

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



The Holy Spirit is a quiet presence that does not announce itself but changes everything within, loosening the grip of self importance and dissolving the need for inner security. In that stillness, the soul becomes poor in the deepest sense, not empty but open, where longing is purified beyond comfort and silence speaks more truthfully than words. Even tears arise without clear reason, as the heart learns to love what cannot be seen, until absence feels like nearness and nearness exceeds emotion. In the end, desire itself is reordered so that God is no longer pursued as an object, but lived as the very breath of the soul.

Our Community is Served By:

Rev Musil Shihadeh | *Pastor*
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | *Parochial Vicar*
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
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THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . MAY 26 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . JUNE 2 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by
PARISH COUNCIL
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UPCOMING

SUNDAY . JUNE 7 | 4PM
FAMILY BBQ

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 17
ST ANN GOLF OUTING

JUNE 18-JUNE 20
DIRECTORY PHOTOS



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.

May 24, 2026

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11
John 7:37-52 & 8:12

SUMMER DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM (Arabic/English)
Great Feast Day Eve 7:00PM

Mystery of Holy Confession
30 minutes before each Divine Liturgy

Intentions

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SATURDAY | MAY 23 | 5:00PM

- †Elias Harraka . *Birthday Remembrance
Wife Antoinette & Family*
- †Shirley Bluemer . *Husband Alan & Son Matthew*
- †Nicholas & Jenny Balady . *Daughter Georgina Dahab*
- †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*

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

SATURDAY | MAY 30 | 5:00PM

- †Shirley Bluemer . *Husband Alan & Son Matthew*
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
- †Lois Lozy . *M/M John Gorny*
- †Tony Najjar . *Dr/M Hani Khoury*

SUNDAY | MAY 31 | 10:00AM

- George & Krystyna Stronghilos . *50th Wedding Anniversary*
- †Elias Sawaf . *40 Day Memorial . Wife Salwa & Family*
- †Houda George Antar . *2 Year Remembrance . Vivianne Debakhos*
- †Deceased Members of the John Raad Post . *Raad Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *M/M Nabil Alain*
- †Janice Eckert . *Adrienne Kattak*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Margaret Servidio & Family*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinos*
- †Anthony Barbary . *M/M Gregg Kattine*
- †Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †Antoine Hanna . *Daughter Rania Okur*
- †John Baladi . *M/M Riad Homsy*
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

**This week begins our Summer Divine Liturgy Schedule:
Saturday Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm | Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00am**

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	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
William Bsarany	Mark Frommer	Mona Mardelli	Matthew Orsini	

DAILY READINGS May 25-30, 2026

MONDAY 5/25 2 COR 4:6-15 MT 18:10-20	TUESDAY 5/26 ROM 1:1-7; 13-17 MT 4:25; 5:1-12	WEDNESDAY 5/27 ROM 1:18-27 MT 5:20-26	THURSDAY 5/28 ROM 1:28-32; 2:1-9 MT 5:27-32	FRIDAY 5/29 ROM 2:14-28 MT 5:33-41	SATURDAY 5/30 ROM 1:7-12 MT 5:42-48
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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 PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Pentecost Sunday *pages 127-136*

SPECIAL PETITIONS

1. For the faithful people here present who implore the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the Holy Spirit may strengthen us and guide us to attain our ultimate destiny by pleasing Him, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the Lord God may grant us His abundant mercy and regenerate our life by the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That He may accept our prayer like incense before Him and grant all of us His divine help, let us pray to the Lord.

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, You sent the divine grace of Your All-holy Spirit upon the Disciples. We pray You to grant Him to us. Illumine our hearts with the light of His presence, so that, with restless voices, we may sing hymns of praise to Your All-holy and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

ANTIPHONS OF PENTECOST

1. May the Lord answer you in time of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.
O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
 2. May He send you help from the sanctuary; from Sion may He sustain you.
O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
 3. May He remember all your offerings and graciously accept your holocaust.
O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

TROPARION OF PENTECOST *Tone 8, pg. 128 . 3 times*

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have filled the fishermen with wisdom by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, and who through them, have caught in Your net the whole world, O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

KONDAKION OF THE FEAST *Tone 8, pg. 129*

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Wherefore, we glorify the Holy spirit, with one accord.

TRISAGION *pg. 130*

All of you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia. (*3 times*)

EPISTLE: ACTS 2:1-11

Prokimenon: Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the days of Pentecost were ending, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them separate tongues as of fire, and they settled upon each one of them, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in foreign tongues, as the Holy Spirit granted them to speak.

Now, there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, a great crowd gathered, and they were astounded because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And all of them, amazed and wondering, were saying to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How then have all of us heard our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, Jews also and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we have heard them speaking in our own language of the wonderful works of God."

Alleluia

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host

Stichon: From heaven the Lord looks down. He sees all the children of men.

GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-52 & 8:12

Now on the last, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Anyone who believes in Me, as the Scripture says, 'From within him there shall flow rivers of living water.'" He said this, however, of the Spirit, whom they who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit had not yet been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. Some of the crowd, therefore, when they had heard these words, said, "This is truly the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." Some, however, said, "Can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say it is of the offspring of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David lived, that the Christ is to come?" So there arose a division among the crowd because of Him. And some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and these said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The attendants answered, "Never has man spoken as this Man." The Pharisees then answered them, "Have you

also been fooled? Has any one of the rulers believed in Him, or any of the Pharisees? But this crowd, which does not know the Law, is accursed." Nicodemus, the man who had come to Him at night, who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man unless it first gives him a hearing, and knows what he does?" They answered and said to him, "Are you also a Galilean? Search and see that out of Galilee arises no prophet." And again, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the Light of the world. Anyone who follows Me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

HIRMOS Hymn to the Theotokos Tone 7, pg. 130
You conceived in virginity, lending a body to the Word, the Creator of

all, O Virgin Mother, O Theotokos, Receptacle of the uncontainable God, Abode of your limitless Maker, we magnify you.

KINONIKON pg. 131
Your good Spirit shall guide me on level ground. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN pg. 128
Repeat the Troparion of Pentecost
Blessed are You, O Christ our God...

THE KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST pg. 132-136

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Johnny & Melissa (Cox) Muniz**, and also to **Antoine & Maria (Suckarieh) Mohsen**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage last week. May each couple's new lifetogether be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.



HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Beau Christian Happ**, son of Brian & Angela (Altemus) Happ, and also to **Mariella Antoinette Muniz** and **Marina Debroah Muniz**, daughters of Johnny & Melissa (Cox) Muniz, who received these sacraments recently.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Our Annual Festival is
September 11, 12 and 13th

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MAY 17, 2026

5:30pm	25 Envelopes	\$ 1150.00
9:00am	44 Envelopes	1534.00
11:30am	19 Envelopes	459.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	685.00
Online	50 Envelopes	1692.00
Candles		59.00
Coffee Hour		444.00
Donation		100.00
Stole Offerings		1300.00
Weekly Total		\$7,423.00
Total Envelopes Received: 145		

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!*

COMMUNITY BBQ

Sunday, June 7 @ 4pm
FREE TO ALL ST ANN FAMILIES

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



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

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.**

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.