

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES
SECOND COLLECTION for
ST ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

TODAY . MAY 3 | See insert for details
SAMY CAR WASH

TUESDAY . MAY 5 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
Topic: Theology of Marriage Part 3

WEDNESDAY . MAY 6 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by the PARISH
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY . MAY 11 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY . MAY 12 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY . MAY 13
CHURCH CLEANUP | 4PM
VESPER LITURGY | 7PM
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

SATURDAY . MAY 16 | following Liturgy
COMMUNITY DINNER
PARISH COUNCIL VOTING

ONGOING

APRIL 25 - MAY 17
SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

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 hidden depth of the soul there is a thirst nothing can satisfy. It follows us through every desire and grows each time we seek life in what cannot give life.

When the soul stands in truth before Christ, it begins to empty itself of illusions and false comforts. Then His grace rises within, like a quiet spring that never runs dry, filling the heart with a peace the world cannot touch.

May 3, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Acts 11:19-30 | John 4:5-42

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 SAMARITAN WOMAN

SATURDAY | MAY 2 | 5:30PM

Charlie Crab . *Good Health Intention* . Samira Fakhoury

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *John Carnemolla*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Ramez Awad*

SUNDAY | MAY 3 | 9:00AM

Deacon Edward & Georgann Bsarany

56th Wedding Anniversary

†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*

†Anthony Barbary . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

SUNDAY | MAY 3 | 11:30AM

†William Kattak . *Wife Adrienne & Daughters*

†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*

†Najma Shammas . *Wassim & Rita Nema*

†Monzer Baghfan . *Wassim & Rita Nema*

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

— *Happy Mother's Day* —

SATURDAY | MAY 9 | 5:30PM

†Ella Natterer . *Elizabeth Kattak*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Wawrzyniak*

†Tony Najjar . *Raymond Bsales*

†Janice Eckert . *M/M John Lozy*

SUNDAY | MAY 10 | 9:00AM

†Rosette Hayek . *Daughter Samira Fakhoury*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Michael Masood*

†Marlene Rodgers . *Yvonne Cantisano*

†Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *Dr/M George Ajjan*

†Elias Sawaf . *Wife Salwa & Family*

†Anthony Barbary . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

SUNDAY | MAY 10 | 11:30AM

†Georget Barouisou . *3 Year Remembrance* . *Her Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Antoine Hanna . *Daughter Rania Okur*

†John Baladi . *M/M George Fakhoury*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†Elham ElSarnouk . *Nicolas & Arlette Dagher*

†Ziad Nesheiwat . *Rev Musil Shihadeh*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger

Dolores Fritz

Charles Gleason

Joyce Neuss

Shirley Bluemer

Mark Frommer

Mona Mardelli

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

DAILY READINGS

May 4-9, 2026

MONDAY 5/4

ACTS 12:12-17
JN 8:42-51

TUESDAY 5/5

ACTS 12:25; 13:1-12
JN 8:51-59

WEDNESDAY 5/6

ACTS 13:13-24
JN 6:5-14

THURSDAY 5/7

ACTS 14:20-28; 15:1-4
JN 9:39-41; 10:1-9

FRIDAY 5/8

JN 21:14-25 (11)
1 JN 1:1-7
JN 19:25-27; 21:24-25

SATURDAY 5/9

ACTS 15:35-41
JN 10:27-38

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 SAMARITAN WOMAN

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 Only begotten Son and Word of God, You ordered all people to come to You and drink the Water of Life that purifies from sins. Quench the thirst of our sinful souls with the flow of your Divine Blood. Make us bear the fruits of the divine virtues. Fill us with wisdom by the Grace of your Divine Spirit,

For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory 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 4) pg. 62*

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

MID-PENTECOST *(Tone 8)*

At the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to

drink of the waters of true worship; for You called out to all men: "Whoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!" O Christ God, Fountain of Life, glory to You!

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 11:19-30

Prokimenon: How great are your works O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!!

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days when the disciples were dispersed by the persecution that had broken out over Stephen, they went all the way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none but the Jews. But some of them were Cypriots and Cyreneans, and as they reached Antioch, they were speaking to the Greeks, announcing the Good News of the Lord Jesus. And the Lord's hand was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

And word concerning them came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch. And when he got there and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to stay in the Lord with steadfast hearts: for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord. And Barnabas traveled to Tarsus, looking for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. And it happened that for a whole year they took part in the church meetings and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

Now in those days some prophets from Jerusalem came down to Antioch, and one of them named Agabus got up and revealed through the Spirit that a dire famine was threatening the whole world — and it occurred during the reign of Emperor Claudius.

And so, the disciples decided to send relief to the brethren living in Judea — each one as much as he could afford — and this they did, sending it to the presbyters by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Alleluia

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

The Samaritan Woman

At that time Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, wearied as he was from the journey, was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink," for his disciples had gone away into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How is it that you, although you are a Jew, ask drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to, her. "If you only knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me to drink,' you perhaps would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no pail, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water from? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and drank from it, himself, and his sons, and his flocks?" In answer Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. He, however, who drinks of the water I will give him shall never thirst; but the water I will give him shall become in him a fountain of water, springing up unto life everlasting." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water that I may not thirst, or come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband', for you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I see you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father also seeks such to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (who is called Christ), and when he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak with you am he." And at this point his disciples came; and they wondered that he was speaking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why do you speak with her?" The woman therefore left her water-jar and went away into the town, and said to the people, "Come and see a man who has told me all I have ever done. Can he be the Christ?" They

went out from the town and came to meet him. Meanwhile, his disciples begged him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." The disciples therefore said to one another, "Has someone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Well, I say to you, lift up your eyes and behold that the fields are already white for the harvest. And the one who reaps receives a wage, and gathers fruit unto life everlasting, so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together. For herein is the proverb true, 'One sows, another reaps.' I have sent you to reap that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." Now many of the Samaritans of that town believed in him because of the word of the woman who bore witness, "He told me all I have ever done." When, therefore, the Samaritans had come to him, they begged him to stay there; and he stayed two days. And far more believed because of his word. And they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you have said, for we have heard for ourselves and we know this is in truth the Savior of the world," the Christ.

HIRMOS Hymn to the Theotokos pg.119

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION**
for St. Ann Charitable Society



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. 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.

CAR WASH

THIS SUNDAY . May 3 . \$10 per car

The SAMY group is holding a car wash after the 9am and 11:30am liturgies this weekend. Lower parking lot, cash only.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of APRIL 26, 2026

5:30pm	11 Envelopes	\$ 439.00
9:00am	21 Envelopes	840.00
11:30am	31 Envelopes	1141.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	335.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1832.00
Candles		57.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
Stole Offerings		300.00
Liturgy Stipends		1480.00
Weekly Total		\$6,624.00

Total Envelopes Received: 115

Second Collection for Home Missions, \$613 sent to the Diocese

Pascha Total Offering \$12,110.00

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

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

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!*

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Brandon & Monica (Wright) Gorny**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage recently.



May their new life together be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.

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.**

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.**

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.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

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 DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Beginning May 23rd & 24th thru September 19th & 20th

**Saturday Night Divine Liturgies will be celebrated at 5:00pm.
There will be only one Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings at 10:00am.**