

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

HOLY WEEK

Great & Holy Monday . April 14 BRIDEGROOM SERVICE | 7pm

Great & Holy Tuesday . April 15 BRIDEGROOM SERVICE | 7pm

Great & Holy Wednesday . April 16 MYSTERY of HOLY ANNOINTING | 7pm

Great & Holy Thursday . April 17 MYSTICAL SUPPER | 12pm noon MATINS of the CRUCIFIXION | 7pm

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY . APRIL 18 DESCENT from the CROSS | 1pm MATINS of the BURIAL OF CHRIST | 7pm

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

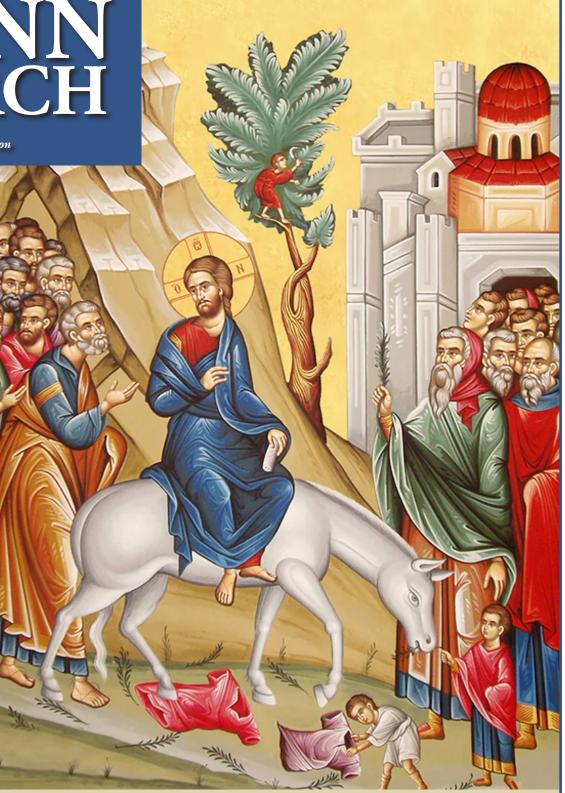
Our Community is Served By:

Rev Rezkallah Samaan *Administrator Pro Tempore* Rev Sayed Kozhaya *Parochial Vicar* Rev Choukri Sabbagh Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany Rev Deacon Roland Basinski Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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Christ entered Jerusalem not to conquer with force, but to love unto death, revealing a kingship crowned not in gold but in thorns, and glory shining from an empty tomb. If we walk with Him through the Cross in faith and humility, we too will rise with Him into the joy and light of His eternal kingdom.

April 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY – The Glorious Entry into Jerusalem PROKIMENON 23 Philippians 4:4-9 | John 12:1-18

Intentions

PALM SUNDAY – Procession–

SATURDAY | APRIL 12 | 5:30PM †Joseph Shackoor . 2 Year Remembrance . Shackoor Family †John Obeji . 5 Year Remembrance M/M Michael Massood & Family †Yvonne Obeji . M/M Michael Massood & Family †Michael & Helen Massood . M/M Michael Massood & Family †Julie Clark Molloy . Her Family †Lois Lozy . John Tahmoosh

SUNDAY | APRIL 13 | 9:00AM

+Valerie Balady . 3 Year Remembrance . Husband Bruce & Family**+William Siouffi** . M/M John Gorny**+Lorice Zelhof** . M/M George Stronghilos**+**

SUNDAY | APRIL 14 | 11:30AM

†Jessica Twal . Parents, M/M Adel Twal
†Mayla Gabriel Sabeh . Grandma Afaf Khawam
†Georget Barouisou . Her Family
†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
†George Haddad . Khatoun Haddad
†Siham Haddad . Khatoun Haddad
†Oghlinian Family . Khatoun Haddad
†George & Michael Tafankaji . Jeanette Tafankaji
†Naji Homsi . Rima Fallaha
†Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Marie Sara
†Mary Haddad . M/M George Jalinos
†Joseph Kassis . Marcel Ghandour
†Claire Kilo . M/M Bashar Katat
†Abrahim Hanna . Sister, Rana Okur

PASCHA

NEW LIGHT & DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY | APRIL 19 | 5:00pm

†Deceased Clergy of St. Ann. Community of St. Ann**†Norman & Laurice Dikdan**. Their Daughters**†Lois Lozy**. Husband Fred & Family**†Joseph & Emelie Agia**. Their Children**†Julie Clark Molly**. Her Family**†Baby Albert Harraka**. His Family

