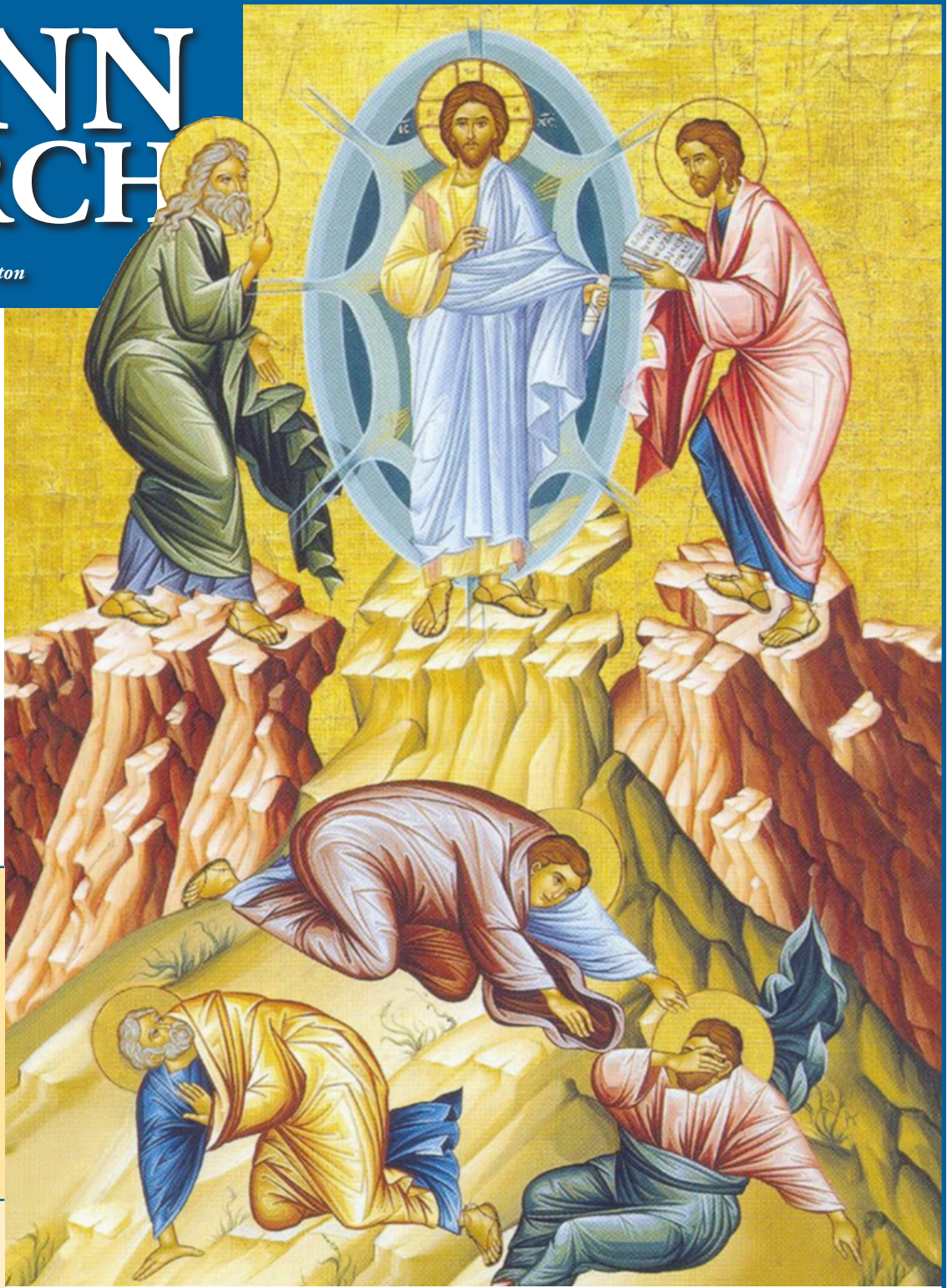


ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



In the chaos of life's storms, when all strength is spent and fear surrounds us, Christ comes, not always when we expect Him, but always when we need Him, revealing Himself as the great "I AM," the God who walks upon the waves of our troubles. Let us, like Peter, reach for His hand in the deep, for though we may falter in faith, the One who rules the sea will lift us, restore peace to our hearts, and lead us from fleeting earthly glory to the eternal majesty of heaven.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY . AUGUST 14 | 7PM
DORMITION of the
MOTHER of GOD
Vespers and Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 5-7
ST ANN FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 14
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES BEGIN
Watch for registration

OCTOBER 2
SIGHT & SOUND TRIP
Information on back page

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 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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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.

