

Intentions

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*
- †Shirley Bluemer . *Husband Alan & Son Matthew*

SUNDAY | MAY 17 | 9:00AM

- †Anthony Barbary . *M/M Gregg Kattine*
- †Elias Sawaf . *Wife Salwa & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *M/M Riad Homs*
- †Marlene Rodgers . *Joseph Tobjy*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Gary Kayal*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Sam Haddad*

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*
- †Joseph & Violette Diarbakerli . *M/M George Merjaneh*

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SATURDAY | MAY 23 | 5:00PM

- †Shirley Bluemer . *Husband Alan & Son Matthew*
- †Albert & Amina Sous . *Yvonne Cantisano*
- †Jim & Pauline Sous . *Yvonne Cantisano*
- †Aline & George Sous . *Yvonne Cantisano*
- †Jimmy & Catherine Cantisano . *Yvonne Cantisano*
- †Lois Lozy . *M/M Michel Bittar*
- †Tony Najjar . *M/M Khalil Fallaha*

SUNDAY | MAY 24 | 10:00AM

- †Anthony Barbary . *M/M Gregg Kattine*
- †Elias Sawaf . *Wife Salwa & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *M/M George Stronghilos*
- †Marlene Rodgers . *Adrienne Kattak*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M George Fakhoury*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †Antoine Hanna . *Daughter Rania Okur*
- †John Baladi . *Reem & Rola Hannoush*
- †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
Dolores Fritz

Mark Frommer
Charles Gleason

Mona Mardelli
Joyce Neuss

Matthew Orsini
Debra Payne Wierciszewski

DAILY READINGS May 18-23, 2026

MONDAY 5/18

ACTS 21:8-14
JN 14:27-31; 15:1-7

TUESDAY 5/19

ACTS 21:26-32
JN 16:2-13

WEDNESDAY 5/20

ACTS 23:1-11
JN 16:15-23

THURSDAY 5/21

ACTS 26:1; 12-20
JN 16:23-33

FRIDAY 5/22

ACTS 27:1-44; 28:1
JN 17:18-26

SATURDAY 5/23

ACTS 28:1-31
JN 21:14-25

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.

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Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Lord, Who are Good beyond description, we ask You through the intercession of Your All-pure Mother and the Holy Fathers who participated in the Ecumenical Councils, to support the Church, uphold the faith and make us all partake of Your heavenly Kingdom, when You come to judge the whole creation.

For You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, O Christ God and we render glory, to You and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

ANTIPHON OF THE ASCENSION *pg. 121*

1. Great is the Lord and wholly to be praised in the city of our God, on His holy mountain.

O Son of God Who gloriously ascended into heaven, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

2. Mount Zion, the recesses of the North, is the City of the Great King.

O Son of God Who gloriously ascended into heaven...

3. God is with her castles: renowned is He as a stronghold.

O Son of God Who gloriously ascended into heaven...

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 6 pg. 64*

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead; and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.

TROPARION OF THE ASCENSION *Tone 4 pg. 122*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS *Tone 8*

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O Most Merciful One, 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 THE ASCENSION *Tone 6 pg. 123*

After fulfilling for us Your plan of redemption and joining the things of earth with those of heaven, You gloriously ascended, O Christ our God, without abandoning us, but remained with us forever, and proclaimed to those who love You: "Behold, I am with you, no one has power against you.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us. (*3 times*)

EPISTLE: ACTS 20:16-18, 28-36

Prokimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For You are just in all You have done to us, and all Your works are true and Your ways right.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, (20:28) "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops, to herd the Church of God which He has redeemed through His own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them.

"Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, Who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all His blessed ones.

"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You, yourselves, know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things, I have shown you that by working in this way you should help the weak, and remember that the Lord Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia

The God of gods, the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Stichon: Gather His faithful ones around Him, those who have made a covenant with Him through sacrifices

GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-13

At that time Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him, He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given Me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given Me is from You; because the words that You have given Me, I have given to them.

And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send Me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given Me, I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have My joy made full in themselves.”

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos Tone 5*

O you who have given birth in time to the One whom no limit of time can hold, and who thus have become the Mother of God in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words: we the faithful magnify you in unison.

KINONIKON pg. 125

God ascended with a shout of joy, the Lord ascended with a blast of trumpet. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Repeat the Troparion of the Ascension pg. 122
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

COMMUNITY BBQ

Sunday, June 7 @ 4pm

FREE TO ALL ST ANN FAMILIES

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Fries/Mac & Cheese/ Water and Games are all free. Bring your own tables and chairs, along with any other food or soft drink you would like to enjoy or share, and setup in the lower parking lot! **Just RSVP and let us know you are coming.** Scan the QR code to register or call Joann Fakhoury 973-782-3535.



PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTION

THIS WEEKEND after all Divine Liturgies

The nominees are: George M. Ajjan, Lina Alain, Natalie Bittar, Douha Ellis, Adrienne Flower, Adam Hamway, Chafik Homsoy, Mirna Katat, Maya Saoud & Julie Thalab. Voting will take place in the 7th grade classroom.

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.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of **MAY 10, 2026**

5:30pm	14 Envelopes	\$ 1185.00
9:00am	40 Envelopes	1828.00
11:30am	35 Envelopes	1012.00
Mailed	6 Envelopes	1440.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1992.00
Candles		90.00
Coffee Hour		250.00
Stole Offerings		650.00
Liturgy Intentions		655.00
Weekly Total		\$9,102.00

Total Envelopes Received: 144

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Our Annual Festival is
September 11, 12 and 13th**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Thursday, June 18 - Saturday, June 20

Scan the QR code or go to 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.**



**NEXT WEEKEND BEGINS OUR
Summer Divine Liturgy Schedule:**

Saturday Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

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 members. Registration is important for participation in parish life, including Marriage, Baptism, and Religious Ed.

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!*