

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

HAPPY
Memorial
REMEMBER
HONOR
PRAY *Day*

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY . MAY 29 | 7PM
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION
DIVINE LITURGY

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

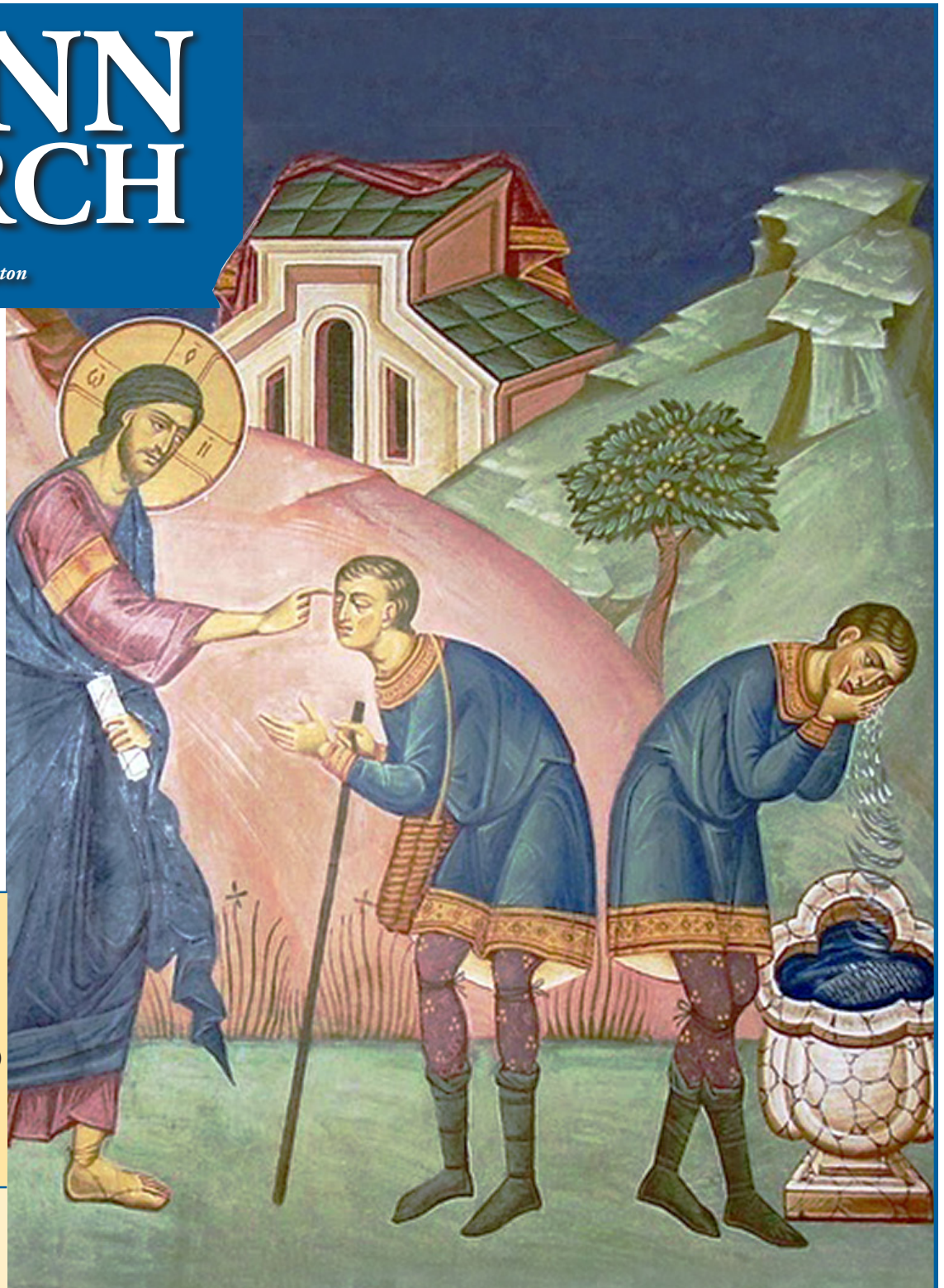
Our Community is Served By:

