

ST ANN CHURCH

*A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton*

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION *for*
HOME MISSIONS

TODAY
RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUME
EASTER EGG HUNT | 11AM
For children PreK through 4th grade

UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY . MAY 7 | 7PM
VESPERS *followed by* PASTORAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY . MAY 18 | 10:15PM
COMMENCEMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 11
CHARITABLE GOLF OUTING

ONGOING

CLOTHING DRIVE
Final collection weekend is May 18th

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

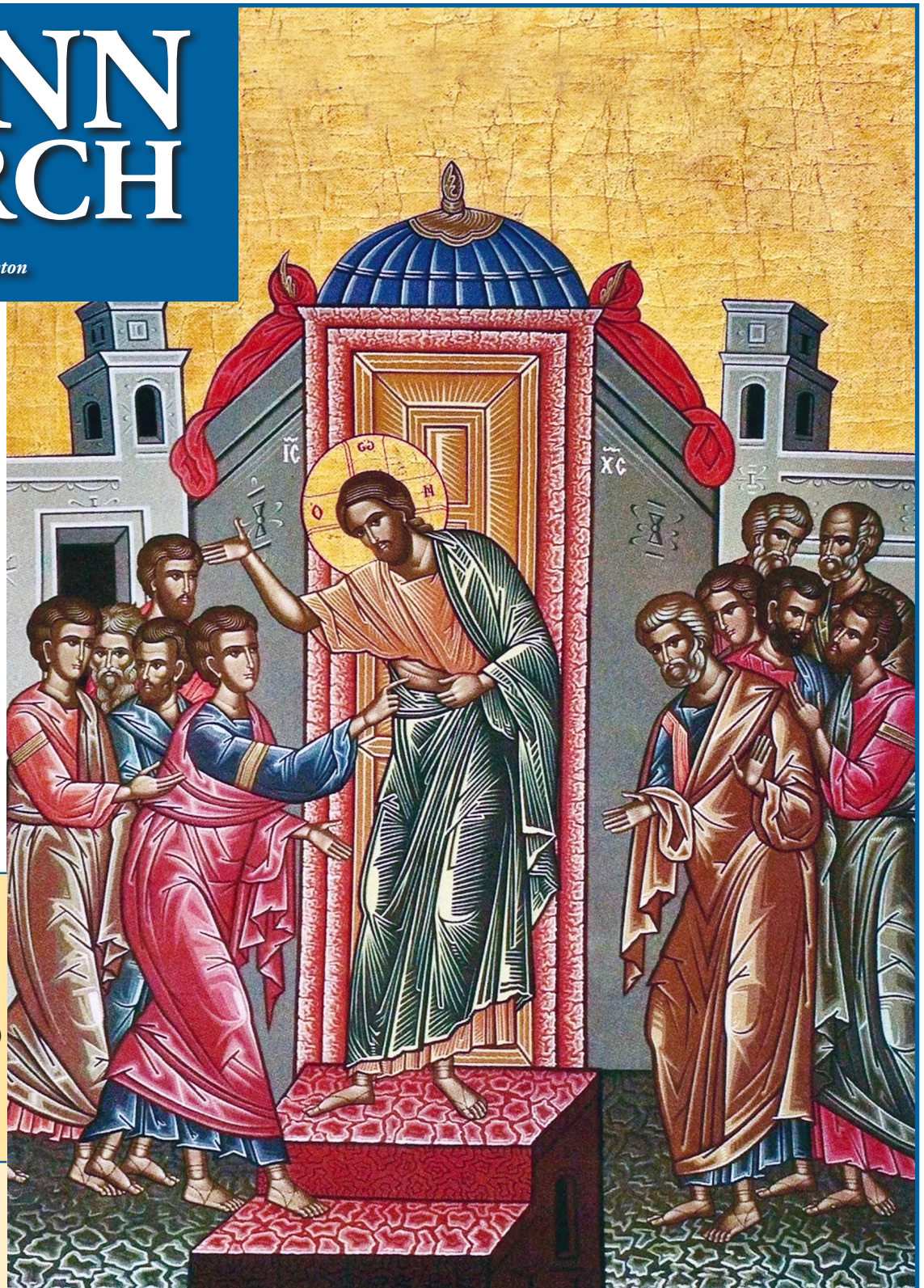
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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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.



