

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite  
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

## THIS WEEK

MONDAY . JUNE 15 | 7PM  
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY . JUNE 17  
SAINT ANN GOLF OUTING

JUNE 18-JUNE 20  
DIRECTORY PHOTOS

## NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . JUNE 21  
FATHER'S DAY

TUESDAY . JUNE 23 | 7PM  
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

## UPCOMING

JUNE 27 & 28  
BISHOP FRANÇOIS VISIT  
*with refreshments after the 10am Liturgy*

SEPTEMBER 11-13  
ST ANN FESTIVAL

## 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:

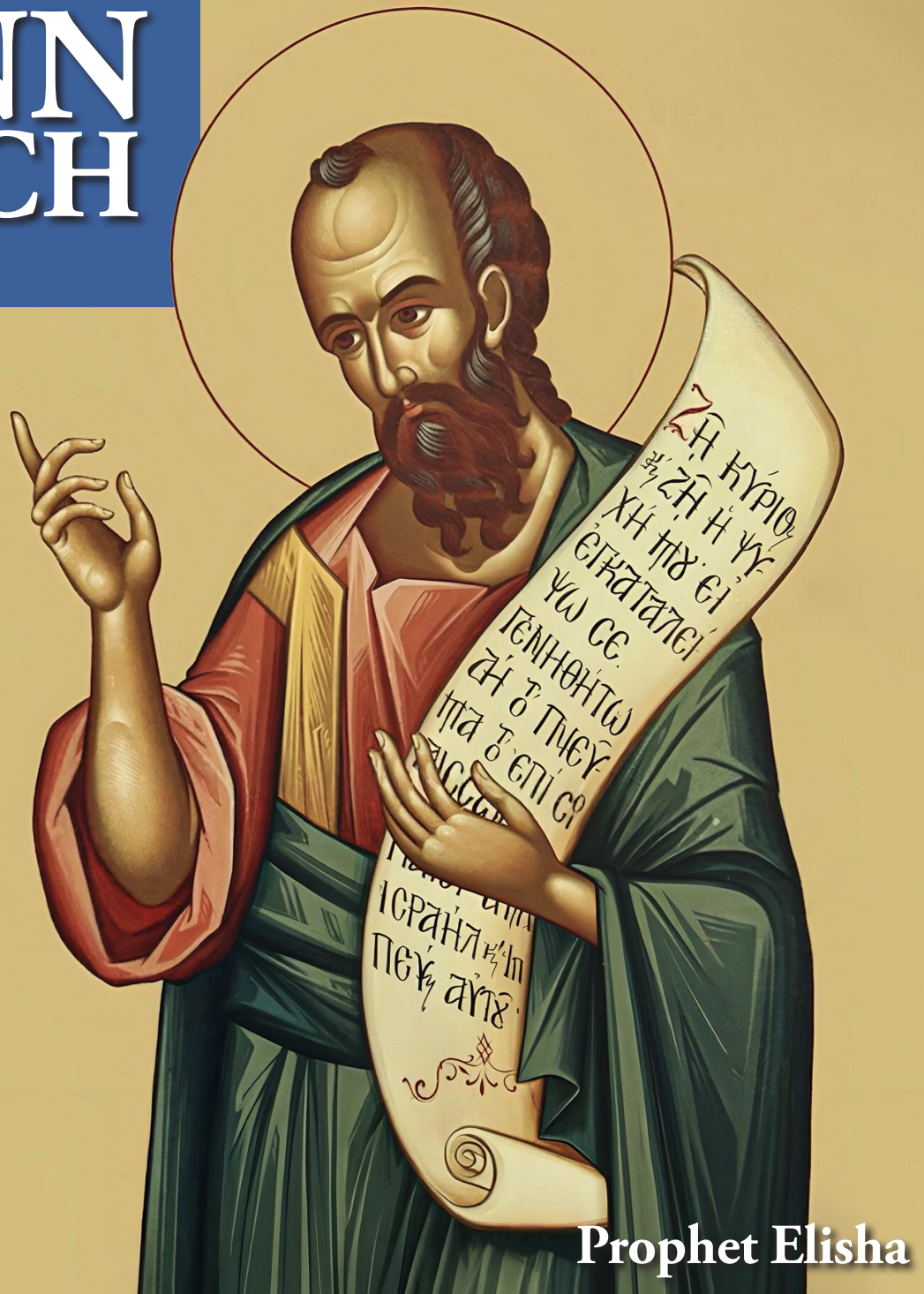
Rev Musil Shihadeh | Pastor  
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | Parochial Vicar  
Rev Choukri Sabbagh  
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany  
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Prophet Elisha

