

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

Holy Prophet Elijah



UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 5-7
ST ANN FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 2
SIGHT & SOUND
THEATER TRIP
Check back page for
updated information

SUMMER DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30PM
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 Rezkallah Samaan
Administrator Pro Tempore
Rev Sayed Kozhaya
Parochial Vicar
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski
Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or volunteers in the Diocese of Newton, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.



Christ, the Son of Man, steps with divine tenderness into the desolate ruins of our souls, not merely to mend what is broken in the body, but to break the ancient chains of sin that have imprisoned our hearts in the shadows of sorrow. Let us fall into His healing hands, that His boundless mercy may awaken the depths of our being, lifting us from the dust of despair. Then, with souls set ablaze by His love, we shall walk in the radiant path of the Father's light, carrying His grace as the song of our deliverance and the strength of our every step.

July 20, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROKIMENON *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.*

James 5:10-20 | Matthew 9:1-8

Intentions

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 19 | 5:30PM

- †Mary Borsina . 10 Year Remembrance
M/M John Nagel & Family
- †Joseph Borsina . 59 Year Remembrance
M/M John Nagel & Family
- †Elias Sayad . Mary Sayad & Family
- †Lois Lozy . M/M John Bsarany
- †Julie Clark Molloy . M/M Gregg Kattine
- †Patricia Jacob . The Family of William Hayek

SUNDAY | JULY 20 | 10:00AM

- †Suzan & John Kayal . M/M Besim Latte
- †Josephine Butman . Her Family
- †William Siouffi . Goodrich Family
- †Jameleh Sawaged . Ramzi & Janet & Family
- †Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . Her Family
- †Khalil Al Amir . His Family
- †Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family
- †Naim Haddad . Wife Nelli & Family
- †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Micheline Ghanem
- †Joseph Kassis . M/M Khamis Khamis
- †Madeleine Bishara . M/M Tony Najjar & Family

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | JULY 26 | 5:30PM

- †Emil Garlewicz . 1 Year Remembrance . Wife Pat & Family
- †Harriet Dikdan . 16 Year Remembrance . Christine Giaccotto
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . Elizabeth Kattak
- †George Akshar . M/M Gregg Kattine
- †William Kayal . Basil Kayal
- †Hiday McKay . M/M Tony Najjar & Family

SUNDAY | JULY 27 | 10:00AM

- †Julie Clark Molloy . Barbara Jarosz
- †Suzan & John Kayal . Eli Massola & Family
- †William Siouffi . M/M Alex Moulakis
- †Josephine Butman . Her Family
- †Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . Her Family
- †Khalil Al Amir . His Family
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family
- †Naim Haddad . Wife Nelli & Family
- †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Marie Sara

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Gloria Altemus	Dolores Fritz	Charles Gleason	Laurice Kayal	Joyce Neuss	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Susan Brigida	Mark Frommer	George Kayal	Mona Mardelli	Mary Tahan	Donna Yuppa
Louis Dahdah					

DAILY READINGS . July 21-26, 2025

MONDAY 7/21 1 COR 5:9-13; 6:1-11 MT 13:54-58	TUESDAY 7/22 1 COR 9:2-12 LK 8:1-3	WEDNESDAY 7/23 1 COR 7:12-24 MT 14:35-36; 15:1-11	THURSDAY 7/24 1 COR 7:24-35 MT 15:12-21	FRIDAY 7/25 GAL 4:22-27 LK 8:16-21	SATURDAY 7/26 ROM 12:1-3 MT 10:37-42; 11:1
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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.

SIXTY SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH

ANTIPHON *pg. 18*

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

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior!
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.
O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...
3. For God is a great Lord, and a great King over all the earth!
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 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 THE PROPHET ELIJAH

The glorious Elijah, the angel in body, a pillar of the prophets and second forerunner of Christ's advent, by sending grace from on high upon Elisha, dispels diseases, purifies lepers, and overflows with healings to those who honor him.

TROPARION OF SAINT ANN *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.

