

ST ANN CHURCH

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

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 20 | 7PM
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
An Introduction to the Divine Liturgy
Refreshments will be served.

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY . OCTOBER 27 | 7PM
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY . OCTOBER 29 | 7PM
ARABIC DIVINE LITURGY

UPCOMING

SATURDAY . NOVEMBER 14
PARISH NIGHT
FRIDAY . NOVEMBER 20
VESPERS/DIVINE LITURGY
*for the Feast of the Entrance of the
Theotokos plus FAMILY FUN NIGHT*

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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Apostle Luke the Evangelist

*Earthly glory fades, human praise dies, and every achievement turns to dust,
but a soul rooted in God shines for eternity. True greatness lies not in the power
we possess, but in the humility with which we surrender; not in the miracles
we perform, but in the love with which we live. Let the world remember your deeds,
but let heaven recognize your heart.*

October 18, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Colossians 4:5-11 & 14-18 | Luke 10:16-21

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 17 | 5:30PM

Raymond & Sandra Foster . 50th Wedding Anniversary
Their Family

†**Raymond Orfaly** . 2 Year Remembrance . Sister, Mary Sayad

†**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

†**Alex Tickey** . Wife Joan & Family

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18 | 9:00AM

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

†**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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24 | 5:30PM

†**Patricia Galizio** . Her Family

†**Lois Lozy** . M/M Joseph Rowek

†**Tony Najjar** . M/M Charles McAuley

†**Judy McAuley** . Fran Najjar

†**Alex Tickey** . Wife Joan & Family

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25 | 9:00AM

†**Mary Tahan** . M/M Dennis Scully

†**Kathleen Carlisle** . M/M George Jalinos

†**Shirley Bluemer** . Debra Balady

†**Henry Raad** . Patti Tahan

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 25 | 11:30AM

†**Sayer Sawaged** . Wife Badia & Family

†**Hani Haddad** . Wife Mary & Family

†**Elias Sawaf** . M/M Joe Murray

†**Bassima Khalifah Antun** . Khoneisser Family

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger	Mona Mardelli
William Bsarany	Joyce Neuss
Andre Fakhoury	Matthew Orsini
Andrew Friedman	Zaki John Saoud
Dolores Fritz	Gabriel Sinki
Mark Frommer	Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Charles Gleason	Donna Yuppa
Kelly Jackson	

DAILY READINGS . October 19-24, 2026

MONDAY 10/19

COL 2:13-20
LK 9:18-22

TUESDAY 10/20

COL 2:20-23; 3:1-3
LK 9:23-27

WEDNESDAY 10/21

COL 3:17-25; 4:1
LK 9:44-50

THURSDAY 10/22

COL 4:2-9
LK 9:49-56

FRIDAY 10/23

GAL 1:11-19
MT 13:54-58

SATURDAY 10/24

2 COR 5:1-10
LK 7:1-10

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER 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 4, pg. 62*

The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

TROPARION OF ST. LUKE *Tone 3*

O Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God that He may grant our souls the forgiveness of sins.

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: COLOSSIANS 4:5-11 & 14-18

Prokimenon: Through all the earth, their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world their message.

Stichon: The heavens declare God's glory and the firmament proclaims the work of his hands.

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

BRETHREN, walk in wisdom as regards outsiders, making the most of your time. Let your speech, while always attractive; be

seasoned with salt, so that you know how to answer each one. Tychicus, our dearest brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord will tell you all about me: I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that he may find out how you are doing and comfort your hearts. With him is Onesimus, our most dear and faithful brother, who is one of you. They will tell you all that is going on here.

Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, sends you greetings. So does Mark, Barnabas' cousin — concerning whom you have received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him — and Jesus who is called Justus. From among circumcised men, these only are my fellow-workers in God's kingdom: they have been a comfort to me.

Luke, our most dear physician, and Demas send you their greetings. Greetings to the brethren who are in Laodicea and to Nymphas and the church in his home. And when this letter will have been read among you, see that it is read in the churches of the Laodiceans also, and that you yourselves read the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "Take care of the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you fulfill it." I, Paul, greet you in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

Alleluia

The heavens shall proclaim Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the assembly of the saints.

Stichon: God is glorified in the council of His saints, great and awesome to all those around Him.

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:16-21

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 42*

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...

KINONIKON *Tone 8, pg. 96*

Their voice has gone forth over the whole world, over the whole world, and their words to the limits of the universe. Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION *pg. 52*

We have seen the True Light...

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Alexander Tickey**, who went to his eternal rest last week. He is husband of Joan (Abdinoor) Tickey, and also remember in your prayers the soul of **Michael Barbary**, who went to his eternal rest this week. He is the brother of Joseph & George Barbary. *Memory Eternal.*



PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY OCTOBER 19TH - LAST SESSION

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.



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 OCTOBER 11, 2026

5:30pm	9 Envelopes	\$ 372.00
9:00am	17 Envelopes	1397.00
11:30am	21 Envelopes	704.00
Mailed	6 Envelopes	450.00
Online	49 Envelopes	1780.00
Candles		47.00
Coffee Hour		200.00
Stole Offering		250.00
Weekly Total		\$5,200.00

Total Envelopes Received: 102

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 **Giorgio James DiFalco**, son of son of Christopher & Jane (Starace) DiFalco, who received these sacraments last week.



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Jason & Lillian (Kayal) Tahan** on the recent birth of their son!



PASTORAL APPEAL KICKOFF WEEKEND

"While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them." (Luke 24:15)

This weekend marks the beginning of the 2026 Melkite Catholic Pastoral Appeal, **Accompanied by the Risen Lord.**



On the road to Emmaus, Jesus joined two disciples as they walked, listened to their concerns, and helped them understand what had taken place. That same Risen Lord continues to walk with us today, especially as we face the challenges and opportunities before our Church.

The Pastoral Appeal is one way we come together to care for our Melkite Catholic Church throughout the United States. It helps provide for the formation of our future priests and deacons, religious education, and the needs of our parishes and missions.

We invite every family to prayerfully consider participating in this year's Appeal. No gift is too small, and every contribution helps us continue this important work. May we always remember that, wherever our journey takes us, we are Accompanied by the Risen Lord.

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PARISH NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Parish Night begins with Divine Liturgy, followed by a General Assembly meeting, video presentation and lite supper in the church hall. There is no charge, but reservations are required. **Watch your email for a signup to reserve your seats.**

SECRET SANTA

The Charitable Society is seeking monetary donations to purchase Christmas gifts for needy children. Please make checks payable to St. Ann Charitable Society and mail to the rectory or contact Barbara Fierravanti at 973.626.0055.