

ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the
Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

TODAY | 10:30AM

SAMY MEETING

MONDAY . OCTOBER 12 | 7PM

CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 13 | 7PM

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY . OCTOBER 15 | 7PM

ENGLISH DIVINE LITURGY

FRIDAY . OCTOBER 16 | 7PM

FESTIVAL THANK YOU DINNER

SATURDAY . OCTOBER 17

SAMY RETREAT

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 20 | 7PM

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

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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The Word of God is not merely heard, it is meant to descend into the depths of our hearts and transform our lives. Christ continually speaks to us, but the fruitfulness of His Word depends upon our willingness to surrender, to listen, and to be changed. Too often, the voice of God is drowned by the noise of the world, anxiety, comfort, distractions, and the wounds we refuse to surrender. Yet His grace never ceases to call us back. The Lord patiently waits for us to hunger for His presence, open our hearts to His Spirit, and allow His Word to become life within us. The question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are truly listening.

October 11, 2026

FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICEA

Titus 3:8-15 | Luke 8:5-15:4

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

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*

†Patricia Galizio . *Her Family*

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*

†Peter Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Henry Raad . *George Raad*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 11 | 11:30AM

†George Batikha . *Birthday Remembrance*
Parents, Abboud & Lena Batikha

†Mayla Gabriel Sabeh . *4 Year Remembrance*
Parents Michel & Maha Gabriel

†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*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17 | 5:30PM

†Emelie Ajia . *Birthday Remembrance* . *Her Family*

†Yvonne Obeji . *32 Year Birthday Remembrance*
M/M Michael Massood

†John Obeji . *M/M Michael Massood*

†Michael & Helen Massood . *M/M Michael Massood*

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *M/M Joseph Hernandez*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Ramez Awad*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18 | 9:00AM

†Mary Tahan . *Patti Tahan & Family*

†Shirley Bluemer . *Georgina Dahab*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Victor Jalinos*

†Henry Raad . *Valerie Accad Girardi*

†Patricia Galizio . *Her Family*

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18 | 11:30AM

†Albert Anthony Kayal . *Birthday Remembrance*
Parents, George & Fadia Kayal

†Sandra Piscotta . *Parents, George & Fadia Kayal*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†John Baladi . *Micheline Ghanem*

†Elias Sawaf . *Jennifer Kayal*

†Bassima Khalifah Antun . *Amal Nakhleh*

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 12-17, 2026

MONDAY 10/12

PHIL 4:10-23
LK 7:36-50

TUESDAY 10/13

COL 1:1-11
LK 8:1-3

WEDNESDAY 10/14

COL 1:18-23
LK 8:22-25

THURSDAY 10/15

COL 1:24-29; 2:1
LK 9:7-11

FRIDAY 10/16

COL 2:1-7
LK 9:12-18

SATURDAY 10/17

2 COR 3:12-18
LK 6:1-10

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.

FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICEA

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 3, pg. 61*

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm, by death He has trampled upon death, and has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS *Tone 8*

O Christ our God, you are infinitely glorified for You established our fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, you led us to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, 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: Titus 3:8-15

Prokimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For you are just in all you have done to us, and all your works are true and your ways right.

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

My son Titus, this saying is true, and in this matter I want to insist that those who believe in God be careful to excel in good works: these are good and useful to people. But avoid foolish controversies

and genealogies and quarrels, and disputes about the Law, for they are useless and futile. Avoid a factious man after warning him once or twice, knowing that such a man is perverted and sins, since he is condemning himself. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to meet me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, taking care that they lack nothing. And let our people also learn to excel in good works, in order to help cases of urgent need so that they may not be unfruitful. All my companions greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. The grace of God be with all of you. Amen.

Alleluia

O God, our ears have heard, our fathers have declared to us the deeds you did in their days, in the days of old.

Stichon: The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and he delivered them from all their trials.

GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15:4

The Lord told this parable: "The Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air ate it up. And other seed fell upon the rock, and as soon as it had sprung up it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. And other seed fell upon good ground, and sprang up and yielded fruit a hundred-fold." As he said these things he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" But his disciples then began to ask him what this parable meant. He said to them, "To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables, that 'Seeing, they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And those by the wayside are they who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, that they may not believe and be saved. Now those upon the rock are they who, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, but believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they who have heard, and as they go their way are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen. But that upon good ground, these are they who, with a right and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bear fruit in patience." When he had said this, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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 RESCHEDULED - OCTOBER 19TH!

Monday, October 19 . 2pm-8pm

Book now! Scan the QR code or visit:

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? Call Doreen at 973-800-2643.



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 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! Thursday Divine Liturgy

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

October Liturgies will be:

October 15: English

October 29: Arabic

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

2nd Thursday: English

4th Thursday: Arabic

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!*

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you are not currently receiving parish envelopes, you are not registered as a parishioner.

We encourage all families, seniors, and post-college single adults who regularly attend Saint Ann Church to officially register with the parish. Parish registration is important for receiving parish communications and is required for marriage, the baptism of your children, and Religious Education registration. **Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register or confirm your registration.**

THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SECOND COUNCIL OF NICAEEA

Today we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the Second Council of Nicaea, the Seventh Ecumenical Council, held in 787AD. At a time when holy icons were being destroyed and their use condemned, the Fathers courageously defended the Church's ancient tradition of venerating sacred images.

Their teaching was rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation. Because the Son of God truly became man and entered our visible world, Christ can be depicted in sacred images. The Fathers taught that the honor shown to an icon passes to the person represented; we do not worship wood and paint, for worship belongs to God alone.

For us as Eastern Christians, icons are a treasured part of our spiritual life. They proclaim the Gospel through color and image, drawing our hearts toward Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints and reminding us of the communion between heaven and earth.

As we honor these Holy Fathers, may their faithfulness inspire us to treasure the sacred traditions handed down to us and to see in every holy icon an invitation to prayer and a deeper encounter with Christ.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of OCTOBER 4, 2026

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 340.00
9:00am	27 Envelopes	1333.00
11:30am	25 Envelopes	1023.00
Mailed	7 Envelopes	195.00
Online	58 Envelopes	2295.00
Candles		90.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
Stole Offering		500.00
Weekly Total		\$5,976.00

Total Envelopes Received: 130

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.