

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . SEPTEMBER 1
CHURCH'S NEW YEAR

NEXT WEEK

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

SEPTEMBER 11-13
ST ANN FESTIVAL

UPCOMING

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:

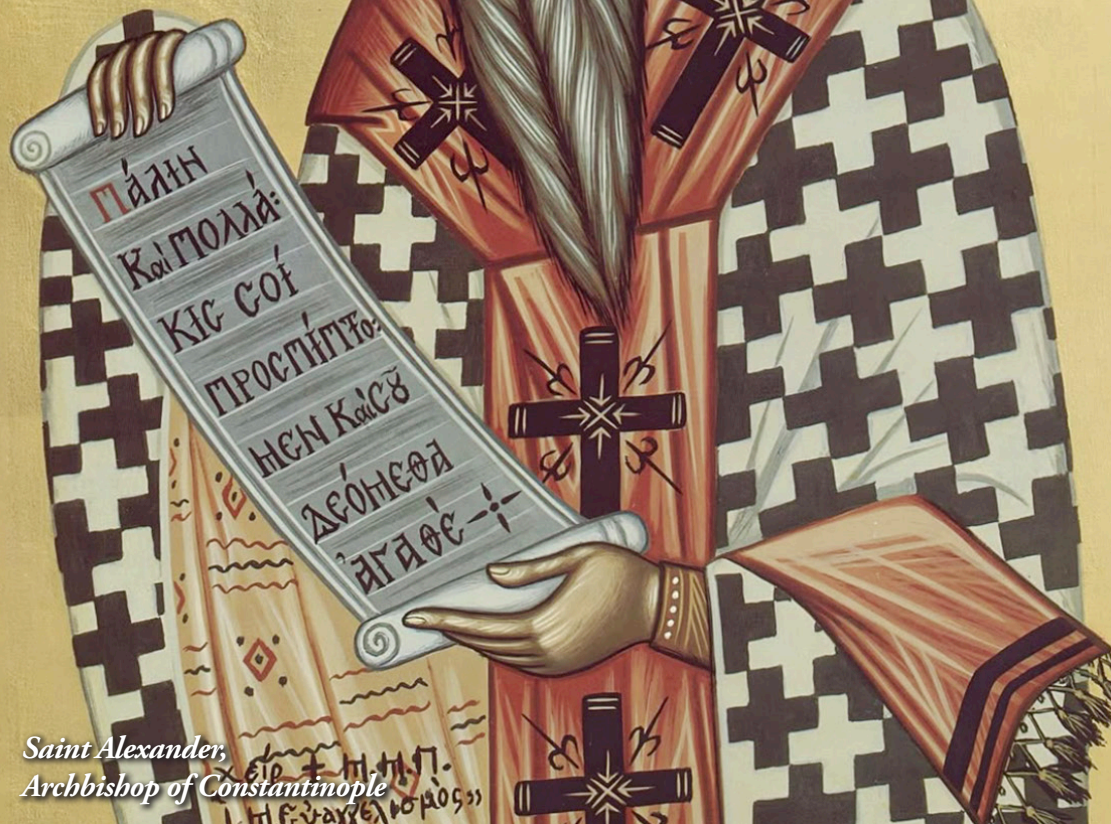
Rev Musil Shihadeh | Pastor
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | Parochial Vicar
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
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God never ceases to call the human heart to something greater. His grace does not merely meet us where we are, it lifts, purifies, and transforms us from within. To belong to Christ is to surrender every part of ourselves to His love, until our thoughts become light, our choices become offerings, and our lives become a living witness to His presence. The soul reaches its true greatness when it allows God to work through it, for when we give Him our whole heart, He can transform even the smallest act of love into something eternal.

