

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES

SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

MONDAY . AUGUST 3 | 7PM
OFFICE OF THE PARACLSIS

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

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY . AUGUST 10 | 7PM
OFFICE OF THE PARACLSIS

FRIDAY . AUGUST 14 | 7PM
VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY for
the Dormition followed by a Potluck
Dinner in the Church Hall

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
Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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*St. Stephen
Protomartyr and Archdeacon*

*The soul enters the mystery of divine strength when it discovers the poverty of its own strength.
For the power of God is revealed not in the heart that trusts in itself, but in the heart
that has surrendered completely to Him. When we empty ourselves of self reliance
and place our whole life in the hands of God, our weakness becomes the vessel of His grace,
and our small faith becomes the doorway through which His infinite power enters.
The mountains are not moved by the greatness of our faith, but by the greatness
of the God who dwells within a humble heart.*

August 2, 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 4:9-16 | Matthew 17:14-23

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

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 Bsales

SUNDAY | AUGUST 2 | 10:00AM

- †Basil Fattell . 40 Day Memorial . His Family
- †John Baladi . 1 Year Memorial . 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 . Virginia Family

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 8 | 5:00PM

- †George Coussa . Birthday Remembrance
Patti Tahan & Family
- †Julie Aboyoun Molloy . Birthday Remembrance
Patti Tahan & Family
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
- †Lois Lozy . Bruce Balady
- †Tony Najjar . Rosemarie Hannoush
- †Shirley Bluemer . M/M Joseph Murray

SUNDAY | AUGUST 9 | 10:00AM

- †Basil Fattell . M/M John Hellmers
- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
- †Mary Tahan . M/M Jake Cote
- †Kathleen Carlisle . M/M George Jalinos
- †Laurice Kayal . Gary Kayal
- †Elias Sawaf . M/M Riad Homs
- †John Baladi . The Cathcart Family
- †Georget Barouisou . Her Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

DAILY READINGS . August 3-8, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

MONDAY 8/3	TUESDAY 8/4	WEDNESDAY 8/5	THURSDAY 8/6	FRIDAY 8/7	SATURDAY 8/8
2 COR 2:3-15 MT 23:13-22	2 COR 2:14-17; 3:1-3 MT 23:23-28	2 COR 3:4-11 MT 23:29-39	LK 9:28-36 2 PT 1:10-19 MT 17:1-9	2 COR 4:13-18 MT 24:27-33; 42-51	1 COR 1:3-9 MT 19:3-12

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.

TENTH 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 1, pg. 59*

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world. Therefore, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You Who alone are the lover of mankind!"

TROPARION OF STEPHEN *Tone 4*

O protomartyr Stephen, your head was crowned with a kingly crown on account of all the struggles you endured for Christ or God. You beheld the vision of your Savior seated at the right hand of God. Do not cease to intercede with him for the salvation of 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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION *Tone 7, pg. 184*

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ our God, and Your disciples saw as much of Your glory as they could hold, so that when they should see You crucified they would know that You suffer willingly, and would proclaim to the world that you are verily the Splendor of the Father.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 4:9-16

Prokimenon: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

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

BRETHREN, I think God has set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death, so that we would become a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, but we are without honor! To this very hour, we hunger and thirst, and we are naked and buffeted and have no fixed home. And we labor, working with our own hands. We are reviled and we bless, we are persecuted and we bear with it, we are maligned and we console; we have become as the refuse of this world, the scum of all until this present time. I write these things, not to put you to shame, but to admonish you as my dearest children. For although you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, you have not many fathers. Therefore, I beg you, be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia

O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, o Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:14-23

At that time a man approached Jesus, and threw himself on his knees before him, saying, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic, and suffers severely; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus answered and said, "O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him; and the devil went out of him, and from that moment the boy was cured. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith; for amen I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here,' and it will move. And nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind can only be cast out by prayer and fasting." Now while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him: and on the third day he will rise again."

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 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 26, 2026

5:00pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 645.00
10:00am	30 Envelopes	2389.00
Mailed	5 Envelopes	335.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1885.00
Candles		109.00
Donations		50.00
Liturgy Stipends		375.00
Weekly Total		\$5,788.00

Total Envelopes Received:96

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.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Henry Raad**, who went to his eternal rest recently. He is the husband of Beverly (Regotti) Raad. *Memory Eternal.*



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.**

August 6, 2026 . THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is celebrated each year on August 6 and commemorates the moment when Christ revealed His divine glory on Mount Tabor before the Apostles Peter, James, and John. As Jesus was transfigured before them, His face shone with heavenly light, and Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him. The Father's voice proclaimed, *"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear him."* Through this miraculous event, Christ revealed His true nature as the Son of God and gave His disciples a glimpse of the glory that would be revealed through His Resurrection.

The Transfiguration is also a reminder of our own calling to be transformed by Christ. Through prayer, repentance, and a life rooted in faith, we are invited to allow His light to shine within us and to become more fully united with Him. This feast encourages us to look beyond the struggles of this world and to remember the hope and glory that Christ offers to all who follow Him.

In the Eastern Christian tradition, it is customary to bless grapes on this feast. As a first fruit of the harvest, grapes are offered in thanksgiving to God for His blessings and for the gifts of creation. They hold a special significance because they become the wine used in the Divine Liturgy and consecrated as the Precious Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The blessing of grapes reminds us that all creation is renewed and sanctified through Christ, who came to transform and restore the world.