

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY . AUGUST 10 | 7PM
PARACLISIS in English

TUESDAY . AUGUST 11 | 7PM
PARACLISIS in Arabic

FRIDAY . AUGUST 14 | 7PM
VESPERS DIVINE LITURGY for
the Feast of the Dormition followed
by a *Potluck Dinner*

UPCOMING

TUESDAY . SEPTEMBER 8 | 7PM
DIVINE LITURGY
for the Nativity of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 11-13
ST ANN FESTIVAL

MONDAY . SEPTEMBER 14 | 7PM
DIVINE LITURGY for the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

TUESDAY . SEPTEMBER 15 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

WEDNESDAY . SEPTEMBER 16 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by the **PARISH
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

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:

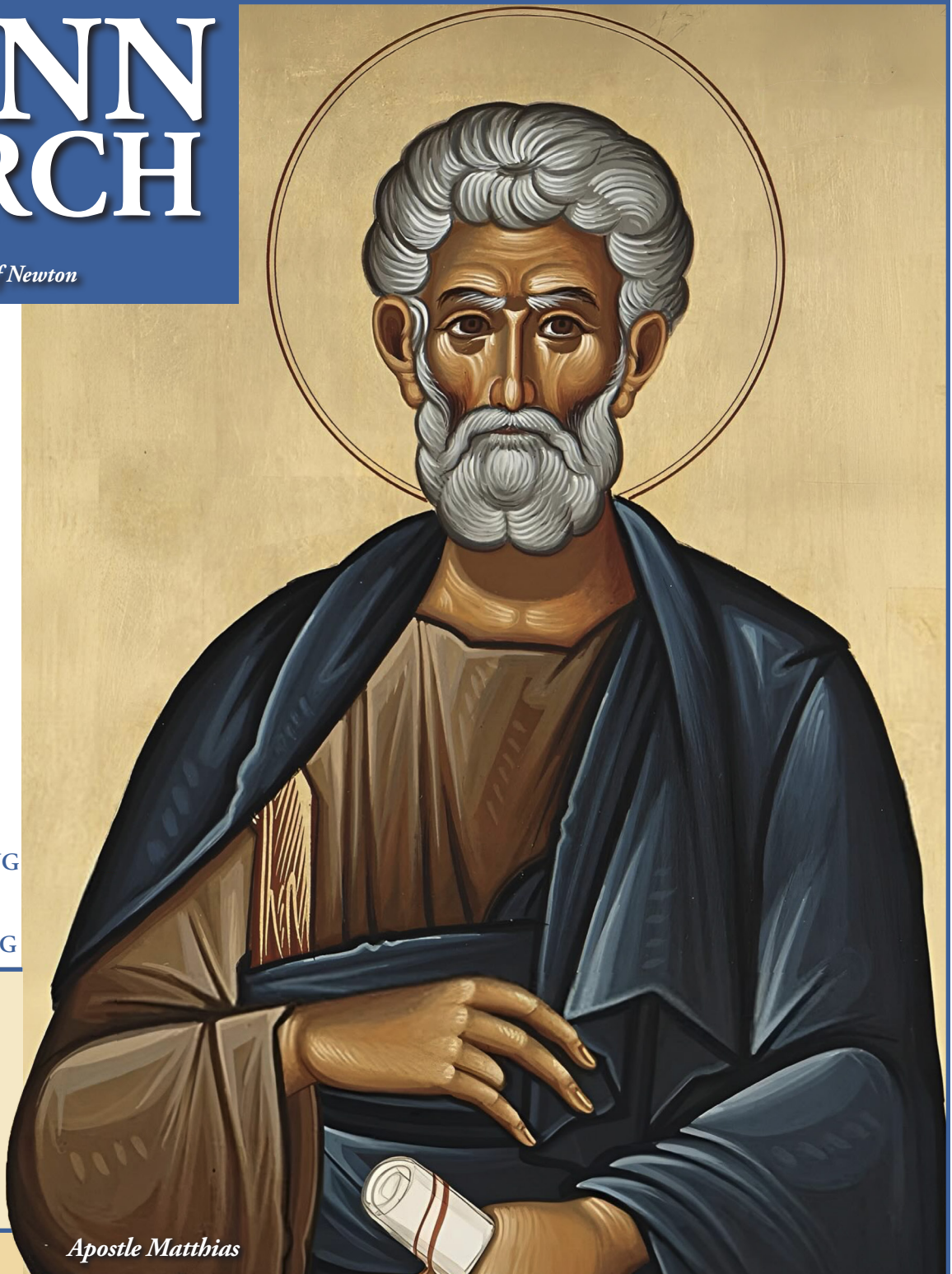
Rev Musil Shihadeh | *Pastor*
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | *Parochial Vicar*
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
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Apostle Matthias

The soul that has encountered the mercy of God is transformed into a vessel of mercy. For we have been forgiven a debt beyond measure, not by our merits, but by the boundless love of the Father revealed in Christ. Therefore, let us not close our hearts to our brothers and sisters, for mercy received becomes mercy given. Whoever forgives enters into the very heart of God, where wounds are healed, love is restored, and the image of the Creator is renewed within us.

