

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite  
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

## THIS WEEK

TODAY | 10:30AM

**SAMY MEETING & BIBLE STUDY**

TUESDAY | 7PM

**ARABIC BIBLE STUDY**

THURSDAY



SATURDAY | 10AM - 3PM

**YOUTH CAMP DAY**

## NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 7PM

**CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 7PM

**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 7PM

**VESPERS followed by PARISH  
ADVISORY COUNCIL 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

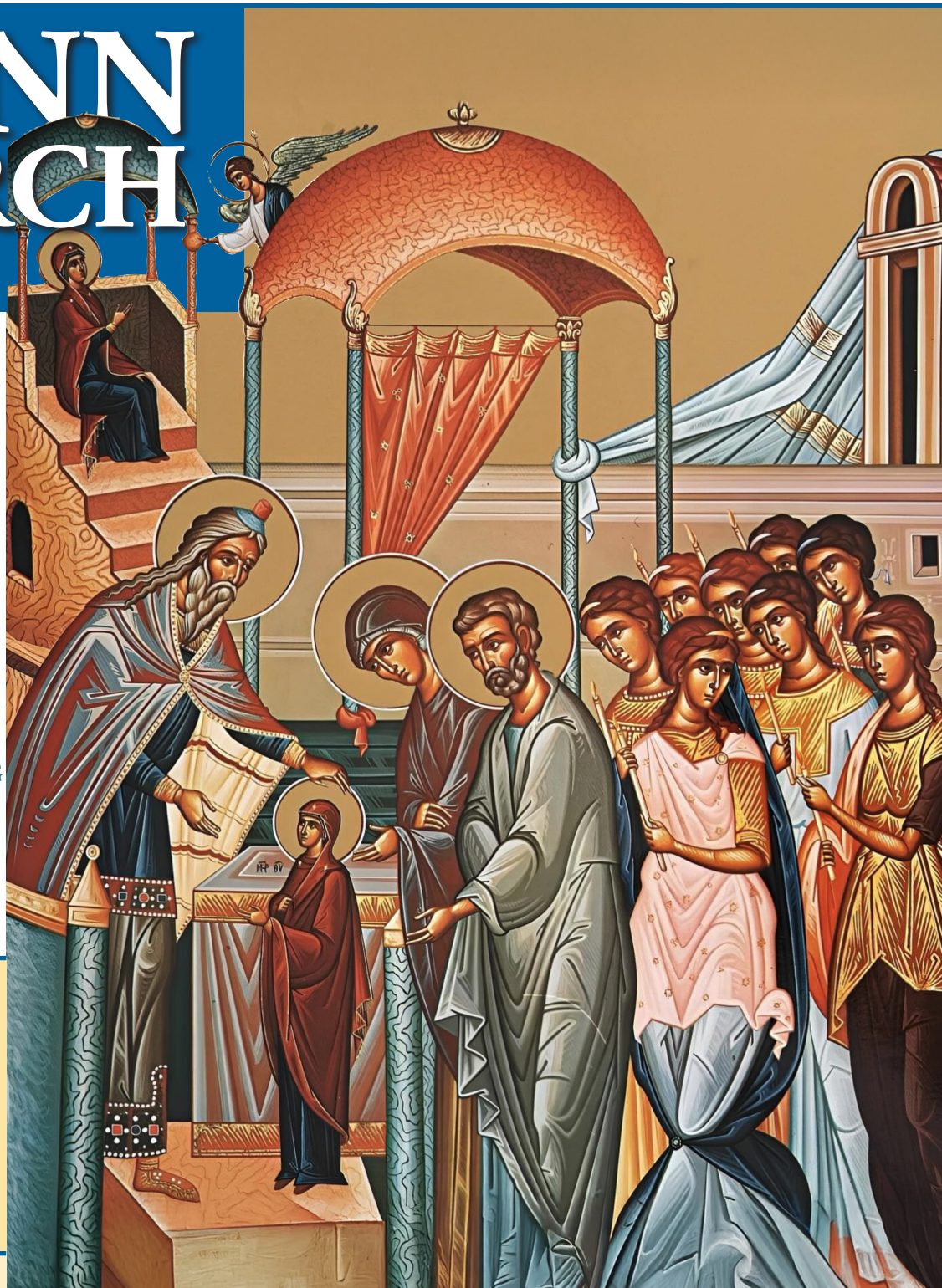
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

Rev Deacon Robert Shalhoub

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To report sexual abuse by clergy, parish personnel or  
volunteers in the Diocese of Newton, please call the  
Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-800-479-5910.



