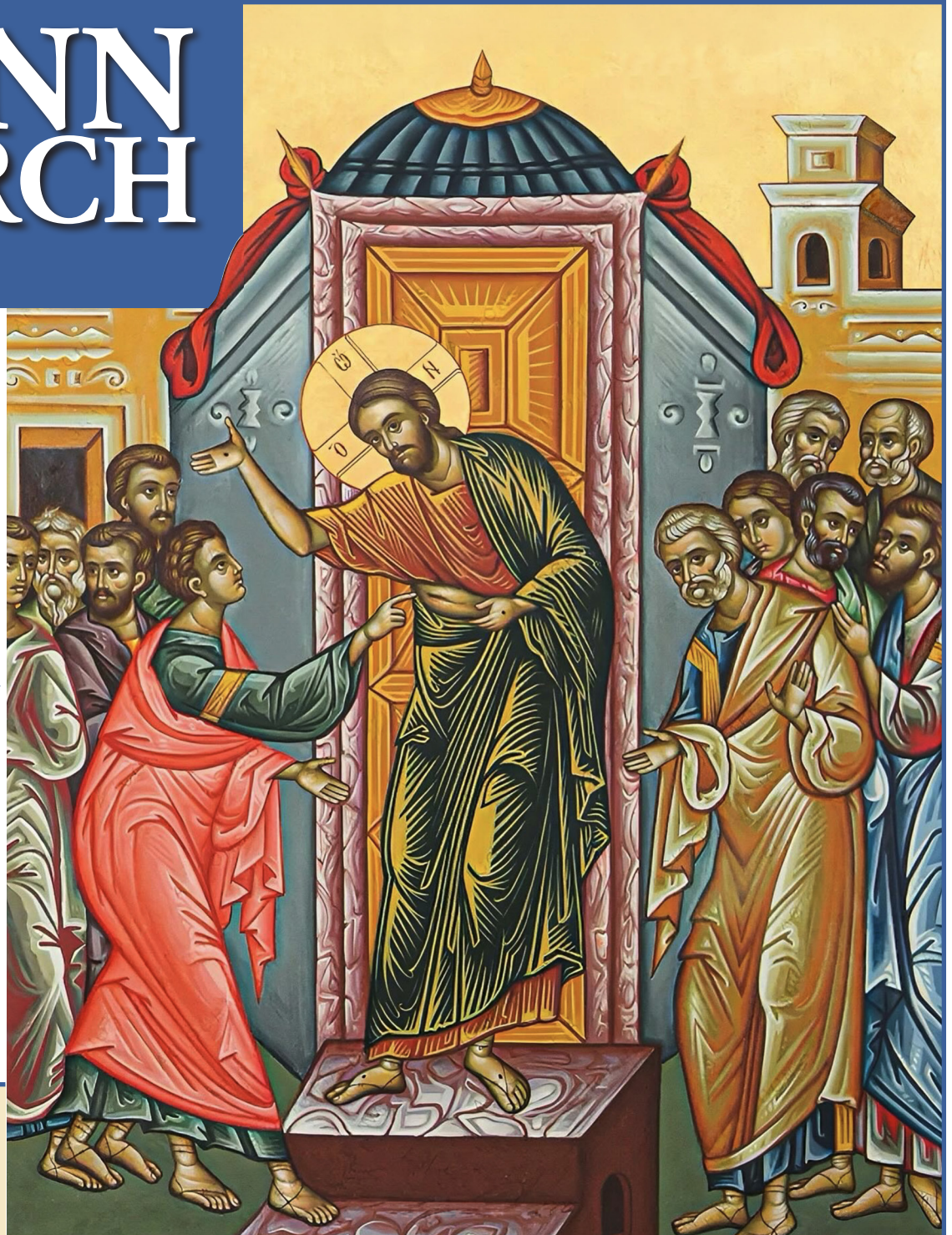


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION for
ST ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

GOSPEL READING in
MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

TODAY
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUME

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

MONDAY . APRIL 13 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY . APRIL 14 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY . APRIL 15 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by PARISH
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY . APRIL 18 | 9AM
ZUMBA

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . APRIL 21 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

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 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.

Behind the closed doors we build with our fears and anxieties, the Risen Christ still comes quietly, inviting us not to run or hide but to let His peace enter the very places we try to protect, so that we may step out with courage into the life before us.

In the midst of our questions and uncertainties, we are called not to wait for perfect clarity, but to trust, to move, and to live each day anchored in His unseen presence, letting His peace guide our choices and shape the way we face the world.

