

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES . SUNDAY . JULY 5
SECOND COLLECTION *for*
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY . JULY 8 | 10:30AM
FESTIVAL PREPARATION
Help make Kibbeh

UPCOMING

JULY 25
DORMITION OF ST. ANN

AUGUST 6
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD

AUGUST 15
DORMITION OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD

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:

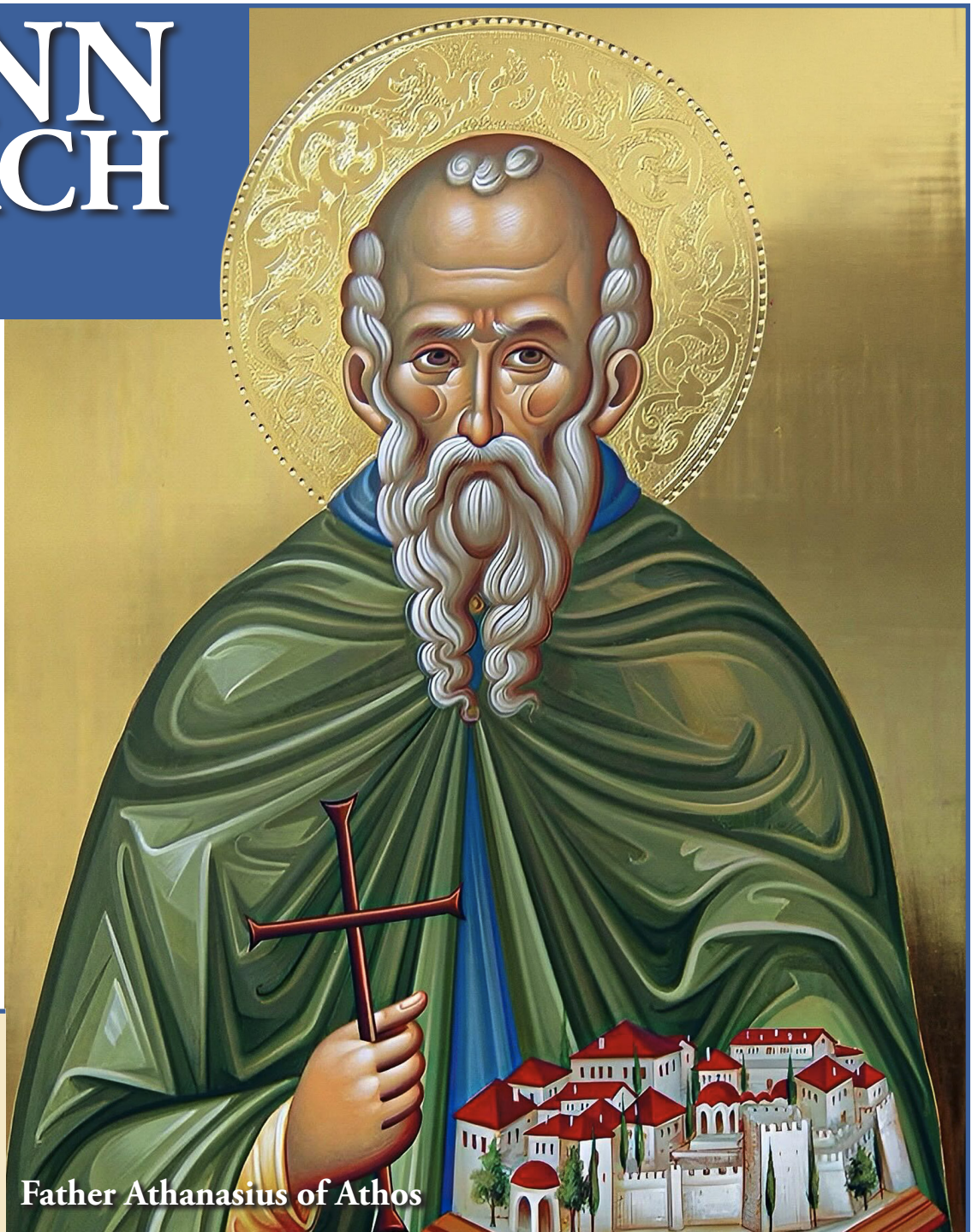
Rev Musil Shihadeh | *Pastor*
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | *Parochial Vicar*
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
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Father Athanasius of Athos

Human brokenness is not ignored by God but becomes the very place where divine life is revealed. What is collapsed within the soul, what cannot stand under its own weight, what cannot be repaired by effort or reason, is not abandoned to decay but drawn into the mystery of mercy that works beyond all limits of nature. Grace does not merely mend what is damaged, it recreates the person from within, where no human hand can reach. Faith is the quiet surrender of control, the opening of what pride has sealed, and love is the hidden force that carries what despair has left lifeless. In this divine movement, suffering is stripped of finality and becomes passage, the descent into weakness becomes ascent into communion, and the entire human being is gathered back into the life for which it was made, where healing is not an event but a return to God's presence.