*When we surrender our lives to God and pour out love upon others,  
our souls become vast dwelling-places where His eternal light can rest.  
Blessed is the one who stands before the Lord with a heart shaped by generosity  
and grace, for every act of love on earth becomes a radiant glory in heaven.*

November 23, 2025

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON *The Lord will give strength to His people;  
the Lord will bless His people with peace.*

Ephesians 2:14-22 | Luke 12:16-22



# Intentions

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 22 | 5:30PM**

- †Victor Kattak . *Wife Elizabeth Kattak*  
 †Michael Sayeg . *M/M Joseph Stambuli*  
 †Lois Lozy . *M/M Doug DiFalco*  
 †Julie Clark Molloy . *M/M Lawrence Margolis*  
 †Louis Dahdah . *M/M Lou Hamway*  
 †Michael O'Brien . *The Cathcart Family*

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 23 | 9:00AM**

- †Valerie Balady . *Husband Bruce Balady & Family*  
 †William Siouffi . *M/M John Lozy*  
 †Mary Tahan . *M/M Gabe Raad*  
 †Lois Tobjy . *Joseph Tobjy*  
 †John Baladi . *M/M John Gorny*

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 23 | 11:30AM**

- †Fehmih Almakhouh . *9 Day Memorial . Her Family*  
 †Dalal Haddad . *1 Year Remembrance . Ghassan & Maggie Slim*  
 †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*  
 †Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*  
 †Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*  
 †Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *Samira Fakhoury*  
 †Rana Al Amir Haddad . *M/M Riad Homs*  
 †Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*  
 †Youssef Kozhaya . *M/M George Jalinos*  
 †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Marie Sara*  
 †Dr. Maxioms Kilo . *M/M Joseph Kayal*

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

**SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 29 | 5:30PM**

- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Daughters*  
 †Lois Lozy . *M/M Benny Margherita*  
 †Michael O'Brien . *The Cathcart Family*

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 30 | 9:00AM**

- †William Siouffi . *M/M Faouzi Saoud & Family*  
 †Mary Tahan . *Patti Tahan & Family*  
 †Julie Clark Molloy . *Shirley Tahan*

**SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 30 | 11:30AM**

- †Marlene Rodgers . *Memorial . Her Family*  
 †George & Selma Tobjy . *Joseph Tobjy*  
 †Lois Tobjy . *Rev/M Edward Bsarany*  
 †Sayer Sawaged . *Wife Badia & Family*  
 †Hani Haddad . *Wife Mary & Family*  
 †Naim Haddad . *Wife Nellie & Family*  
 †Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . *Her Family*  
 †Rana Al Amir Haddad . *Samira Fakhoury*  
 †Khalil Al Amir . *His Family*  
 †Youssef Kozhaya . *M/M Riad Homs*  
 †Claude Fallaha Ullrich . *Juliette Sara*  
 †John Baladi . *M/M George Marjana*

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Robert Baskinger	Mark Frommer	Mona Mardelli
Susan Brigida	Charles Gleason	Joyce Neuss
Dolores Fritz	Laurice Kayal	Debra Payne Wierciszewski

## DAILY READINGS . November 24-29, 2025

### MONDAY 11/24

2 THES 1:1-10  
LK 17:20-25

### TUESDAY 11/25

MT 25:1-13  
GAL 3:23-29; 4:1-5  
MK 5:24-34

### WEDNESDAY 11/26

2 THES 2:1-12  
LK 18:15-17; 26-30

### THURSDAY 11/27

2 THES 2:13-17; 3:1-5  
LK 18:31-34

### FRIDAY 11/28

2 THES 3:6-18  
LK 19:12-28

### SATURDAY 11/29

GAL 1:3-10  
LK 10:19-21

### 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.

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

## Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

*Presentation of the Virgin Mary into the Temple* Pages 151-155

### ANTIPHON OF THE FEAST *pg. 151*

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!*

1. The city of Tyre is here with gifts: the rich among the people seek your favor.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!*

2. All the glory of the King's daughter is within: her raiment is threaded with spun gold.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!*

3. She is borne in to the King, and behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you.

*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 7) pg. 65*

You destroyed Death by Your Cross, You opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the Myrrh-bearers, and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen granting to the world great mercy.

### TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION *(Tone 4) pg. 152*

Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, and the announcement of the salvation of men. In the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry to her in a loud voice, "Hail! O fulfillment of the Creator's plan!"