April 12, 2026

SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS

Acts 5:12-20 | John 20:19-31

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Intentions

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

SATURDAY | APRIL 11 | 5:30PM

†John Obeji . 6 Year Remembrance . Michael & Vivian Massood & Family

†Yvonne Obeji . Michael & Vivian Massood & Family

†Michael & Helen Massood . Michael & Vivian Massood & Family

†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 Sabeh

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . Their Family

†Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

SATURDAY | APRIL 18 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters

†Lois Lozy . M/M Charles Gleason

†Tony Najjar . Marie Sara

SUNDAY | APRIL 19 | 9:00AM

†Mary Tahan . M/M Robert Sorge

†Laurice Kayal . M/M Basil Kayal

†Youssef Kozhaya . M/M George Fakhoury

†Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Michel Gabriel

†Marlene Rodgers . Barbara Berlin

SUNDAY | APRIL 19 | 11:30AM

†Teresa Hanna Alamir . 40 Day Memorial . Alamir Family

†Suzan & John Kayal . Anthony Kayal & Family

†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family

†Abraham Hanna . Sister Rania Okur

†John Baladi . M/M Norman Khawam

†Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family

†Khalil & Amira Alamir . Their Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger

Charles Gleason

Shirley Bluemer

Mona Mardelli

Dolores Fritz

Joyce Neuss

Mark Frommer

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

DAILY READINGS

April 13-18, 2026

MONDAY 4/13

ACTS 3:19-26
JN 2:1-11

TUESDAY 4/14

ACTS 4:1-10
JN 3:16-21

WEDNESDAY 4/15

ACTS 4:13-22
JN 5:17-24

THURSDAY 4/16

ACTS 4:23-31
JN 5:24-30

FRIDAY 4/17

ACTS 5:1-11
JN 5:30-46; 6:1-2

SATURDAY 4/18

ACTS 5:21-32
JN 6:14-27

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 SAINT THOMAS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, You showed Thomas your side from which gushed blood and water, symbol of Baptism. You invited him to touch the wound by which mankind was healed from its ancient deep wound. We ask You to strengthen our faith in your Divinity and Humanity so that we may become witnesses to your glorious Resurrection by our words, our deeds, and our way of life.

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.

FIRST ANTIPHON *pg. 15*

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

1. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to His name!

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

2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

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

3. "Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!"

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.

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 ST. THOMAS (3x) *Tone 7*

While the tomb was sealed, You shone forth from it, O Christ our Life, and while the doors remained closed, You stood among your Disciples, O Resurrection of all, and through them You restored a new spirit in us according to your great Mercy.

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 5:12-20

Prokimenon: Great is our Lord, and great is His power, and to

His wisdom there is no limit.

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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days by the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people (and with one accord, they all would meet in Solomon's portico; but of the rest, no one dared to associate with them, yet the people made much of them. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord continued to increase), so that they carried the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and pallets, in order that, as Peter went by, at least his shadow would fall upon some of them. And crowds also came to Jerusalem from neighboring towns, and they brought the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits — and all of them were healed.

But the High Priest rose up, and all his supporters (that is, the members of the Sadducean sect), and being filled with hatred, they laid their hands upon the apostles and threw them into the public jail. But during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, and led them out, saying: "Go, and standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life."

Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us sing gladly to God our Savior!

Stichon: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

Skeptic Thomas

When it was late, that same day, the first of the week, though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you!" And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When he had said this, he breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side I will not believe." And after eight days, his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be to you!" Then he said to Thomas. "Bring here your finger, and see my hands; and bring here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and

my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

HIRMOS Hymn to the Theotokos

O shining light, Mother of God, honorable without compare; you are higher in dignity than any other human being. We magnify you with hymns.

KINONIKON

"Exalt the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion! Alleluia!"

COMMUNION HYMN pg.120

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

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)

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 His Resurrection 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, and has given life to those who were in the tombs.


PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for the hospitality to all those who hosted the coffee receptions after the Paschal Divine Liturgies.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Janice Eckert**, who went to her eternal rest this week. She is the sister of Fr. Ken Sherman. *Memory Eternal.*



THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION
for St. Ann Charitable Society



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of APRIL 5, 2026

5:00pm	23 Envelopes	\$2285.00
8:30pm	30 Envelopes	2128.00
10:00am	58 Envelopes	1060.00
Online	46 Envelopes	3147.00
Good Friday	78 Envelopes	3658.00
Candles		139.00
Weekly Total		\$12,417.00
Total Envelopes Received: 249		

PASCHA OFFERING

5:00pm	49 Envelopes	\$4635.00
8:30pm	43 Envelopes	2200.00
10:00am	29 Envelopes	2315.00
Online	8 Envelopes	1150.00
Pascha Total		\$10,300.00
Total Envelopes Received: 129		

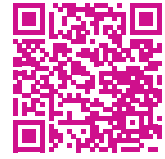
According to our **2026 budget**, we need **\$10,464.42** per week to meet our monthly expenses

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

ZUMBA CLASSES

You can sign up on a weekly basis. Classes are: Saturday, April 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.



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.**

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.