

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the  
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

**TODAY AFTER  
9AM LITURGY**

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Commencement Day

**FINAL DAY FOR  
CLOTHING DRIVE**

**UPCOMING**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11  
**CHARITABLE GOLF OUTING**

SEPTEMBER 5-7  
**ST ANN FESTIVAL**

## **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  
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Rev Sayed Kozhaya  
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*Christ does not turn away from the shadows of our past, but gathers them gently into His heart, where our deepest thirst is unveiled, not for what we once pursued, but for His tender mercy. In the silence of His gaze, our wounded souls are transformed into living wells, overflowing with the healing life we never knew we were longing for.*

**May 18, 2025**

## **SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

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

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



## Intentions

### SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

**SATURDAY | MAY 17 | 5:30PM**

†Lois Lozy . *M/M George Stronghilos*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Elias Hamway*

**SUNDAY | MAY 18 | 9:00AM**

†George Kattak . *27 Year Remembrance . M/M Gregg Kattine*

†Marie Murray . *5 Year Remembrance . M/M Joseph Murray*

†Valerie Balady . *Husband Bruce & Family*

†William Siouffi . *M/M Ray Foster*

**SUNDAY | MAY 18 | 11:30AM**

Bashar & Mirna Katat . *25th Wedding Anniversary  
Crowning Service*

†Fouad Ghattas . *28 Year Remembrance . Ghattas Family*

†Antoine Hanna . *Sister, Rania Okur*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*

†Joseph Kassis . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *M/M Riad Homs*

### SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

**SATURDAY | MAY 24 | 5:30PM**

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†John & Gloria Focazio . *Their Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Stephen Hanczaryk*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Michael Curcio*

**SUNDAY | MAY 25 | 9:00AM**

†Mary Fakhoury . *Samira Fakhoury*

†Rosette Hayek . *Samira Fakhoury*

†Deceased Members of the John Raad Post . *The Raad Family*

†William Siouffi . *M/M Bashar Katat*

†George Bsales . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

**SUNDAY | MAY 25 | 11:30AM**

†Antoine Hanna . *Sister, Rania Okur*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*

†Joseph Kassis . *Maria Wanis*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Malki*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

## DAILY READINGS

May 19-24, 2025

**MONDAY 5/19**

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

**TUESDAY 5/20**

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

**WEDNESDAY 5/21**

JN 10:9-16  
ACTS 26:1; 12-20  
JN 10:1-9

**THURSDAY 5/22**

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

**FRIDAY 5/23**

ACTS 15:5-12  
JN 10:17-28

**SATURDAY 5/24**

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

### 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 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."

### TROPARION OF MID-EASTER SEASON

At the middle point of this festive season, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of true worship, for You called out to all men and said: "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 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.

### 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 the well*

At that time Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sichar, 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 have said well, 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**

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.

## **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

### ***Weekend of MAY 11, 2025***

5:30pm	15 Envelopes	\$ 754.00
9:00am	30 Envelopes	1428.00
11:30am	38 Envelopes	1283.00
Online	39 Envelopes	1322.50
Mailed	6 Envelopes	360.00
Candles		65.00
Stole Offering		350.00
Liturgies Stipends		410.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>\$5,972.50</b>

Total Envelopes Received: 128

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? Contact Fr. Rezkallah at 973.785.4144, Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415.

*All inquiries are confidential!*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING**

Congratulations to **Joseph & Evette (Sawaged) Badis**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage last week. May their new life together be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Our Annual Festival is September 5, 6 and 7th**

Please plan on attending and answering **YES** when asked to help!!

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for Sunday School Teachers to ignite young hearts with the love of Christ. Classes begin in September. This is an invaluable opportunity to make a lasting impact on the lives of our precious children. Reach out to Michael Hanczaryk at [mhanczaryk@aol.com](mailto:mhanczaryk@aol.com) or 973.932.2855.

### **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).



Scan the QR code for flyer & registration form.

### **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!**

### **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.**