

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES

**SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY**

TUESDAY . SEPT 8 | 7PM

DIVINE LITURGY

for the Nativity of the Theotokos

SEPTEMBER 11-13

ST ANN FESTIVAL

NEXT WEEK

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**

SATURDAY . SEPT 19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TEACHERS RETREAT

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



*The Miracle of
Archangel Michael at Colossae*

*Love is the language of God and the true measure of a life surrendered to Him.
When Christ reigns in the heart, love becomes stronger than pride, mercy deeper than judgment,
and forgiveness greater than every wound. The heart that truly belongs to God cannot
remain closed to others. It becomes a dwelling place for grace, a source of peace, and a
reflection of Christ in a wounded world. To live in God's love is to allow His presence
to transform us until our very lives become an offering of love.*

St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church
802 Rifle Camp Road
Woodland Park NJ 07424

☎ 973.785.4144

✉ StAnn.WoodlandPark@melkite.org

🌐 saintannmelkite.com

September 6, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 | Matthew 22:35-46

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 5 | 5:00PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Michael Ipekdjian*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Charles McAuley*

†Shirley Bluemer . *Fred Lozy*

†Henry Raad . *His Family*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 6 | 10:00AM

†Shakib Alsamaan . *6 Months Memorial . His Family*

†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*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Elias Sawaf . *Leo Cousa*

†John Baladi . *Cathcart Family*

†Robert Orfaly . *Samira Fakhoury*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†Sami Abu Lail . *Salem & Rawan Sawaged*

†Wael Abu Lail . *Salem & Rawan Sawaged*

†Akram Sawaged . *Salem & Rawan Sawaged*

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 12 | 5:00PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Mark Stuczynski*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Khalil Fallaha*

†Shirley Bluemer . *M/M Joseph Vernieri*

†Henry Raad . *His Family*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 | 10:00AM

†Basil Fattell . *Nawal Agamie*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M Louis Long*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Elias Sawaf . *M/M Eamon Doherty*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†John Baladi . *Micheline Ghanem*

†Janice Eckert . *M/M Joseph Fattal*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†Deceased Members of the Hayek Family . *Samira Fakhoury*

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 . September 7-12, 2026

Nativity of the Mother of God

MONDAY 9/7
GAL 4:28-31; 5:1-10
MK 6:54-56; 7:1-8

TUESDAY 9/8
LK 1:39-49; 56
PHIL 2:5-11
LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

WEDNESDAY 9/9
GAL 4:22-27
LK 8:16-21

THURSDAY 9/10
EPH 1:1-9
MK 7:24-30

FRIDAY 9/11
EPH 1:7-17
MK 8:1-10

SATURDAY 9/12
1 COR 2:6-9
MT 10:37-42; 11:1

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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

FIRST ANTIPHON *pg. 15*

1. Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to His name!

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

2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

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

3. "Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!"

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 6, pg. 64*

The angelic powers were around Your tomb, and the guards became as dead; and Mary stood at the tomb, seeking Your spotless body; Then You despoiled Hades without being tried by it, and You met the Virgin O Bestower of life. O Lord, who rose from the dead, glory to You.

TROPARION OF MICHAEL *Tone 4*

O Captain and Leader of the armies of heaven, unworthy as we are, we beseech you without cease to surround us with your intercessions and cover us beneath the shelter of the wings of your ethereal glory. We bend our knee and cry out with perseverance. "Deliver us from danger, O Prince of the Powers on high!"

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 4:6-15

Prokimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Stichon: To You, O Lord, I have called: O my Rock, be not deaf to me!

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

BRETHREN, God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of God's glory, shining in Christ Jesus' face. But we carry this treasure in vessels of clay, to show that its superabundant power is God's, and not ours. In all things we suffer tribulation but we are not distressed, we are sorely pressed but we are not destitute, we endure persecution but we are not forsaken, we are cast down but we do not perish: always carrying around in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame. For we, the living, are constantly being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Thus, death is at work in us, but life in you.

But since we have the same spirit of faith, as shown in that which is written, *I believed, and so I spoke*, (Ps. 115:1) we also believed, wherefore we also speak. For we know that the One Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also together with Jesus, and will place us with you. For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace that abounds through the many may cause thanksgiving to abound for God's glory.

Alleluia

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High abides in the shadow of the God of heaven.

Stichon: He will say to the Lord, "My wall, my refuge, my God in whom I will trust!"

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:35-46

At that time one of the doctors of the Law, putting Jesus to the test, asked him, "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "David's." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand till I make thy enemies thy footstool?' If David, therefore, calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one could answer him a word; neither did anyone dare from that day forth to ask him any more questions.

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

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION**
for St. Ann Charitable Society



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 8 . 7pm

Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Mother of God

Friday-Sunday, September 11-13 . 7pm

Saint Ann Festival

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.

Saturday, September 19

Religious Education Teachers Retreat.

Divine Liturgy returns to 5:30pm on Saturday evenings.

Sunday, September 20

Divine Liturgy returns to 9:00am and 11:30am on Sundays.

Religious Educations classes begin following the 9am Liturgy.

Sunday, September 20 . 10:30am

SAMY Meeting.

Saturday, September 26

SAMY Outing - NJ Red Bulls Game.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of AUGUST 30, 2026

5:00pm	22 Envelopes	\$ 918.00
10:00am	32 Envelopes	1200.00
Mailed	5 Envelopes	405.00
Online	46 Envelopes	1580.00
Candles		41.00
Liturgy Stipends		545.00
Weekly Total		\$4,689.00

Total Envelopes Received: 105

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.

ST ANN FESTIVAL

Friday, September 11 | 6pm-10pm

SAJ (Friday only) + our Full Menu



Saturday, September 12 | 12pm-10pm

Live Music by Mirar Elzahabi

Sunday, September 13 | 11am-5pm

FESTIVAL SETUP WEEK- SEPT. 7-11

WE NEED EVERYONE! Please make time to help us get Festival-ready. **See insert for the setup schedule.**

ONLY 96 TICKETS LEFT!

HELP US SELL OUT THE 50/50 RAFFLE!

Just \$10 a ticket • 3 chances to win!

Let's get all 1,000 tickets sold!

Joann: 973.782.3535 • Lena: 973.303.5232

VENDOR TABLES & DONATIONS

Support the festival with a donation, any amount is truly appreciated, or reserve a vendor table for Saturday and Sunday. **Scan the QR code to purchase online with a credit card.**

Vendor Tables: Julie Thalab 929.888.0880.

Tables are limited to non-food, non-competing, church-appropriate merchandise.



DONATION



VENDOR

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.



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 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory. **Questions or need help signing up? Call/text Doreen Pierson at 973-800-2643.**

