

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . JUNE 2 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
TOPIC: Sacrament of Holy Orders

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 3 | 7PM
PARISH COUNCIL
COVERED DISH

THURSDAY . JUNE 4 | 7PM
FESTIVAL MEETING

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . JUNE 7
SAMY MEETING | 11:30AM
FAMILY BBQ | 4PM

TUESDAY . JUNE 9 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

UPCOMING

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 17
SAINT ANN GOLF OUTING

JUNE 18-JUNE 20
DIRECTORY PHOTOS

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

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

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Christ calls you into a love that cannot remain hidden, because what you truly worship is revealed not in belief alone but in what you are willing to surrender when loyalty to Him becomes visible and costly.

Christ calls us into a love that cannot stay hidden, because what the heart truly worships is revealed not in what it claims, but in what it is willing to release when faith becomes costly and concrete.

The cross works quietly within us, not by taking love away, but by purifying its center until nothing fragile is allowed to rule the heart. In that gentle breaking, what once felt like loss is unmasked as attachment to illusion, and what was feared as surrender is revealed as the first honest step into freedom. The grip loosens, not into emptiness, but into a deeper clarity where the soul is no longer negotiating its way through life, but resting in a love that no longer needs to compete.

And in that resting, something quietly sacred begins to emerge, where holiness is no longer an idea to reach, but a lived alignment of the heart with God, where even what was once painful becomes the place where love learns to be whole.

May 31, 2026
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 | Matthew 10:32-38 & 19:27-30

To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers in the Diocese of Newton, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-447-8439.

Intentions

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 Homs*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JUNE 6 | 5:00PM

†Shirley Bluemer . *Husband Alan & Son Matthew*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Karim Kaspar*

†Tony Najjar . *Rosemary Hannoush*

SUNDAY | JUNE 7 | 10:00AM

†Anthony Barbary . *40 Day Memorial . M/M Gregg Kattine*

†Charles Tahan . *5 Year Remembrance . His Family*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Raymond Foster*

†Janice Eckert . *Rita Magliarditi*

†Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

†Marlene Rodgers . *M/M George Fakhoury*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*

†Suzan & John Kayal . *Anthony Kayal & Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†John Baladi . *Cathcart Family*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Elias Sawaf . *M/M Roger Masola*

†Nadia Haeik . *Virginio Family*

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 Bsaryny

Mark Frommer

Mona Mardelli

Matthew Orsini

Henry Raad

DAILY READINGS

June 1-6, 2026

MONDAY 6/1

ROM 2:28-29; 3:1-18
MT 6:31-34; 7:9-11

TUESDAY 6/2

ROM 4:4-12
MT 7:15-21

WEDNESDAY 6/3

ROM 4:13-25
MT 7:21-23

THURSDAY 6/4

JN 6:55-59
1 COR 11:23-32
JN 6:48-55

FRIDAY 6/5

ROM 5:17-21; 6:1-2
MT 9:14-17

SATURDAY 6/6

ROM 3:19-26
MT 7:1-8

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 ALL SAINTS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

ANTIPHON PRAYER

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, who are wonderful in your saints, who are the source of all holiness, You gave us your divine command: Be holy for I am Holy. You poured the Spirit of Holiness in our hearts. You made us temples for your glory. We pray You, by your mercy, to make us faithful to that Life-giving Spirit. Enlighten our minds so that we may understand your Plan of Salvation and please You by doing your will all our life.

For You are the wellspring of all holiness, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, Father, Son and Holy spirit, now and always and forever and ever

FIRST ANTIPHON *pg. 15*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

1. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to His name!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

3. "Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!"

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

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 8) pg. 66*

You descended from on high O Compassionate One, and consented to burial for three days, that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS *Tone 4*

O Christ God, your church clothed with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, as with purple and fine linen, cries out to You: send Your mercy upon Your people, grant peace to Your fold and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.

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 PREPARATION

FOR THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE BODY *Tone 4*

O Faithful let us prepare our hearts as precious vessels to partake of the Lord's Banquet, with pure dispositions, and let us offer a hymn of praise in preparation to this great festivity.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

Prokimenon: Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

Stichon: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellspring.

A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews:

BRETHREN, all of the saints by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained the fulfillment of promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, routed foreign armies. Women had their dead returned to them through resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to yield for their release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others again suffered mockery and beatings, even chains and jailings. They were stoned, they were cut to pieces, they were put to the test, they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, anguished, afflicted (of whom the world was not worthy) wandering in deserts, mountains, caverns and holes in the ground.

And all of these, in spite of the positive witnessing of faith, failed to receive what was promised, for God was keeping something better in store for us, so that they were not to reach their final perfection without us.

(12: 1) And so, having such a cloud of witnesses over us, let us get rid of every burden, and of the sin entangling us, and run with endurance to the fight proposed to us, contemplating the author and final end of faith, Jesus.

Alleluia

The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

Stichon: Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:32-38 & 19:27-30

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I in turn will disown before My Father in heaven. Anyone who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter addressed him saying, "Behold, we have left all and followed You; what then shall we have?" And Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit on the throne of His glory, shall also sit on twelve

thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting. But many who are first now will be last, and many who are last now will be first."

HIRMOS pg. 42 It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...

KINONIKON Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION pg. 52 We have seen the True Light...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Matthew & Samantha Lozy** on the recent birth of their son Jack Norman Lozy.



HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Gianella Rafqa Elia**, daughter of Dory & Julie (Thalab) Elia, who received these sacraments recently.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of MAY 24, 2026

5:00pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 681.00
10:00am	24 Envelopes	881.00
Mailed	4 Envelopes	560.00
Online	48 Envelopes	1922.00
Candles		95.00
Donation		250.00
Liturgy Stipends		585.00
Weekly Total		\$4,974.00
Total Envelopes Received: 89		

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!*

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.

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.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS. On the first Sunday after Pentecost, Eastern Catholic Churches celebrate the Sunday of All Saints, honoring all the saints, both known and unknown, who have entered into heavenly glory. While the Roman Catholic Church celebrates All Saints' Day on November 1, we commemorate this feast on a moveable date as the joyful completion of the spring liturgical cycle. Coming just one week after Pentecost, this feast reminds us that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out not only upon the Apostles, but upon all people, calling each of us to holiness. Today we give thanks for the saints we know by name, and for the countless hidden holy men and women whose faithful witness brought them into the presence of God. Their lives remind us that sainthood is not reserved for a few, but is the calling of every Christian.