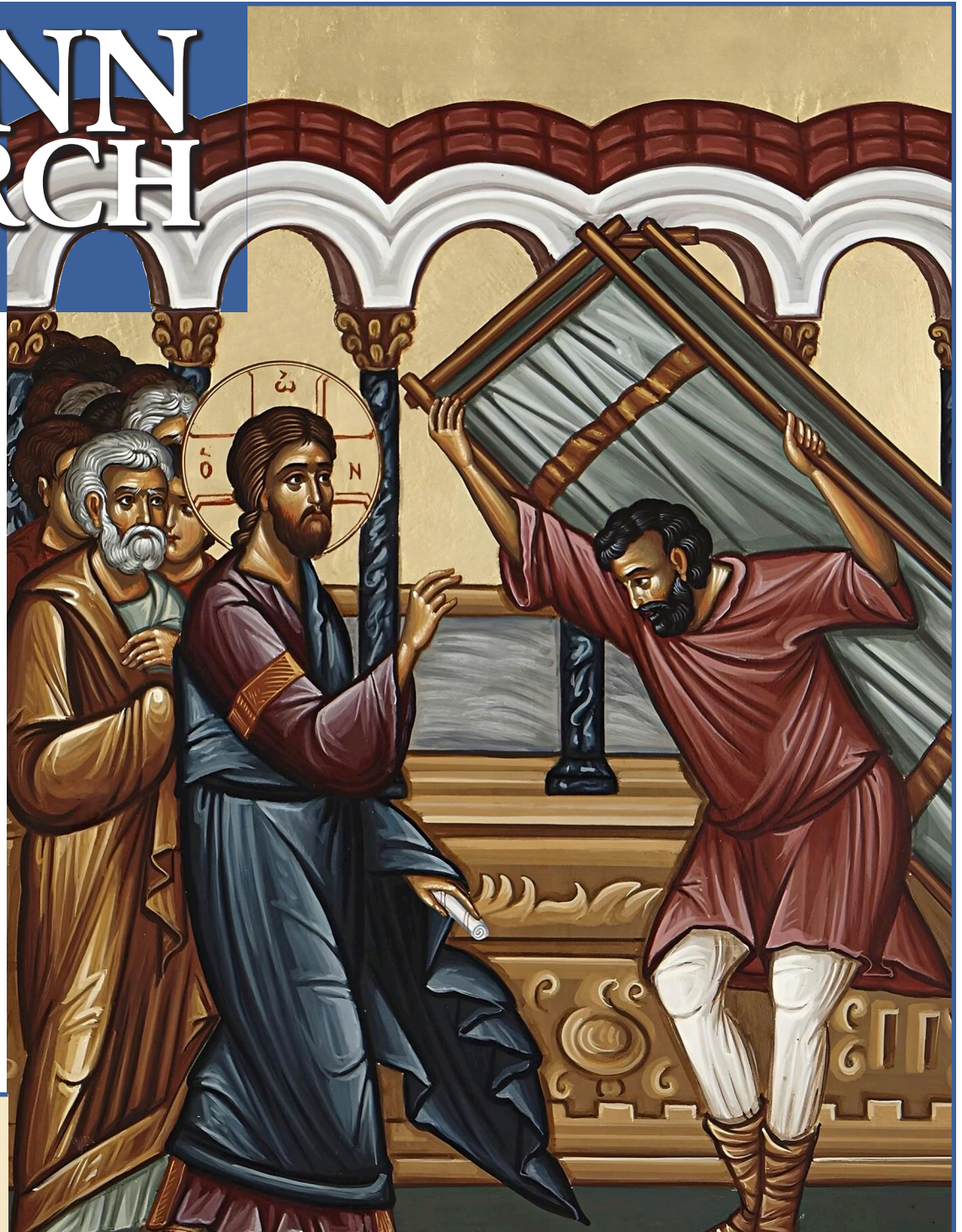


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION *for*
HOME MISSIONS

TUESDAY . APRIL 28 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY . MAY 2 | 8:30PM
MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . MAY 6 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
Topic: Theology of Marriage *Part 3*

ONGOING

APRIL 25 - MAY 17
SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

*Check out this week's insert
for announcements and
upcoming events*

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

*Christ comes into the deepest paralysis of the soul and still speaks to what remains
alive within you: not your past, not your failure, but your capacity to respond
to grace and rise into the life God is offering now.*

*And even when you hesitate or feel unworthy, the invitation does not weaken,
because divine love is not waiting for perfection but is already carrying you
toward wholeness, calling you to stand and walk in the strength it supplies.*

April 26, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Acts 9:32-42 | John 5:1-15

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 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*
- †Elias Sawaf . *Wife Salwa & Family*

SUNDAY | APRIL 26 | 11:30AM

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

- †Sandra Pisciotta . *Birthday Remembrance
Parents, George & Fadia Kayal*
- †Albert Anthony Kayal . *Parents, George & Fadia Kayal*
- †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*
- †Gergis Jabbour . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*
- †Hend Matouk . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*
- †Marwan Samaan . *Daughter Bert Samaan*

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

SATURDAY | MAY 2 | 5:30PM

- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
- †Lois Lozy . *John Carnemolla*
- †Tony Najjar . *M/M Ramez Awad*

