

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

DIVINE LITURGIES

return to standard schedule

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

classes begin after 9am Liturgy

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND TEACHERS

in the church hall after 9am Liturgy

BAGEL HOUR RETURNS

in the church hall after 9am Liturgy

NEXT WEEK

REMINDER

Fr. Musil and Fr. Sayed are
out of the office this week.
Please see back of bulletin for details.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM
11:30AM (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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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.



To follow Christ is to die a sacred death each day. It is a surrender of pride, will, and worldly desire. It is laying one's life like clay into the hands of the Divine Potter, to be broken, shaped, and sanctified by love that wounds only to heal. For only the soul that embraces the cross with trembling trust and burning devotion shall taste, even now, the sweetness of the Kingdom, where every tear is turned to glory, and every loss becomes a doorway into eternal joy..

September 21, 2025

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON *How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.*

Galatians 2:16-21 | Mark 8:34-9:1

Intentions

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 20 | 5:30PM

Barbara Mendillo . 90th Birthday Celebration . Raymond Bsales
 †Louis Dahdah . 40 Day Memorial . Wife Amelia & Family
 †George Bsales . 1 Year Remembrance . His Family
 †Ernie Mendillo . 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 . Al Amir Family
 †John Baladi . Afaf Khawam
 †Suzan & John Kayal . Eli Massola
 †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Micheline Ghanem
 †Youssef Kozhaya . St. Ann Community

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 27 | 5:30PM

†Joseph Shackoor . Birthday Remembrance . Shackoor Family
 †Louis Dahdah . M/M Edward Dahdah
 †Lois Lozy . M/M Gabe Raad
 †Emil Garlewicz . M/M John Colie

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 9:00AM

†William Siouffi . Patti Tahan
 †Valerie Kayal . Husband, Basil Kayal
 †Julie Clark Molloy . M/M Lawrence Margolis
 †Mary Iandoli . M/M George Fakhoury
 †Mary Lou Iandoli . M/M George Fakhoury
 †Phillip Pritchard . M/M George Fakhoury

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 11:30AM

†John Baladi . 40 Day Memorial . Wife Maggie & Family
 †Youssef Kozhaya . St. Ann Community
 †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family
 †Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family
 †Naim Haddad . Wife Nelli & Family
 †Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . M/M Abdullah Hindeleh
 †Rana Al Amir Haddad . Al Amir Family
 †Khalil Al Amir . Al Amir Family
 †Suzan & John Kayal . George Massola
 †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Mary Sara
 †Josephine Butman . M/M Samir Agob & Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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| 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 22-27, 2025

MONDAY 9/22

GAL 4:28-31; 5:1-10
 LK 3:19-22

TUESDAY 9/23

GAL 4:22-27
 LK 1:5-25

WEDNESDAY 9/24

GAL 6:2-10
 LK 4:1-15

THURSDAY 9/25

EPH 1:1-9
 LK 4:16-22

FRIDAY 9/26

JN 21:14-25 (11)
 1 JN 4:12-19
 JN 19:25-27; 21:24-25

SATURDAY 9/27

1 COR 10:23-28
 LK 4:31-36

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.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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

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

1. O God, why have You cast us off forever and Your anger smolder against the sheep of Your pasture?
O Son of God Who were crucified in the flesh...
2. Remember Your congregation that You have acquired since ancient times, You redeemed the scepter of Your inheritance.
O Son of God Who were crucified in the flesh...
3. Yet God is our King from all eternity: He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.
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 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 THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 1) Twice

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

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 FEAST (Tone 4)

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.

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16-21

Prokimenon: How great are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have wrought them all.

Stichon: Bless the Lord. O my soul! You are very great indeed, O Lord my God!

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

BRETHREN, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself up for me.

Alleluia

String your bow, go forth, reign for the sake of truth, meekness and righteousness, and your right hand shall lead you wonderfully.

Stichon: You loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, your God, anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions.

GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes with the holy angels in the glory of his Father." And he said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the kingdom of God coming in power."

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.

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**.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Youssef Kozhaya**, father of Fr. Sayed Kozhaha, who went to his eternal rest in Lebanon. A Divine Liturgy will be held in his memory on Sunday, September 21 at 2:00pm at St. Demetrius Melkite Church, in Cliffside Park, NJ.



HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Faith Jeris Abuhouran** and **Adam Jeris Abuhouran**, children of Jeris & Mary (Badger) Abuhouran who received these sacraments last week.



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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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| 5:30pm | 16 Envelopes | \$1212.00 |
| 10:00am | 42 Envelopes | 2568.00 |
| Online | 40 Envelopes | 1512.50 |
| Mailed | 6 Envelopes | 260.00 |
| Candles | | 162.00 |
| Liturgy Stipends | | 630.00 |

Weekly Total \$6,344.50

Total Envelopes Received: 104

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.

TRIP UPDATE - PAYMENTS ARE DUE SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH 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. **Please send in your payments as soon as possible. Please be at the church parking lot by 8:00am. Bus is leaving 8:15am SHARP!**

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**

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!