

# ST ANN CHURCH

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

## UPCOMING

*See back of bulletin for details*

SEPTEMBER 5-7

ST ANN FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 8

NATIVITY OF THE  
MOTHER OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 13-14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS

BISHOP FRANÇOIS VISIT  
DINNER AND BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 21

REGULAR DIVINE LITURGY  
SCHEDULE RESUMES

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CLASSES BEGIN

## 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

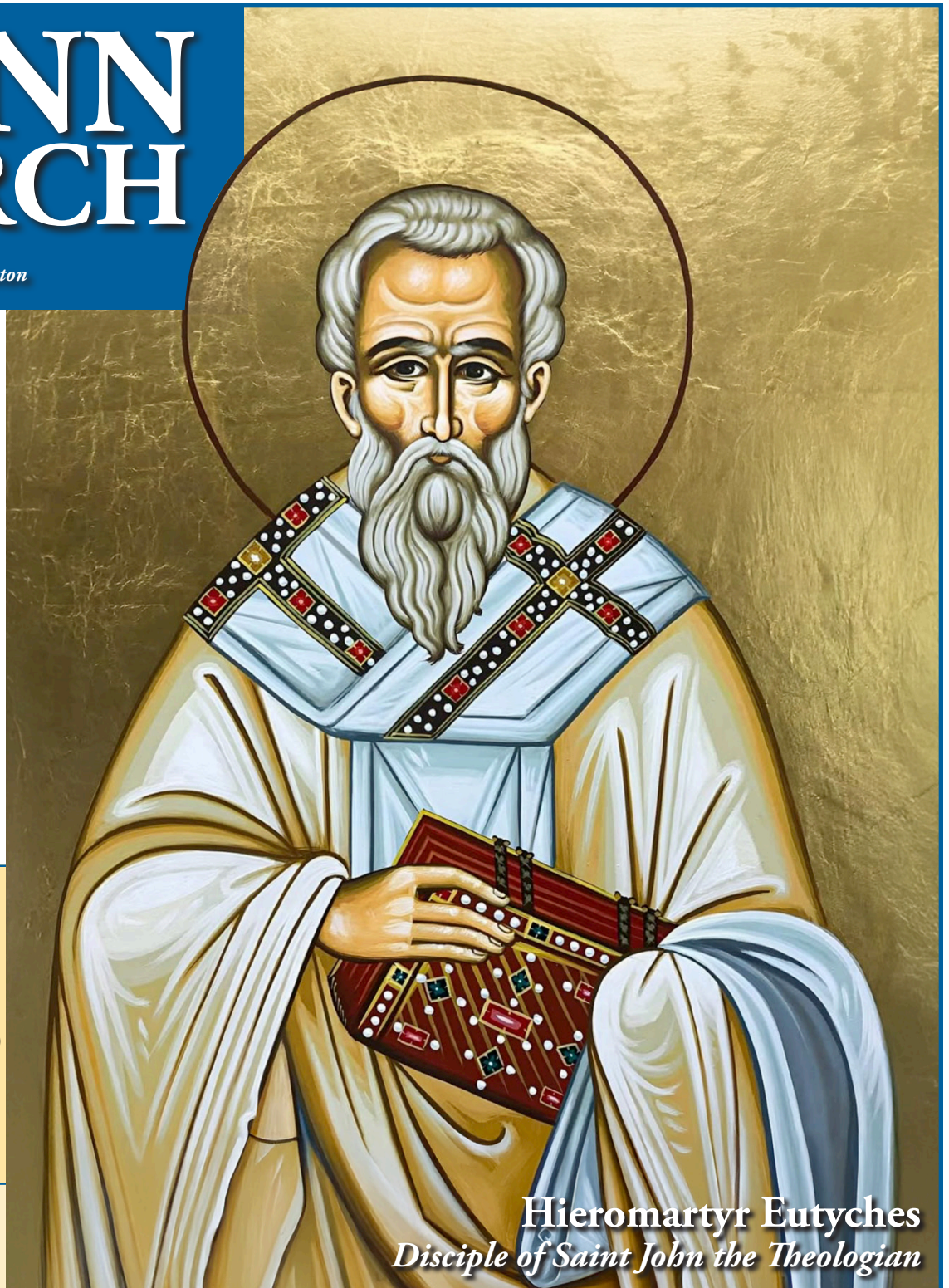
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

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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.



**Hieromartyr Eutyches**  
*Disciple of Saint John the Theologian*

*The mercy of God erases the immeasurable weight of sin  
and lifts the soul from its chains into the freedom of His radiant love,  
and in that same mercy the heart learns to forgive,  
becoming a dwelling of heaven where love flows  
without measure and eternal light reigns.*

**August 24, 2025**

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

PROKIMENON *My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.*

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

# Intentions

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 23 | 5:30PM**

- †Deeb Sheber . *Birthday Remembrance . M/M Charles Cathcart*  
†Nicolas Fakhoury . *12 Year Remembrance . His Family*  
†Deceased Members of the Fakhoury Family . *Samira Fakhoury*  
†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*  
†Lois Lozy . *M/M John Michaud*  
†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Michael Gurcio*  
†Louis Dahdah . *Wife Amelia & Family*