Rev Rezkallah Samaan
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Rev Sayed Kozhaya
Parochial Vicar
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
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*What is blindness, if not the shadows we carry, wounds unhealed, truths we avoid,
fears we dare not speak? Yet into that very darkness, Christ steps.
Not with judgment, but with a touch. A word. A sending forth.*

*And when He heals, it's not just our eyes that open, it's our whole being.
We become more than people who see. We become lightbearers,
walking proof that mercy still moves in this world.*

May 25, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

PROKIMENON *O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!*
2 Corinthians 4:6-15 | John 9:1-38

Intentions

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*
†Elias Harraka . *Wife Antoinette & Family*

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

†Joseph Khammar . *19 Year Remembrance*
Wife, Samia & Family
†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*

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF NICEA 1

SATURDAY | MAY 31 | 5:30PM

†Sam Sheber . *Birthday Remembrance . M/M Charles Cathcart*
†Colin McNeil . *Birthday Remembrance . M/M Charles Cathcart*
†Edgar Cathcart . *Birthday Remembrance . M/M Charles Cathcart*
†Lois Lozy . *Reem Hannoush*
†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Dennis Murray*

SUNDAY | JUNE 1 | 9:00AM

†William Siouffi . *M/M Michael Massood*
†Rita Harraka . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

SUNDAY | JUNE 1 | 11:30AM

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*
†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Micheline Ghanem*
†Joseph Kassis . *Samia Dakar*
†Javed Iqbal . *Samia Khammar*

THURSDAY . MAY 29 . 7PM
Divine Liturgy for the
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

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 26-31, 2025

MONDAY 5/26

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

TUESDAY 5/27

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

WEDNESDAY 5/28

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

THURSDAY 5/29

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

FRIDAY 5/30

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

SATURDAY 5/31

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

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 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 THIRD FINDING OF THE HEAD

O prophet and forerunner, Christ has revealed to us your head as divine treasure concealed in the earth. Assembled for this discovery we praise Christ with hymns inspired of God. Through your intercessions He saves us from corruption. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-15

The Third Finding of the Head of the Holy and Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

Prokimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance!

Stichon: To you, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

A Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

Brethren, God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of God's glory, shining in Christ Jesus' face. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that its superabundant power is God's, and not ours. In all things we suffer tribulation but we are not destitute, we endure persecution but we are not forsaken, we are cast down but we do not perish: always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame. For we, the living, are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Thus, death is at work in us, but life in you.

But since we have the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which

is written, I believed, and so I spoke, (Ps.115:1) we also believed, wherefore we also speak. For we know that the one who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also together with Jesus, and will place us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace that abounds through the many may cause thanksgiving to abound for God's glory.

Alleluia

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Stichon: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-38

The Healing of the Blind Man

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

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 Sion; 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 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 18, 2025

5:30pm	7 Envelopes	\$ 670.00
9:00am	23 Envelopes	1183.00
11:30am	22 Envelopes	949.00
Online	41 Envelopes	1272.50
Mailed	7 Envelopes	675.00
Candles		76.00

Weekly Total **\$4,825.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 100

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 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 MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Francesca Antonetta**

Barriento, daughter of John & Laurel (Hanczaryk)

Barriento, who received these sacrament last week.



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. Reach out to Michael Hanczaryk at mhanczaryk@aol.com or 973.932.2855.

Deadline Extended - SIGN UP TODAY!



CHARITABLE SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

Sunset Valley Golf Course

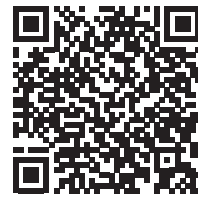
Shotgun Start Time: 1pm.

\$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.



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.**