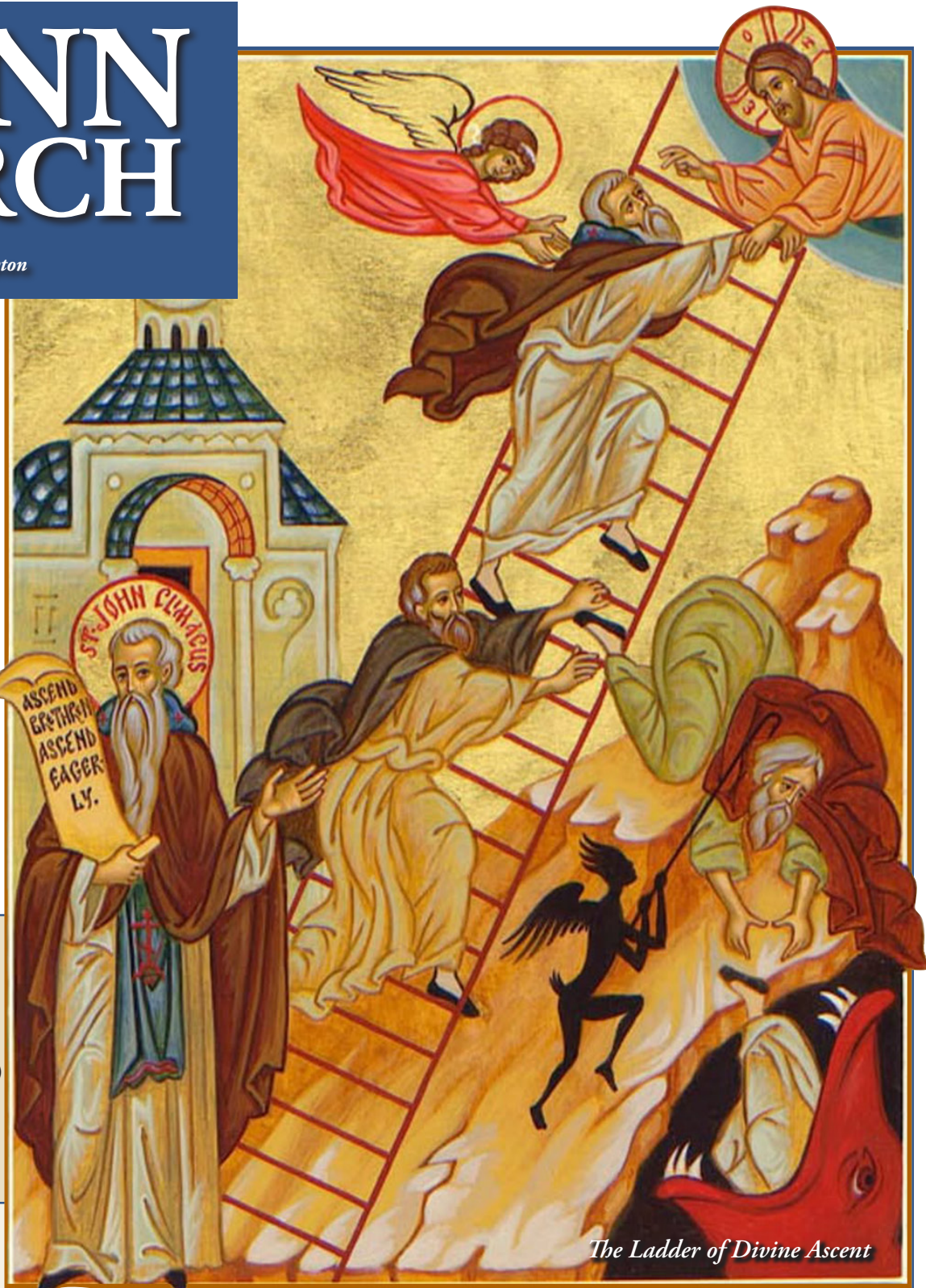


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



The Ladder of Divine Ascent

*Through faith, humility, and love, we are invited to ascend the spiritual ladder,
shedding our burdens and opening our hearts to divine grace.
As we journey through Lent with repentance and surrender,
may we draw nearer to the intimate union of our souls with the divine will.*

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . APRIL 1 | 7PM
GREAT COMPLINE PRAYER
followed by PASTORAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY . APRIL 2 | 7:30PM
LENTEN MISSION at
ST MICHAEL . *Presanctified Liturgy*

