

ST ANN CHURCH

*A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton*

THIS WEEK

JUNE 27 & 28

BISHOP FRANÇOIS VISIT

*with a light breakfast after the 10am
Sunday Divine Liturgy*

TUESDAY . JUNE 30 | 7PM

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

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

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Every soul carries within it a hidden battlefield. Deep in the heart, the gentle voice of God calls us to life, while pride, fear, and attachment to passing things draw us away from the fullness of His love. Yet Christ never ceases to seek us. He enters even the darkest corners of our being, bringing light where there is confusion, healing where there are wounds, and freedom where there is captivity.

He patiently waits for our response, inviting us to surrender what separates us from Him and to trust that the life He offers is far greater than anything we are afraid to lose. His love does not force itself upon us, but gently calls us to choose the freedom, peace, and transformation that come from living in His presence.

June 28, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 10:1-10

| Matthew 8:28-9:1

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JUNE 27 | 5:00PM

- †Laurice Dikdan . 7 Year Remembrance . Her Daughters
†Samuel Tahmoosh . 29 Year Remembrance . His Family
†Lois Lozy . Theresa McDermott
†Tony Najjar . M/M Robert Genaway
†Shirley Bluemer . M/M Joseph Rowe

SUNDAY | JUNE 28 | 10:00AM

- †Antoine Sara . 8 Year Remembrance . Wife Marie & Family
†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

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 4 | 5:00PM

- †Louis G. Dahdah . Birthday Remembrance
Wife Amelia & Family
†Lois Lozy . Stephan Hanczaryk
†Tony Najjar . M/M Ramez Awad
†Shirley Bluemer . Husband Alan & Son Matthew
†Anthony Barbary . M/M Joseph Fierravanti

SUNDAY | JULY 5 | 10:00AM

- †Amira Alamir . 1 Year Memorial . Her Family
†Valerie Kayal . 16 Year Remembrance
Husband Basil & Family
†Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family
†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
†John Baladi . Micheline Ghanem
†Mary Tahan . M/M Bashir Katat
†Kathleen Carlisle . Rev/M Edward Bsarany
†Laurice Kayal . Gary Kayal
†Elias Sawaf . M/M George Kayal
†Nadia Haeik . Virvinio Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger
William Bsarany
Andre Fakhoury

Basil Fattell
Dolores Fritz
Mark Frommer

Charles Gleason
Mona Mardelli
Joyce Neuss

Matthew Orsini
Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Henry Raad

DAILY READINGS June 29 - July 4, 2026

Apostles Peter and Paul

MONDAY 6/29

JN 21:14-25 (11)
2 COR 11:21-33; 12:1-9
MT 16:13-19

*Synaxis of the
Twelve Apostles*

TUESDAY 6/30

1 COR 4:9-16
MT 9:36-38; 10:1-8

*Wonderworkers
Cosmas and Damian*

WEDNESDAY 7/1

1 COR 12:27-31; 13:1-8
MT 10:1; 5-8

THURSDAY 7/2

HEB 9:1-7
LK 1:39-49; 56

FRIDAY 7/3

1 COR 4:5-8
MT 13:44-54

SATURDAY 7/4

ROM 9:1-5
MT 9:18-26

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.

FIFTH 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 4, pg. 62*

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

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 10:1-10

Prokimenon: How great are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have wrought them all

Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

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

Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God in their behalf is for salvation. For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but a zeal that is not informed. For

ignorant of God's holiness and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to the sanctification offered by God. For Christ is the consummation of the Law in terms of justification for everyone who believes.

For Moses has written that *the man who brings about that justification which is of the Law shall live by it.* (Lv.18: 5) But the justification which is of faith says, *Do not ask in your heart, who shall go up to heaven* that is, -- to bring down Christ. Or, *Who will descend into the abyss* (Dt.30: 12) that is, to bring up Christ from the dead? But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.* (Dt.30: 14) that is, the word of faith which we preach. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For a man believes with the heart and attains justification, but he professes his faith with his mouth and attains salvation.

Alleluia

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:28-9:1

At that time as Jesus reached the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed, coming from the tombs, so exceedingly fierce that no one could pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with you, Jesus Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now at a distance from them there was a herd of many swine, feeding. And the devils kept begging him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" And they came out and entered into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed from the top of the cliff into the sea, and perished in the water. But the swineherds fled, and going away into the town, they reported everything, and what had befallen the men possessed by - demons. And behold, all the town came out to meet Jesus; and on seeing him they insisted that he leave their district. And getting into a boat, he crossed over and came into his own town.

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

REMINDER: Fr. Musil is out of town until 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.

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 21, 2026

5:00pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 1030.00
10:00am	46 Envelopes	1990.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	2520.00
Online	53 Envelopes	2092.00
Candles		33.00
Donation		600.00
Stole Offering		200.00
Weekly Total		\$6,373.00
Total Envelopes Received:118		

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

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Danny & Celine (Matta) Aoun**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage last week. May their new life together be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.



THANK YOU/PHOTO DIRECTORY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who had their photo taken for our upcoming Parish Photo Directory! Due to the great response, we will be adding a few more photography dates in late September or early October. Confirmed dates and sign-up information will be announced soon.



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

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.**

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

Sunday, June 28, 2026

HEALING OF THE GERASENE DEMONIACS.

Today's Gospel reveals the authority of Jesus over evil, the compassion of His heart, and the mystery of human response to divine grace.

Jesus enters the region of the Gadarenes, a place beyond the boundaries of Israel, a land considered impure. There, He meets two men possessed by demons, living among the tombs, cut off from society and tormented in spirit. No one dared pass that way. But Jesus does. He crosses boundaries geographical, spiritual, and social to bring healing.

The demons cry out, recognizing Him: "What have you to do with us, Son of God?" Even the forces of darkness know His power. With a word, Jesus casts them out into a herd of swine, and the men are freed. Their dignity is restored. Their silence becomes testimony.

But then comes a surprising moment: the townspeople beg Jesus to leave. They fear the disruption. They fear the cost. Sometimes, the presence of God unsettles our comfort. Sometimes, healing feels too radical. Yet Jesus does not force Himself. He honors their choice and departs. But He leaves behind a sign—a glimpse of the Kingdom where the outcast is restored, where evil is defeated, and where grace crosses every boundary.

Let us not be like the townspeople who send Him away. Let us welcome Him into our broken places. Let us allow Him to confront what binds us, and let us follow Him—across the waters, into freedom.