

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

TODAY . OCTOBER 4

**SECOND COLLECTION for
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY**
All Liturgies

MAYA MEETING

MONDAY-FRIDAY
**DIOCESAN CLERGY
CONFERENCE**
Please see back of bulletin

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY . OCTOBER 12 | 7PM
CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 13 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY . OCTOBER 15 | 7PM
DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY . OCTOBER 16 | 7PM
FESTIVAL THANK YOU DINNER

SATURDAY . OCTOBER 17
SAMY RETREAT

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:

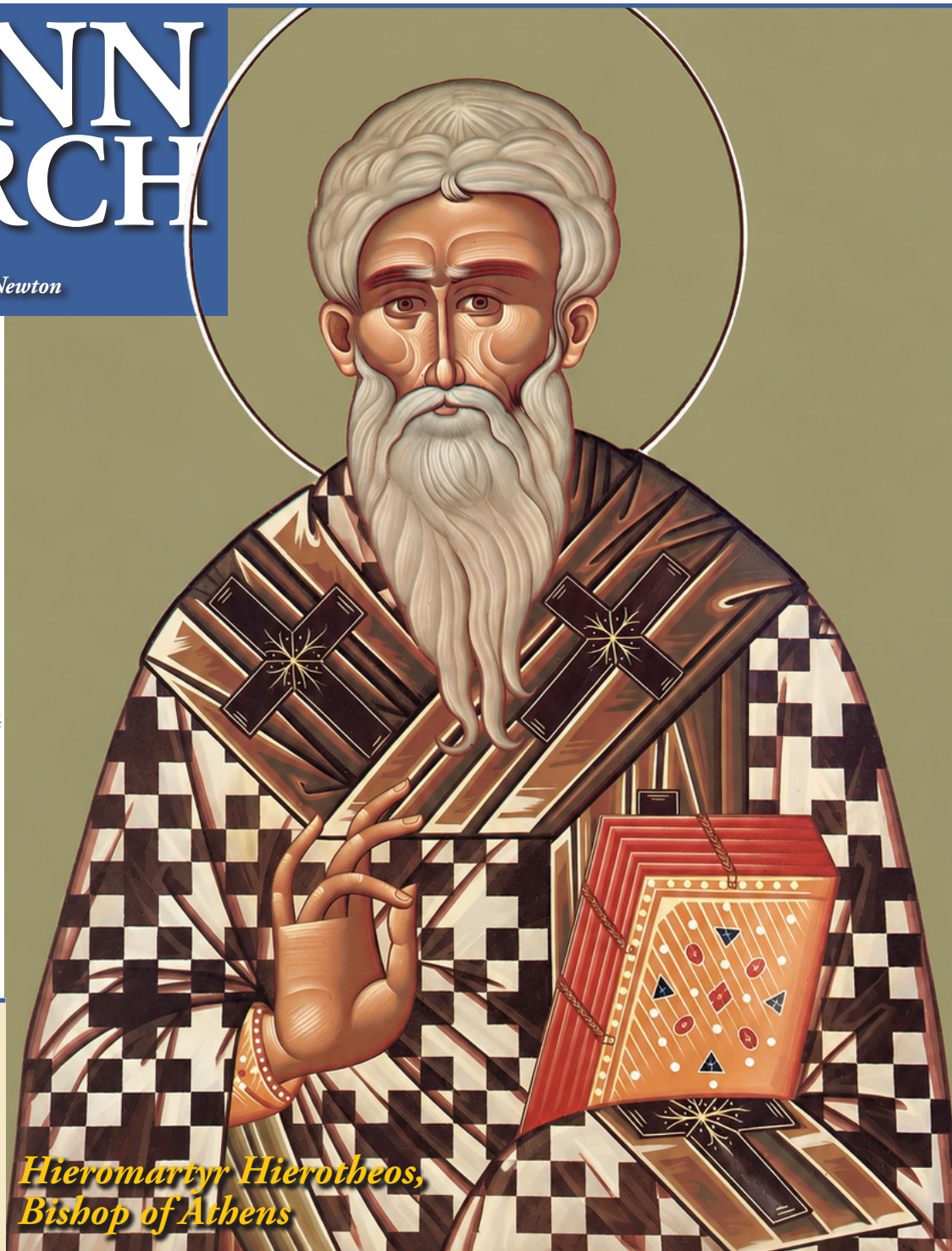
Rev Musil Shihadeh | *Pastor*
Rev Sayed Kozhaya | *Parochial Vicar*
Rev Choukri Sabbagh
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany
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***Hieromartyr Hierotheos,
Bishop of Athens***

Jesus does not call us merely to love those who love us, but to love beyond every boundary, to do good without expecting anything in return, and to forgive even when forgiveness is difficult. This is the love that reveals the heart of the Father: a love that does not calculate, repay, or seek its own. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." When we live this love, we become a living Gospel, and the world begins to see Christ not only in what we proclaim, but in who we are. The true disciple does not simply speak of God's love, he becomes its witness.