August 10, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

Intentions

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 9 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Valerie Balady . *Husband Bruce & Family*

†Michael Kayal . *Wife Nadia & Family*

†Albert & Gitta Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

†George & Alieh Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M George Bahar*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *Patti Tahan*

†Louis Dahdah . *Wife Amelia & Family*

SUNDAY | AUGUST 10 | 10:00AM

George & Ghada Fallaha . *50th Wedding Anniversary . Their Family*

†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *40 Day Memorial . Her Family*

†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*

†Josephine Butman . *Her Family*

†Elvira Tijerina . *M/M John Colie*

†Georget Barousou . *Her Family*

†William Siouffi . *M/M George Fakhoury*

†Suzan & John Kayal . *M/M Riad Homs*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Micheline Ghanem*

†Leila & Edward Abi Karam . *Daughter Grace Abi Karam*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 16 | 5:30PM

†Gloria Raad . *51 Year Remembrance . The Raad Family*

†Louis Dahdah . *Wife Amelia & Family*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M John Nagel & Family*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M John Hellmers*

†Mary Dolling Aslan . *Elizabeth Kattak*

SUNDAY | AUGUST 17 | 10:00AM

†William Siouffi . *M/M Robert Sorge*

†Suzan & John Kayal . *Nadia Kayal*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*

†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Reem Hannoush*

†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *M/M Khamis Khamis*

†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*

†Josephine Butman . *Her Family*

†Charlene Ann Brophy . *M/M John Colie*

†John Baladi . *Wife Maggie & Family*

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Susan Brigida

Mark Frommer

George Kayal

Mona Mardelli

Mary Tahan

Donna Yuppa

Dolores Fritz

Charles Gleason

Laurice Kayal

Joyce Neuss

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

DAILY READINGS . August 11-16, 2025

MONDAY 8/11

1 COR 15:12-19

MT 21:18-22

TUESDAY 8/12

1 COR 15:29-38

MT 21:23-27

WEDNESDAY 8/13

1 COR 16:4-12

MT 21:28-32

THURSDAY 8/14

2 COR 1:1-7

MT 21:43-46

Dormition of the Mother of God

LK 1:39-49; 56

PHIL 2:5-11

LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

SATURDAY 8/16

1 TIM 3:13-16; 4:1-5

LK 9:51-56;

10:22-24; 13:22

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

ANTIPHON *pg. 182*

O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

1. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor...
2. You set the mountains in place by Your power, You who are girt with might, robed in light as with a cloak.
O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor...
3. The mountains shall exult. For he is coming to judge the earth.
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 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 THE TRANSFIGURATION *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 *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 *pg. 184*

On the Mountain, You were transfigured, O Christ 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 suffered willingly and would proclaim to the world that You are verily the Splendor of the Father.

TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy Might 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 *pg. 185*

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 *pg. 186*

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

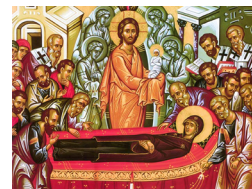
Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **James Amir**, son of James & Kayla (Figueroa) Amir who received these sacraments last week.



DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday . August 14 | 7PM
Vespers and Divine Liturgy.



ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **John Baladi**, who went to his eternal rest last week. John is the husband of Maggie Baladi and the father/father-in-law of Lena & Abboud Batikha. *May his memoy be eternal.*



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of AUGUST 3, 2025

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 931.00
10:00am	39 Envelopes	2100.00
Online	45 Envelopes	1822.50
Mailed	12 Envelopes	1030.00
Candles		56.00

Weekly Total **\$5,939.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 109

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. Musil 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 who have paid the \$50 deposit, the final cost will be \$110 per person. For all others, the cost is \$160 per person which includes theater tickets, bus transportation and lunch. **Please send in your payment as soon as possible.** **There are still 2 seats available.**

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.



SYRIA RELIEF FUND

Bishop François is asking to assist our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need due to the current situation in Syria. You may donate online at melkite.org/syria-relief-fund or via the parish weekly collection. Please make your checks payable to Syria Relief Fund and place it in the collection basket. **Thank you.**



Friday . **SEPTEMBER 5** . 6pm-10pm

SAJ (tonight only) + our *Full Menu*

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

Sunday . **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!