*When fear locks the doors of the soul, Christ comes not to accuse
but to breathe peace that silences the storm within; and in the stillness
of that breath, faith is born, not from seeing with the eyes,
but from being seen and loved by the One who lives.*

April 27, 2025

SUNDAY OF SAINT THOMAS

PROKIMENON *Great is our Lord, and great is His power, and to His wisdom there is no limit*
Acts 5:12-20 | John 20:19-31

Intentions

SUNDAY OF SAINT 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

†Naim Haddad . Wife Nelli & Family

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

SATURDAY | MAY 3 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters

†Lois Lozy . Pat Fattell

†Julie Clark Molloy . M/M Lawrence Margolis

SUNDAY | MAY 4 | 9:00AM

†Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce & Family

†William Siouffi . M/M Joseph Barbary

†Fred Brusco . Community of St. Ann

SUNDAY | MAY 4 | 11:30AM

†Naim Haddad . Wife Nelli & Family

†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family

†Antoine Hanna . Sister Rania Okur

†Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family

†Joseph Kassis . M/M Khamis Khamis

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Marie Malki

Christ is Risen!
Al Maseeh Qam!
Christos Anesti!

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
Laurice Kayal

Mona Mardelli
Joyce Neuss

Mary Tahan
Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Robert Yakush
Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS

April 28-May 3, 2025

MONDAY 4/28

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

TUESDAY 4/29

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

WEDNESDAY 4/30

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

THURSDAY 5/1

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

FRIDAY 5/2

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

SATURDAY 5/3

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

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

1. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth.
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
2. Sing praise to the glory of His Name; proclaim His glorious praise.
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
3. Say to God, how tremendous are your deeds! For your great strength your enemies fawn upon 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 ST. THOMAS *(sung three times)*

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 *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 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 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.

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION**
for Home Missions



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of **APRIL 20, 2025 . Pascha**

5:00pm	34 Envelopes	\$1648.00
8:30pm	47 Envelopes	2586.00
10:00am	20 Envelopes	1490.00
Online	40 Envelopes	3272.50
Good Friday	64 Envelopes	2932.00
Candles		83.00
Weekly Total		\$12,011.50

Total Envelopes Received: 205

PASCHA COLLECTION

5:00pm	43 Envelopes	\$3175.00
8:30pm	39 Envelopes	2023.00
10:00am	29 Envelopes	2370.00
Online	9 Envelopes	700.00
Weekly Total		\$8,268.00

Total Envelopes Received: 120

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

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 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415. *All inquiries are confidential!*

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.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Educations classes resume this Sunday, April 27th.

SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS EASTER EGG HUNT

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

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!**

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.

CLOTHING DRIVE

April 26th thru May 18th.

The St. Ann Charitable Society is sponsoring a Clothing Drive for the Fr. English Catholic Charities. Please bring clean and gently use items to the Parish Center by **Sunday, May 15.**

Upcoming

**VESPERS and PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY . MAY 7 . 7PM**

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

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foodpantry

The St Ann Food Pantry is committed to keeping the shelves stocked, and we need your help to do that.

The pantry welcomes all non-perishable items, and is need of:

Household Paper Products	Sugar & Flour
Laundry Detergents	Rice
Bleach & Softeners	Cereal
Household Cleaning Supplies	Cookies & Snacks
Personal Health Items	Fruit Drinks & Juices
Beauty Items	Fruit (cans, jars and snack)

Please place donations, in the bin, in the narthex of the church.