†Sam & Evelyn Kasper . Their Family**†Albert & Agnes Harraka** . Their Family**†Alvera Dakak** . Her Family**†Joseph & Mary Borsina** . M/M John Nagel**†John & Marie Yabroudy** . Their Family**†Vincent Magliarditi** . Wife Rita & Family

HAJME & DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY | APRIL 19 | 8:30pm

†Deceased Clergy of St. Ann . Community of St. Ann
†George Batikha . M/M Abboud Batikha
†Jessica Twal, Parents, M/M Adel Twal
†Abrahim Hanna, Sister, Rana Okur
†Mayla Gabriel Sabeh, M/M Michel Gabriel
†George Dayoub, M/M Michel Gabriel
†Sayer Sawaged, Wife Badia & Family
†George Haddad, Khatoun Haddad

†Siham Haddad, Khatoun Haddad **†Oghlinian Family**, Khatoun Haddad **†Joseph & Tony Ghandour**, M/M Khamis Khamis **†Joseph Kassis**, Afaf Khawam **†Claire Kilo**, M/M Bashar Katat **†Gabi Bakhos**, M/M Nabil Alain **†Jamil & Mountaha Alain**, M/M Nabil Alain

HAJME & DIVINE LITURGY SUNDAY | APRIL 20 | 10:00AM

†Deceased Clergy of St. Ann, Community of St. Ann **†Lorice & George Zelhof**, Their Children **†William Siouffi**, M/M Jorge Lopez **†Deceased Members of the Fakhoury Family** Samira Fakhoury & Family **†Deceased Members of the Hayek Family** Samira Fakhoury & Family **†Deceased Members of the Vida Family**, Pat Peterson **†Deceased Members of the Peterson Family**, Pat Peterson **†Ron Peterson**, Wife Pat & Family

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

ANTIPHON

O Son of God, who entered Jerusalem in great glory, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

- 1. I believed even when I said: "I am greatly afflicted." *O Son of God...*
- 2. How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done to me.

O Son of God...

3. My vows to the Lord I will pay in the presence of all his people. *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.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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.

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 *The Troparion of Lazarus Saturday is sung again.* (*pg. 110*)

DAILY READINGS April 14-19, 2025

MONDAY 4/14

MT 21:18-43 ROM 11:13-24 MT 24:3-35

TUESDAY 4/15

MT 22:15-46, 23:1-39 EPH 1:1-9 MT 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2

WEDNESDAY 4/16

JN 12:17-50 1 COR 2:6-9 MT 26:6-16

THURSDAY 4/17

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 4/18

1 COR 15:47-58 JN 6:48-55

SATURDAY 4/19

MT 27:62-66 ROM 6:3-11 MT 28:1-20

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of APRIL 6, 2025

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13 Envelopes	\$ 619.00
31 Envelopes	2150.00
37 Envelopes	1192.00
7 Envelopes	390.00
46 Envelopes	1637.50
	85.00
	200.00
	\$6,273.50
Received: 134	
	31 Envelopes37 Envelopes7 Envelopes46 Envelopes

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Susan Brigida Louis Dahdah Dolores Fritz Mark Frommer Charles Gleason

George Kayal Mona Mardelli Laurice Kayal Joyce Neuss Mary Tahan Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Robert Yakush Donna Yuppa

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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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you are not registered as a parish member, we need you to do so as soon as possible! With your name along with your family members, address, phone, e-mail and other information, we can better serve you and enroll you in our offering envelope system. If you are not currently receiving these envelopes, you are not registered! All families, seniors, and post college singles attending Saint Ann Church should register as official parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptism of your children and registration of your child for Religious Ed classes. Please call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register.

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!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Religious Educations classes April 13th and April 20th. Classes will resume Sunday, April 27th.

PRE CANA CLASS

Planning to be married this year? You <u>must sign up</u> for the **REQUIRED Pre Cana Class** which will be held on **Saturday, April 26th at 9:00am to 2:00pm**. Please call the rectory for reservations and send a check for \$50.00 to St. Ann Melkite Church, 802 Rifle Camp Rd., Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 27th at 11am. For children PreK – 4th grade. Please bring your own baskets..

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to the Parish Council and their committee for a very successful Lenten Supper Fish Fry last week.

Upcoming

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY . MAY 7 . 7PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT DAY SUNDAY . MAY 18 . 10:15AM

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