & DIVINE LITURGY

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

Behold the King of Glory, who comes in humility upon the colt, that He might unite heaven and earth in the hidden sanctuary of the heart; let your soul rise in the holy cry of "Hosanna," for it is the praise of the faithful that calls down the eternal Kingdom. As the palms wave and the people rejoice, so too let the inner man glorify Him in silence and love, offering himself wholly to the mystery of the Cross that blooms into resurrection.

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

Philippians 4:4-9 | John 12:1-18

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.

☎ 973.785.4144

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Intentions

PALM SUNDAY

– Procession –

SATURDAY | MARCH 28 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Robert Shalhoub*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Robert Gennaaway*

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*

†Louis Iandoli . *Birthday Remembrance . His Family*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Joseph Barbary*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Patti Tahan*

†Laurice Kayal . *M/M John Nagel*

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 Homsy*

†Mayla Gabriel Sabeh . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

PASCHA

The Holy Resurrection

NEW LIGHT & DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | 5:00PM

†Deceased Clergy of St Ann . *Community of St Ann*

†Sister Louise Cababe . *Community of St Ann*

†William Dahdah . *13 Year Remembrance . His Family*

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their daughters*

†Joseph & Mary Borsina . *M/M John Nagel*

†Joseph Agia . *His Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Husband Fred & Family*

HAJME & DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | 8:30PM

†Deceased Clergy of St Ann . *Community of St Ann*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*

†George Batikha . *Parents, Abboud & Lena Batikha*

†John Baladi . *M/M Abboud Batikha*

†Mayla Gabriel Sabah . *Parents, Michel & Maha Gabriel*

†Abraham Hanna . *Sister Rania Okur*

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

†Jubran Bakhos . *Nabil & Lina Alain*

†Mountaha Sabbagh . *Nabil & Lina Alain*

HAJME & DIVINE LITURGY

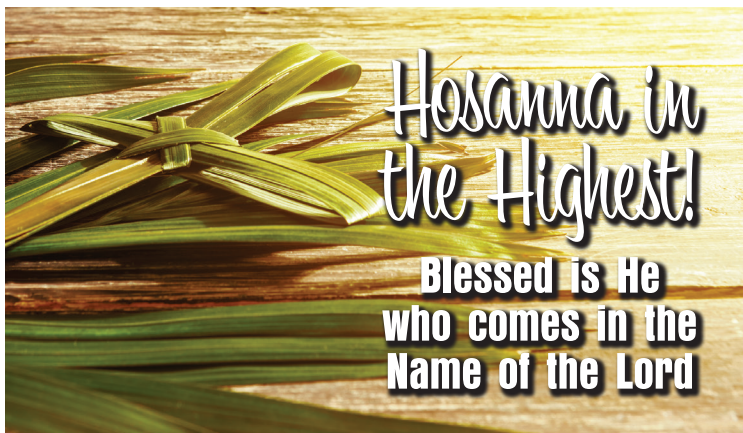
SUNDAY | APRIL 5 | 10:00AM

†Deceased Clergy of St Ann . *Community of St Ann*

†John & Marie Yabroudy . *Their Family*

†Vincent Magliarditi . *Wife Rita & Family*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*



PALM SUNDAY

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | Palm Sunday . pages 109-115

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, You prefigured for us your glorious Resurrection when You raised your friend Lazarus from the tomb. Wherefore, we your beloved people, offer You praise with pure mouths, praying You to make us worthy participants in your Holy Passion and your glorious Resurrection.

For it belongs to You to have mercy on us, O Christ our God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

ANTIPHON *pg. 109*

O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.
O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal...
2. Let the House of Israel say: He is good for His mercy endures forever.
O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal...
3. Let those who fear the Lord say: He is good for His mercy endures forever.
O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal...

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us. O Son of God, who entered Jerusalem in great glory, save us ...

TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (*sung twice*) *pg. 110*

O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your Passion, You confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of victory and cry out to You O Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF PALM SUNDAY *pg. 111*

We have been buried with You in Baptism O Christ our God, and we merited eternal life through Your Resurrection. Wherefore we cry out to You singing a hymn of praise: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

KONDAKION OF PALM SUNDAY *pg. 111*

O Christ God enthroned in heaven and on earth riding upon a colt, You have accepted the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: Blessed are You who come to restore Adam.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Prokimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

Stichon: Sing to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

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

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And may God's peace that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there be any virtue, if anything is worthy of praise: consider these things. And what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things practice – and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has done wonderful works.

Stichon: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

Palm Sunday – *The Glorious Entry into Jerusalem*

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany the home of Lazarus, he had raised from the dead. And they made him a supper there; and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those sitting at table with him. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment, genuine nard of great value, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair wiped his feet dry. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then one of his disciples, Judas son of Simon the Iscariot, the one who was about to betray him, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" Now he said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, used to take what was put in it. Jesus therefore said, "Let her be: she was to keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have me." Now the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not only because of Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus, the man he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also. For on his account many of the Jews began to leave them and to believe in Jesus. Now the next day the great crowd which had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took up palm fronds and went out to meet him. And

they cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass, and sat upon it, as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, thy king comes, sitting upon the colt of an ass." These things his disciples did not at first understand. But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. The crowd therefore, which was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness to him. And the reason why the crowd also went to meet him was that they heard he had worked this sign.

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos - pg. 112*

The Lord is God and He has appeared to us. Let us celebrate and rejoice. Come, let us glorify Christ, and with palms and branches, sing to Him canticles of praise: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord: our Savior!"

KINONIKON *pg. 113* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *pg.110*

O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your Passion, You confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of victory and cry out to You O Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Lord our God, You are seated upon the throne of the Cherubim, and by your sublime power You have sent your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world by his Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection. When He entered Jerusalem to suffer the Crucifixion of his own free will, the people sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death took branches of olive and palm trees as the symbols of victory and proclaimed beforehand his Resurrection.

Therefore, O Lord, as we imitate these same people, preserve and keep us while we carry in our own hands palms and branches of trees on this vigil of the feast. Like the crowds and children who shouted to You "Hosanna!", make us worthy through our praises, chants and spiritual hymns of the glorious Resurrection on the third day of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed together with your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen

HOLY WEEK

Schedule of Services 2026

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY . MARCH 30

BRIDEGROOM SERVICE | 7PM

GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY . MARCH 31

BRIDEGROOM SERVICE | 7PM

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GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY . APRIL 2

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(Vespers & Divine Liturgy)

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GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY . APRIL 3

THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS (Vespers) | 1PM

THE BURIAL OF CHRIST (Orthros) | 7PM

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY . APRIL 4

BLESSING OF THE NEW LIGHT & DIVINE LITURGY | 5PM

HAJME AND DIVINE LITURGY | 8:30PM

(in English and Arabic)

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA . APRIL 5

HAJME AND DIVINE LITURGY | 10AM

A light reception will follow all three Paschal Liturgies.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger

Mona Mardelli

Dolores Fritz

Joyce Neuss

Mark Frommer

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Charles Gleason

DAILY READINGS

March 30-April 4, 2026

MONDAY 3/30

MT 21:18-43

ROM 11:13-24

MT 24:3-35

TUESDAY 3/31

MT 22:15-46, 23:13-39

EPH 1:1-9

MT 24:36-51; 25:1-26:1-2

WEDNESDAY 4/1

JN 12:17-50

1 COR 2:6-9

MT 26:6-16

THURSDAY 4/2

LK 22:1-39

1 COR 11:23-32

MT 26:1-20; JN 13:3-18;

MT 26:21-39;

LK 22:43-44;

MT 26:40-75; 27:1-2

FRIDAY 4/3

1 COR 15:47-58

JN 6:48-55

SATURDAY 4/4

MT 27:62-66

ROM 6:3-11

MT 28:1-20

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION:

Available 30 minutes before each Divine Liturgy.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

Call the office three months before desired Baptism, Chrismation and First Eucharist date.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING (Marriage):

Call the office twelve months before desired wedding date.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING:

Contact the office if a family member is hospitalized or seriously ill.



