

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THIS WEEKEND  
SECOND COLLECTION**  
*for St. Ann Charitable Society*

## THIS WEEKEND

**MAYA MEETING**  
after 5:30pm Divine Liturgy in the Parish Center.

## THIS WEEK

October 7 | 7pm  
**CHARITABLE SOCIETY MEETING**

Wednesday . October 9 | 7pm  
**VESPERS followed by  
PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

## FEAST OF ST. BARBARA SUNDAY . DECEMBER 8 . 4-8PM

Sandwiches and dessert. Nativity Pageant.  
St Ann Band. Christmas Carols. **A Tricky Tray  
Raffle to benefit the Diocesan Lebanon Relief Fund.**  
**\$20 per adult / \$10 per children 4-10 years old.** For  
reservations call **Maha Gabriel 973.610.8444, Nellie  
Cathcart 973.610.8036, Debra Gorny 973.919.4571  
or Lena Batikha 973.303.5232.**  
**Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 4th.**



## ANGEL TAGS

 **THANK YOU**, all tags have been claimed. **All  
gifts with the tags must be returned by  
December 8th after the 9am liturgy.** Please  
see **Bernadette Murray.**

## GIVING TREE

The Religious Education Giving tree will be  
on **Sunday, December 15th.** Please bring  
new hats, gloves/mittens, scarves and socks  
to donate.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

**Tuesday, December 31st**  
Featuring **St. Ann Band** and **His Band.** Reservations:  
**Nabil Alain, Norma Bittar.**

## PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**7PM VESPERS SERVICE followed by PAC MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY . JANUARY 8, 2025**  
*Meeting dates may be subject to change or cancellation.*

## HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Congratulations to **Michael Costa and  
Tania Sawaged**, who were crowned in the Mystery of  
Holy Matrimony on November 24, 2024. May their new  
life together be filled with committed love and the  
blessings of Christ.



## BISHOP'S APPEAL

We need light to see. Jesus is the Giver of true light and  
life. In His light we properly see and know God, the world,  
ourselves and others. His word gives us the correct light and  
perspective to see reality as it is. In today's Gospel, who was  
truly blind? Was it the "blind" man calling out Jesus to see  
correctly, or those who tried to hush him up. In what light do  
we see life? The Bishop' Appeal gives a proper perspective,  
light and sight, to our Eparchy, our parish, and to us as  
parishioners. **Our parish has raised \$14,390.00 and our  
goal is \$35,000.00.** Appeal envelopes and reply cards are  
available in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity. You  
may donate online at: [melkite.org/appeal](http://melkite.org/appeal). **Please mail your  
donation directly to the Diocese of Newton.**

## LEBANON RELIEF FUND



Bishop Francois has established a diocesan  
"Lebanon Relief Fund" to assist our brothers  
and sisters who are suffering and in need  
due to the current situation in the Middle  
East. You may donate online at [Melkite.org](http://Melkite.org) or  
via the parish weekly collection. If you choose

the latter, please place your donation in a plain envelope  
marked "Lebanon Relief" with your name as well, and hand  
is at any Sunday collection. **Thank you for your response.**

## SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TO SEE NOAH

in Lancaster, PA . **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**  
Cost is estimated to be \$150-\$160 per person and include  
theater tickets, bus transportation and lunch. **Please send  
a \$50 deposit per person, payable to St. Ann Church,  
to hold your reservation. Only 5 seats left!** If interested in  
attending, respond to [office@saintannmelkite.com](mailto:office@saintannmelkite.com).

## OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

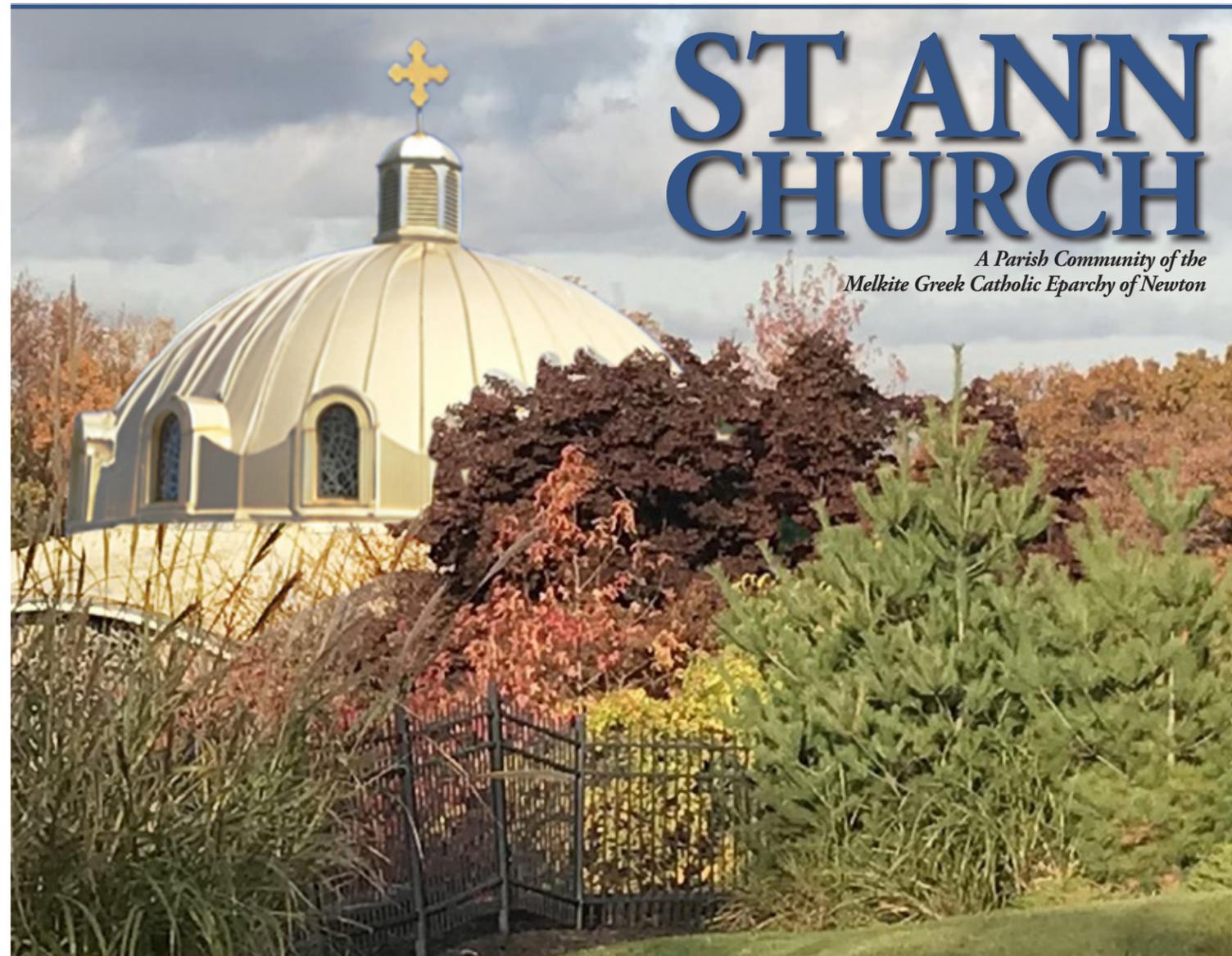
Do you or someone you know need assistance? Please con-  
tact Fr. Ken at 973.785.4144 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415.  
*All inquiries are confidential!*

## ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

If you are not receiving the weekly envelope, you are not  
registered! All families, seniors and post-college singles  
should register as official parish members! **Please call the  
Office at 973.785.4144 to register.**

# ST ANN CHURCH

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



## DECEMBER 1, 2024 . FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

*PROKIMENON 5: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!*  
Colossians 1:12-18 | Luke 18:35-42

### Our Community is Served By:

Rt Rev Kenneth Sherman  
PASTOR  
Rev Choukri Sabbagh  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany  
Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

### Contact:

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### 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*

**802 Rifle Camp Road  
Woodland Park NJ 07424  
973.785.4144 office/rectory  
973.890.9599 fax**

[www.saintannmelkite.com](http://www.saintannmelkite.com)

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.

### TODAY

TODAY | ALL LITURGIES  
**SECOND COLLECTION for  
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY**

MONDAY . DECEMBER 2 | 7PM  
**CHARITABLE  
SOCIETY MEETING**

WEDNESDAY . DECEMBER 4 | 7PM  
**VESPERS followed by  
PASTORAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

### UPCOMING

**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA . DECEMBER 8**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA . DECEMBER 31**

## Intentions

### — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS —

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

- †Michael Massood Sr. . 4 Year Remembrance  
*M/M Michael Massood*
- †Helen Massood . *M/M Michael Massood*
- †John & Yvonne Obeji . *M/M Michael Massood*
- †Joseph & Annie Shackoor . *Shackoor Family*
- †Norman & Laurice Dikdan . *Their Family*
- †James & Kathy Cantisano . *Yvonne Cantisano*
- †Emil Garlewicz . *Rockel Family*
- †Raymond Orfaly . *Reem & Rola Hannoush*

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 1 | 9:00AM**

- †Lorice Zelhof . *M/M Gregg Kattine*
- †George Bsales . *M/M George Dakak*
- †Joseph Landes . *M/M Peter Eckert*
- †Steven McNeil . *Clergy & Parishioners of St Ann*

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 1 | 11:30AM**

- †Adibeh Moubarak . 1 Year Memorial Service . *Her Family*
- †Edmund & Georgette Haddad . *Anniversary . Their Children*
- †Nasri & Lily Jalinos . *Anniversary . Their Children*
- †Ana Maria Nakhle . *Amal Nakhle*
- †Naji Homsy . *Marcel Ghandour*

