ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

THIS WEEK

Sunday . November 15
SAMY BIBLE STUDY/MEETING

Monday . November 16 | 7pm
ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY
The Liturgy of the Word

Friday . November 20 | 6pm
Feast of the Presentation
VESPERS/DIVINE LITURGY
Followed by Family Fun Night
See back of bulletin for details

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday . November 24 | 7pm
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday . November 25 | 7pm
ARABIC DIVINE LITURGY

Thursday . November 26



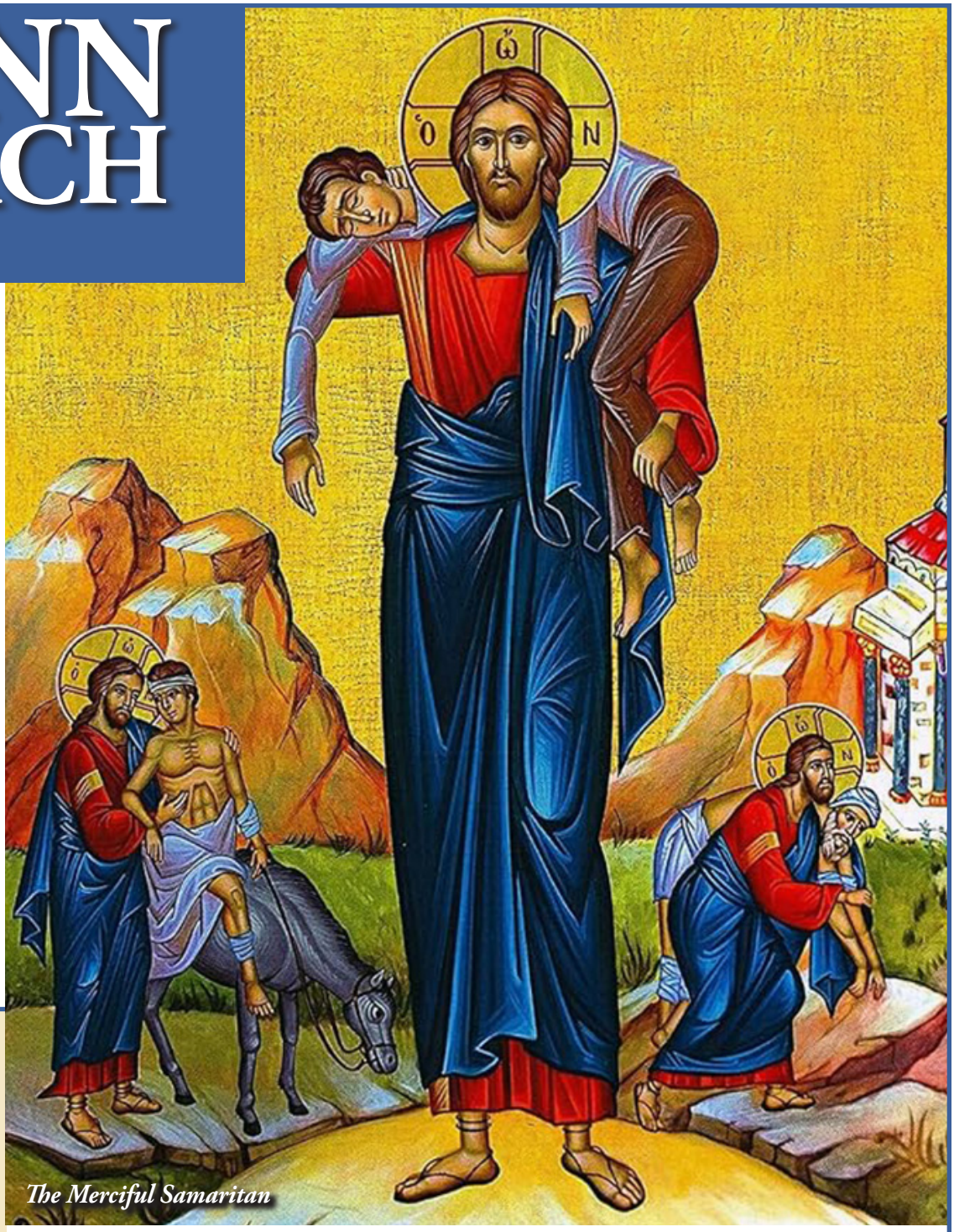
DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 Merciful Samaritan

