

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY . OCTOBER 1 | 7PM
VESPERS followed by the PARISH
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY . OCTOBER 3 | 9AM
SAMY DAY OF GIVING
*Fr. English Center followed
by a luncheon.*

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY . OCTOBER 4
SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY
MAYA MEETING

UPCOMING

MONDAY . OCTOBER 12 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

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
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski
Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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Martyr Callistratos

There are moments when we come to the end of ourselves, when our strength is exhausted, our plans have failed, and our hands are empty. It is precisely there that Christ draws near and says, "Put out into the deep." He calls us beyond the shallow waters of self-reliance into the deeper waters of faith, where we no longer depend on what we can see, control, or understand, but entrust ourselves completely to Him. For when we place our emptiness into the hands of Christ, our emptiness becomes an opening for His grace; and when our own strength reaches its limits, His mercy can begin to work through us in ways we could never accomplish alone.

September 27, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 | Mark 5:1-11

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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 26 | 5:30PM

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Eugene Wawrzyniak*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Hani Khoury*

†Judy McAuley . *Fran Najjar*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 27 | 9:00AM

†Mary Iandoli . *17 Year Remembrance . Her Family*

†Mary Lou Iandoli . *13 Year Remembrance . Her Family*

†Philip Pritchard . *M/M George Fakhoury*

†Basil Fattell . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*

†Mary Tahan . *Bruce Balady*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Matthew Jalinós*

†Henry Raad . *M/M Gabe Raad*

†Shirley Bluemer . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 27 | 11:30AM

†George Butman . *Birthday Remembrance . His Children*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†John Baladi . *The Cathcart Family*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†Elias Sara . *Wife Juliette Sara*

†Ibrahim Sara . *Mother Juliette Sara*

†Elias Sawaf . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

†Bassima Khalifah Antun . *M/M Abboud Batikha*

†Elias Mohsen . *Micheline Ghanem*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 3 | 5:30PM

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *Eileen Greco*

†Tony Najjar . *Marie Sara*

†Judy McAuley . *Fran Najjar*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4 | 9:00AM

†Basil Fattell . *M/M John Bsarany*

†Mary Tahan . *M/M George Gerro*

†Shirley Bluemer . *M/M Raymond Foster*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinós*

†Henry Raad . *George Raad*

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†John Baladi . *Micheline Ghanem*

†Amira & Khalil Alamir . *Their Family*

†Rana Alamir Haddad . *Alamir Family*

†Elias Sawaf . *M/M Roger Massola*

†Bassima Khalifah Antun . *M/M Michel Gabriel*

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
Zaki John Saoud

Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS . September 28-October 3, 2026

MONDAY 9/28

PHIL 1:1-7
LK 4:38-44

TUESDAY 9/29

PHIL 1:8-14
LK 5:12-16

WEDNESDAY 9/30

PHIL 1:12-19
LK 5:33-39

THURSDAY 10/1

HEB 9:1-7
LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

FRIDAY 10/2

PHIL 1:27-30; 2:1-4
LK 6:17-23

SATURDAY 10/3

J1 COR 15:58; 16:1-3
LK 5:17-26

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.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF 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 1, pg. 59*

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world. Therefore, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You Who alone are the lover of mankind!"

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS *Tone 4*

Your martyrs, O Lord, received the crown of immortality from you O our God, on account of their struggles. Armed with your strength, they have vanquished their persecutors, and crushed the powerless arrogance of demons. Through their supplications, O Christ God, save our souls.

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 *Tone 2, pg. 23*

O never failing Protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you.

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-12

Prokimenon: May Your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in You.

Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

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

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly, will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let everyone give as much as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful *giver*. (Prv.22: 8) And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that always having ample means, you may abound in every good work, as it is written, *He has scattered abroad and has given to the poor: his righteousness remains forever*. (Ps. 111: 9) Now, he who provides the sower with seed will both give you bread to eat and multiply your seed, and will increase the growth of the fruits of your justification — that being enriched in all things, you may contribute with simplicity of purpose, and thus through us evoke thanksgiving to God.

Alleluia

O God, You granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

Stichon: Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to Your name.

GOSPEL: MARK 5:1-11

At that time Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats moored by the lake, but the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. And getting into one of the boats, the one that was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And sitting down, he began to teach the crowds from the boat. But when he had stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and lower your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said to him, "Master, the whole night through we have toiled and have taken nothing; but at your word I will lower the net." And when they had done so, they caught a great number of fishes, but their net was breaking. And they called to their comrades in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord," For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had made; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all and followed 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

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY NEW DATES ADDED!

Friday, October 9 & Saturday, October 10



Every family is an important part of our story. We want every family represented in our new parish directory.

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

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

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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

5:30pm	15 Envelopes	\$ 695.00
9:00am	28 Envelopes	2153.00
11:30am	36 Envelopes	1198.00
Mailed	12 Envelopes	1155.00
Online	52 Envelopes	1985.00
Candles		48.00
Coffee Hour		350.00
Coffee Hour Donation 2025		382.00
Stole Offerings		250.00
Weekly Total		\$8,216.00

Total Envelopes Received: 143

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.

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to Isabelle **Asha Narula Deek**, daughter of Matthew & Nisha (Narula) Deek and also to **Rimoneh Lucy Sabeh**, daughter of Hikmat & Lucy (Saardi) Sabeh, who received these sacraments last week.



OUT OF OFFICE

From October 4th to October 9th, 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.

UPCOMING

- OCTOBER 1 | **VESPERS & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
- OCTOBER 3 | **SAMY DAY OF GIVING**
- OCTOBER 4 | **MAYA MEETING & APPLE PICKING**
- OCTOBER 11 | **SAMY MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY**
- OCTOBER 12 | **CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING**
- OCTOBER 17 | **SAMY RETREAT**

MARTYR CALLISTRATOS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Commemorated September 27

Saint Callistratos served as a Roman soldier and practiced his Christian faith in secret, rising at night to pray while the other soldiers slept. When a fellow soldier reported him, Callistratos was brought before his commander and ordered to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. He refused to deny Christ.

After being severely beaten, Callistratos was sewn into a leather sack and thrown into the sea. But God preserved him: the sack was torn open upon a rock, and dolphins carried him safely to shore. Witnessing this miracle, 49 of his fellow soldiers professed their faith in Christ.

Imprisoned together, Callistratos became their teacher and spiritual father. When the soldiers were later bound and thrown into water to be drowned, Callistratos prayed that the waters would become their Holy Baptism. Their bonds were broken, and they emerged from the water as Christians.

Fearing that more soldiers would embrace the faith, the commander ordered Callistratos and his 49 companions to be put to death. Together they received the crown of martyrdom.

Their story reminds us of the extraordinary power of one faithful witness. Callistratos stood alone at first, but his courage helped lead many others to Christ.