*Faith is not an escape from life, but a way of seeing it truthfully.  
Everything we chase on earth passes, but God does not.  
When the heart is divided, it loses peace, but when it is gathered in God,  
even ordinary life finds clarity. Work, possessions, and concerns have their place,  
but none of them can become our foundation. The soul rests only  
when it seeks first what lasts, and lets everything else fall into its proper order.*

June 14, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 5:1-10 | Matthew 6:22-33

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

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JUNE 13 | 5:00PM

- †Shirley Bluemer . 40 Day Memorial  
Husband Alan & Son Matthew
- †Norman Dikdan . 12 Year Remembrance . His Daughters
- †Ken & Ellen Bluemer . Alan Bluemer
- †Albert & Olga Balady . Alan Bluemer
- †Lois Lozy . M/M Salem Alechammas
- †Tony Najjar . M/M Charles McCauley

SUNDAY | JUNE 14 | 10:00AM

- Joseph Balady . Speedy Recovery . Brother Bruce Balady
- †Jamal Radwan Alazraie . Memorial . Alazraie Family
- †Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce & Family
- †Georget Barouisou . Her Family
- †Mary Tahan . Dolores Joseph
- †Laurice Kayal . Gary Kayal
- †Kathleen Carlisle . Barbara Jarosz
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †John Baladi . M/M Michel Gabriel
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . Their Family
- †Elias Sawaf . M/M Bashar Katat
- †Anthony Barbary . Adrienne Kattak
- †Jeanette Turkmany . M/M Joseph Stambuli
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family
- †George Salameh . Marie Sara

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

— Father's Day —

SATURDAY | JUNE 20 | 5:00PM

- †George Natterer . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Lois Lozy . Yvonne Cantisano
- †Tony Najjar . Reem Hannoush
- †Shirley Bluemer . Dr. Kathleen Cathcart

SUNDAY | JUNE 21 | 10:00AM

- †Deceased Members of the Hayek & Fakhoury Families  
Samira Fakhoury
- †Josephine Butman . 12 Year Remembrance  
James & Diana Butman
- †George Salameh . Rosary Sisters
- †Mary Tahan . Judy Jacobs
- †Laurice Kayal . Nadia Kayal
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Nabil Alain
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †John Baladi . M/M Nikola Dogum
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . Their Family
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family
- †Elias Sawaf . George & Seham Cousa
- †Anthony Barbary . M/M Joseph Stambuli
- †Marlene Rodgers . Rosemarie Cortese
- †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 Bsarany	Mark Frommer	Mona Maddelli	Matthew Orsini	Henry Raad

## DAILY READINGS

June 15-20, 2026

**MONDAY 6/15**

ROM 9:18-33  
MT 11:2-15

**TUESDAY 6/16**

ROM 10:11-21; 11:1-2  
MT 11:16-20

**WEDNESDAY 6/17**

ROM 11:2-12  
MT 11:20-26

**THURSDAY 6/18**

ROM 11:13-24  
MT 11:27-30

**FRIDAY 6/19**

ROM 11:25-36  
MT 12:1-8

**SATURDAY 6/20**

ROM 6:11-17  
MT 8:14-23

**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.

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

### SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

1. Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us; let Your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us!

*O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

2. That Your name may be known upon earth, among all nations Your salvation.

*O Son of God who are risen from the dead...*

3. Let the peoples praise You, O God, let all the peoples praise 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 2, pg. 60*

When You descended to death, O immortal Life, You put Hades to death by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to you: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

### TROPARION OF ELISHA *Tone 4*

The glorious Elijah, an angel in the flesh, the greatest of the prophets and second Forerunner of Christ's advent, by sending a blessing from heaven upon Elisha, dispels diseases, purifies lepers, and showers all kinds of blessings upon those who honour him.