The true depth of our communion with God is revealed in the mercy we extend to others. Love becomes holy when it forgets itself, crosses the boundaries of fear and prejudice, and recognizes in every wounded soul the face of Christ. For we cannot draw near to God while remaining distant from the suffering of His children. The path to heaven is often found in the dust of the road, where love kneels, mercy touches, and the human heart becomes the dwelling place of divine compassion.

November 15, 2026

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Ephesians 4:1-7 | Luke 10:25-37

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday | NOVEMBER 14 | 5:00pm

†Lucille Bsales . *5 Year Remembrance* . *Husband Raymond*

†John & Gloria Focazio . *Their Children*

†Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*

†Lois Lozy . *Cathcart Family*

†Alex Tickey . *Wife Joan & Family*

†Tony Najjar . *M/M Ramez Awad*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 15 | 9:00am

†Nassri & Lily Jalinos . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Edmond & Georgette Haddad . *M/M George Jalinos*

†George Haddad . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Michael Barbary . *His Family*

†Mary Tahan . *William Hayek & Family*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M Boutros Haddad*

†Shirley Bluemer . *M/M Joseph Piros*

†Henry Raad . *M/M Joe Rowek*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 15 | 11:30am

†Albert Anthony Kayal . *Anniversary*
Parents, George & Fadia Kayal

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

†Nadia Hayek . *The Rosario Family*

†Elias Sawaf . *Barbara Berlin*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday | NOVEMBER 21 | 5:30pm

†Alex Tickey . *40 Day Memorial* . *Wife Joan & Family*

†Lois Lozy . *Samira Fakhoury*

†Tony Najjar . *Rosemary Hannoush*

†Patricia Galizio . *Amelia Dahdah*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 22 | 9:00am

†Michael Barbary . *40 Day Memorial* . *His Family*

†Joseph J. Murray . *16 Year Remembrance*
Bernadette & Joseph Murray

†George Zelhof . *Birthday Remembrance* . *His Family*

†Mary Tahan . *Jack Hayek & Family*

†Kathleen Carlisle . *M/M George Jalinos*

†Shirley Bluemer . *Debra Balady*

†Henry Raad . *Denise Accad Wilson*

Sunday | NOVEMBER 22 | 11:30am

†Nadia Hayek . *The Rosario Family*

†Khalil Alkhalil . *His Family*

†Elias Sawaf . *Sam & Christine Khubari*

†Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*

†Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*

†Bassima Khalifah Antun . *Dr/M Hani Khoury*

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

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.

EIGHTH 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 8, pg. 66*

You descended from on high O Compassionate One, and consented to burial for three days, that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You!

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS *Tone 5*

You have granted us the miracles of your holy martyrs as an invincible rampart. At their prayers, O Christ our God, overthrow the plots of unbelievers and strengthen the Orthodox faith in your great goodness and love for mankind.

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 OF THE PRESENTATION *Tone 4, pg. 153*

The most pure Temple of our Holy Savior, and the most precious and bright bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasury of the glory of God openly appears today in the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the Most Holy Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "This is the heavenly tabernacle!"

TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-7

Prokimenon: Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them; Let all round about him bring gifts to the awesome Lord.

Stichon: God is renowned in Judah; in Israel, great is his name.

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

Brethren, I the prisoner in the Lord exhort you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling by which you were called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, careful to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, even as you were called to a single hope in your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and throughout all, and in all. But to each one of us, grace was given according to the measure of Christ's imparting.

Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; Let us sing joyfully to God our Savior!

