

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



Icon of Christ "Not Made by Hands"

The soul is never made rich by the abundance of things, but by the abundance of God within it. For whatever we possess in this passing life is entrusted to us for a time, but when the heart makes a possession its master, it becomes a servant of what it was created to govern. Blessed is the soul that holds earthly things with open hands and its Creator with an undivided heart. Such a soul is not impoverished by giving, nor shaken by loss, for it has found the treasure that neither time can consume nor death can take away. When God alone becomes our treasure, the heart is freed from every earthly bondage and begins to taste, even now, the joy of the Kingdom.

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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THIS WEEK

THURSDAY . AUGUST 20 | 10:30AM
YEBRET ROLLING

UPCOMING

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

SEPTEMBER 11-13
ST ANN FESTIVAL

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

TUESDAY . SEPT 15 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

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

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 16, 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26

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

Intentions

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
†Robert Orfaly . Sister, Mary Sayad
†Raymond Orfaly . Sister, Mary Sayad

SUNDAY | AUGUST 16 | 10:00AM

- Norman & Amal Khawam . 50th Wedding Anniversary
Crowning Service
†Michael Kayal . Birthday Remembrance . Wife Nadia & Family
†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
†Gaby Bakhos . M/M Nabil Alain

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22 | 5:00PM

- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
†Lois Lozy . The DeVincentis Family
†Tony Najjar . Barbara Berlin
†Shirley Bluemer . M/M John Gorny
†Henry Raad . His Family

SUNDAY | AUGUST 23 | 10:00AM

- †Nicolas Fakhoury . 13 Year Remembrance
Wife Samira & Family
†Basil Fattell . Pat Fattell & Family
†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
†Mary Tahan . Dan Faulkner
†Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Sam Haddad
†Elias Sawaf . M/M John Nagel
†John Baladi . Micheline Ghanem

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	Kelly Jackson	Joyce Neuss	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
William Bsarany	Dolores Fritz	Charles Gleason	Mona Mardelli	Matthew Orsini	Donna Yuppa
Andre Fakhoury					

DAILY READINGS . August 17-22, 2026

MONDAY 8/17 2 COR 8:7-15 MK 3:6-12	TUESDAY 8/18 2 COR 8:16-24; 9:1-5 MK 3:13-19	WEDNESDAY 8/19 2 COR 9:12-15; 10:1-7 MK 3:20-27	THURSDAY 8/20 2 COR 10:7-18 MK 3:28-35	FRIDAY 8/21 2 COR 11:5-21 MK 4:1-9	SATURDAY 8/22 1 COR 2:6-9 MT 22:15-22
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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.

THE MANDYLION or ICON OF CHRIST translates to NOT MADE BY HANDS

The Holy Mandylion, or Icon of Christ "Not Made by Hands," is one of the most ancient images of Christ in the Eastern Church. The tradition says that King Abgar V of Edessa, suffering from illness, sent a messenger asking Jesus to come and heal him. Christ washed His face and pressed it to a cloth, leaving His image upon it. The cloth was brought to Abgar, who received healing. The Mandylion proclaims the mystery of the Incarnation: the invisible God became visible by taking on our human nature. Because Christ truly became man and was seen by human eyes, His image can be depicted and venerated in holy icons.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom . Feast of the Dormition pages 188-193

ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST *Tone 2, pg. 188*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

1. His foundation is upon the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Sion more than any dwelling of Jacob.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2. Glorious things are said of you, O City of God!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

3. And He built His shrine like heaven, like the earth which He founded forever.

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 3, pg. 61*

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm, by death He has trampled upon death, and has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE ICON *Tone 2*

Before Your most pure image, we bow in worship. O good One, begging forgiveness of our sins. O Christ God, because You chose of Your own free will to ascend upon the cross in the flesh, in order to deliver from the enemy's bondage those, You had created. For this reason, we cry out to You in thanksgiving. "You have filled all things with joy. O our Savior, when You came to save the world!"

