

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

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Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos

*The riches of the world are but fleeting shadows
that cannot fill the soul, which finds true light only when
it bows before God. Placing Him above all else,
the soul rests fully in the infinite embrace of His grace and mercy.*

August 31, 2025

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROKIMENON *My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.*

Hebrews 9:1-7 | Matthew 19:16-26

Intentions

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*

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 6 | 5:30PM

- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*
†Lois Lozy . *M/M George Dahdah*
†Louis Dahdah . *Wife Amelia & Family*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | 10:00AM

- †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*
†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*
†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*
†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *M/M Khamis Khamis*
†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*
†John Baladi . *Wife Maggie & Family*
†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Lawrence Margolis*

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 . September 1-6, 2025

Church's New Year

MONDAY 9/1

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

TUESDAY 9/2

2 COR 8:16-24; 9:1-5
MK 3:13-19

WEDNESDAY 9/3

2 COR 9:12-15; 10:1-7
MK 3:20-27

THURSDAY 9/4

2 COR 10:7-18
MK 3:28-35

FRIDAY 9/5

2 COR 11:5-21
MK 4:1-9

SATURDAY 9/6

HEB 2:2-10
LK 10:16-21

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.

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!

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most cost effective way to donate. Consider this for
your Sunday Offering. For details, go to
saintannmeltite.com and click the online giving tab.

TWELFTH 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 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 THE DEPOSITION (*Tone 8*)

O ever-virgin Mother of God, refuge of the human race: you have given to your city your garment, the cincture that encircled your body, as a protective wall. In you, time and nature are always made new, for you are the Mother of our God. Wherefore we implore you to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!

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.

KONTAKION OF THE CINCTURE (*Tone 2*)

O Mother of God, the cincture that encircled your body which had borne the Son of God is for us an object of glory, a treasure abundant in grace. You are the Mother of God, the only ever-virgin Mother!

TRISAGION

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

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 9:1-7

Prokimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Stichon: Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid, for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

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

BRETHREN, the first tabernacle also had ritual ordinances and a sanctuary, though an earthly one. For there was set up a tabernacle in the outer part of which were the lamp-stand and the table and the showbread, and this is called the Holy Place.

But beyond the second veil was the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, having a golden censer and the Ark of the Covenant, overlaid on every side with gold. In the ark was a golden vessel containing the manna, and the rod of Aaron which had budded, and the tablets of the covenant and above it was the Cherubim of glory, overshadowing the mercy-seat. But of all these we cannot now speak in detail.

Such then being the arrangements, the priests always used to enter into the first tabernacle to perform the sacred rites; but into the second tabernacle, the high priest alone entered once a year, not without blood, which he offered for his own and the people's sins of ignorance.

Alleluia

Listen, daughter, and behold and lend your ear, and forget your people and your father's house.

Stichon: The rich among the people shall seek Your favor.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-26

The Rich Young Ruler

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 *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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2025-26 Religious Education school year is now open! You can easily access registration forms and make payments online at saintannmelkite.com/education, or simply scan the QR code. Please note that only registered parishioners can enroll their children in our classes. If you haven't registered with the parish office yet, don't worry—it's a breeze! Just give us a call at 973-785-4144, and we will be more than happy to assist you.



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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of AUGUST 24, 2025

5:30pm	18 Envelopes	\$ 713.00
10:00am	30 Envelopes	1299.00
Online	39 Envelopes	1317.50
Mailed	11 Envelopes	1175.00
Candles		81.00
Stole Offering		550.00
Donation		310.00

Weekly Total **\$5,135.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 98

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.**

NEXT WEEKEND!



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

SAJ (tonight only) + our *Full Menu*

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

Sunday . **SEPTEMBER 7** . 11am-5pm

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 or 973.932.2855.

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**

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.

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 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!