SUNDAY | MAY 3 | 9:00AM

- †Elias Sawaf . *Wife Salwa & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*
- †Marlene Rodgers . *M/M John McCluskey*
- †Laurice Kayal . *M/M Gabe Raad*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *Barbara Jarosz*
- †Janice Eckert . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*

SUNDAY | MAY 3 | 11:30AM

- †Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †Antoine Hanna . *Daughter, Rania Okur*
- †John Baladi . *M/M Joseph Khoneisser*
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir 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 27-May 2, 2026

Mid-Pentecost

MONDAY 4/27

ACTS 10:1-16
JN 6:56-69

TUESDAY 4/28

ACTS 10:21-33
JN 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY 4/29

ACTS 14:6-18
JN 7:14-30

THURSDAY 4/30

ACTS 12:1-11
LK 9:1-6

FRIDAY 5/1

ACTS 10:44-48; 11:1-10
JN 8:21-30

SATURDAY 5/2

HEB 13:7-16
MT 5:14-19

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 PARALYTIC

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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 PRAYER

O Christ our God, Who participate with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the dominion over all, You have appeared in the flesh healing infirmities. You have dispelled suffering and restored light to the blind by your divine command. You raised the Paralytic and ordered him to walk at once.

Remember us in your compassion. Shine in our hearts your pure light. Open the eyes of our minds. Set in us the fear of your commandments, so that we May live according to the spirit, doing what pleases You.

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.

SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

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, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

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 3) pg. 61*

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm, by death He has trampled

upon death, and has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

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 9:32-42

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days it came to pass that Peter, while visiting all of them, came to the saints living at Lydda. And he found there a certain man named Aeneas who had been lying in bed for eight years, since he was a paralytic. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ is healing you: get up and make your bed." And he got up immediately. And all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw him, and they were converted to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a certain woman disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcas, and she devoted herself to good works and almsgiving. But it happened at that time that she fell ill and died: and they washed her and laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda is close to Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Come to us without delay." "And Peter got up and went with them, and on his arrival, they led him to the upper room, and all the widows stood around him weeping, showing him, the gowns and cloaks Dorcas used to make for them. But Peter, putting them all out, knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" And she

opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Then Peter gave her his hand and raised her up, and calling the saints and the widows, he gave her back to them alive. And it became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia

In you, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In your justice, save me and deliver me, lend me your ear and hasten my deliverance.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-15

Healing of the Paralytic

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the pool of the sheep, a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these were lying a great multitude of the sick, blind, lame, and those with shriveled limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord used to come down at certain times into the pool and the water was stirred. And the first to go down into the pool after the stirring of the water was cured of whatever infirmity he had. Now a certain man was there who had been thirty-eight years under his infirmity. When Jesus "saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in this state a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred; for while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was cured. And he took up his pallet and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; you are not allowed to take up the pallet." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk' "They asked him then, "Who is the man who said to you, "Take up your pallet and walk?" "But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are cured. Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you. The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos* pg.116

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.

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. (*once*)

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.

THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION *for Home Missions*



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of APRIL 19, 2026

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 489.00
9:00am	35 Envelopes	1807.00
11:30am	20 Envelopes	966.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	1175.00
Online	56 Envelopes	4992.00
Candles		49.00
Hall Rental		500.00
Stole Offerings		1600.00

Weekly Total **\$11,578.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 132

Pascha Total Offering **\$11,710.00**

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

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintanmelkite.com and click on online giving.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beloved Clergy and Parishioners OF SAINT ANN:

Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

Thank you ever so much for your outpouring of prayers, presence and participation at my sister Janice's wake and funeral services. Your kindness was a true witness to our risen Savior and a great source of comfort to me and my family.

May He abundantly bless you always,
Fr. Ken

HAVE A VOICE IN SHAPING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

The Parish Council is looking for new members to share ideas, support ministries, and help plan for the future of our church. This is a meaningful way to get involved, meet fellow parishioners, and make a lasting impact. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Musil or Fr. Sayed. Nominations are due by May 10th. Parish Council Elections are May 16 & 17.

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

Church Code: NJ187

Church 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.**



NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register!

Not receiving parish envelopes? We invite all families, seniors, and post-college singles who attend St. Ann to become registered parish members. Registration is important for participation in parish life, including Marriage, Baptism, and Religious Education.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance? If so, please contact Fr. Musil at 973.785.4144 or Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034. *All inquiries are confidential!*

TAKE NOTE

Fr. Musil will be out of the office from Sunday afternoon, April 26 through Friday, May 1. Please contact Fr. Sayed if an emergency arises.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday, April 25 - Sunday, May 17

Please drop off new and gently worn clothing for Catholic Charities outside of the Sunday School office. **Sunday, May 17th after the 9am liturgy is the final day of collection.**

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 2 . Doors open at 8:30pm . St. Ann's Hall

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. **RSVP deadline is TODAY, Sunday, April 26th.**

ZUMBA CLASS UPDATE

All remaining Zumba classes have been canceled, and the program will no longer be offered. We are grateful to all who participated and helped make the classes so enjoyable.

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
June 7	Family BBQ
Sept. 11-13	St. Ann Festival

Summer Liturgy hours begin Memorial Day Weekend (May 23 & 24)
Saturday Liturgy 5pm . Sunday Liturgy 10am