### TROPARION OF SAINT ANN *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.

### KONDAKION OF THE PRESENTATION

#### OF OUR LADY TO THE TEMPLE *(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 into 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 2:14-22

**Prokimenon:** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

*Stichon:* Give to the Lord, you Sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

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

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both [Jews and Gentiles] one, and has broken down the intervening wall of the enclosure, the enemy, in his flesh. He has voided the Law of commandments expressed in decrees, so that of the two he might create in himself one new man, and make peace, and reconcile both in one body to God through the cross, having destroyed their enmity within himself. And as he came, he announced the good tidings of peace to you who were far away, and of peace to those who were near: because through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Therefore, you are now no longer strangers or foreigners, but citizens with the saints and members of God's household: you are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Cf. Is. 28:16) with Christ himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole structure is closely fitted together and grows into a temple holy in the Lord; in him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

### Alleluia

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

*Stichon:* To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-22

The Lord told this parable: "The land of a certain rich man brought forth abundant crops. And he began to consider, saying, 'What shall I do, for I have no room to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger one, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool, this very night, you must give up your life; and the things you have provided, whose will they be?' So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich as regards God." After he had said this, he cried out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

### HIRMOS *pg. 154*

The angels were stunned as they saw the Virgin coming in: How has she entered in glory into the Holy of Holies. O Mother of God, you are the living Ark of God: No profane hand may touch you, but the lips of the faithful will never cease to sing your praise, repeating with joy the angel's words: O Pure Virgin, you are indeed raised above all creatures.

### KINONIKON *pg. 155*

I will take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Allelulia!

### POST-COMMUNION *pg. 52*

We have seen the True Light...

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MELKITE PASTORAL APPEAL *Update*

As of now, our parish contributions to the 2025 Melkite Pastoral Appeal is \$12,913.66. Our parish goal is \$50,000. Contributions made via checks or online donations dated before December 31st will receive a 2025 tax letter form.

## STAY CONNECTED!

Text the word FRMUSIL to 84576 or connect with us online at: **saintannmelkite.flocknote.com**.

If you have stopped receiving our emails, please go to the flocknote address above or email us at: **stann.woodlandpark@melkite.org**.

**Join the Whatsapp Group.**

Text Fr. Musil 630.209.9834, Fr. Sayed 857.203.1034, or Bashar Katat 480.589.8909.

## NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

**Call the Parish Office at 973.785.4144 to register!**

If you are not receiving parish envelopes, you are not registered. We encourage all families, seniors, and post-college singles attending St. Ann to register as parish members to be eligible for marriage, baptisms, and Religious Education 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!*

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of NOVEMBER 16, 2025

5:30pm	21 Envelopes	\$1088.00
9:00am	18 Envelopes	928.00
11:30am	26 Envelopes	1038.00
Online	35 Envelopes	1297.00
Mailed	3 Envelopes	395.00
Candles		55.00
Coffee Hour		150.00
Donation		100.00
Stole Offering		200.00
Liturgy Stipends		1140.00

**Weekly Total** \$6,391.00

Total Envelopes Received: 103

## GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to saintannmelkite.com and click on online giving.

## HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

**Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist**

Congratulations to **Ethan Elias Joshua Hamway & Reagan Jade Hamway**, children of Brian & Morgan (Grod) Hamway, who received these sacraments last week.



## CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER

There will a Children's Craft Corner following the 9am Divine Liturgy for those children not attending Religious Ed Class.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | 10AM-3PM YOUTH CAMP DAY

Open to children 4-12 years of age. Includes lunch, snack, games, projects & prayer. The cost is \$10 per child. Scan the QR code to sign up or contact Faith Tahan Kayal at 973.954.1964 before November 24th.



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 4PM FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

Mezza, Seasonal Dessert and Coffee. St. Ann Melkite Youth Christmas Concert. Religious Education Children's Nativity Pageant. A Tricky Tray and more....\$25 per adult / \$10 per children 4-10 years old. **Tickets: Maha Gabriel 973.610.8444, Julie Thalab 929.888.0880, Nellie Cathcart 973.610.8036. Childrens pageant: Evette Habib 973.567.2163. Tricky Tray: Hala Homsy 973.393.0799.** RSVP by Wednesday, December 3rd.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:30PM COOKING CLASS

We are making Mammoul and Knafeh! Cost is \$15 per person (12 years old and up). **Call, text Debbie Gorny at 973.919.4517 or email dgorny3@gmail.com** by Sunday, December 7th.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 | 9PM NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Music provided by Ayad Atallah & Band. Tickets are \$110 per adult and \$80 per child ages 4-10 and will include Mazza, Dinner, Dessert. Cash Bar (No BYOB). **For reservations call Nabil Alain, 973.930.9794, Norma Bittar 973.979.9619 or Bashar Katat 480.589.8909.**

## ANGEL GIFTS *for* CATHOLIC CHARITIES

THANK YOU, all tags have been claimed. **All gifts with the tags must be returned by December 14th after the 9am liturgy.** Please see Bernadette Murray.

## 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.**