

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the  
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



## THIS WEEK

TODAY | ALL LITURGIES  
SECOND COLLECTION for  
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

MONDAY, MAY 5 | 6:30PM  
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING  
in the Parish Center

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

## UPCOMING

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

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volunteers in the Diocese of Newton, please call the  
Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.

*In the stillness of the tomb, where death once seemed final, the rolled-away stone reveals the silent triumph of resurrection, proof that divine love transcends even the grave. Let your soul rise with the dawn of that first day, trusting that in every ending, God has already prepared a beginning.*

May 4, 2025

## SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

PROKIMENON *My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.*

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



# Intentions

## 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*

†Georges Jabbour . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*

†Hend Matouk . *Razan Jabbour & George Azar*

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Susan Brigida	Mona Mardelli
Louis Dahdah	Joyce Neuss
Dolores Fritz	Mary Tahan
Mark Frommer	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Charles Gleason	Robert Yakush
George Kayal	Donna Yuppa
Laurice Kayal	

## SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC – Mother's Day –

**SATURDAY | MAY 10 | 5:30PM**

†Anna Dahdah . *3 Year Remembrance . Her Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Rev/M Terence Baz*

†George Tahan . *Rev/M Terence Baz*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *Patti Tahan*

**SUNDAY | MAY 11 | 9:00AM**

†Lorice Zelhof . *Her Children*

†Janet Baskinger . *Her Family*

†Frieda Easton . *Her Family*

†Gloria Tobjy . *Her Family*

†Emily Tobjy . *Her Family*

†William Siouffi . *M/M John Michaud*

**SUNDAY | MAY 11 | 11:30AM**

†George Batikha . *3 Year Remembrance*  
*Parents M/M Abboud Batikha*

†Georget Barouisou . *2 Year Remembrance . Her Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli Haddad & Family*

†Antoine Hanna . *Rania Okur*

†Joseph Kassis . *M/M Nabil Alain*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Sara*

**Christ is Risen!**  
**Al Maseeh Qam!**  
**Christos Anesti!**

### DAILY READINGS . May 5-10, 2025

MONDAY 5/5	TUESDAY 5/6	WEDNESDAY 5/7	THURSDAY 5/8	FRIDAY 5/9	SATURDAY 5/10
ACTS 6:8-15; 7:1-5; 47-60	ACTS 8:5-15	ACTS 8:18-25	JN 21:14-25	ACTS 8:40; 9:1-19	ACTS 9:19-31
JN 4:46-54	JN 6:27-33	JN 6:35-39	1JN 1:1-7	JN 6:48-55	JN 15:17-27; 16:1-2
			JN 19:25-27; 21:24-25		

#### 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

*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 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

The Noble Joseph, taking down your spotless body from the wood and wrapping it in a clean shroud with aromatic spices, laid it 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

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."

### 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 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 Joseph 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!"

**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.

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



## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**Weekend of APRIL 27, 2025**

5:30pm	23 Envelopes	\$ 857.00
9:00am	19 Envelopes	1159.00
11:30am	24 Envelopes	857.00
Online	36 Envelopes	1152.50
Candles		63.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>\$4,088.50</b>
Total Envelopes Received: 102		

## PASCHA COLLECTION

**Total** **\$8,963.00**

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](http://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. *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

### HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist**

Congratulations to **Michael James Salviano**, son of Michael & Olivia (Focazio) Salviano, who received these sacrament last week.



## 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](mailto:johngorny11@gmail.com).

**Registration forms:** scan the QR code, check your email, or pickup one in the back of the church.



Scan the QR code for flyer & registration form.

## CLOTHING DRIVE . Today 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 18th**.

## 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!**

## RELIGIOUS ED COMMENCEMENT DAY

**SUNDAY . MAY 18 . 10:15AM**

## saint ann 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.**