

# 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

MONDAY | 7PM  
NATIVITY OF THE  
MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY | 7PM  
VESPERS followed by PARISH  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

## NEXT WEEK

See back of bulletin for details

SEPTEMBER 13-14  
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS

BISHOP FRANÇOIS VISIT  
DINNER AND BREAKFAST

## 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

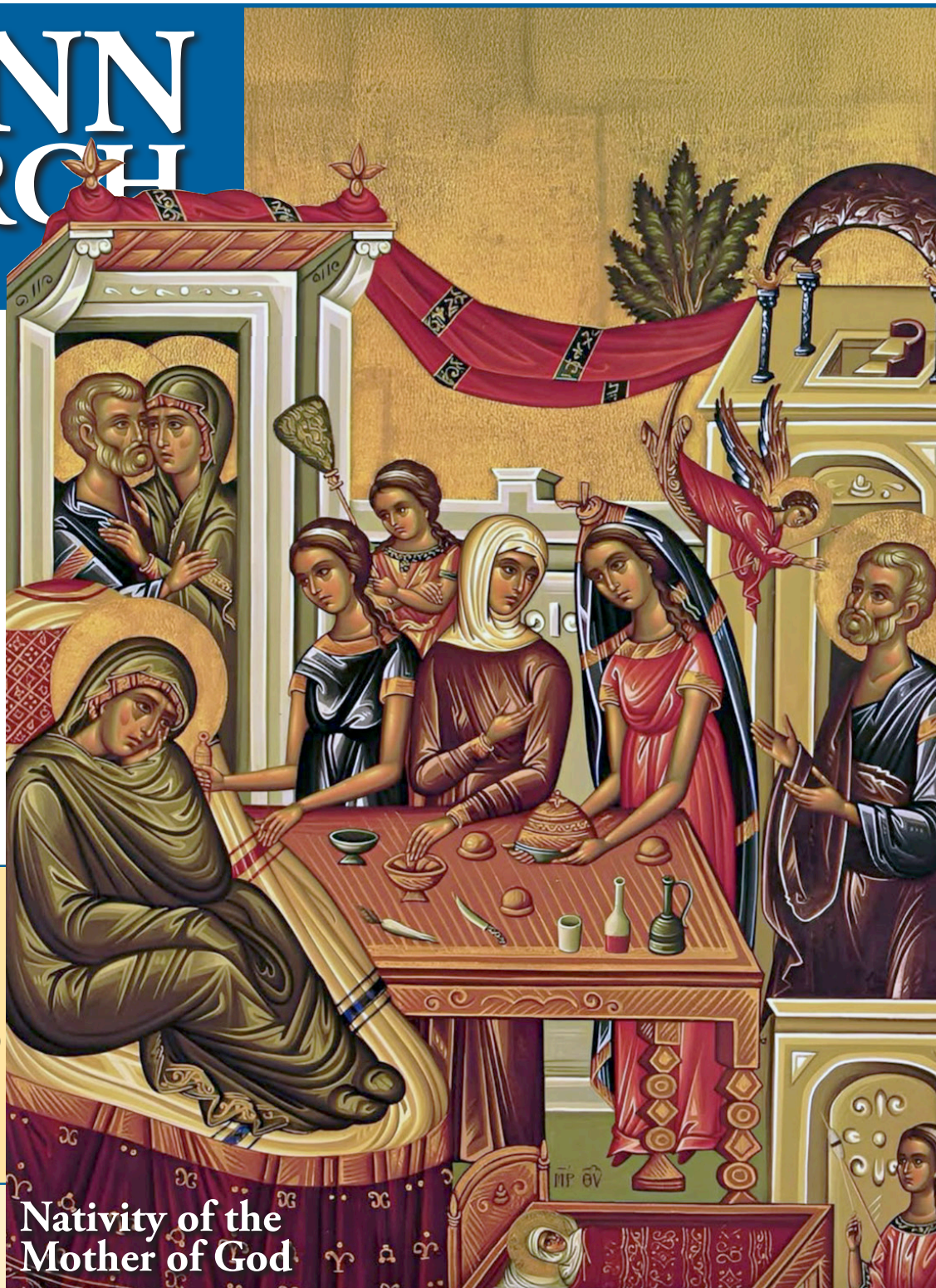
### Our Community is Served By:

Rev Musil Shihadeh  
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Rev Sayed Kozhaya  
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Rev Choukri Sabbagh  
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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.