October 4, 2026

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**
2 Corinthians 11:31-33-12:1-10 | Luke 6:31-36

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

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 Joseph Stambuli*

†Mary Tahan . *Patricia Fattell*

†Shirley Bluemer . *Elizabeth Ackaway*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Matthew Jalinos*

†Peter Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Henry Raad . *Adrienne Kattak*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 4 | 11:30AM

†Georget Barouisou . *Her Family*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†John Baladi . *Alan Sabeh*

†Elias Sawaf . *M/M Samir Agob*

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

†Nadia Hayek . *The Virginio Family*

FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICEA

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 10 | 5:30PM

†Nellie Baram Sheber . *Birthday Remembrance . Cathcart Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Cathcart Family*

†Tony Najjar . *Reem Hannoush*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 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 Jalinos*

†Henry Raad . *George Raad*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 11:30AM

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†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 . October 5-10, 2026

MONDAY 10/5

PHIL 2:12-16
LK 6:24-31

TUESDAY 10/6

1 COR 4:9-16
JN 20:19-31

WEDNESDAY 10/7

PHIL 2:24-30
LK 6:46-49; 7:1

THURSDAY 10/8

PHIL 3:1-8
LK 7:17-30

FRIDAY 10/9

1 COR 4:9-16
MT 9:36-38; 10:1-8

SATURDAY 10/10

2 COR 1:8-11
LK 5:27-32

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.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

1. Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us; let Your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us!

O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

2. That Your name may be known upon earth, among all nations Your salvation.

O Son of God who are risen from the dead...

3. Let the peoples praise You, O God, let all the peoples praise You!

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 2, pg. 60*

When You descended to death, O immortal Life, You put Hades to death by the splendor of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from below the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out to you: "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

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 11:31-33-12:1-10

Prokimenon: My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my Savior.

Stichon: The Lord has chastised me through his teaching, yet he has not delivered me to death.

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

BRETHREN, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. In Damascus, the

Governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to arrest me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. It is not fitting for me to boast: but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I do not know, or out of the body, I do not know: God knows) was caught up into paradise and heard secret sayings that man may not repeat. Of such a man I will boast; but of myself I will glory in nothing except my weaknesses. For if I do wish to boast, I shall not be foolish, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I give up, lest any man have an idea of me beyond what he sees in me or hears from me. And lest the greatness of the revelation puff me up, there was given to me a thorn for the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me. Concerning this, I begged the Lord three times that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness." Gladly, then, will I glory in my weaknesses, that the strength of Christ may dwell in me.

Alleluia

The Lord shall hear you on the day of distress; the name of the God of Jacob shall defend you.

Stichon: O Lord, save your king and listen to us on whatever day we call upon you.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:31-36

The Lord said, "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for He is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful."

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

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.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Andrew & Jessica (Ibrahimian) Sayad**, who were crowned in the Mystery of Marriage last week. May their new life together be filled with committed love and the blessing of Christ.



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



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 27, 2026**

5:30pm	7 Envelopes	\$ 585.00
9:00am	15 Envelopes	593.00
11:30am	21 Envelopes	764.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	535.00
Online	46 Envelopes	1305.00
Candles		57.00
Coffee Hour		210.00
Donation		150.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Liturgy Stipends		1475.00
Weekly Total		\$6,174.00
Total Envelopes Received: 96		

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.

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Patricia (Pisano) Galizio**, who went to her eternal rest last week. She is the sister of Christine Aboyoun and Louis Pisano. *Memory Eternal.*



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY

NEW DATES ADDED!

Friday, October 9

POSTPONED
New dates and sign-up information will be announced next week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

FESTIVAL THANK YOU DINNER

Friday, October 16 . 7pm

To all who helped make our Festival a success, thank you! We invite our Festival volunteers to join us for a special **Thank You Dinner** as we celebrate the wonderful spirit of our parish community.

Please scan the QR code to RSVP by Monday, October 12. We look forward to celebrating with you!



BIBLE STUDY & WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY

Bible Study is Back!

Bible Study resumes **Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm** with our first gathering in Arabic.

We will follow to our regular schedule from last year:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: English
2nd & 4th Tuesdays: Arabic

NEW!

Weekday Divine Liturgy

We will begin offering Divine Liturgy twice each month at 7pm.

Our October Liturgies will be:

Thursday, October 15: English
Thursday, October 29: Arabic

Beginning in November, Divine Liturgy will follow a regular monthly schedule:

2nd Thursday: English
4th Thursday: Arabic