

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



## THIS WEEK

TODAY . MAY 10

*Happy Mother's Day*

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

## NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . MAY 17

PARISH COUNCIL VOTING

JESUS DAY FOR RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION CLASSES

LAST DAY FOR

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

TUESDAY . MAY 19 | 7PM

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

## 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

*Human blindness can become the very place where grace begins its work. When understanding reaches its limit, a deeper kind of sight is awakened. This sight does not rely only on reason, but on the heart. It begins to perceive life not as confusion, but as a field where God is quietly present and faithfully acting.*

*In this awakening, the heart is led into trust and gratitude. Even weakness is no longer feared. It is received as a space where divine light can form the soul. Step by step, the person is shaped into humility, peace, and worship.*

May 10, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Acts 16:16-34 | John 9:1-38

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 MAN BORN BLIND

— *Happy Mother's Day* —

### SATURDAY | MAY 9 | 5:30PM

- †Anna Dahdah . 4 Year Remembrance . Her Family
- †Ella Natterer . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Lois Lozy . M/M Wawrzyniak
- †Tony Najjar . Raymond Bsales
- †Janice Eckert . M/M John Lozy
- †Yvonne Obeji . M/M Michael Massood & Family
- †Helen Massood . M/M Michael Massood & Family

### SUNDAY | MAY 10 | 9:00AM

- †Rosette Hayek . Daughter Samira Fakhoury
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Michael Massood
- †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
- †Shirley Bluemer . Husband Alan & Son Matthew

### 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

## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF NICEA 1

### SATURDAY | MAY 16 | 5:30PM

- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . Patti Tahan
- †Tony Najjar . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Jeanette Turkmany . M/M Joseph Stambuli

### SUNDAY | MAY 17 | 9:00AM

- †Anthony Barbary . M/M Gregg Kattine
- †Elias Sawaf . Wife Salwa & Family
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Riad Homsy
- †Marlene Rodgers . Joseph Tobjy
- †Laurice Kayal . Gary Kayal
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Sam Haddad
- †Shirley Bluemer . Husband Alan & Son Matthew

### SUNDAY | MAY 17 | 11:30AM

- †George Batikha . 4 Year Remembrance  
Parents, Abboud & Lena Batikha
- †Suzan & John Kayal . Anthony Kayal & Family
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †Antoine Hanna . Daughter Rania Okur
- †John Baladi . Micheline Ghanem
- †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	Mona Mardelli
Dolores Fritz	Joyce Neuss
Mark Frommer	Matthew Orsini
Charles Gleason	Debra Payne Wierciszewski

## DAILY READINGS May 11-16, 2026

*Feast of the Ascension*

### MONDAY 5/11

ACTS 17:1-9  
JN 11:47-54

### TUESDAY 5/12

ACTS 17:19-28  
JN 12:19-36

### WEDNESDAY 5/13

ACTS 18:22-28  
JN 12:36-47

### THURSDAY 5/14

MK 16:9-20 (3)  
ACTS 1:1-12  
LK 24:36-53

### FRIDAY 5/15

ACTS 19:1-8  
JN 14:1-11

### SATURDAY 5/16

ACTS 20:7-12  
JN 14:10-21

### 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 MAN BORN BLIND

## 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 God, Sun of Justice, You touched the man who was blind since his birth and restored to him his sight. Enlighten our minds. Make us children of Light, so that we may cry out to You full of faith: your mercy is beyond description.

For You are our Light and our Sanctification, 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 5 pg. 63*

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation; for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross and to endure death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

### TROPARION OF THE HOLY APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT *Tone 3*

O holy Apostle Simon, intercede with the Merciful God that He may grant our souls the forgiveness of sins..

### 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 16:16-34

**Prokimenon:** You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

*Stichon:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days it came to pass that as we the disciples were going to pray, we were met by a girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her masters much profit by her soothsaying. Now, she was following Paul and us, and kept crying out loudly, "These men are servants of the most high God, and they announce to you a way of salvation!" This she did for many days. But Paul could not stand it, so he turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ: get out of her!" And it went out of her that very moment.

But seeing that their hope of profit was gone, her masters seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the market-place before the authorities; and bringing them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city. They are Jews, and they advocate practices it is not permitted for us to adopt or observe, since we are Romans."

And the crowd opposed them too, and the magistrates tore off their cloaks and ordered them to be beaten with rods. And after inflicting many blows on them, they threw them in jail, ordering the jailer to keep them under safe guard. And he, receiving this command, consigned them to the inner jail and fastened their feet in the stocks.

But at midnight, while Paul and Silas were singing hymns to God, the prisoners listened to them. And suddenly, there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and at once all the doors flew open and everyone's chains came loose.

But when the jailer woke up and saw all the doors of the jail open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Do not hurt yourself, for we are all here!" Then calling for a light, he ran in, and trembling with fear, fell at the feet of Paul and Silas. And he let them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you shall be saved together

with your household.”

