

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

Christ is Risen!
He is Truly Risen

Al Maseeh Qam!
Haqqan qam

Christos Anesti!
Alithos Anesti

April 5, 2026

PASCHA

*The Glorious Resurrection
of Our Lord*

Acts 1:1-8 | John 1:1-17

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION *for*
PASCHA LOVE OFFERING

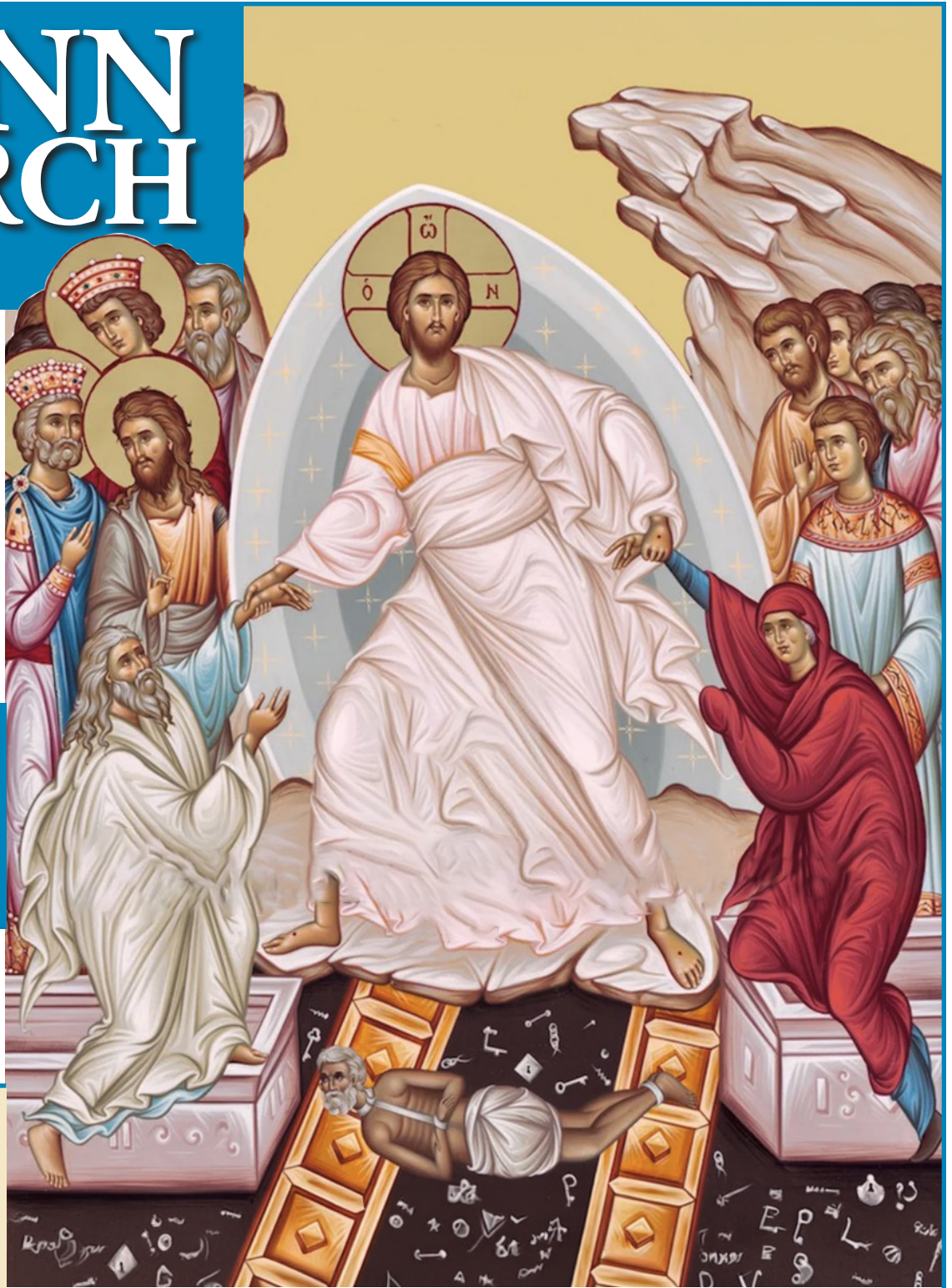
DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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



On the holy dawn of Pascha, the eternal Word who entered our broken humanity now rises within the depths of our hearts, calling us not only to behold His light but to let it quietly overcome our inner darkness, our fears, our sins, and our resistance to love, until we ourselves become living reflections of His Resurrection. And so, to truly celebrate Pascha is to choose Him daily in humility and faith, to walk in His light through repentance, mercy, and forgiveness, until His risen life is no longer a distant truth we admire, but a living reality we embody.