Stichon: Let us greet his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 ***(The Merciful Samaritan)***

At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" He answered and said, *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength, and with thy whole mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."* And he said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way, and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And as he was leaving the next day, he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you send, I, on my way back, will repay you.' Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to the man who fell among the robber?" And he said, "The one who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do as he did."

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…

DAILY READINGS . November 16-21, 2026

MONDAY 11/16	TUESDAY 11/17	WEDNESDAY 11/18	THURSDAY 11/19	FRIDAY 11/20	*Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple* SATURDAY 11/21
1 COR 4:9-16 MT 9:9-13	1 TIM 1:8-14 LK 14:25-35	1 TIM 1:18-20; 2:8-15 LK 15:1-10	1 TIM 3:1-13 LK 16:1-9	1 TIM 4:4-8; 16 LK 16:15-18; 17:1-4	LK 1:39-49; 56 HEB 9:1-7 LK 10:38-42; 11:27-28

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL APPEAL
THE FAITH WE PASS ON

"Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

Many of us first learned our prayers and traditions from our parents, grandparents, and parish communities. Today, our religious education programs and catechists continue that work. The Melkite Catholic Pastoral Appeal helps provide the resources needed to teach our children and keep our Melkite Catholic traditions alive.

MELKITE.ORG

Our parish contributions, as of this weekend, for the 2026 Melkite Pastoral Appeal is $8,067.65, our Diocesan goal is $49,000. Checks and online donations dated before December 31st will receive a 2026 tax letter form.

ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD *followed by* FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 6PM

Vespers/Divine Liturgy as we celebrate the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple followed by Family Fun Night. **$5 per person.** Let us know you are coming, **call Mirna Katat 201-410-4216 or Bashar Katat 480-589-8909.**

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!*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of NOVEMBER 8, 2026

5:30pm	16 Envelopes	$ 795.00
9:00am	21 Envelopes	1236.00
11:30am	30 Envelopes	892.00
Mailed	4 Envelopes	245.00
Online	51 Envelopes	1855.00
Candles		81.00
Stole Offerings		500.00
Liturgy Intentions		765.00
Maintenance Repairs		87.00
Coffee Hour		250.00
Weekly Total		**$6,706.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 122

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.

'Tis the Season of Giving

Turkey Drive Frozen turkeys are being collected for Catholic Charities and should be placed in the freezer any Sunday until November 22nd.

Clothing Drive Please drop off new and gently worn items for Catholic Charities outside of the Sunday School office.

November 22nd after the 9am liturgy is the final day of collection for the Turkey and Clothing Drive.

Angel Gift Tags *for* Catholic Charities

Help make Christmas brighter for a child in need! Purchase the gift/gift card listed on a tag. Return the tag and wrapped gift. *Please observe the deadline, all tags are accounted for.*

Available from Bernadette Murray, 551-206-1986

Wrapped gifts due December 13th after the 9am liturgy.

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.

THE FEAST OF SAINT BARBARA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 4PM

Join us for a celebration of our beloved Saint Barbara. Face painting, games, dinner, the story of St Barbara, fellowship and much more! **$25/adult, $10 ages 4-10.** RSVP by contacting Lena Batikha 973.303.5232 or Julie Thalab 919.888.0880.

PARISH RETREAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 9:30AM-3:00PM

Join us for a spiritual retreat "Today the Virgin is on Her Way." A day of prayer and meditation on the Feast of the Nativity. The retreat will be available in English and Arabic and you will be able to sign up for your preference. Lunch will be served. Please watch for additional details and signup.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & RECEPTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 | After 10AM Liturgy

Join us for Divine Liturgy followed by our Christmas concert and Nativity play. A lite reception will follow in the hall. Watch for details and signup.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 | 8:30PM

Music provided by Kalem Issa & Band, and DJ AJ. Tickets are $125 per adult and $85 per child ages 4-10 and will include Mazza, Dinner, Dessert. Cash Bar (No BYOB). **For reservations call Nabil Alain 973.930.9794, Bashar Katat 480.589.8909 or Maya Bittar 862.226.8979.**

NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register.