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION *pg. 189*

In giving birth you have preserved your virginity and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

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 DORMITION *Tone 2, pg. 189*

Neither death nor the tomb could hold the Mother of God, our watchful Protectress and our unfailing hope. Since she is the Mother of Life, Christ who dwelt in her ever virginal womb lifted her up to the eternal life.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

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

BRETHREN, I remind you of the Good News I preached to you, and which you received, and in which you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you — otherwise you would have believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all what I had also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Kephaz, and after that, to the Twelve. Then He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, many of whom are still with us, while some have fallen asleep. After that, He was seen by James, then by all the apostles, and last of all, as by one born out of due time, He was seen also by me. For I am the least of the apostles, and am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's Church. But by God's grace, I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been fruitless — in fact, I have labored more than any of them, yet not I, but God's grace with me. Whether it be I or they (who speak), this is what we preach, and this you have believed.

Alleluia

In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In Your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-26

At that time a certain young man came to Jesus and said, "Good Master, what good work shall I do to have eternal life?" He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God. But if you will enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus answered, — *'Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honor thy father and mother, and, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'*" The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept; what is still lacking in me?" Jesus said to him, "If you will be perfect, go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard these words, he went away sad, for he had great possessions. But Jesus said to His disciples, "Amen I say to you, with difficulty will a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven. And further I say to you it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." The disciples, hearing this, were exceedingly astonished, and said, "Who then can be saved?" And looking upon them, Jesus.

HIRMOS *Tone 1, pg. 190*

All human generations bless you, O Mother of God. The laws of Nature were overcome in you, O pure Virgin: For your birth-giving left you a virgin, and your death became the herald of your life. O you who remained virgin after giving birth, and alive after having died. O Mother of God, deign always to save your inheritance.

KINONIKON *Tone 8, pg. 192*

I will take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION *pg. 52*

We have seen the True Light...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Jack Ryan Gorny**, son of Ryan & Helen (Tomosoiu) Gorny, who received these sacraments last week.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8 . 7pm

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.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of AUGUST 2, 2026

5:00pm	15 Envelopes	\$ 681.00
10:00am	39 Envelopes	1163.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	950.00
Online	53 Envelopes	2370.00
Candles		38.00
Stole Offering		100.00
Weekly Total		\$5,302.00

Total Envelopes Received: 146

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.

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.

PASTOR NEWS

Please note that Fr. Musil will be out of town from August 17 through August 22. During this time if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Sayed at 867.203.1034, or the parish office for assistance



**Our Annual Festival is
September 11, 12 and 13th**

50/50 RAFFLE

ONLY 100 TICKETS LEFT! *Just 1000 tickets will be sold!*

Just \$10 per ticket with 3 chances to win!

1st: 25% • 2nd: 15% • 3rd: 10% of gross. Drawing Sunday, September 13 at 4pm. Winner need not be present. **Get your tickets before they're gone!** Joann Fakhoury: 973.782.3535
Lena Batikha: 973.303.5232

SPONSORSHIP & VENDOR TABLES

Support the festival with a sponsorship or memorial banner, displayed throughout all three days, or reserve a vendor table for Saturday and Sunday. **Forms are available in the Narthex, or scan the QR code to purchase online with a credit card.**

Sponsorships: Lena Batikha
973.303.5232 or Nabil Alain 973.930.9794.

Vendor Tables: Julie Thalab
929.888.0880. Vendor tables are limited to non-food, non-competing, church-appropriate merchandise.



SPONSORSHIP



VENDOR

LET'S ROLL YEBRET!

Thursday . August 20 . 10:30am

**Please join us at 10:30am to
roll yebret for the festival.**

We'll keep rolling until the job is done, and the more hands we have, the faster those grape leaves will roll!
Can't stay all day? No problem! Even an hour of your time would be a HUGE help. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. We truly appreciate every helping hand!

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 8×10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. **Questions or need help signing up?**
Call/text Doreen Pierson at 973-800-2643.

