

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS 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**

SATURDAY . SEPT 19 | 5:30PM

**DIVINE LITURGY RETURNS TO
5:30PM ON SATURDAY EVENINGS**

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . SEPT 20 | 9AM & 11:30AM

**TWO DIVINE LITURGIES
RESUME THIS SUNDAY**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES BEGIN**

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 Son of Man came down from heaven and was lifted up on the Cross,
not to condemn the sinner, but to reveal a love stronger than sin and death.
Look at the Cross: it is God's answer to your sin, your wound, and your fear.
The One whom you have offended is the One who opens His arms to embrace you.
Do not run from Him; run to Him. For on the Cross, Christ does not simply
save you from death, He calls you out of your old life and into the very life of God.*

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September 13, 2026

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

Hebrews 3:1-6 | John 3:13-17

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

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	Kelly Jackson
William Bsary	Mona Mardelli
Andre Fakhoury	Joyce Neuss
Andrew Friedman	Matthew Orsini
Dolores Fritz	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Mark Frommer	Donna Yuppa
Charles Gleason	

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 | 5:30PM

†**Norman & Laurice Dikdan** . *Their Daughters*
 †**Lois Lozy** . *Maureen Shaughnessy*
 †**Tony Najjar** . *Rola Hannoush*
 †**Shirley Bluemer** . *M/M Gabe Raad*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 20 | 9:00AM

†**Henry Raad** . *40 Day Memorial* . *Wife Beverly & Family*
 †**Albert & Catherine Nahass** . *M/M Benny Margherita*
 †**Pasquale & Concetta Margherita** . *M/M Benny Margherita*
 †**Frank Margherita** . *M/M Benny Margherita*
 †**Donna Nahass** . *M/M Benny Margherita*
 †**Basil Fattell** . *M/M George Jalinos*
 †**Mary Tahan** . *M/M George Fakhoury*
 †**Kathleen Carlisle** . *M/M Victor Jalinos*
 †**Elias Sawaf** . *M/M Joseph Rowek*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 20 | 11:30AM

†**Bassima Khalifah Antun** . *Memorial*
Daughter Luce Kazanjian
 †**Sayer Sawaged** . *Wife Badia & Family*
 †**Hani Haddad** . *Wife Mary & Family*
 †**John Baladi** . *Alan Sabeh*
 †**Amira & Khalil Alamir** . *Their Family*
 †**Rana Alamir Haddad** . *Alamir Family*
 †**Gloria Farina** . *M/M Joseph Fattal*

DAILY READINGS . September 14-19, 2026

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MONDAY 9/14

JN 12:28-36
 1 COR 1:18-24
 JN 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-35

TUESDAY 9/15

EPH 2:19-22; 3:1-7
 MK 11:11-24

WEDNESDAY 9/16

2 COR 6:1-10
 LK 7:36-50

THURSDAY 9/17

EPH 4:14-17
 MK 11:27-33

FRIDAY 9/18

EPH 4:17-25
 MK 12:1-22

SATURDAY 9/19

1 COR 1:26-31; 2:1; 5
 JN 8:21-30

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.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE HOLY CROSS

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 7, pg. 65*

You destroyed Death by Your Cross, You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the Myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen granting to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF PREPARATION *Tone 2*

We offer you, O Lord, as a means of intercession, the life-giving Cross, a sign of your bounty you have given us in spite of our unworthiness, save our country and your people who offer you their supplications through your Mother, O You who alone are the Lover of Mankind!

TROPARION OF DEDICATION *Tone 4*

As You had shown from on high the splendor of the firmament, so did You show on earth the splendor of the dwelling-place of your holy glory. Make it stand firm for ever and ever, and accept the supplications which we offer there to You, unceasingly, through your Mother, O You the Life and Resurrection of all!

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 DEDICATION *Tone 4*

You have made of the Church a resplendent heaven, enlightening all the faithful: wherefore we stand in the midst of this holy dwelling-place and cry out to you: "Make firm this house, O Lord!"

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: HEBREWS 3:1-6

Prokimenon: Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for length of days!

Stichon: The Lord is King, in splendor robed; Robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.

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

Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the apostle and high priest of our confession, Jesus, who is faithful to the one who made him, as was Moses also in all his house. For he was deemed worthy of greater glory than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house he has built. For every house is built by someone – but the one who created all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, to testify concerning those things that were to be spoken; but Christ is faithful as the Son over his own house. We are that house, if we hold fast our trust and the hope in which we glory until the end.

Alleluia

On the Holy Mountain is his city cherished by the Lord. The Lord prefers the gates of Zion to all Jacob's dwellings.

Stichon: Of you are told glorious things, O City of God!

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

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 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

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Charitable Society Meeting

WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 16 | 7 PM

Vespers

followed by the Parish Advisory Council Meeting

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

Religious Education Teachers Retreat

Also Returning Saturday:

Divine Liturgy returns to 5:30 PM

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM & 11:30 AM

Sunday Divine Liturgies return to our regular schedule

At the 9:00 AM Liturgy:

Blessing of Children & Teachers

Following the 9:00 AM Liturgy:

Religious Education Classes Begin

Bagel Hour Returns

10:30 AM • SAMY Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 26

SAMY Outing

NJ Red Bulls Game

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of **SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

5:00pm	10 Envelopes	\$ 375.00
10:00am	34 Envelopes	1386.00
Mailed	8 Envelopes	1330.00
Online	58 Envelopes	2590.00
Candles		41.00
Weekly Total		\$5,721.00

Total Envelopes Received: 110

According to our **2026 budget**, we need **\$10,464.42** per week to meet our monthly expenses

GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

For details, go to
saintannmelkite.com and click the online giving tab.

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 ADDED!

Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10

Every family is an important part of St. Ann's story, and we want every family represented in our new parish directory.



More than a collection of photographs, this directory will capture our parish family today and become part of St. Ann's history. Your presence shows that being part of our church and its legacy matters to you.

Help us put faces to names and create a directory that reflects the people who call St. Ann home.

Please don't be missing from our parish family portrait!

Book your appointment by scanning the QR code or visiting:
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.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance?
If so, please contact Fr. Musil at 973.785.4144, or
Fr. Sayed at 857.203.1034. *All inquiries are confidential!*

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.