

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

TODAY
SECOND GRADE
RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY . APRIL 21 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
Topic: Theology of Marriage Part 2

FRIDAY . APRIL 24 | 7PM
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY . APRIL 25 | 9AM
ZUMBA

FRIDAY - SUNDAY . APRIL 24-26
SAMY RETREAT

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . APRIL 28 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY . MAY 1 | 7PM
ZUMBA

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

In the silence of loss, when everything feels sealed like a tomb and your inner strength has collapsed, God is already at work in what you cannot see, preserving life where you only feel absence and keeping love alive when you can no longer carry it yourself.

And if you continue in that fragile but real faith, like Joseph of Arimathea who stepped forward when it was costly, and the myrrh-bearing women who came when hope seemed already buried, your very life becomes a living witness that Christ is not confined to memory or death, but revealed in the next faithful step you dare to take.

April 19, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

Acts 6:1-7 | Mark 15:43-16:8

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.

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Intentions

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

†Valerie Balady . *4 Year Remembrance . Husband Bruce & Family*

†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*

†Elias Sawaf . *His 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

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

SATURDAY | APRIL 25 | 5:30PM

Faith, growth, and well-being of our SAMY group

†Lois Lozy . *M/M George Gerro*

†Sam Sheber . *Birthday Remembrance . The Cathcart Family*

†Colin O'Neil . *Birthday Remembrance . The Cathcart Family*

†Sam Edgar . *Birthday Remembrance . The Cathcart Family*

†Tony Najjar . *Micheline Ghanem*

SUNDAY | APRIL 26 | 9:00AM

Faith, growth, and well-being of our SAMY group

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Jorge Lopez*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Rosemarie Cortese & Family*

†Laurice Kayal . *M/M Edward Kochanek*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M George Fakhoury*

SUNDAY | APRIL 26 | 11:30AM

Faith, growth, and well-being of our SAMY group

†Elias Sawaf . *His Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Berth Badran . *Dory & Julie Eliya*

†Abraham Hanna . *Sister Rania Okur*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†John Baladi . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Gergis Jabbour . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*

†Hend Matouk . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*

DAILY READINGS

April 20-25, 2026

MONDAY 4/20	TUESDAY 4/21	WEDNESDAY 4/22	THURSDAY 4/23	FRIDAY 4/24	SATURDAY 4/25
ACTS 6:8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60 JN 4:46-54	ACTS 8:5-15 JN 6:27-33	ACTS 8:18-25 JN 6:35-39	LK 21:12-19 GAL 3:23-29; 4:1-5 JN 15:17-27; 16:1	ACTS 8:40; 9:1-19 JN 6:48-55	1 PT 5:6-14 LK 10:16-21

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 OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Christ God, You alone are the Light of the world. Enlighten our spirit as You enlightened the eyes of the Marys. Gladden our hearts with faith and peace; and as You raised us up from the grave of our sins and delivered us from the power of Darkness, make us also worthy, in your great mercy, to light the lamps of our souls from the resplendent Light of your Glorious Resurrection, for You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, 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....

SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

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

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

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION *Tone 2 pg. 60*

When You descended to death, O immortal Life, You put Hades to death by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to you: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

TROPARION OF JOSEPH *Tone 2*

The Noble Joseph took down from the tree Your spotless body, and wrapped it in pure linen for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day, You arose, O Lord, and bestowed great mercy upon the world.

TROPARION OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS *Tone 2*

The angel stood by the tomb and cried out to the Ointment-bearing Women: "Ointments are for the dead, but Christ has proved Himself free from corruption. Cry out, then: "The Lord is risen and has bestowed great mercy upon the world."

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 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 6:1-7

Prokimenon: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days, as the number of disciples increased; there arose a complaint among the Greeks against the Hebrews, in that their widows were being neglected in the daily service. And so, the twelve summoned the many disciples and said, "It is not good that we give up the word of God and serve at tables. Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom that we could put to this service, while we devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

And the plan was pleasing to the whole crowd, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon and Parmenas and Nicholas, a recent convert from Antioch. These they presented to the apostles, who then prayed and laid their hands upon them. And God's word was growing, and the number of the disciples increased considerably in Jerusalem; and many of the priests also accepted the faith.

Alleluia

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon you.

GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-16:8

Christ's Burial and Resurrection

At that time there came Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a councilor of high rank, who was himself looking for the kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had expired so soon. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jose were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene,

Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, in order to go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back—now, it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you." And they left and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos*

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 taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN pg.116

Christ is risen from the dead... (once)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Elias Sawaf**, who went to his eternal rest this week. He is the husband of Salwa Sawaf and the father of Nicole Galanti. *Memory Eternal.*



ZUMBA CLASSES

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

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Interested in serving on the Parish Advisory Council? Get involved and help support our church community. Please contact Fr. Musil or Fr. Sayed to learn more.

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thursday, June 18 - Saturday, June 20

Our scheduling process has begun! Scan the QR code or go to **schedule.ucdir.com**
Code: NJ187, Password: stann1



Each participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free hard copy of the directory, with no obligation to purchase anything. **Questions or help with signing up, please contact Doreen Pierson at 973-800-2643 or email piersoncreative@gmail.com.**

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.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Info on all events will be sent in the coming weeks!

- April 25-May 17 Spring Clothing Drive
- May 13 Church Cleanup
Vesper Liturgy - Feast of the Ascension
- May 16 Community Dinner
- May 16 & 17 PAC Elections
- May 17 Jesus Day
- May 23 & 24 Summer Liturgies begin
Saturday Liturgy 5pm
Sunday Liturgy 10am
- June 7 Family BBQ

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of APRIL 12, 2026

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 466.00
9:00am	25 Envelopes	1086.00
11:30am	28 Envelopes	926.00
Mailed	4 Envelopes	235.00
Online	45 Envelopes	1597.00
Donations		3000.00
Candles		62.00
Liturgy Stipends		1385.00
Weekly Total		\$8,757.00

Total Envelopes Received: 115

Pascha Total Offering \$10,865.00

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

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