## Nativity of the Mother of God

*The Cross, once a sign of curse and death, has become through Christ  
the meeting place of divine love and human redemption, where sin is defeated  
and eternal life is offered. Therefore, sinner, look upon the Crucified One  
without fear, for in the wood of His sacrifice lies your victory,  
your joy, and your way to the Father's embrace.*

September 7, 2025

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance!

Galatians 6:11-18 | John 3:13-17



# Intentions

## 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*

†Valerie Balady . *Bruce Balady & Family*

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 13 | 5:30PM**

†Raymond Hayek . *2 Year Remembrance . M/M Gregg Kattine*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Eamon Doherty*

†Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Lawrence Margolis*

**SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 10:00AM**

†Deceased Members of the Hannoush Family

*The Hannoush Family*

†Georget Barousou . *Her Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Naim Haddad . *Wife Nelli & Family*

†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *M/M Antoine Dirani*

†Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*

†John Baladi . *Samira Fakhoury*

†William Siouffi . *M/M Louis Long*

†George Bsales . *M/M John Colie*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger

Mark Frommer

Mona Mardelli

Mary Tahan

Susan Brigida

Charles Gleason

Joyce Neuss

Debra Payne Wierciszewski

Dolores Fritz

Laurice Kayal

Marlene Baskinger Rodgers

Donna Yuppa

## DAILY READINGS . September 8-13, 2025

*Nativity of the  
Mother of God*

**MONDAY 9/8**

LK 1:39-49; 56

PHIL 2:5-11

LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**TUESDAY 9/9**

GAL 4:22-27

LK 8:16-21

**WEDNESDAY 9/10**

2 COR 13:3-13

MK 4:35-41

**THURSDAY 9/11**

GAL 1:1-3, 20-24;

2:1-5

MK 5:1-20

**FRIDAY 9/12**

GAL 2:6-10

MK 5:22-24,

35-43; 6:1

**SATURDAY 9/13**

1 COR 2:6-9

JN 12:25-36

### 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!*

## 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  
**saintannmeltite.com** and click the online giving tab.

# SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

## 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 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 FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Today is born for us, from the stem of Jesse and the loins of David, Mary, the Maiden of God. Wherefore the whole creation rejoices and is renewed. Rejoice together, Heaven and earth, and you peoples of the world, sing to her a joyful hymn of praise. Joachim is elated and Ann shouts for joy: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God, the Sustainer of our life!"

### 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 FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Quickened by the Holy Spirit, the universe cries out in joy at your birth worthy of veneration: "Rejoice, O Virgin, glory of Christians!"

### TRISAGION

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

### EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18

**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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians:

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### Alleluia

I have exalted one chosen out of my people. I have found David my servant, and anointed him with holy chrism.

*Stichon:* For my hand shall support him, and my arm shall make him strong.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

*The Son of Man must be lifted up...*

The Lord said, "No one has gone up into heaven except the One Who has come down from heaven: the Son of Man Who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

### 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

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US VIA TEXT

Not receiving texts or emails from us? Text the words FRMUSIL to 84576 or connect with us online at: [saintannmelkite.flocknote.com](http://saintannmelkite.flocknote.com).

## REMINDER

### 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 is now open! You can easily access registration forms and make payments online at [saintannmelkite.com/education](http://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.



## 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.

## 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 31, 2025

5:30pm	18 Envelopes	\$ 384.00
10:00am	30 Envelopes	897.00
Online	40 Envelopes	1537.50
Mailed	8 Envelopes	1136.00
Candles		60.00

**Weekly Total** **\$4,014.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 96

## NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

**Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144**

**to 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.

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



## FESTIVAL WEEKEND!

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

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

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

## 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.

## LADIES NIGHT MASQUERADE SOIRÉE

**Saturday, October 11 . The Brownstone . 6-11pm**

St. Ann's MAYA Group (Melkite Association of Young Adults) are hosting a Masquerade Soirée \$75 per guest, includes full course dinner, and live music. For tickets contact **Antoinette Sabbagh 201-704-3047, Lila Baladi 201-874-3857, Michele Kattine 201-665-8718, Karen Katat 551-204-1832**

## 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!