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

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Intentions

PASCHA

SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | 5:00PM — *New Light & Divine Liturgy*

†Deceased Clergy of St Ann . *Community of St Ann*
†Sister Louise Cababe . *Community of St Ann*
†William Dahdah . *13 Year Remembrance . His Family*
†Baby Albert Harraka . *Anniversary Remembrance
His Parents*
†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
†Joseph & Mary Borsina . *M/M John Nagel*

†Sam & Evelyn Kaspar . *Their Family*
†Albert & Agnes Harraka . *Their Family*
†Lorice & George Zelhof . *Their Family*
†Joseph & Emelie Agia . *Their Family*
†Alvera Dakak . *Her Family*
†Lois Lozy . *Husband Fred & Family*

SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | 8:30PM — *Hajme & Divine Liturgy*

†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*
†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*
†Issa & Moufida Sawaged . *M/M Ramzi Sawaged & Family*
†Issa & Jameleh Sawaged . *M/M Ramzi Sawaged & Family*
†Jubran Bakhos . *Nabil & Lina Alain*
†Mountaha Sabbagh . *Nabil & Lina Alain*
†Joseph & Tony Ghandour . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
†Gerious & Josephine Ghandour . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
Roumieh Shahine . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
Dalal Haddad . *Ghassan & Maggie Slim*

SUNDAY | APRIL 5 | 10:00AM — *Hajme & Divine Liturgy*

†Deceased Clergy of St Ann . *Community of St Ann*
†Ronald Peterson . *Wife Pat Peterson*
†Deceased Members of the Vida Family . *Pat Peterson*
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†Ronald Vida . *Cousin Pat Peterson*
†John & Marie Yabroudy . *Their Family*
†Vincent Magliarditi . *Wife Rita & Family*
†Marlene Rodgers . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

SATURDAY | APRIL 11 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Hernandez*
†Tony Najjar . *Rola Hannoush*
†Louis Dahdah
M/M George Fakhoury

SUNDAY | APRIL 12 | 9:00AM

†Charles & Elizabeth Wardy
Dr/M George Ajjan
†George & Gertrude Ajjan
Dr/M George Ajjan
†Mary Tahan . *M/M Dennis Scully*
†Marlene Rodgers . *Joe Tobjy*
†Laurice Kayal . *Gary Kayal*
†Kathleen Carlisle
M/M Abboud Batikha

SUNDAY | APRIL 12 | 11:30AM

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*
†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*
†Suzan & John Kayal
Anthony Kayal & Family
†Georget Barouisou . *Her Family*
†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
†Abraham Hanna . *Sister Rania Okur*
†John Baladi . *Alan Sabeih*
†Khalil & Amira Alamir . *Their Family*
†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom | Special Pascha Booklet | Hymns pgs. 116-120

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, the Conqueror of death, bestow upon us your peace and fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Grant us to anticipate strength from On High in faith, hope and love, in order to confess that You are the God of those who trust in You and to proclaim to the whole world your glorious Resurrection. For You are our Resurrection, O Christ 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.

LITANY OF PEACE – PASCHA PETITIONS

After the 5th petition, the following petitions are said:

6. That our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, may grant us triumph over the conspiracies of our visible and invisible enemies, let us pray to the Lord.
7. That He may enable us to crush under our feet the Prince of Darkness and his powers, let us pray to the Lord.
8. That He may fill our hearts with the joyful glory of His Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
9. That we may enter the Chamber of His Divine Wedding Feast and rejoice with the Angels and the Saints in the Church Triumphant, let us pray to the Lord.
10. For our deliverance from all affliction....

ANTIPHON pg. 16

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

1. May God be propitious to us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us and have mercy on us.
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
2. May Your name be known upon earth; among all nations Your salvation.
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
3. May the peoples praise You, O God; may all the peoples praise You!
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel's wellsprings. O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARION OF PASCHA (3x) Tone 5 pg. 116

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who are in the tombs.

HIPACOI OF PASCHA Tone 4

Mary and her companions went forth before dawn. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb and heard the angel say, "Why do you seek Him as a man among the dead, when He is in eternal splendor? Behold, the shroud is laid aside. Hasten and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen and has put Death to death, for He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

KONDAKION OF PASCHA Tone 2 pg. 118

Though You went down in the tomb, O Immortal One, You overthrew the power of Hades and rose victorious, O Christ God. You greeted the ointment bearing women, saying "Rejoice!" You gave peace to Your apostles, and to those who had fallen resurrection.

