

ST ANN CHURCH

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

NEXT WEEK

ALL LITURGIES

SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

MONDAY . AUGUST 3 | 7PM
PARACLISIS SERVICE

WEDNESDAY . AUGUST 5 | 7PM
VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY
for the Transfiguration

UPCOMING

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 soul is not strengthened by escaping every trial, but by encountering Christ in the depths of the storm. The difficulties of life become a place of purification, not because suffering is desired, but because God's mercy can transform even our deepest trials into moments of grace.

As gold is tested by fire, the soul is refined, letting go of false securities and discovering the unfailing mercy of the Lord. When Christ becomes the treasure of the heart, the storms of life no longer destroy us, but lead us into deeper communion with Him. Every tear offered to Him becomes a prayer, and every wound touched by His hand becomes a doorway to eternal peace.

July 26, 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 3:9-17 | Matthew 14:22-34

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

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 1 | 5:00PM

- †Louis Dahdah . 1 Year Remembrance . Wife Amelia & Family
 †Almira Tahmoosh . 5 Year Remembrance . Her Family
 †Lois Lozy . M/M Jake Cote
 †Tony Najjar . Marie Sara
 †Shirley Bluemer . Ray Bsals

SUNDAY | AUGUST 2 | 10:00AM

- †Basil Fattell . 40 Day Memorial . His Family
 †John Baladi . 1 Year Remembrance . Wife Maggie & Family
 †William Kattak . 31 Year Remembrance
 Wife Adrienne & Family
 †Peter Saoud . 5 Year Remembrance . Mother, Vivian & Family
 †Deceased Members of the Saoud Family . Vivian Saoud
 †Seeta & Naser Sawaged . Walid Sawaged
 †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
 †Mary Tahan . Basil Kayal
 †Kathleen Carlisle . Karen Wicklund Warus
 †Laurice Kayal . Anthony & Suzan
 †Elias Sawaf . M/M Norman Khawam
 †Amira & Kahlil Alamir . Their Family
 †Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family
 †Elias Mohsen . Micheline Ghanem
 †Nadia Haeik . Virginio 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 27-August 1, 2026

MONDAY 7/27	TUESDAY 7/28	WEDNESDAY 7/29	THURSDAY 7/30	FRIDAY 7/31	SATURDAY 8/1
LK 21:12-19	1 COR 15:29-38	1 COR 16:4-12	2 COR 1:1-7	2 COR 1:12-20	HEB 11:33-40; 12:1-2
2 TIM 2:1-10	MT 21:23-27	MT 21:28-32	MT 21:43-46	MT 22:23-33	MT 10:16-22
JN 15:17-27; 16:1-2					

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.

NINTH 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 8, pg. 66*

You descended from on high O Compassionate One, and consented to burial for three days, that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

TROPARION OF PARASKEVIA *Tone 1*

Having justified your name by your diligent life, you inherited as a permanent possession an ever-ready faith. O blessed Paraskevia, victorious in battle. As a result, you dispensed acts of healing and you make intercession for our souls.

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: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord!

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is His name.

A Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians:

BRETHREN, we are God's co-workers, you are God's field, God's building. According to God's grace which has been given to me, as a wise builder, I laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let everyone he builds upon it. For other foundation no one that which has been laid, which is Jesus the Christ.

But if anyone builds upon this foundation with gold, silver, gems, wood, hay, straw — the work of each one shall be made manifest: for the Lord's day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed in fire; and the work of each man, whoever he be, shall be assayed in fire. If the work any man built on the foundation stands, he shall receive a reward; if someone's work burns down, he shall suffer its loss, yet he himself shall be saved, though only by passing, so to speak, through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple, and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys this temple of God, God will destroy him: for holy is God's temple, and this [holy temple] you are.

Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-34

At that time Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and cross the sea ahead of him, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had dismissed the crowd, he went up the mountain alone to pray. And when it was late, he was there alone, but the boat was in the midst of the sea, buffeted by the waves, for the wind was against them. But in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking upon the sea. And the disciples, seeing him walk upon the sea, were greatly alarmed, and exclaimed, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. Then Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." But Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you over the water." And he said, "Come." Then Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to come to Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid; and as he began to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And Jesus at once stretched out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind fell. But those who were in the boat came and worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And crossing over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

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

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Judy McAuley**, who went to her eternal rest recently. She is the sister of Fran Najjar. *Memory Eternal.*



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Daniel & Jessica (Batinjane) Suseck** on the recent birth of their son.



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 attending St. Ann to register as parishioners. Registration is required for participation in parish life, including Baptisms, Marriages, and Religious Education.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of JULY 19, 2026

5:00pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 707.00
10:00am	40 Envelopes	1208.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	1325.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1630.00
Candles		66.00
Donations		50.00
Weekly Total		\$4,986.00

Total Envelopes Received:108

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

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.



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.**

Saturday, July 25, 2026 . THE DORMITION OF ST. ANN

On July 25, the Melkite Catholic Churches commemorate the Dormition of St. Ann, the mother of the Most Holy Theotokos and patroness of our parish. The word Dormition, meaning "falling asleep," is the traditional Christian expression for the peaceful death of the saints and reflects our hope in the Resurrection.

Although Sacred Scripture does not describe the end of St. Ann's earthly life, the Church has long honored her as a model of faith, trusting in God's promises and preparing the way for the coming of Christ through her daughter, the Virgin Mary. As we celebrate her Dormition, we ask for her prayers that our families may grow in faith, hope, and love, following her example of quiet holiness and steadfast trust in the Lord.

WHAT IS THE DORMITION FAST AND THE OFFICE OF PARACLSIS?

During the first two weeks of August, from August 1 through August 14, the Melkite Catholic Church observes the Dormition Fast in preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos. During this fast, we abstain from meat and dairy products, with the **exception of August 6**, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Throughout these two weeks, the Church also traditionally prays the Office of Paraclisis. The word Paraclisis means both supplication and consolation. This beautiful service of hymns and prayers seeks the intercession of the Mother of God, asking for God's comfort, strength, healing, and consolation in times of sickness, temptation, discouragement, or any spiritual need..

As we prepare for the Feast of the Dormition, the **Office of Paraclisis** will be prayed on **Monday, August 3** at 7pm, and **Monday, August 10** at 7pm. Please join us in this beautiful tradition of prayer, hope and spiritual preparation.