And he spoke to him the word of the Lord, and also to all his household. And he took them at that same hour of the night, and washed their wounds; and he himself was baptized, and all those of his household immediately after. And taking them into his house, he set a table before them, and rejoiced with all his household over his faith in God.

### **Alleluia**

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

*Stichon:* For you have said, “My kindness is established forever.” In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-38**

At that time as Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who has sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither has this man sinned nor have his parents, but the works of God were to be made manifest in him. I must do the works of the one who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” When he had said these things, he spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle, and spread the clay over the man’s eyes, and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is interpreted ‘sent’).” So, he went away, and washed, and returned seeing. The neighbors therefore and those who had seen earlier that he was blind began saying, “Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is.” But others said, “He only looks like him.” Yet, the man declared, “I am the one.” They therefore asked him, “How were your eyes opened?” He answered and said, “The man who is called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ And I went and washed, and I see.” And they asked him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now, it was a Sabbath on which Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Again, therefore, the Pharisees asked him: how he received his sight. But he said to them, “He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Therefore, some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner work these signs?” And there was a division among them. Again, therefore they said to the blind man, “What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?” But he said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews therefore did not believe of him that he had been blind and had got his sight, until they called the parents of the one who had gained his sight, and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, of whom you say he was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered them and said, “We know this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we ourselves do not know. Ask him; he is of age, let him speak for himself.” These things his parents said because they feared the Jews. For already the Jews had agreed that if anyone were to confess him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why his parents said, “He is of age; question him.” They therefore called a second time the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God! We ourselves know this man is a sinner.” He therefore said, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I

do know, that whereas I was blind, now I see.” They therefore asked him again, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, but you did not listen. Why would you hear a second time? Would you also become his disciples?” They heaped abuse on him therefore and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know God spoke to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he is from.” In answer the man said to them, “Why herein is the marvel, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. Now we know God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does his will, him he hears. Not from the beginning of the world has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered and said to him, “You were altogether born in sins, and do you teach us?” And they turned him out. Jesus heard they had turned him out, and when he had found him, said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered and said, “Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?” And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen him, and he it is who speaks with you.” And he said, “I believe, Lord.” And falling down, he worshipped him.

### **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 Zion; 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 drink of the Fountain 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

## SINCERE THANKS

On behalf of St. Ann & St. Demetrius Church, we warmly thank all who joined our Mother's Day celebration. Your presence brought joy and blessings to our gathering. Special Thanks to the organizing committee and all volunteers for their dedication and service in making this event possible. May God continue to fill your homes with peace, love, and grace.

## HAVE A VOICE IN OUR PARISH

If you are interested in joining the Parish Advisory Council or would like more information, please speak with Fr. Musil or Fr. Sayed. **Nominations are due by TODAY, May 10th.**

## SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

### FINAL COLLECTION - Sunday, May 17 after 9am Liturgy

Please drop off new and gently worn clothing for Catholic Charities outside of the Sunday School office.

## FAMILY BBQ

### Sunday, June 7

Food, games, bring your own tables and chairs. More details coming soon. Call Joann Fakhoury 973-782-3535 to help.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of MAY 3, 2026

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 510.00
9:00am	24 Envelopes	2239.00
11:30am	35 Envelopes	1374.00
Mailed	6 Envelopes	1440.00
Online	54 Envelopes	2177.00
Candles		59.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>\$7,999.00</b>

Total Envelopes Received: 131

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](http://saintannmelkite.com) and click on online giving.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

May 16 & 17	PAC Elections
May 17	Jesus Day for Religious Education Classes
May 23 & 24	Summer Liturgies begin
June 7	Family BBQ
Sept. 11-13	St. Ann Festival

## ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Shirley (Balady) Bluemer**, who went to her eternal rest last week. She is the wife of Alan, mother of Matthew and sister of Barbara Lota. *Memory Eternal.*



## CHURCH CLEANUP

### Wednesday, May 13 . 4pm

Come help us make the church sparkle. We begin at 4pm and will be done before Vesper Liturgy begins at 7pm.

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

### Wednesday, May 13 . 7pm Vesper-Divine Liturgy

This feast celebrates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven 40 days after His Resurrection and His enthronement at the right hand of God the Father.

## COMMUNITY DINNER

### Saturday, May 16 after 5:30pm Liturgy

Mezza, Dinner and Dessert. Takeout available. \$20/adult, \$10/children (ages 4-10). **Reservations/takeout orders, contact: Vivian Massood 973-220-3069, Nellie Cathcart 973-610-8036, Maha Gabriel 973-610-8444.**

## 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

Scan the QR code or go to

**[schedule.ucdir.com](http://schedule.ucdir.com)**

Code: **NJ187** Password: **stann1**

Each participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. **Questions or help signing up, contact Doreen Pierson at 973-800-2643 or email [piersoncreative@gmail.com](mailto:piersoncreative@gmail.com).**



## SUMMER DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

### May 23-24 thru September 19-20

Saturday Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

