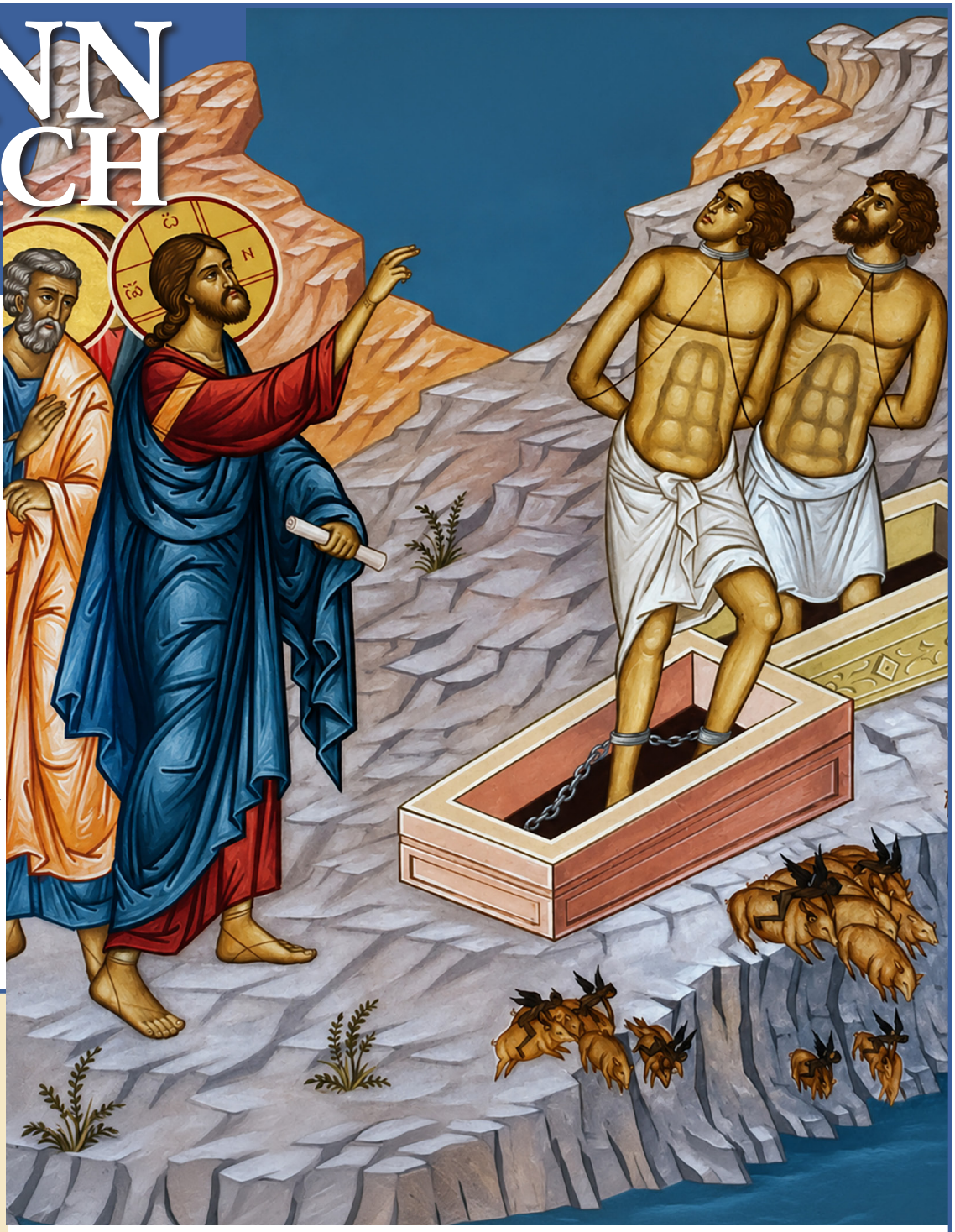
ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton



THIS WEEK

Today . October 25
SECOND COLLECTION *for* WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
All Liturgies

Tuesday . October 27 | 7pm
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

Thursday . October 29 | 7pm
ARABIC DIVINE LITURGY

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday . November 3 | 7pm
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
The Prothesis Rite-Preparing the Bread and Wine for communion

Wednesday . November 4 | 7pm
VESPERS *followed by the* PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday . November 7
MAYA VOLUNTEER EVENT
at Catholic Charities

Sunday . November 8
MAYA 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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The human soul, though imprisoned by sin and exiled into the wilderness of darkness, is never beyond the reach of divine mercy. Christ descends into the depths of our brokenness, shatters the chains that bind us, and restores the divine image obscured within us. No darkness is deeper than His light, no wound beyond His healing, and no past greater than His power to renew. Yet grace does not merely liberate us, it transforms us into witnesses of divine love. Our calling, therefore, is not to dictate the path of our salvation, but to surrender ourselves entirely into God's hands, trusting Him to turn even our ruins into a dwelling of His glory.

