

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION *for*
PASCHA LOVE OFFERING

Christ is Risen!
He is Truly Risen

Al Maseeh Qam!
Haqqan qam

Christos Anesti!
Alithos Anesti

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
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*Pascha is the day when divine love shattered the power of death,
and the light of Christ now pours into every shadow of the soul with healing and joy.
The risen Lord enters the depths of your heart, not just to comfort you,
but to fill you with the unshakable life of heaven itself.*

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

April 20, 2025

PASCHA – The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord

PROKIMENON 35

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

Intentions

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 Molloy . *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*
†Edward & Yvonne Hatem . *M/M John Gorny & Family*
†Robert & Gladys Gorny . *M/M John Gorny & Family*
†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*
†Abraham 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*
†Naji Homsy . *Wife Milva & Family*
†Levon Kalajian . *Milva Homsy & Family*
†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

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*
†Sam & Almira Tahmoosh . *Their Family*
†Elias Sayad . *Wife Mary & Family*
†Raymond Orfaly . *Mary Sayad & Family*

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS

SATURDAY | APRIL 26 | 5:30PM

†Julie Clark Molloy . *40 Day Remembrance . Her Family*
†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Fierravanti*
†James DeRosa . *Antoinette Harraka*

SUNDAY | APRIL 27 | 9:00AM

†David & Mary Schurman . *Their Family*
†William Siouffi . *M/M Joseph Murray*

SUNDAY | APRIL 27 | 11:30AM

†Mariet Arodes . *Memorial Service . M/M Jack Arodes*
†Sandra Pisciotta . *11 Year Remembrance*
Parents George & Fadia Kayal
†Albert Anthony Kayal . *Parents George & Fadia Kayal*
†Abraham Hanna . *Sister Rania Okur*
†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Micheline Ghanem*
†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*
†Berthe Badran . *M/M Dory Eliya*
†Joseph Kassis . *M/M Joseph Zaroura*

PASCHA - *The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord*

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

ANTIPHON

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 (sung three times) 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.

HYPACOI OF PASCHA

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 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

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, *Alleluia*.

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

Pascha Sunday – *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 (pg. 119)

The angel cried out to the Woman full of grace: "Hail, immaculate Virgin!" Again, hail, for on the third day your Son is risen from the dead. Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen over you. Cry out now and rejoice, O Sion; and you, the pure one, the Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of the One to whom you gave birth.

KINONIKON (pg. 120) Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Fountain of Immortality. *Alleluia*.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 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.

DAILY READINGS

BRIGHT WEEK . April 21-26, 2025

MONDAY 4/21

ACTS 1:12-17; 21-26

JN 1:18-28

THURSDAY 4/24

ACTS 2:38-43

JN 3:1-15

TUESDAY 4/22

ACTS 2:14-21

LK 24:12-35

FRIDAY 4/25

ACTS 3:1-8

LK 10:16-21

WEDNESDAY 4/23

LK 21:12-19

GAL 3:23-29; 4:1-5

JN 1:35-51

SATURDAY 4/26

ACTS 3:9-16

JN 3:22-33



There will be two collections at all Liturgies this weekend, the Sunday Collection and the Special Pascha Love Offering.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of **APRIL 13, 2025 . Palm Sunday**

5:30pm	26 Envelopes	\$1363.00
9:00am	40 Envelopes	1932.00
11:30am	70 Envelopes	4726.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	570.00
Online	40 Envelopes	1237.50
Candles		133.00
Liturgy Stipends		1735.00
Hall Rental		500.00

Weekly Total

\$12,196.50

Total Envelopes Received: 183

According to our 2023-2024 budget, our weekly sacrificial 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

Mark Frommer

George Kayal

Mona Mardelli

Mary Tahan

Robert Yakush

Louis Dahdah

Charles Gleason

Laurice Kayal

Joyce Neuss

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Donna Yuppa

Dolores Fritz

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Online giving directly from your bank account is the most cost effective way to donate. Consider this for your Sunday Offering. For details, go to saintannmelkite.com and click the online giving tab.

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

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS EASTER EGG HUNT

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

We need you to register as soon as possible! With your name, 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 receiving these envelopes, you are not registered!** All families, seniors, and post college singles attending St Ann Church should register as official parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms and registration of your child for Religious Education. **Please call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register.**

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!**

PRE CANA CLASS

Planning to be married this year? You must sign up for the **REQUIRED Pre Cana Class** which will be held **NEXT 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.

CHARITABLE SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, June 11th . Sunset Valley Golf Course

Shotgun Start Time: 1pm. \$160 PER GOLFER includes 18 holes of golf, a sleeve of balls, golf cart, 1 drink ticket and buffet dinner. \$35 Dinner only at St Ann Parish Center.

QUESTIONS, SPONSOR A HOLE, DONATIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER? Call or email John Gorny 973 919 4570 johngorny11@gmail.com. Registration forms have been sent via email, or pickup one in the back of the church.

Upcoming

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY . MAY 6 . 7PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMENCEMENT DAY

SUNDAY . MAY 18 . 10:15AM