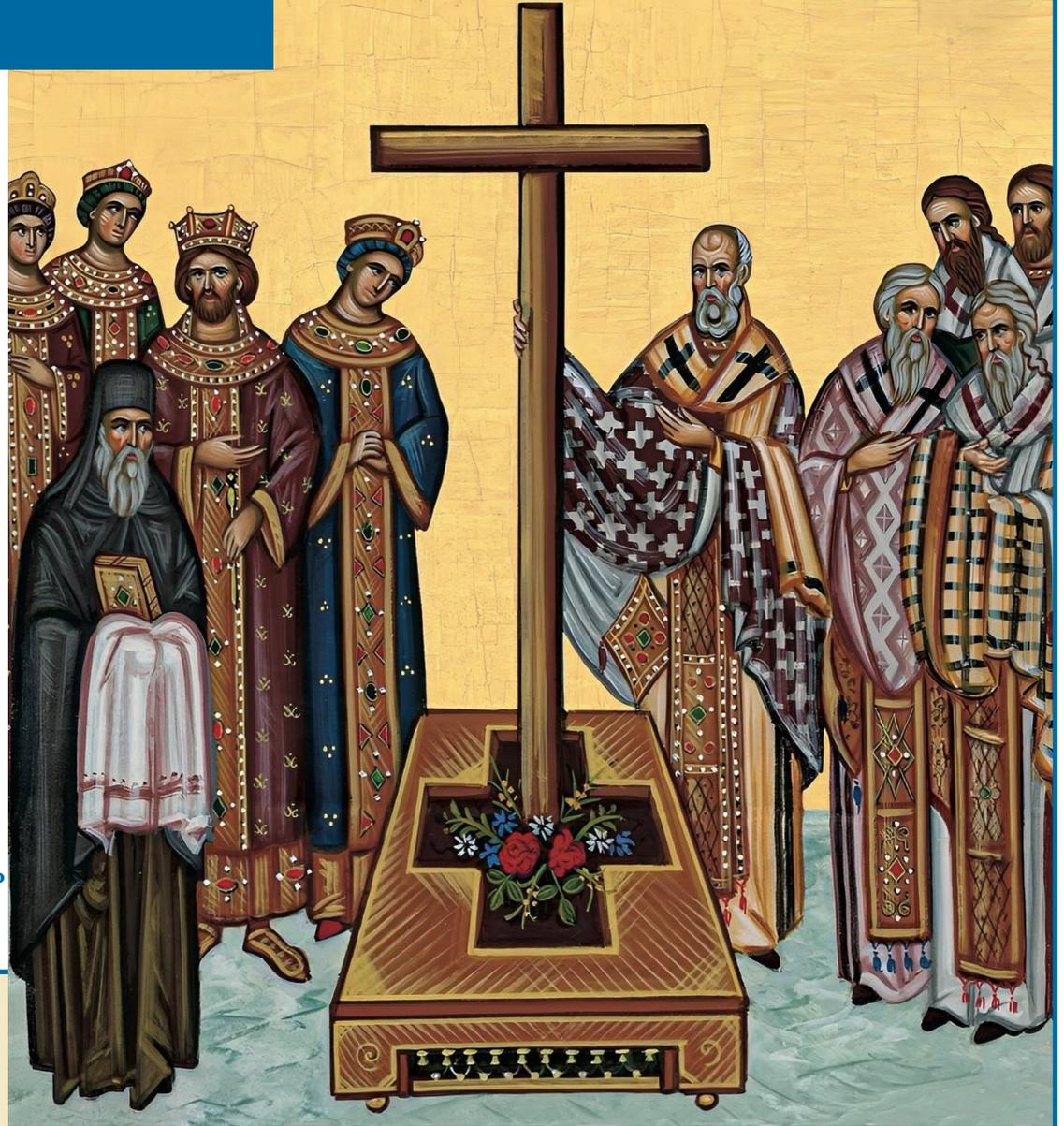


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

THIS WEEKEND | All Liturgies
HOLY CROSS PROCESSION

MONDAY . MARCH 9
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MTG | 6PM
ARABIC MEDITATION | 7PM
and **BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAY . MARCH 10 | 7PM
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

WEDNESDAY . MARCH 11 | 6:30PM
LENTE MISSION at
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Presanctified Liturgy

FRIDAY . MARCH 13 | 7PM
LENTE MISSION at
ST ANN CHURCH
Akathist Hymn

SATURDAY . MARCH 14 | 6:30PM
LAYALI AL SHAM

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY | **ARABIC MEDITATION**
and **BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAY | **PRESANCTIFIED**
LITURGY

WEDNESDAY | **CHURCH CLEAN UP**

FRIDAY | **AKATHIST HYMN**
LENTE SUPPER

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

To follow Christ is to loosen the heart from the passing glory of the world and surrender the self upon the quiet altar of His will, trusting that every sacrifice offered in love is gathered by God into eternal life. In losing ourselves for Him, we discover the hidden treasure of a soul filled with His peace, a joy that suffering cannot extinguish, and a hope that stretches beyond death into the everlasting light of His kingdom.