October 25, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Galatians 6:11-18 | Luke 8:27-39

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

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*

†Michael Barbary . *His Family*

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*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday | OCTOBER 31 | 5:30pm

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *John Tahmoosh*

†Alex Tickey . *Wife Joan & Family*

†Patricia Galizio . *Her Family*

†Tony Najjar . *Micheline Ghanem*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 1 | 9:00am

†Marlene Baskinger Rodgers . *1 Year Remembrance Her Family*

†Mary Tahan . *Diane Hayek*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Victor Jalinos*

†Peter Carlisle . *George Raad*

†Henry Raad . *M/M Michael Massood*

†Shirley Bluemer . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*

†Michael Barbary . *His Family*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 1 | 11:30am

†Elias Sawaf . *Jaqueline Scully*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

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

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
Robert Gorayeb
Kelly Jackson
Mona Mardelli
Joyce Neuss
Matthew Orsinsi
Zaki John Saoud
Gabriel Sinki
Debra Payne Wierciszewski
Donna Yuppa

DAILY READINGS . October 26-31, 2026

MONDAY 10/26	TUESDAY 10/27	WEDNESDAY 10/28	THURSDAY 10/29	FRIDAY 10/30	SATURDAY 10/31
LK 21:12-19 2 TIM 2:1-10 JN 15:17-27; 16:1-2	1 THES 1:6-10 LK 11:1-10	1 THES 2:1-8 LK 11:9-13	1 THES 2:9-14 LK 11:14-23	1 THES 2:14-20 LK 11:23-26	2 COR 8:1-5 LK 8:16-21

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 5, pg. 63*

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation; for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross and to endure death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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: Galatians 6:11-18

Prokimenon: You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.

Stichon: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any holy man, for truthfulness has vanished from among the children of men.

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

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand! All those who want to please in a human way are forcing you to be circumcised merely to avoid persecution because of the cross of Christ. For not even the circumcised observe the Law: but they want you to be circumcised that they may boast of your subjection to external rites. But as for me, God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision but a new creation is of any account. And whoever follow this rule, peace and mercy be upon them and on God's Israel. From now on, let no man give me trouble, for I bear the marks of the Lord Jesus in my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia

Your favor, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation, my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

Stichon: For you have said, "My kindness is established forever." In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:27-39

At that time when Jesus came to the country of the Gerasenes there met Him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil, and wore no clothes, and lived in the tombs, not in a house. And when he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him, and crying out with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of the most high God? I pray Thee, do not torment me." For he was charging the unclean spirit to go forth from the man. For many times it had laid hold of him; and he was bound with chains and fetters, and kept under guard, but he would break the bonds asunder, and be driven by the devil into the deserts. And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion," because many devils had entered into him. And they entreated Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was there, feeding on the mountainside. And they kept entreating Him to give them leave to enter into them. And He gave them leave. And the devils came out from the man and entered into the swine; and the herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and were drowned. And when the swineherds saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the town and in the country; and people came out to see what had happened. And they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the devils had gone out sitting at His feet, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those also who had seen it reported to them how he had been saved from Legion. And all the people of the Gerasene district besought Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear. And He got into a boat and went back. But the man from whom the devils had gone out prayed Him that he might remain with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to thy house, and tell all that God has done for thee." And he departed, proclaiming throughout the whole town all that Jesus had done for 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

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Miabella Lucy Haddad**, daughter of Fadi & Christine (Masri) Haddad, who received these sacraments last week.

PARISH NIGHT

SATURDAY, NOVERMBER 14, 2026

Parish Night begins with Divine Liturgy at 5pm, followed by a General Assembly meeting, video presentation and lite supper in the church hall. ***There is no charge, but reservations are required no later than Sunday, November 8 at 3pm.*** Scan the QR CODE to reserve your seats or call Lena Batikha 973.303.5232 or Julie Thalab 929.888.0880.

PARISH NIGHT Q&A

SATURDAY, NOVERMBER 14, 2026

Parish Night begins with Divine Liturgy at 5pm. We invite you to submit any questions you have, concerning our parish, in advance of the General Assembly meeting. Please scan the QR code to submit your questions to be addressed by a member of our Clergy, Pastoral Advisory Council, Finance Council, or Property Council. ***Questions must be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 11th.***

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of OCTOBER 18, 2026

5:30pm	15 Envelopes	$ 745.00
9:00am	26 Envelopes	1450.00
11:30am	26 Envelopes	714.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	1292.00
Online	54 Envelopes	1375.00
Candles		68.00
Coffee Hour		250.00
Stole Offering		400.00
Donation		100.00
Hall Rental		500.00
Weekly Total		**$6,894.00**

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.

THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION

for World Mission Sunday



PASTORAL APPEAL – CHRIST WALKS WITH US

"And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Jesus promised that He would always be with us. We see His presence in the life of our Church, in our clergy, our families, and the people who serve our communities. Your support of the Melkite Catholic Pastoral Appeal helps us continue this work and care for those who depend on our Church.

Accompanied by the Risen Lord | MELKITE.ORG

PLEASE NOTE: OFFERING ENVELOPES

Beginning in November, your monthly church envelopes will include two additional ones for your convenience: **one for Divine Liturgy Intentions and another for Church Maintenance and Repairs**. These will make it easier to request Liturgies for loved ones and support the ongoing upkeep of our church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dates are subject to change. Watch for weekly updates.

Sunday, November 8	MAYA meeting
Monday, November 9	Charitable Society Meeting
Tuesday, November 10	Arabic Bible Study
Thursday, November 12	English Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 14	Parish Night
Sunday, November 15	SAMY bible study/meeting

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 contract Barbara Fierravanti at 973.626.0055.

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.**

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!*