### TROPARION OF SAINT ANN *Tone 4, 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.

### KONTAKION *Tone 2, pg. 23*

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

### TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

### EPISTLE: ROMANS 5:1-10

**Prokimenon:** My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

*Stichon:* The Lord has chastised me through His teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death

### A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans:

Brethren, now that we have been justified by faith, let us have

peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have access by faith to that grace in which we stand and exult in the hope of God's glory.

And not only this, but we exult also in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance, and endurance challenge, and challenge hope, and hope does not deceive, for God's love is poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us.

For why did Christ die at the appointed time for the wicked while we were still weak? Hardly would someone die for a just man; perhaps someone would have the courage to die for a virtuous man. But God proves His love for us, since Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Much more now that we are made just in His blood, shall we be saved by Him from wrath.

For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled with God through His death, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

### Alleluia

May the Lord answer you in the days of distress; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

*Stichon:* O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:22-33

The Lord said: The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness itself! No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will stand by the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, what you shall eat and drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall wear. Is not life a greater thing than food, and the body than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they? But which of you by being anxious about it can add to his stature a single cubit? And as for clothing, why are you anxious? See how the lilies of the field grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory was adorned like one of these. But if God so clothes the wild flower of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more you, O you of little faith! Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?', or, 'What are we to wear?' (For all these things the Gentiles seek); for your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all the rest shall be given you besides."

### HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 42*

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...

### KINONIKON *Tone 8, pg. 50* Praise the Lord from the Heavens...

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

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PASTOR NEWS:** Please note that Fr. Musil will be out of town from June 21 through July 1. During this time, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034, or the parish office for assistance.

## Thank you

Sincere thanks to Joann & George Fakhoury and their committee for the Family Picnic last weekend.

## BISHOP VISIT

**June 27 and 28**

Bishop François Beyrouiti will be visiting the weekend of June 27 & 28 and will be celebrating both the 5pm and 10am Divine Liturgies. There will be a small reception in the Parish Center following the 10am Divine Liturgy.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of JUNE 7, 2026

5:00pm	25 Envelopes	\$ 941.00
10:00am	51 Envelopes	1948.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	520.00
Online	51 Envelopes	2387.00
Candles		36.00
Donation		2245.00
Reimbursement		238.00

**Weekly Total** **\$8,315.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 134

According to our **2026 budget**, we need **\$10,464.42** per week to meet our monthly expenses

## GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to [saintanmelkite.com](http://saintanmelkite.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!*

**THE HOLY PROPHET ELISHA.** Today we commemorate the Holy Prophet Elisha, the faithful successor of the Prophet Elijah. Called by God in the 9th century BC, Elisha devoted his life to serving the Lord and proclaiming His truth. Before Elijah was taken up into heaven, Elisha asked for a "double portion" of his spiritual strength so that he might continue God's work with courage and fidelity. Through God's grace, this request was granted, and Elisha became one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament.

For more than sixty years, Elisha remained steadfast in his service to God during a difficult period in Israel's history. The Lord worked many miracles through him: he purified polluted waters, provided for the poor and hungry, brought relief to armies in need, and even restored a child to life. Throughout his ministry, Elisha sought neither wealth nor personal glory, but served as a humble instrument of God's mercy and power.

The life of Elisha reminds us that true greatness comes through faithfulness to God. His desire for a greater share of the Holy Spirit was not for his own benefit, but so that he could better serve God's people. As we honor the Holy Prophet Elisha today, may we also seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, placing God's will above our own and trusting in His power to work through us for the good of others.

## 2026 GOLF OUTING

**Wednesday, June 17 (rain date June 24)**

**TODAY is the last day to register!**

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 Hall. Dinner-only tickets are \$40. **Contact John Gorny at 973-919-4570.**

## PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

**Thursday, June 18 - Saturday, June 20**

**Thank you to everyone who has signed up! Our parish directory will be a beautiful representation of our parish family. A few spots are still available, so sign up today and be part of it!**

SCHEDULE YOUR SESSION TODAY!

[schedule.ucdir.com](http://schedule.ucdir.com) | Code: NJ187 | Password: stanni

Each participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. **There is no obligation to buy additional photography. 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.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

**In the coming weeks...**

- Say yes when called to volunteer at the festival
- Come help on work days when they are posted
- Consider sponsorship of the festival (info out this week)