March 8, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
Hebrews 4:14-5:6 | Mark 8:34-9:1

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Intentions

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS *Holy Cross Procession*

SATURDAY | MARCH 7 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M John Colie*

†Anthony Najjar . *M/M Karim Kasper*

SUNDAY | MARCH 8 | 9:00AM

†Rev. Philip Azoon . *13 Year Remembrance . M/M Gregg Kattine*

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

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Gabe Raad*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Joseph Kayal*

†Laurice Kayal . *M/M Salem Alechemmas*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Georgina Dahab*

SUNDAY | MARCH 8 | 11:30AM

†Moufida Sawaged . *Memorial . Her Family*

†Issa Sawaged . *Memorial . His Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*

†Georget Brouesso . *Her Family*

†John Baladi . *The Cathcart Family*

†Youssef Kozhaya . *Reem & Rola Hannoush*

†Shakib Alsamaan . *Wife Nouha & Family*

†Naser Sawaged . *Walid Sawaged & Family*

†George & Siham Haddad . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Oghlinian Family . *Khatoun Haddad*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*

SUNDAY OF OUR FATHER JOHN CLIMACOS

SATURDAY | MARCH 14 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Murray*

†Anthony Najjar . *Samira Fakhoury*

SUNDAY | MARCH 15 | 9:00AM

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

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Gabe Raad*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Nick Baldo*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Rosemarie Cortis*

†Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

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*

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 9-14, 2026

MONDAY 3/9

LK 21:12-19
HEB 12:1-10
MT 20:1-16

TUESDAY 3/10

IS 25:1-9
GEN 9:8-17
PROV 12:8-22

WEDNESDAY 3/11

IS 26:21;27:1-9
GEN 9:18-10:1
PROV 12:23-13:9

THURSDAY 3/12

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

FRIDAY 3/13

IS 29:13-23
GEN 12:1-7
PROV 14:15-26

SATURDAY 3/14

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

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, You chose of Your own free will to be raised on the Cross for the sake of mankind. Have mercy on Your people called after Your name. Grant to the Church, Your Mystical Body, to rejoice in Your might. Safeguard all the peoples that You reconciled by Your crucifixion. As for us, who have been sealed by the sign of Your Cross, grant that we may not be proud of anything but of Your Cross, bearing at all time in our hearts and our minds, the marks of Your Holy Passion.

For You are our Light and our Sanctification, O Christ our God, and to You we render glory, and to Your Eternal Father, and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

ANTIPHONS OF THE FEAST

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

1. O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

2. O Lord, for those who fear You, You have raised a banner to which they may flee out of the range of arrows.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

3. You have ascended on high, taken captives, and received men as gifts.

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 6, pg. 64*

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead; and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY CROSS *Tone 1, pg. 143*

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance, strengthen our Public Authorities in every good deed, and protect Your nation 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 *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. 144*

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship Sovereign Lord, and Your Holy Resurrection, we glorify. (*3 times*)

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 Melchisedek* (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

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...

KINONIKON *pg. 146* Let the light of your countenance shine upon us, O Lord. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION *pg. 143* O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mark Your Calendars

PALM SUNDAY

Divine Liturgy | 5:30pm Saturday | 9am & 11:30am Sunday

Procession at all Liturgies

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY | 7:00pm

Bridegroom Service

GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY | 7:00pm

Bridegroom Service

GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY | 7:00pm

Mystery of Holy Anointing

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY

Vesper Liturgy Mystical Supper | 12:00 noon

Matins of the Crucifixion | 7:00pm

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY

Vespers - Descent from the Cross | 1:00pm

Matins of the Burial of Christ | 7:00pm

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register!

If you are not receiving parish envelopes, you are not registered. We encourage all families, seniors, and post-college singles attending St. Ann to register as parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms, and Religious Education registration.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance?

If so, please contact Fr. Musil at 973.785.4144 or

Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034. *All inquiries are confidential!*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MARCH 1, 2026

5:30pm	20 Envelopes	\$ 784.00
9:00am	29 Envelopes	1306.00
11:30am	31 Envelopes	950.00
Online	45 Envelopes	1837.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	1335.00
Candles		108.00
Coffee Hour		250.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Weekly Total		\$7,070.00

Total Envelopes Received: 132

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.

Today is the last day to donate items

CLOTHING/PERSONAL HYGIENE DRIVE

The SAMY Youth Group is sponsoring a Clothing/Personal Hygiene Products Drive for the organization Oasis. Lightly used spring clothing and personal hygiene products such as: shampoo/conditioner, soap, body lotion, dental products, razors, deodorants and feminine high gene products are needed. **Please drop off your donations to High School Class by March 8th.**

LAYALI AL SHAM (LEVANTINE NIGHTS)

Friday, March 14 . 6:30pm

St Ann MAYA Group is hosting a night filled with tarab, traditional mazza and entertainment featuring Oud player Maurice Chedid. \$35 per person. **Reservations: Hala Homsy 973.393.0799, Alya Homsy 973.925.3238, Selena Dahdouh 973.768.2541.** A portion of the proceeds will go to Syrian Relief efforts.

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! If you are able, please bring a vacuum and supplies!

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.**



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.**