

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY . JUNE 21
FATHER'S DAY

TUESDAY . JUNE 23 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

NEXT WEEK

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

UPCOMING

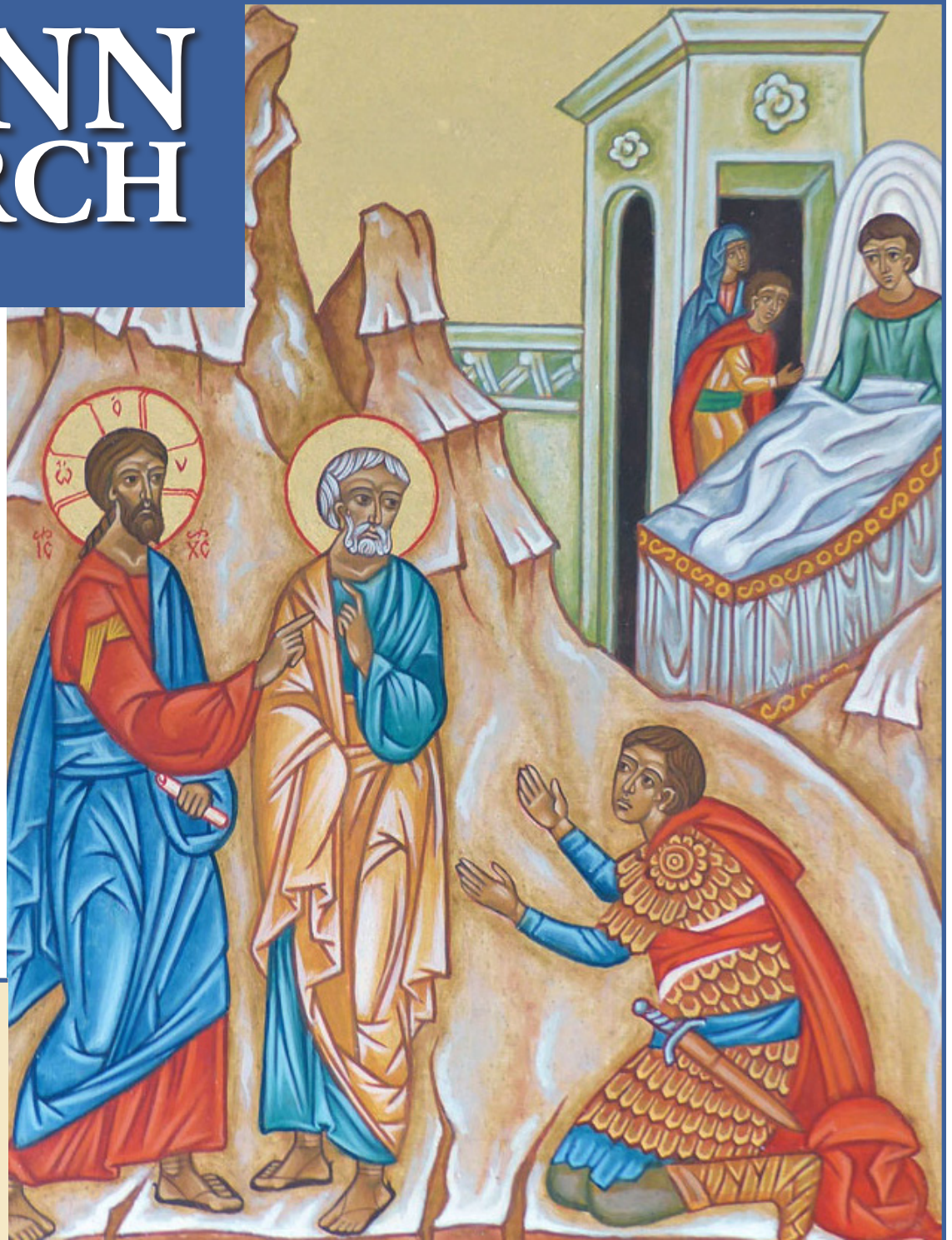
SEPTEMBER 11-13
ST ANN FESTIVAL

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
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski
Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub



The soul finds its true greatness when it is united with God, because its value is not determined by earthly honor, possessions, or achievements, but by the growth of faith, humility, and love. When the heart turns toward the Lord, His grace works within us, healing our wounds, strengthening our weaknesses, and guiding us toward a life of peace and virtue. Through this relationship with God, the soul learns its true purpose: to become a reflection of His goodness, a source of love, and a witness of His mercy in the world. True greatness is not found in seeking power or recognition, but in allowing God to transform us into the person we were created to become.

