

ST ANN CHURCH

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



Prophet Elijah

Saint Sharbel

TODAY
ALL LITURGIES
BLESSING OF CARS

THIS WEEK
THURSDAY . JULY 23 | 10:30AM
FESTIVAL PREPARATION
Mammoul

UPCOMING
MONDAY . AUGUST 3 | 7PM
PARACLISIS SERVICE
WEDNESDAY . AUGUST 5 | 7PM
VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY
for the Transfiguration
MONDAY . AUGUST 10 | 7PM
PARACLISIS SERVICE
FRIDAY . AUGUST 14 | 7PM
VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY for
the Dormition followed by a Potluck
Dinner in the Church Hall
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

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The Christian is called not merely to proclaim Christ, but to become a reflection of His divine Light. When the heart is purified by grace and adorned with humility, mercy, and love, Christ's light shines forth through the soul. For a holy life is a silent Gospel, revealing the presence of Christ more powerfully than words and leading all creation to glorify the Father.

July 19, 2026

FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Titus 3:8-15 | Matthew 5:14-19

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 THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

SATURDAY | JULY 18 | 5:00PM

- †Rev. Basil Samra . 3 Year Remembrance . His Family
- †Mary Borsina . 11 Year Remembrance . M/M John Nagel
- †Joseph Borsina . 60 Year Remembrance . M/M John Nagel
- †Lois Lozy . M/M David Flower & Family
- †Tony Najjar . Rola Hannoush
- †Shirley Bluemer . George Raad

SUNDAY | JULY 19 | 10:00AM

- †Paul & Jaqueline Jeanbart . M/M George Jalinos
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †John Baladi . M/M Joseph Khoneisser
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Joseph Vernieri
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Sam Haddad
- †Laurice Kayal . Gary Kayal
- †Elias Sawaf . M/M Walid Najem
- †Amira & Kahlil Alamir . Their Family
- †Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family
- †Elias Mohsen . Micheline Ghanem
- †Basil Fattell . His Family

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 25 | 5:00PM

- †Harriet Dikdan . 17 Year Remembrance . Her Children
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . M/M Nabil Alain
- †Tony Najjar . M/M Khalil Fallaha
- †Shirley Bluemer . M/M John Colie
- †William Siouffi . Fran Najjar

SUNDAY | JULY 26 | 10:00AM

- Andre Fakhoury . Good Health . Mother Samira Fakhoury
- †Joseph (Joey) Bsarany . 60th Birthday Remembrance
Parents, M/M John Bsarany
- †Rose & George Burkepile . Daughter Sandra Tirone
- †Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce & Family
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †John Baladi . Alan Sabeh
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Richard Mattina
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Michel Gabriel
- †Laurice Kayal . Nadia Kayal
- †Elias Sawaf . Patti Tahan
- †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 20-25, 2026

MONDAY 7/20	TUESDAY 7/21	WEDNESDAY 7/22	THURSDAY 7/23	FRIDAY 7/24	SATURDAY 7/25
MK 9:9-15	1 COR 12:12-26	1 COR 9:2-12	1 COR 14:6-19	1 COR 14:26-40	GAL 4:22-27
JAS 5:10-20	MT 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15	LK 8:1-3	MT 20:17-28	MT 21:12-14; 17-20	LK 8:16-21
LK 4:22-30					

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.

SEVENTH 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 7, pg. 65*

You destroyed Death by Your Cross, You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the Myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen granting to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE FATHERS *Tone 8*

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth: You led us to the true faith though them. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

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: TITUS 3:8-15

Prokimenon: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

Stichon: Happy are those whose faults are taken away, and whose sins are covered.

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

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter, I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works; these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile.

Avoid a factious man after warning him one or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself.

When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Alleluia

O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds You did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: For You saved us from those who afflicted us and have put to shame those who hated us.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:14-19

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not one letter or one stroke shall be lost from the Law till all things have been accomplished. Therefore whoever does away with one of these least commandments, and so teaches men, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever carries them out and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Shuriz & Robina (Zeidan) Hishmeh**, 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.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Mark & Erica (Schurman) Dekki** on the recent birth of their son **Jack Marco Dekki**!



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 JULY 12, 2026

5:00pm	11 Envelopes	\$ 277.00
10:00am	51 Envelopes	1897.00
Mailed	10 Envelopes	625.00
Online	50 Envelopes	1972.00
Candles		73.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Donations		600.00

Weekly Total **\$5,944.00**

Total Envelopes Received:122

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

FESTIVAL PREPARATION CONTINUES!

Thursday, July 23 starting at 10:30am

Let's make **Mammoul** for our Parish Festival! Every helping hand makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. All are welcome as we work together to make our festival a success!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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 SPONSORSHIP

Please consider supporting the festival by purchasing a booth or memorial banner that will be displayed the 3 days of the festival. Sponsorship forms are available in the Narthax or contact **Lena Batikha 973.303.5232 or Nabil Alain 973.930.9794** for additional information.

VENDOR TABLES

Consider a vendor table at our upcoming festival. *Vendor tables are for Saturday and Sunday only.* Forms are available in the Narthax or **contact Julie Thalab at 929.888.0880** for more information. **Please note: Only non-food, non-competing, church-appropriate merchandise may be sold.**

Sunday, July 19, 2026

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

On the Sunday between July 13 and 19, the Eastern Churches honor the Holy Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils. Between A.D. 325 and 680, these councils gathered to defend the true faith against false teachings and clearly explain who Jesus Christ is and how He saves us.

Their most important teaching affirms that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, united in one Divine Person. Because God became truly human, He redeemed our human nature and opened the way for us to share in His divine life.

The six councils also gave us many of the core teachings of our faith:

Nicaea (325): Jesus is truly the Son of God; the Nicene Creed began.

Constantinople (381): The Holy Spirit is truly God; the Nicene Creed was completed.

Ephesus (431): Mary was proclaimed Theotokos.

Chalcedon (451): Christ is one Person with two natures, divine and human.

Constantinople II (553): Reaffirmed the teachings of the first four councils and condemned false doctrines.

Constantinople III (680-681): Christ has both a divine will and a human will, working together in perfect harmony.

The teachings of these councils continue to guide the Church today, preserving the faith handed down by the Apostles and proclaiming the saving truth of Jesus Christ.