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Louis Dahdah    | Robin A. Kingery          |
| Tracey Ferraro  | Mona Mardelli             |
| Andrew Friedman | Joyce Neuss               |
| Dolores Fritz   | Mary Tahan                |
| Mark Frommer    | Debra Payne Wierciszewski |
| Laurice Kayal   | Donna Yuppa               |

### Our Community is Served By:

Parish Office | *Georgann Bsarany, Secretary*  
*Lina Alain, Secretary*

Communications | *Doreen Pierson, Director*  
Pastoral Advisory Council | *Bernadette Murray, Chair*

Property Advisory Council | *Nabil Alain, Chair*  
Finance Advisory Council | *Louis Sayad, Chair*  
Charitable Society | *Debbie Tahan, Chair*  
Religious Education | *Michael & Jessica Hanczaryk*

Society of Publicans | *Jenine Long*  
Readers | *Joann Fakhoury*  
Ushers | *Joseph Murray*  
S.A.M.Y. | *Paulie Harraka, Advisor*  
*Fr Choukri Sabbagh, Spiritual Advisor*

### — TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS —

**SATURDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 5:30PM**

- †Albert & Virginia Kahwaty
- †Victor Kattak . *Elizabeth Kattak*
- †George Akshar . *M/M Eamon Doherty*
- †James & Kathy Cantisano . *Yvonne Cantisano*

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 8 | 9:00AM**

- †Basil & Jean Tahan
- †John & Julie Blum
- †Lorice Zelhof . *M/M Charles Cathcart*
- †George Bsales . *Kathy Harraka*
- †Raymond Orfaly . *Samira Fakhoury*

**SUNDAY | DECEMBER 8 | 11:30AM**

- †Georget Barouisou . *Her Family*
- †Naji Homsy . *M/M Gilbert Sabe*
- †Adibeh Moubarak . *M/M Abboud Batikha*
- †Moufid Sukarie . *Reem & Rola Hannoush*

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1: 13-14

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of NOVEMBER 24, 2024

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 560.00
9:00am	28 Envelopes	1100.00
11:30am	21 Envelopes	727.00
Mailed	10 Envelopes	705.00
Online	40 Envelopes	1572.00
Candles		90.00
Coffee Hour		350.00
Stole Offering		300.00

**Weekly Total \$5,404.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 112

According to our 2023-2024 budget, our weekly sacrificial giving need is \$8,000.00 to meet expenses.

**GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!**  
Online giving directly from your bank account is the most cost effective way to donate. Consider this for your Sunday Offering. For details, go to [saintannmelkite.com](http://saintannmelkite.com) and click the online giving tab.

**saint ann foodpantry**

**Our Religious Education families have been asked to help fill the food pantry shelves. We would greatly appreciate it if you could follow the list below to donate.**

<b>PRE-K</b> Ziploc/garbage/lunch bags	<b>5TH GRADE</b> Laundry products, Bleach
<b>KINDERGARTEN</b> Paper cups/plates	<b>6TH GRADE</b> Coffee, tea, & hot chocolate
<b>1ST GRADE</b> Boxed cookies, crackers & snack packs	<b>7TH &amp; 8TH</b> Peanut butter & jelly Canned tuna/chicken
<b>2ND GRADE</b> Toothbrushes & toothpaste Shampoo/Conditioner	<b>9TH GRADE</b> Pancake mix with bottle of syrup
<b>3RD GRADE</b> Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & tissue boxes	<b>10TH GRADE</b> Cereals & oatmeal
<b>4TH GRADE</b> Fruit juice, fruit cups, jarred fruits	<b>11TH GRADE</b> Ketchup, mustard, mayo, salt/pepper
	<b>12TH GRADE</b> Flour, sugar, & rice

Please bring your gifts to class, we will accept donations through December. We hope that you can make this small sacrifice as a way of saying "thank you" to Jesus for all that He has given us. *Even if you are not a Religious Education Family, we welcome your donation.*

### — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 —

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON 5  
*Sing praise to our God, sing praise!*  
*Sing praise to our King, sing praise!*

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**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.

### HOLY PROPHET NAHUM

**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.

**KONTAKION** pg. 103 . *Nativity Preparation*  
Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds Him who shall appear as a new Child, being God from all eternity

### DAILY READINGS

December 2-7, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b> Heb 3:5-11; 17-19 Lk 20:27-44	<b>TUESDAY</b> Heb 4:1-13 Lk 21:12-19	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Gal 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mk 5:24-34
<b>THURSDAY</b> Lk 6:17-23 Gal 5:22-26; 6:1-2 Mt 11:27-30	<b>FRIDAY</b> Jn 10:1-9 Heb 13:17-21 Lk 6:17-23	<b>SATURDAY</b> Eph 2:11-13 Lk 13:19-29

**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.