

ST ANN CHURCH

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

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . SEPTEMBER 1
CHURCH'S NEW YEAR

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

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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*Holy Hieromartyr
Saint Irenaeus of Lyon*

The mercy of God is without measure, and His voice never ceases to call the soul from the depths of its exile. Through the mystery of grace, He enters the innermost sanctuary of the heart, awakening a divine hunger that no earthly treasure can silence and no passing pleasure can satisfy. His presence burns like an unquenchable fire, consuming what is false, purifying what is wounded, and drawing the soul beyond itself into the mystery of divine life. There, where the human heart encounters the relentless love of God, time begins to open toward eternity, and the soul discovers that it was created not merely to live, but to belong wholly to Him.

August 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 | Matthew 21:33-42

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22 | 5:00PM

†Fr. Alam Alam . Clergy & Parishioners of St Ann
 †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
 †Lois Lozy . The DeVincentis Family
 †Tony Najjar . Reem Hannoush
 †Shirley Bluemer . M/M John Gorny
 †Henry Raad . His Family

SUNDAY | AUGUST 23 | 10:00AM

†Fr. Alam Alam . Clergy & Parishioners of St Ann
 †Nicolas Fakhoury . 13 Year Remembrance
 Wife Samira & Family
 †Michael Kayal . 8 Year Remembrance . Wife Nadia & Family
 †Andrew Hicks . His Family, Karen & Andrew
 †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
 †Deceased Members of the Khoneisser Family
 M/M Joseph Khoneisser & Family

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | AUGUST 29 | 5:00PM

†Catherine Nahass . 18 Year Remembrance . Her Family
 †James Nahass . M/M Benny Margherita
 †Diane Hayek . M/M Benny Margherita
 †Lois Lozy . Dolores Joseph
 †Tony Najjar . M/M Ramez Awad
 †Shirley Bluemer . Yvonne Cantisano

SUNDAY | AUGUST 30 | 10:00AM

†George Massri . 40 Day Memorial
 Kamal & Fadia Fattal & Family
 Deeb Sheber . Birthday Remembrance . The Cathcart Family
 Larry Tobjy . Birthday Remembrance . Joseph Tobjy & Family
 Basil Fattell . M/M Salem Alechammas
 Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
 Mary Tahan . Karen Tahan & Family
 Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Matthew Jalinos
 Elias Sawaf . M/M Dennis Scully
 John Baladi . Alan Sabeh

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 Orsinsi	Donna Yuppa
Andre Fakhoury					

DAILY READINGS . August 24-29, 2026

MONDAY 8/24

2 COR 12:10-19
 MK 4:10-23

TUESDAY 8/25

2 COR 12:20-21; 13:1-2
 MK 4:24-34

WEDNESDAY 8/26

2 COR 13:3-13
 MK 4:35-41

THURSDAY 8/27

GAL 1:1-3,20-24; 2:1-5
 MK 5:1-20

FRIDAY 8/28

GAL 2:6-10
 MK 5:22-24, 35-43; 6:1

*Beheading of
 St. John the Forerunner*
SATURDAY 8/29

MT 14:1-13
 ACTS 13:25-33
 MK 6:14-30

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 HOLY HIEROMARTYR SAINT IRENAEUS OF LYON

Saint Irenaeus, born in Smyrna around 130 AD, was a disciple of St. Polycarp and later became Bishop of Lugdunum, modern-day Lyon, France. One of the great Fathers of the early Church, he faithfully defended Christian teaching against the Gnostic heresies of his time. In his renowned work Against Heresies, St. Irenaeus affirmed the unity of God, the true Incarnation of Christ, and the teaching of Theosis, our transformation through union with God in Christ. His preaching had a profound influence on the Church in Gaul, and according to tradition, he was martyred for the faith around 202 AD.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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 4, pg. 62*

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

TROPARION OF THE DORMITION *Tone 1, pg. 189 - sung 2x*

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 16:13-24

Prokimenon: How great are your works, O Lord! in wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord, O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

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

BRETHREN, watch, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let everything you do be done out of love. Now, I beg you, brethren: you know that the members of Stephanas' family are the first-fruits

of Achaia and have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. To such as these, you too be come subject, and to every helper and worker. I rejoice at the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because what was lacking on your part they have supplied – for they have refreshed both my spirit and yours. To such as these, therefore, give recognition. The churches of Asia greet you. Acquila and Priscilla with the church at their house greet you heartily in the Lord. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, greet you with my own hand. If any man does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. My love is with all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-42

The Lord told this parable: "There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard, and put a hedge around it, and dug a wine vat in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to the vine-dressers, and went abroad. But when the fruit season drew near, he sent his servants to the vine-dressers to receive his fruits. And the vine-dressers seized his servants, and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent another party of servants more numerous than the first; and they did the same to these. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But the vine-dressers, on seeing the son, said among themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and we shall have his inheritance.' So they seized him, cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When, therefore, the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vine-dressers?" They said to him, "He will utterly destroy those evil men, and will lease the vineyard to other vine-dressers, who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, '*The Stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone; by the Lord this has been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*'"

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 MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Ramy and Mirna (Romhen) Hana**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage last week. May their new life together be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.



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 16, 2026

5:00pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 555.00
10:00am	39 Envelopes	1540.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	150.00
Online	47 Envelopes	1445.00
Candles		66.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Hall Usage		500.00

Weekly Total \$4,756.00

Total Envelopes Received: 99

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.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Nadiye Okur**, who went to her eternal rest last week. She is the mother of John (Rania) Okur. *Memory Eternal.*



Our Annual Festival is September 11, 12 and 13th

50/50 RAFFLE

LESS THAN 100 TICKETS LEFT! Only 1000 tickets 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



SAMY ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Open to all students in grades 7–12. Scan the QR code to register online. \$10 registration fee helps cover SAMY activities. Registration is required to attend SAMY events.



SAMY KICK OFF POOL PARTY AND BBQ

The tradition continues! Join us at the Homsy's for our kickoff Pool Party & BBQ. RSVP by August 23 using the QR code.

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.**

