

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

Welcome
Bishop François

ALL LITURGIES
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS

BISHOP FRANÇOIS
DINNER AND BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 15-18
NIGHT TO SHINE
FUNDRAISER

NEXT WEEK

DIVINE LITURGIES RETURN
TO STANDARD SCHEDULE

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

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*Upon the lonely wood, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit,
yet in that seeming silence, the universe trembled with the pulse of infinite love,
a love that bends the arc of sorrow into the light of redemption. From His pierced side
flowed blood and water, like twin rivers of mercy and life, seeding the world with grace,
so that even in death, eternity whispers through the heart of the crucified.*

September 14, 2025

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON *Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.*

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 | John 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-35

Intentions

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

- †Mary Dolling Aslan . Birthday Remembrance . Dolling Family
†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
†Rana Al Amir Haddad . Alamir Family
†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	Mona Mardelli
Susan Brigida	Joyce Neuss
Dolores Fritz	Marlene Baskinger Rodgers
Mark Frommer	Mary Tahan
Charles Gleason	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Laurice Kayal	Donna Yuppa

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 20 | 5:30PM

- †Louis Dahdah . 40 Day Memorial . Wife Amelia & Family
†Barbara Mendello . 90th Birthday Remembrance . Raymond Bsales
†George Bsales . 2 Year Remembrance . His Family
†Ernie Mendello . Raymond Bsales
†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . Their Daughters
†Lois Lozy . M/M John Hellmers
†Julie Clark Molloy . M/M Dennis Murray

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 9:00AM

- †Raymond Hayek . 2 Year Remembrance . M/M Gregg Kattine
†William Siouffi . M/M Ray Shenekji
†Mary Borsina . Basil Kayal
†Rita Haraka . M/M John Colie

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 11:30AM

- †Josephine Butman . 40 Day Memorial . 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
†Rana Al Amir Haddad . Al Amir Family
†Khalil Al Amir . His Family
†John Baladi . Afaf Khawam
†Suzan & John Kayal . Eli Massola
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Micheline Ghanem

DAILY READINGS . September 15-20, 2025

MONDAY 9/15

GAL 2:11-16
MK 5:24-34

TUESDAY 9/16

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

WEDNESDAY 9/17

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

THURSDAY 9/18

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

FRIDAY 9/19

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

SATURDAY 9/20

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.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Exaltation of the Holy Cross pages 142-150

ANTIPHON PRAYER

Christ God, enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit, when You extended Your arms on the Cross, You attracted the whole world to Your knowledge. Illumine us today by its light. Sanctify us by its power. Comfort us by its Exaltation. And make us worthy to partake of Your divine glory. For You are our salvation, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

ANTIPHON *pg. 142*

O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

1. The Lord is King: let the people tremble.
O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh...
2. He is enthroned upon the Cherubim: let the earth quake.
O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh...
3. Let them praise your magnificent name: it is awesome and holy. The honor of the king is to love justice.
O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh...

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 FEAST (*Tone 1*) 3 times

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross.

KONDAKION OF THE FEAST (*Tone 2*)

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

TRISAGION (*3 times*)

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship Sov'reign Lord, and Your Holy Resurrection we glorify. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever. Amen...and Your Holy Resurrection we glorify.

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24

Prokimenon: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

Stichon: The Lord is reigning: let the peoples rage; He is enthroned upon the Cherubim: let the earth quake.

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

BRETHREN, the doctrine of the cross is foolishness to those who perish, but to those who are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the prudence of the prudent I will reject (Is. 29: 14; 33: 18)." Where is the "wise man," where is the scribe? Where is the disputant of this world? Has not God turned into foolishness the "wisdom" of this world? For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not come to know God by "wisdom," it pleased God, by the foolishness of our preaching, to save those who believe. For the Jews ask for signs, and the Greeks ask for "wisdom" — but we for our part preach a crucified Christ, to the Jews indeed a stumbling-block and to the Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia

Remember Your congregation which You have acquired from the beginning: You redeemed the scepter of Your inheritance.