July 5, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 12:6-14 | Matthew 9:1-8

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 4 | 5:00PM

- †Louis G. Dahdah . *Birthday Remembrance*
Wife Amelia & Family
- †Robert Orfaly . *Sister Mary Sayad*
- †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 Bashar Katat*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Gary Kayal*
- †Elias Sawaf . *M/M George Kayal*
- †Nadia Haeik . *Virvinio Family*

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 11 | 5:00PM

- †George Coussa . *Birthday Remembrance*
Patti Tahan & Family
- †Julie Aboyou Molloy . *Birthday Remembrance*
Patti Tahan & Family
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
- †Lois Lozy . *M/M Edmond Raad*
- †Tony Najjar . *Dr/M Hani Khoury*
- †Shirley Bluemer . *M/M John Lozy*

SUNDAY | JULY 12 | 10:00AM

- †Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart . *M/M George Jalinos*
- †Valerie Balady . *Husband Bruce & Family*
- †Georget Barouisou . *Her Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †John Baladi . *M/M George Gerro*
- †Mary Tahan . *Jackie Scully*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Matthew Jalinos*
- †Laurice Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*
- †Elias Sawaf . *M/M Faouzi Saoud & Family*
- †Amira & Kahlil Alamir . *Their Family*
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*
- †Elias Mohsen . *Micheline Ghanem*
- †Basil Fattell . *His Family*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger	Andrew Friedman	Mark Frommer	Mona Mardelli	Matthew Orsini	Henry Raad
William Bsarany	Dolores Fritz	Charles Gleason	Joyce Neuss	Debra Payne Wierciszewski	Donna Yuppa
Andre Fakhoury					

DAILY READINGS . July 6-11, 2026

MONDAY 7/6	TUESDAY 7/7	WEDNESDAY 7/8	THURSDAY 7/9	FRIDAY 7/10	SATURDAY 7/11
1 COR 5:9-13; 6:1-11 MT 13:54-58	1 COR 6:20; 7:1-12 MT 14:1-13	1 COR 7:12-24 MT 14:35-36; 15:1-11	1 COR 7:24-35 MT 15:12-21	1 COR 7:35-40; 8:1-7 MT 15:29-31	2 COR 6:1-10 LK 7:36-50

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.

SIXTH 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 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 ATHANASIUS *Tone 3*

O Athanasius, the angels were amazed at your deeds as you faced spiritual struggles and overcame the devils. You are worthy of all praise, and Christ rewarded you with a manifold grace. O Father, intercede with Christ God that he may 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 12:6-14

Prokimenon: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men

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

Brethren, we have gifts differing according to the grace that has been given us, such as prophecy to be used according to the degree of faith, or ministry in ministering, or instruction in teaching, or exhortation in encouraging, or almsgiving in being generous with simplicity, or leadership in leading with discretion, or works of mercy in performing them joyfully.

Let love be without pretense. Hate what is evil. Hold to what is good. Love one another with fraternal charity, being the first to honor the other. Be not slothful in zeal; be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope. Be patient in tribulations, persevering in prayer. Relieve the saints' needs, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you: bless, and do not curse!

Alleluia

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: : For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over and came to his own town. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic lying on a pallet. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven you." And behold, some of the Scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemes." And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" then he said to the paralytic "Arise, take up your pallet and go to your house." And he arose, and went away to his house. But when the crowds saw it, they were struck with fear, and glorified God who had given such power to men.

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

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION**
for St. Ann Charitable Society



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.

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of JUNE 28, 2026

5:00pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 675.00
10:00am	41 Envelopes	1573.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	6535.00
Online	48 Envelopes	1582.00
Candles		69.00
Stole Offering		300.00
Weekly Total		\$10,734.00

Total Envelopes Received: 105

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

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Robert Orfaly**, brother of Mary Sayad. He went to his eternal rest last week. Also remember in your prayers the soul of **Basil Fattell** of our community who went to his eternal rest this week. He is the brother of Shirley Sottosanti, Joyce Favorito and Arlene Woloshen. *Memory Eternal.*



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.

FESTIVAL PREPARATION BEGINS!

Thursday, July 9 starting at 10:30am

It's time to begin preparing **Kibbeh** for our Parish Festival! Whether you can stay for an hour or spend the day, every helping hand makes a difference. Your help is greatly appreciated as we work together to make our festival a success!



Sunday, July 5, 2026

FATHER ATHANASIUS OF ATHOS

St. Athanasius of Mount Athos was born in Trebizond to parents from Antioch and received an outstanding education in Constantinople, where he became known as a gifted teacher and preacher. Desiring a life of greater holiness, he embraced monasticism and settled on Mount Athos in 958. With the support of Emperor Nicephoros Phocas, he founded the Great Lavra in 963, the first great cenobitic monastery on the Holy Mountain. His rule of prayer, work, and community life became the foundation of organized monasticism on Mount Athos. Although he faced strong opposition from some hermits and was forced into a brief exile after the emperor's death, he later returned under the protection of Emperor John Tzimisces and continued to lead the monastery. St. Athanasius died in a construction accident when the dome of a church collapsed. He is remembered as one of the greatest fathers of Orthodox monasticism, and his feast is celebrated on July 5.