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June 21, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 6:18-23 | Matthew 8:5-13

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JUNE 20 | 5:00PM

- †George Natterer . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Lois Lozy . Yvonne Cantisano
- †Tony Najjar . Reem Hannoush
- †Shirley Bluemer . Dr. Kathleen Cathcart
- †Elias Harraka . Wife Antoinette & Family
- †Elias Kareem Sayed . His Family
- †Frederick Ullrich . His Family

SUNDAY | JUNE 21 | 10:00AM

- †Josephine Butman . 1 Year Remembrance
James & Diana Butman
- †Deceased Members of the Hayek & Fakhoury Families
Samira Fakhoury
- †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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JUNE 27 | 5:00PM

- †Laurice Dikdan . 7 Year Anniversary . Her Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . Theresa McDermott
- †Tony Najjar . M/M Robert Genaway
- †Shirley Bluemer . M/M Joseph Rowek

SUNDAY | JUNE 28 | 10:00AM

- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce & Family
- †John Baladi . M/M Gabe Raad
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Frank Fasolo
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Victor Jalinos
- †Amira & Khalil Alamir . Their Family
- †Elias Sawaf . M/M Joseph Kayal
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . Her Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger	Charles Gleason
William Bsarany	Mona Mardelli
Andre Fakhoury	Joyce Neuss
Basil Fattell	Matthew Orsinsi
Dolores Fritz	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Mark Frommer	Henry Raad

DAILY READINGS

June 22-28, 2026

MONDAY 6/22	TUESDAY 6/23	WEDNESDAY 6/24	THURSDAY 6/25	FRIDAY 6/26	SATURDAY 6/27
ROM 12:4-5; 15-21 MT 12:9-13	GAL 4:4-7 LK 1:29-45	LK 1:24-25; 57-69; 76,80 ROM 13:11-14; 14:1-4 LK 1:1-25; 57-68; 76,80	ROM 15:17-29 MT 12:46-50; 13:1-3	ROM 16:1-16 MT 13:3-9	ROM 8:14-21 MT 9:9-13

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

FIRST ANTIPHON *pg. 15*

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 3, pg. 61*

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm, by death He has trampled upon death, and has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF JULIAN *Tone 4*

Your martyr, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from you O our God, on account of his struggles. Armed with your strength, he has vanquished his persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through his supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 6:18-23

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

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

Brethren, now that you have been freed from sin, you have come to serve justification. I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as slaves to uncleanness and iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justification so as to be sanctified. For while you were the slaves of sin, you had nothing to do with justification. But what fruit did you gather then of those deeds of which you are now ashamed? For the end of such things is death. But now, set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

In you, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In your goodness, save me and deliver me; lend your ear and hasten my deliverance.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:5-13

At that time when Jesus had entered Capharnaum, there came to Him a centurion who entreated Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes; and to another, 'Come', and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this', and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, He marveled, and said to those who were following Him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put forth into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you." And the servant was healed in that hour.

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

A big thank you to John Gorny, the Charitable Society and everyone who helped and participated for a fantastic golf outing and dinner. Your hard work helped make the day such a success, from the first tee to the last raffle ticket!

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of JUNE 14, 2026

5:00pm	8 Envelopes	\$ 334.00
10:00am	38 Envelopes	1847.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	155.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1537.00
Candles		61.00
Donation		100.00
Hall Usage		1000.00
Liturgy Stipends		235.00

Weekly Total \$5,269.00

Total Envelopes Received: 98

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

HAPPY Father's Day

BISHOP VISIT

June 27 and 28

Bishop François Beyrouti 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.

THE APOSTLES' FAST

The Apostles' Fast is one of the four traditional fasting seasons of the Melkite Catholic Church. While the full fast is traditionally observed from June 1 through June 28, our Diocese permits a shorter fast from **June 17 through June 28**, concluding on the eve of the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

This fast honors the holy Apostles who devoted their lives to preaching the Gospel. Following the joyful celebrations of Pascha and Pentecost, it is a time for prayer, spiritual renewal, and a return to regular spiritual discipline. Traditionally, the faithful abstain from meat and dairy products, while fish is permitted on most days.

As with all fasting, we are encouraged to observe the fast according to our health and circumstances.



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)

50/50 RAFFLE

Only 1000 tickets are being sold!

3 prizes given out: 1st prize 25% of gross, 2nd prize 15% of gross, 3rd prize 10% of gross. Only \$10 per ticket. Drawing Sunday, September 13th at 4pm (*winner need not be present*).

For tickets call Joann Fakhoury 973.782.3535 or Lena Batikha 973.303.5232.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS.

A native of Cilicia, Saint Julian suffered for the faith in an unknown place and at a date which can not be exactly determined. Led before President Marcian, he was exposed to the beasts. Then for an entire year he was ignominiously dragged throughout the whole of Cilicia. Not having succeeded in making him sacrifice to idols, the President ordered that he be enclosed in a sack filled with sand and thrown into the sea. The Saint thus received the crown of martyrdom. Saint John Chrysostom gave his *panegyric* (eulogy).