Stichon: God is our King forever: He brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

GOSPEL: JOHN 19:6-11; 13-20; 25-35

Christ's trial and crucifixion

At that time the chief priests and the elders took counsel among themselves against Jesus to put Him to death. And they went to Pilate saying, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him. for I find no guilt in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a Law, and according to that Law He must die, because He has made Himself Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this statement, he feared the more. And he again went back into the praetorium, and asked Jesus. "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Will You not speak to me? Do You not know I have power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power at all over Me were it not given you from above." Pilate therefore, when he heard these words, brought Jesus outside, and sat down on the judgment seat, at a place called Lithostrotos, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day for the Passover, about the sixth hour. And he said the Jews, "Behold, your king!" But they cried out, "Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified. And so, they took Jesus and led Him away. And bearing the cross for Himself, He went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on each side and

Jesus in the center. And Pilate also wrote an inscription and had it put on the cross. And there was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews therefore read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Greek and in Latin. Now there were standing by the cross of Jesus His mother and His mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, Jesus, knowing all things were now accomplished, bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. The Jews therefore, since it was the Preparation Day, in order that the bodies might not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a solemn day), asked Pilate that their legs be broken, and that they be taken away. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other, who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and

saw He was already dead, they did not break His legs; but one of the soldiers opened His side with a lance, and immediately there came out blood and water. And the one who saw it has borne witness, and his witness is true.

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos*

O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by Whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth. Wherefore we deeply bow before this Cross which is exalted today, and we magnify you.

KINONIKON

Let the light of Your Face shine on us, O Lord. Alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting peace to the world. And preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross.

Thank You

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We offer our heartfelt congratulations to you all on such a successful church festival this year. Thank you all for supporting the festival, either through volunteering, purchasing food, or telling your loved ones. We are blessed to have experienced this loyalty from you all.

To John Tahmoosh and the festival volunteers (way too many to count), your dedication to our church is paramount and beautiful. We look forward to next year.

God bless you, the Clergy of St. Ann's Church

To my new church family

I had a great time at the church festival. Being my first month, I was quite apprehensive concerning the turnout and preparation, but I was so delighted. For the first time in my life, I rolled grape leaves, and I am so glad I got a chance to sit down and know my wonderful sheep. I am happy being with you, serving you, and preparing with you all future events at our parish.

Love, Fr. Musil

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of **SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**

5:30pm	12 Envelopes	\$ 908.00
10:00am	26 Envelopes	1250.00
Online	40 Envelopes	1262.50
Mailed	9 Envelopes	925.00
Candles		100.00

Weekly Total **\$4,445.50**

Total Envelopes Received: 96

SYRIA RELIEF FUND

Bishop Francois is asking us to assist our brothers and sisters who are suffering and in need due to the current situation in Syria. You may donate online at **Melkite.org/syria-relief-fund**, or give through our weekly parish collection. If writing a check, please 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!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Not receiving texts or emails from us? Text the word FRMUSIL to 84576 or connect with us online at: **saintannmelkite.flocknote.com**. PLEASE NOTE: we are changing our email program. If you stop receiving emails, go to the flocknote address above or email us at: **stann.woodlandpark@melkite.org**.

Reminder

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Divine Liturgy returns to 9am & 11:30am on Sundays.
- Religious Education classes begin at 10:25am. Blessing of the children in the parish center before the start of classes.
- Bagel hour begins after 9:00am liturgy
- There is no food or drink (except water) allowed in the classrooms.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration 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. **Classes begin next weekend!**



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.

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!*

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 saintannmelkite.com and click the online giving tab.

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.

OUT OF OFFICE

From September 22nd to September 26th, Fr. Musil and Fr. Sayed will be out of town for the annual clergy conference. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Chourki Sabbagh at 914.510.4415.

PAYMENTS ARE 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.



NIGHT TO SHINE FUNDRAISER OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE in WAYNE September 15-18

\$20 per person, includes shared appetizer, salad, side, entree, dessert and soft drink.

For tickets contact:

Joann Fakhoury
973.782.3535

Laura Byrouty
973.224.3608

NIGHT to Shine
SPONSORED BY THE TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

Night to Shine Fundraiser by
St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church

Located at the
Outback Steakhouse
191 Berdan Ave, Wayne NJ 07470

\$20.00 Per Person
This Ticket is Valid for One Person

Valid only on:
Monday, September 15th, 2025 to
Thursday, September 18th, 2025
* No parties of 6 or more people *

Ticket Number:
See Menu On Reverse Side
NO SUBSTITUTIONS
CAN NOT BE USED FOR DELIVERY/DOOR DASH/UBER
Ask your server about Outback's Dine Rewards Program & how to start earning rewards!

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:

Lila Baladi 201.874.3857
Karen Katat 551.204.1832
Lina Homsy 973.652.4725
Michele Kattine
201.665.8718

LADIES NIGHT
Masquerade Soirée

St. Ann's Church
Melkite Association of Young Adults (MAYA)

Grab your mask and join us for an evening of elegance and mystery!

\$75 Per Guest
Indulge in a full-course meal and live music all evening!

October 11 2025, 6PM-11PM
The Brownstone
351 W Broadway, Paterson

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