Spring 2026

Greetings, St. Ann Parishioners,

Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

As we gather to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, we are grateful for each of you who make up the living heart of St. Ann's. Your presence, your prayers, and your commitment sustain our parish in ways both seen and unseen.

At the same time, the ongoing life of our church depends not only on participation, but also on faithful and consistent stewardship. We humbly ask you to prayerfully consider supporting St. Ann's through regular online giving.

A few years ago, we introduced online giving through Our Sunday Visitor to help make this commitment simple, reliable, and consistent. Regular electronic contributions allow the parish to plan responsibly, meet its obligations, and continue its ministries without interruption. Even when you are traveling or unable to attend services, your support continues to sustain your parish home.

Enrolling is quick and easy. Simply scan the QR code below with your smartphone, or visit:

- www.osvhub.com/saint-ann-melkite/giving/funds
- Select "Sign In / Create Account" near the top of the page and follow the easy steps to register.

While credit cards are accepted, we kindly encourage bank account contributions whenever possible, as they allow the parish to receive the full benefit of your generosity without processing fees.

You may designate your offering to the Regular Parish Fund, St. Ann's Charitable Society, or special collections, and choose a giving schedule that works best for you, whether weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. You may also make offerings in honor of the great feasts, such as Pascha and the Nativity.

If you need assistance, Our Sunday Visitor offers helpful customer support at 800-348-2886.

We ask you to reflect on the blessings God has given and to respond with a spirit of generosity. Your consistent support is not simply a donation, it is an investment in the life, mission, and future of our parish community.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, and your continued commitment to St. Ann's.

With warmest regards, and yours in Christ,

Fr. Musil Shihadeh

Fr. Sayed Kozhaya

Louis Sayad, *Finance Council Chair*

John Colie, *Director of Online Giving*



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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAMY BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

The SAMY group will be having a bake sale after each Divine Liturgy this weekend. Grab something sweet for your Palm Sunday table.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Educations classes Palm Sunday, March 29th and Pascha, April 5th. Classes will resume Sunday, April 12th.

A collection will be taken at the Good Friday evening service, and two collections at all Pascha Liturgies next weekend: the Sunday Collection and the Special Pascha Love Offering.

DYED EASTER EGGS

For our Pascha celebration, we are asking our St Ann Families to bring in one dozen colored eggs, before Liturgies on Saturday or Sunday. All eggs will be blessed and distributed at all Pascha services. Please leave eggs, with no stickers or markings, in the narthax of the church.

PASCHAL RECEPTIONS

Coffee and refreshments will be served after all Pascha Divine Liturgies next weekend.

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 12 from 10:50-11:20am. For religious education children PreK – 4th grade. Please bring your own baskets.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MARCH 22, 2026

5:30pm	19 Envelopes	\$1084.00
9:00am	20 Envelopes	1122.00
11:30am	26 Envelopes	1431.00
Online	46 Envelopes	2022.00
Mailed	8 Envelopes	610.00
Candles		68.00
Coffee Hour		300.00
Liturgy Stipends		475.00
Weekly Total		\$7,094.00

Total Envelopes Received: 119

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 and click on online giving.

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to Debbie Gorny, the parish council and their committee for the wonderful Fish Fry for our Lenten Supper.

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.

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.**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We're excited to invite every family and individual to be part of our new directory. This is more than just photos—it's a way to put names to faces, strengthen friendships, and help our parish feel even more like home, it's a beautiful opportunity to reconnect and celebrate our growing community! Each participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free hard copy of the directory, with no obligation to purchase anything. Photography sessions will take place June 18–20, and sign-ups will be opening soon—be sure to watch for details!