TRISAGION pg. 118

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3 times)

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-8

Prokimenon: This is the day the Lord has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it!

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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In the preceding book, Theophilus, I was concerned with everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, until the day He was taken up, after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about God's kingdom. And while eating with them, He told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise, "of which you have heard," He said, "by my mouth. For while John baptized with water, you shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit within a few days."

Now, those gathered there questioned Him, asking, "Lord, is it now that You will restore the kingdom to Israel?" But He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or the proper moments the Father has set by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and even to the very ends of the earth."

Alleluia

You shall arise and have mercy upon Sion, for the time to pity her, the right time has come.

Stichon: The Lord has looked down from heaven upon all the sons of men.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-17

In the beginning was the Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in His name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us. And we saw His glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning Him, and cried, "This was the One of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because He was before me.'" And of His fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

HIRMOS Hymn to the Theotokos - Tone 1 pg.119

The angel cried out to the one who is full of grace: "Hail, O Immaculate Virgin!" Hail again, for your Son is risen from the tomb on the third day. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon you. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion, and you, O Pure One, O Mother of God, exult in the Resurrection of your Son.

KINONIKON pg.120

Receive the Body of Christ and drink of the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia.



DAILY READINGS

April 6-11, 2026
Bright Week

MONDAY 4/6

ACTS 1:12-17; 21-26
JN 1:18-28

TUESDAY 4/7

ACTS 2:14-21
LK 24:12-35

WEDNESDAY 4/8

ACTS 2:22-38
JN 1:35-51

THURSDAY 4/9

ACTS 2:38-43
JN 3:1-15

FRIDAY 4/10

ACTS 3:1-8
JN 2:12-22

SATURDAY 4/11

ACTS 3:9-16
JN 3:22-33

Repeat the above Kinonikon during communion.

Do NOT sing Make me this day...

POST-COMMUNION HYMN pg.116

Christ is risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death; and has given life to those who are in the tombs.

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord...

Christ is risen from the dead...(3x)

BLESSING OF THE EGGS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord, Our God, Creator of the Universe, bless these eggs, symbol of the Resurrection of Your Christ. In Your bounty bless those who offered them, those who prepared them and those who partake of them. Preserve the faithful from evil. Fill them with Your magnificent gifts and Your bounty which is beyond measure.

For Yours is the dominion and Yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen

DISMISSAL

Priest: Christ is Risen! **All:** He is Truly Risen!

Priest: Al Maseeh qam! **All:** Haqqan qam!

Priest: Christos Anesti! **All:** Alithos Anesti!

Priest: Glory to the resurrection of Christ on the third day.

All: We adore His holy resurrection on the third day.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead and by His death, He has trampled upon Death...

All: And has given life to those who were in the tombs.

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

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

Gather with us in the hall after all Paschal Liturgies for coffee and refreshments.

TAKE NOTE

Fr. Musil will be on vacation from April 6-10th. While he is away, please contact Fr. Sayed if an emergency arises.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Educations classes today, April 5th. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 12th.

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.

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.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We're excited to invite every family and individual to be part of our new directory. This is 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!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MARCH 29, 2026

5:30pm	23 Envelopes	\$1173.00
9:00am	30 Envelopes	2115.00
11:30am	58 Envelopes	3826.00
Online	46 Envelopes	1757.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	1165.00
Candles		127.00

Weekly Total \$10,163.00

Total Envelopes Received: 164

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.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Jeanette Turkmany**, of our community, who went to her eternal rest last week.
Memory eternal!



ZUMBA CLASSES

April 11th begins our Zumba Classes in the hall. Classes are: Saturday, April 11th, 18th, 25th, and May 16th at 9am, and Friday, May 1st, and 8th at 7pm. Cost is \$10 per class. Scan the QR code to register for any/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.**

THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 11 | 9:00am
ZUMBA

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 12
**SECOND COLLECTION
for ST ANN CHARITABLE
SOCIETY**

**GOSPEL READING in
MULTIPLE LANGUAGES**

**RELIGIOUS ED
CLASSES RESUME**

EASTER EGG HUNT | 10:50AM
(For PreK through 4th grade)

Monday, April 13 | 7:00pm
**CHARITABLE SOCIETY
MEETING**

Tuesday, April 14 | 7:00pm
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, April 15 | 7:00pm
**VESPERS followed by
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING**

Saturday, April 18 | 9:00am
ZUMBA