THURSDAY . APRIL 3 | starting at 4PM
CHURCH CLEANUP

FRIDAY . APRIL 4 | 5:30PM
ACATHIST HYMN
followed by the LENTEN SUPPER

SATURDAY & SUNDAY . APRIL 5&6
MAMMOUL PICKUP
Before and after all Divine Liturgies

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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March 30, 2025

SUNDAY OF OUR FATHER ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

PROKIMENON 15

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

Intentions

SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

SATURDAY | MARCH 29 | 5:30PM

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Barbary*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *Her Family*

†Joseph & Anna Hallock . *Their Family*

SUNDAY | MARCH 30 | 9:00AM

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†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

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†Reda Awad Qaqish . *Memorial . Armout Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†George Haddad . *Kahtoun Haddad*

†Siham Haddad . *Kahtoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Naji Homsy . *Rima Fallaha*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Sara*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

SATURDAY | APRIL 5 | 5:30PM

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†Labib Atik . *40 Day Memorial . His Family*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *Her Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Anita William O'Neil*

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

SUNDAY | APRIL 6 | 9:00AM

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†Edward Dahdah . *12 Year Remembrance . His Family*

†William Siouffi . *George Raad*

†Margaret Balkji Samra . *Agnes Strasser*

SUNDAY | APRIL 6 | 11:30AM

†Rt. Rev. Joseph Hagggar . *St. Ann Community*

†Joseph Kassis . *40 Day Memorial*

Jehad & Ghada Haddad & Family

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†George Haddad . *Kahtoun Haddad*

†Siham Haddad . *Kahtoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Malki*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

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 31-April 5, 2025

MONDAY 3/31
IS 37:33-38;38:1-6
GEN 13:12-18
PROV 14:27-15:4

TUESDAY 4/1
IS 40:18-31
GEN 15:1-15
PROV 15:7-19

WEDNESDAY 4/2
IS 41:4-14
GEN 17:1-9
PROV 15:20-16:9

THURSDAY 4/3
IS 42:5-16
GEN 18:20-33
PROV 16:17-17:17

FRIDAY 4/4
IS 45:11-17
GEN 22:1-18
PROV 17:17-18:5

SATURDAY 4/5
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 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

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

ANTIPHON

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

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout to joy to God our Savior!
O Son of God...
2. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.
O Son of God...
3. For God is a great Lord, and a great King over all the earth!
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 4) pg. 62

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing 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 pg. 23

O never failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

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 Melchizedek.

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

4th Sunday of Lent – Healing of a possessed boy

At that time one of the crowds 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, 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 (pg. 86) Praise the Lord from the highest. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION HYMN We have seen the True Light... (pg. 88)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Rt. Rev. Exarch Joseph S. Hagggar**, of St. Basil Melkite Church, Lincoln, RI, who went to his eternal rest. Memory Eternal.



Arrangements for Father Joe are:

Viewing: Friday, April 4th 2pm – 8pm.

Funeral Service: Saturday, April 5th at 10am
St. Basil the Great Melkite Church
15 Skyview Dr, Lincoln, RI

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!

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!**

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.

NEXT WEEK:

APRIL 7

Monday Charitable Society Meeting | 7pm

APRIL 8

Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy | 7pm

APRIL 9

Wednesday Choir Practice | 7:30pm

APRIL 11

Friday Saturday of Lazarus | 7pm
Vesper-Divine Liturgy

Upcoming

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

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY . MAY 7 . 7PM

CHARITABLE SOCIETY GOLF OUTING
WEDNESDAY . JUNE 11 . Watch for details

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MARCH 23, 2025

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 377.00
9:00am	25 Envelopes	1245.00
11:30am	43 Envelopes	2100.00
Mailed	5 Envelopes	360.00
Online	42 Envelopes	1407.50
Candles		136.00
Coffee hour		350.00

Weekly Total **\$5,975.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 128

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

Our Community is Served By:

Parish Office | *Georgann Bsarany, Secretary . Lina Alain, Secretary*

Communications | *Doreen Pierson, Director*

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Property Advisory Council | *Nabil Alain, Chair*

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Charitable Society | *Debbie Tahan, Chair*

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Society of Publicans | *Jenine Long*

Readers | *Joann Fakhoury*

Ushers | *Joseph Murray*

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