August 30, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 | Matthew 22:2-14

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

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

†Ken & Ellen Bluemer . Alan & Matthew Bluemer

†Henry Raad . His Family

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

†Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family

†Deceased Members of the Nakhle Family
M/M Joseph Khoneisser & Family

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 5 | 5:00PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters

†Lois Lozy . M/M Michael Ipekjdian

†Tony Najjar . M/M Charles McAuley

†Shirley Bluemer . Fred Lozy

†Henry Raad . His Family

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 6 | 10:00AM

†Lois Tobjy-De Rosa . 1 Year Remembrance . Her Family

†Basil Fattell . Patti Tahan

†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family

†Mary Tahan . Barbara Berlin

†Kathleen Carlisle . M/M Michel Gabriel

†Elias Sawaf . Leo Cousa

†John Baladi . Cathcart Family

†Robert Orfaly . Samira Fakhoury

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . Their Family

†Rana Alamir Haddad . Alamir Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger
William Bsarany
Andre Fakhoury

Andrew Friedman
Dolores Fritz

Mark Frommer
Charles Gleason

Kelly Jackson
Mona Mardelli

Joyce Neuss
Matthew Orsini

Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS . August 31-September 5, 2026

Liturgical New Year

MONDAY 8/31

HEB 9:1-7
LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

TUESDAY 9/1

LK 6:17-23
1 TIM 2:1-7
LK 4:16-22

WEDNESDAY 9/2

GAL 3:15-22
MK 6:7-13

THURSDAY 9/3

GAL 3:23-29; 4:1-5
MK 6:30-45

FRIDAY 9/4

GAL 4:8-21
MK 6:45-53

SATURDAY 9/5

1 COR 4:17-21; 5:1-5
MT 24:1-13

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

1. Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us; let Your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us!

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

2. That Your name may be known upon earth, among all nations Your salvation.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead...

3. Let the peoples praise You, O God, let all the peoples praise You!

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 5, pg. 63*

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation; for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross and to endure death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 NATIVITY *Tone 4, 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, celebrate your birth crying out to you: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God, the Sustainer of our life!"

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:21-2:4

Prokimenon: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

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

BRETHREN, the one who strengthened you and us in Christ, who anointed us, is God, who also stamped us with his seal and gave us the Spirit as a pledge in our hearts. Now, I call God to witness against my soul that it was to spare you that I did not come again

to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith, but rather we are fellow-workers in your joy, for in faith you stand. I made up my mind not to come to you again in sorrow. For if I make you sad, who can gladden me; save the very one who is grieved by me? And I wrote to you as I did, that when I come I may not have sorrow upon sorrow from those who ought to give me joy: for I trust in all of you that my joy is a joy to all of you. For I wrote to you in much affliction and anguish of heart, with many tears, not that you might be grieved, but that you might know the great love I have for you.

Alleluia

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:2-14

The Lord told this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who made a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call in those invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Again he sent out other servants saying: 'Tell those who are invited, behold. I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and fatlings are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it, and went off, one to his own farm and another to his business; and the rest laid hold of his servants treated them shamefully, and killed them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The marriage feast indeed is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy; go therefore to the crossroads, and invite to the marriage feast whomever you shall find.' And his servants went out into the roads and gathered all those they found, both good and bad; and the marriage feast was filled with guests. Now the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, take hold of him, and throw him out into the darkness, where there will be weeping and the gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 42*

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...

KINONIKON *Tone 8, pg. 50*

Praise the Lord from the Heavens...

POST-COMMUNION *pg. 52*

We have seen the True Light...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 23, 2026

5:00pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 487.00
10:00am	28 Envelopes	756.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	1260.00
Online	50 Envelopes	1790.00
Candles		52.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Liturgy Stipends		950.00

Weekly Total \$5,795.00

Total Envelopes Received: 97

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.



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

50/50 RAFFLE LESS THAN 100 TICKETS LEFT!

\$10/ticket - 3 chances to win - Only 1000 tickets sold!

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.

Deadline to purchase a banner is Monday, August 31!



SPONSORSHIP



VENDOR

FESTIVAL SETUP • WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Wednesday, September 9 • 5:00pm

Refrigerators • Fryers • Grill Setup • Lights & Electrical Setup

Thursday, September 10 • 5:00pm

Tables & Chairs under Guest Tents • Food Tent Setup
Tables & Banners • Load Beverages into Freezer Truck

Friday, September 11 • 1:00pm – Final Festival Setup!

Tablecloths on all Tables • Stock Drink Coolers • Final Setup

MANY HANDS MAKE FESTIVAL SETUP EASIER!

Come When You Can! If setup is completed early on any day, we'll post an update on Facebook and WhatsApp.



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.

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.