KONDAKION

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

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

EPISTLE: JAMES 5:10-20

Prokimenon: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

Stichon: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

A Reading from the Catholic Epistle of St. James the Apostle:

BRETHREN, take as an example of cruel suffering and forbearance

the prophets who soke in the Lord's name. See, we call blessed those who have endured. You have heard of Job's patience, and you have seen the Lord's purpose, how the Lord is merciful and compassionate. But above all things, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by the earth, or any other oath: but let your yes be yes and your no, no, that you may not fall under judgment.

Is anyone of you sad? Let him pray. Is anyone in good spirits? Let him sing a hymn. Is any one among you sick? Let him bring in the presbyters of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he is in sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess, therefore, your sins to one another, and pray for one another that you may be saved. For the unceasing prayer of a just man is of great avail.

Elijah (Cf. 3 Kings 17:1) was a man like ourselves, subject to the same weaknesses. And he prayed earnestly that it might not rain on earth, and it did not rain for three years and six months. He prayed again, and the heavens gave rain and the earth brought forth its fruit.

My brethren, if any one of you strays from the truth and someone brings him back, he ought to know that he who causes a sinner to be brought back from his misguided way, will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins.

Alleluia

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Smauel among those who called upon his name.

Stichon: The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and he delivered them from all their trials.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:1-8

The Healing of a Paralytic at Capernaum

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*

It is truly right to call you blessed...

KINONIKON

Their voices went out through all the earth and their words to the far ends of the world. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the True Light...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Penelope Maria Amir**, daughter of Raney & Kiyoshi (Lopez) Amir, who received these sacraments last week.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of JULY 13, 2025

5:30pm	20 Envelopes	\$ 1375.00
10:00am	34 Envelopes	1146.00
Online	42 Envelopes	1427.50
Mailed	7 Envelopes	815.00
Candles		65.00
Stole Offerings		500.00
Hall Usage		500.00

Weekly Total \$5,828.50

Total Envelopes Received: 103

According to our 2023-2024 budget, our weekly sacrificial giving need is \$8,000.00 to meet expenses.

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Online giving directly from your bank account is the most cost effective way to donate. Consider this for your Sunday Offering. For details, go to saintannmelkite.com and click the online giving tab.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Contact Fr. Rezkallah at 973.785.4144, Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415. All inquiries are confidential!

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

We need you to register as soon as possible! With your name, your family members, address, phone, e-mail and other info, we can enroll you in our offering envelope system. **If you are not receiving these envelopes, you are not registered!** All families, seniors, and post college singles attending St Ann should register as official parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms and registration of your child for Religious Education. **Please call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register.**

TRIP UPDATE SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH

in Lancaster, PA . **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**
For those of you who have paid the \$50 deposit, the final cost will be \$110 per person. All those who have not paid the deposit the cost is \$160 per person. Please send in your payments as soon as possible. There are still **2 seats available**. The cost is \$160 per person includes theater tickets, bus transportation and lunch.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED!

We are looking for Sunday School Teachers to ignite young hearts with the love of Christ. Reach out to Michael Hanczaryk at mhanczaryk@aol.com or 973.932.2855.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Our Annual Festival is
September 5, 6 and 7th**



Please plan on attending and answering **YES** when asked to help!!

Friday . **SAJ** (tonight only) + our *Full Menu*
SEPTEMBER 5 . 6pm-10pm

As Melkites, we observe the traditional fast on Friday. In support of this observance, we will be serving meatless choices, including Saj, as well as offering the full menu for our guests and neighbors.

Saturday . **FULL MENU**
SEPTEMBER 6 . 12pm-10pm

Sunday . **FULL MENU**
SEPTEMBER 7 . 11am-5pm

VENDOR TABLES

Have something to sell or know of someone who does? **Rent a vendor table for Sat & Sun \$200.**
Call Julie Thalab 929.888.0880 for info.



PARISH FESTIVAL APPEAL

We would be truly grateful for any donations, whether by check (made payable to St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church, with "Festival" noted in the memo) or in cash. Thank you for being a vital part of our community celebration!