August 9, 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 | Matthew 18:23-35

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 8 | 5:00PM

- †George Coussa . *Birthday Remembrance*
Patti Tahan & Family
- †Julie Aboyou 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*
- †Henry Raad . *His Family*

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*

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 15 | 5:00PM

- †Lois Lozy . *Valerie Gerardi*
- †Tony Najjar . *Micheline Ghanem*
- †Shirley Bluemer . *M/M Eamon Doherty*
- †Henry Raad . *His Family*

SUNDAY | AUGUST 16 | 10:00AM

- Norman & Amal Khawam . *50th Wedding Anniversary*
Crowning Service
- †Basil Fattell . *Pat Fattell & Family*
- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
- †Mary Tahan . *Nadia Kayal*
- †Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Victor Jalinos*
- †Elias Sawaf . *Gary Kayal & Family*
- †John Baladi . *M/M George Jalinos*
- †Najeeb Khoury . *Fr. Musil Shihadeh*

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 Bsarany	Andrew Friedman	Mark Frommer	Mona Mardelli	Matthew Orsini	Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS . August 10-15, 2026

MONDAY 8/10

2 COR 5:10-15
MK 1:9-15

TUESDAY 8/11

2 COR 5:15-21
MK 1:16-22

WEDNESDAY 8/12

2 COR 6:11-16
MK 1:23-28

THURSDAY 8/13

2 COR 7:1-10
MK 1:29-35

FRIDAY 8/14

2 COR 7:10-16
MK 2:18-22

SATURDAY 8/15

*Dormition of the
Mother of God*
LK 1:39-49; 56
PHIL 2:5-11
LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom . The Transfiguration of Christ pages 182-187

ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST *Tone 2, pg. 182*

1. The favors of the Lord I will sing forever: through all the generations my mouth shall proclaim His faithfulness.
O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

2. The heavens declare the glory of God, and firmament declares the handiwork of the Lord.

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor...

3. Happy the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of Your countenance they shall walk, O Lord.

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor...

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 2, pg. 60*

When You descended to death, O immortal Life, You put Hades to death by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to you: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

TROPARION OF THE FEAST *Tone 7, pg. 183*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could hold. Let Your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of light, 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 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 9:2-12

Prokimenon: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet He has not delivered me to death.

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

BRETHREN, you are the seal set upon my apostleship in the Lord. My defense against those who question me is this: Have we not a right to eat and to drink? Have we not a right to take around with us a sister woman, as do the other apostles, and the brethren of the Lord,

and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have not the right of exemption from manual labor? What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Who tends the flock and does not drink of the flock's milk? Do I speak these things on human authority? Or does not the Law also say these things? For it is written in the Law of Moses. *Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treads out the grain.* (Dt.25:4) Is God concerned about the oxen, or does he say this simply for our sakes? These things were written for us. For he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes, in the expectation of partaking of the fruit. If we have sown for you spiritual things, is such an affair if we reap from your material things? If others share in this right over you, why should it not rather go to us? Yet, we have not used this right, but we bear all our expenses. Lest we be a hindrance to Christ's Good News.

Alleluia

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress: the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you..

Stichon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:23-35

(Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)

The Lord told this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who desired to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun the settlement, one was brought to him who owed him millions. And as he had no means of paying, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all he had, and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will pay you all.' And moved with compassion, the master of that servant released him, and forgave him the debt. But as that servant went out, he met one of his fellow-servants who owed him a small amount, and he laid hold of him and throttled him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' His fellow-servant therefore fell down and began to entreat him, saying, have patience with me and I will pay you all.' But he would not; but went away and threw him into prison until he would pay what was due. His fellow-servants therefore, seeing what had happened, were very much saddened, and they went and informed their master of what had taken place. Then his master called him, and said to him, 'Wicked servant, I forgave you all the debt, because you begged me. Should not you also have had pity on your fellow-servant, even as I had pity on you?' And his master, being angry, handed him over to the torturers until he would pay all that was due to him. So also, my heavenly Father will do to you, if you do not each forgive your brothers from your hearts."

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos Tone 4, pg. 185*

I You gave birth without stain, for it was God incarnate in the flesh who came forth from your womb. He was seen on earth and conversed with men. Wherefore, O Mother of God, we all exalt you.

KINONIKON *Tone 8, pg. 186*

We shall walk forever in the light of the glory, the glory of Your countenance, O Lord. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION *Troparion of the Feast, pg. 183*

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8 . 7pm

Vesper Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God

Monday, September 14 . 7pm

Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday, September 15 . 7pm

Charitable Society meeting.

Wednesday, September 16 . 7pm

Vespers followed by the Parish Advisory Council meeting.

Sunday, September 20

Divine Liturgy returns to 9:00am and 11:30am on Sundays.

Religious Educations classes begin following the 9am Liturgy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026–27 school year is now open!

Register and pay online at saintannmelkite.com/education

or scan the QR code. Religious Education is open to registered parishioners. If you are not yet registered with the parish, please call the parish office at 973-785-4144 and we'll be happy to assist you.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of AUGUST 2, 2026

5:00pm	7 Envelopes	\$ 265.00
10:00am	46 Envelopes	2112.00
Mailed	6 Envelopes	1135.00
Online	52 Envelopes	2015.00
Candles		51.00
Donations		100.00
Liturgy Stipends		500.00
Reimbursement		789.22

Weekly Total \$6,967.22

Total Envelopes Received: 111

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.**

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY NEW DATES!

We had such a great response that we've added two new photo dates: **Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10**
Book your appointment by scanning the QR code or visit

schedule.ucdir.com

Code: NJ187 Password: stann1

Each participating household will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. **Questions or need help signing up? Call/text Doreen Pierson at 973-800-2643.**



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.

August 15, 2026 . THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

On August 15, the Church celebrates the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, commemorating her repose, or "falling asleep," and her being taken into heaven.

The Dormition is a feast of hope, reminding us of Christ's promise of resurrection and eternal life. As the faithful gathered around the Theotokos at her repose, we remember our own departed loved ones and commend them into the hands of Christ, trusting in the life of the age to come.

As we journey toward our heavenly home, we are also reminded that the Mother of God continues to intercede for us. With a mother's love, she embraces all God's children and continually leads us closer to her Son.