**SUNDAY | AUGUST 24 | 10:00AM**

- †Hani Haddad . *6 Month Memorial . Wife Mary & Family*  
†John Colie Sr. . *6 Year Remembrance . M/M John Colie*  
†William Siouffi . *M/M Fred Saoud*  
†Suzan & John Kayal . *M/M George Massola*  
†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*  
†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*  
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Sara*  
†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *M/M Khamis Khamis*  
†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*  
†Josephine Butman . *Her Family*  
†John Baladi . *Wife Maggie & Family*  
†Gabriel Bakhos . *M/M Nabil Alain*

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 30 | 5:30PM**

- †Louis Dahdah . *Wife Amelia & Family*  
†William Siouffi . *Fred Lozy*  
†Lois Lozy . *Stephen Hanczaryk*  
†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Gregg Kattine*

**SUNDAY | AUGUST 31 | 10:00AM**

- †Josephine Butman . *Her Family*  
†Sharon Liddawi . *M/M John Colie*  
†John Baladi . *Wife Maggie & Family*  
†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*  
†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*  
†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*  
†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *M/M Antoine Dirani*  
†Suzan & John Kayal . *M/M Besim Latte*  
†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger	Mark Frommer	Laurice Kayal	Marlene Baskinger Rodgers	Donna Yuppa
Susan Brigida	Charles Gleason	Mona Mardelli	Mary Tahan	
Dolores Fritz	George Kayal	Joyce Neuss	Debra Payne Wierciszewski	

## DAILY READINGS . August 25-30, 2025

### MONDAY 8/25

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

### TUESDAY 8/26

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

### WEDNESDAY 8/27

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

### THURSDAY 8/28

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

### FRIDAY 8/29

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

### SATURDAY 8/30

1 COR 1:26-31; 2:1-5  
MT 20:29-34

### 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

### ANTIPHON *pg. 18*

*O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior!  
*O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...*
2. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.  
*O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...*
3. For God is a great Lord, and a great King over all the earth!  
*O Son of God, who are risen from the dead...*

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 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 OF THE NATIVITY *pg. 139*

Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"

### TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy Might 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*

It is truly right to call you blessed...

### KINONIKON

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia!

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the True Light...

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BISHOP FRANÇOIS BEYROUTI VISIT

We are pleased to announce that Bishop François will be visiting our parish September 13 and 14. We encourage all members of our community to make every effort to attend one of the liturgies during this special weekend.

### Saturday, September 13

This year, for the first time, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with Vespers and the Divine Liturgy** at 5:30 pm, followed by:

An outside procession with the Cross, the lighting of the traditional fire, and a potluck dinner.

Let us come together as one family to share this meaningful occasion with our Bishop. Please let us know what you are bringing by calling **Lena Batikha at 973.303.5232, Maha Gabriel at 973.610.8444 or Julie Thalab at 929.888.0880.**

### Sunday, September 14

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am followed by a light breakfast reception. **RSVP for the breakfast is required.** Please contact **Bernie Murray at 551.206.1986, Debbie Gorny at 973.919.4571 or Bashar Katat at 480.589.8909**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of AUGUST 17, 2025

5:30pm	18 Envelopes	\$ 862.00
10:00am	37 Envelopes	1680.00
Online	39 Envelopes	1412.50
Mailed	6 Envelopes	395.00
Candles		81.00
Liturgy Stipends		1965.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>\$6,395.50</b>
Total Envelopes Received: 100		

## 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](http://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?

**Please register as soon as possible!** We need your name, family members, address, phone, email and other info, to enroll you in our offering envelope system. **If you are not receiving parish envelopes, you are not registered!** All families, seniors, and post college singles attending St Ann should register as parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms and Religious Education registration. **Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register.**

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Ryan & Helen (Tomosoiu) Gorny** on the recent birth of their son!



## PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE

### SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH

in Lancaster, PA . THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

For those who have paid the \$50 deposit, the final cost is \$110 per person. For all others, the cost is \$160 per person. There are still 2 seats available.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AIDES NEEDED!

Some of the classrooms serving grades 4 to high school are in need of aides. Ready to help? Contact Michael Hanczaryk at [mhanczaryk@aol.com](mailto:mhanczaryk@aol.com) or 973.932.2855.

## SYRIA RELIEF FUND

Bishop François is asking for your support of our brothers and sisters who are suffering due to the ongoing crisis in Syria. Go to [melkite.org/syria-relief-fund](http://melkite.org/syria-relief-fund) to donate online, or give through our weekly parish collection. If writing a check, make it payable to **Diocese of Newton and note "Syria Relief Fund"** in the memo line before placing it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Monday, September 8 . 7pm

Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God

### Wednesday, September 10 . 7pm

Vespers followed by the Parish Advisory Council meeting.

### Sunday, September 21

Divine Liturgy returns to 9:00am and 11:30am on Sundays. Religious Educations classes begin following the 9am Liturgy. Register online at [saintannmelkite.com/education](http://saintannmelkite.com/education).

## NIGHT TO SHINE FUNDRAISER

### OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE in WAYNE . September 15-18

\$20 per person, includes shared appetizer, salad, side, entree, dessert and soft drink. Contact **Joann Fakhoury 973.782.3535 or Laura Byrouty 973.224.3608** for tickets.



*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.**