

# ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite  
Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

## THIS WEEK

ALL LITURGIES

SECOND COLLECTION for  
ST. ANN CHARITABLE SOCIETY

TODAY | 4PM

CELEBRATION OF  
ST. BARBARA FEAST DAY,  
CONCERT AND NATIVITY  
PAGEANT

MONDAY . DECEMBER 8 | 6:30PM  
CHARITABLE SOCIETY  
MEETING

TUESDAY . DECEMBER 9  
DIVINE LITURGY  
MATERNITY OF ST ANN | 6:30PM  
ARABIC BIBLE STUDY | 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY . DECEMBER 10 | 6:30PM  
COOKING CLASS

FRIDAY . DECEMBER 12 | 6:30PM  
SAMY BIBLE STUDY  
& CHRISTMAS PARTY

## 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



Saint Barbara

Saint Nicholas

*When the soul, heavy with unspoken sorrows, finally yields to the gentle initiative  
of the Divine Word, it finds that a single breath of His mercy  
can unfurl the very places where life has folded us in pain.*

*Thus, in the quiet radiance of His unceasing rest, the spirit is lifted into a freedom  
that teaches the heart to worship again, as though awakening to its first dawn.*

December 7, 2025

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

Ephesians 5:8-19 | Luke 13:10-17

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.

St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church . 802 Rifle Camp Road . Woodland Park NJ 07424  
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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

### SATURDAY | DECEMBER 6 | 5:30PM

- †Elias Harraka . 1 Year Remembrance . Wife Antoinette & Family  
†Lorraine Doherty . 3 Year Remembrance . M/M Eamon Doherty  
†Mantep Aman Lim Yalan . 39 Year Remembrance  
M/M Eamon Doherty (Grandchildren)  
†Victor Kattak . Wife Elizabeth Kattak  
†Michael Sayeg . M/M Joseph Stambuli  
†Lois Lozy . M/M Raymond Yabroud  
†Youssef Kozhaya . Reem & Rola Hannoush  
†Julie Clark Molloy . Patti Tahan  
†Louis Dahdah . M/M Joseph Rowek

### SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 9:00AM

- Archdeacon Edward Bsarany . 38 Year Ordination Anniversary  
Deacon Roland Basinski . 38 Year Ordination Anniversary  
Deacon Robert Shalhoub . 30 Year Ordination Anniversary  
†Richard Krueger . Birthday Remembrance . M/M Gabe Raad  
†Valerie Balady . Husband Bruce Balady  
†William Siouffi . Joan Tahan  
†Marlene Rodgers . M/M Nabil Alain  
†Mary Tahan . M/M George Dahdah

### SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7 | 11:30AM

- †Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family  
†Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family  
†Naim Haddad . Wife Nellie & Family  
†Dr. Maximos Kilo . M/M Joseph Kayal  
†Amira Abouhanna Al Amir . Her Family  
†Rana Al Amir Haddad . Her Family  
†Khalil Al Amir . His Family  
†Claude Fallaha Ullrich . Juliette Sara  
†John Baladi . Alan Sabeh

#### 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.

## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

### SATURDAY | DECEMBER 13 | 5:30PM

- †Laurice Dikdan . Birthday Remembrance . Her Daughters  
†Lois Lozy . M/M Salem Alchammas  
†Louis Dahdah . M/M Raymond Stambolie  
†Michael O'Brien . The Cathcart Family

### SUNDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 9:00AM

- †Lucille Tobjy . Birthday Remembrance . Husband Joseph & Family  
†Mary Tahan . M/M Elias Sawaf  
†Marlene Rodgers . M/M Abboud Batikha  
†William Siouffi . M/M Tony Najjar

### SUNDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 11:30AM

- †Georget Barousou . Her Family  
†Sayer Sawaged . Wife Badia & Family  
†Hani Haddad . Wife Mary & Family  
†Naim Haddad . Wife Nellie & Family  
†Rana Al Amir Haddad . M/M Khamis Khamis  
†Khalil & Amira Al Amir . Their Family  
†Youssef Kozhaya . Samira Fakhoury  
†John Baladi . M/M Masoud Altris

### CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE



#### Christmas Eve

December 24 – 5:00pm

December 24 – 8:00pm

#### Christmas Day

December 25 – 10:00am

### 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

#### 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.

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

## Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

### SECOND ANTIPHON *pg. 16*

*O Son of God who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

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...*

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 1) pg. 59*

After the stone was sealed by the Jews and the while the soldiers were watching Your spotless body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, bestowing life to the world. Therefore, the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You Who alone are the lover of mankind!"

### 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 PREPARATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD *(Tone 3) pg. 158*

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.

### TRISAGION *pg. 25*

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

### EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:8-19

**Prokimenon:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

**Stichon:** Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

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

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the spirit is in all virtue and holiness and truth), testing what is well pleasing to the Lord, and have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For of the things that are done by people in secret, it is shameful even to speak; but all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light: for all that is made manifest is light. Thus, there is a saying, Awake, sleeper, and arise from among the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. (Is.26: 19) See to it, therefore, brethren, that you walk with care, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. Do not become foolish, then, but understand what is the Lord's will. And do not be drunk with wine, for in that is wantonness; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your hearts to the Lord

### Alleluia

O God, you granted me retribution and made peoples subject to me and saved me from my raging enemies.

**Stichon:** Therefore, I will proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17

#### *(Healing of a Crippled Woman)*

At that time Jesus was teaching in one of their synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent over and utterly unable to look upwards. When Jesus saw her, he called her to him and said to her, "Woman, thou art delivered from thy infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, addressed the crowd, saying, "There are six days in which one ought to work; on these therefore come and be cured, and not on the Sabbath." But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or ass from the manger, and lead it forth to water? And this woman, daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound, lo, for eighteen years, ought not she to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame; and the entire crowd rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him

### HIRMOS *Hymn to the Theotokos pg. 42*

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

### KINONIKON *(pg. 50)* Praise the Lord from the Heavens...

### POST-COMMUNION *(pg. 52)* We have seen the True Light...

## DAILY READINGS . December 8-13, 2025

#### MONDAY 12/8

1 TIM 5:1-12  
LK 20:27-44

#### *Maternity of St. Ann*

#### TUESDAY 12/9

LK 6:17-23  
GAL 4:22-27  
LK 8:16-21

#### WEDNESDAY 12/10

1 TIM 5:22-25; 6:1-11  
LK 21:5-8; 10-11; 20-24

#### THURSDAY 12/11

1 TIM 6:17-21  
LK 21:28-33

#### FRIDAY 12/12

JN 10:1-9  
EPH 5:8-19  
JN 10:9-16

#### SATURDAY 12/13

GAL 5:22-26; 6:1-2  
LK 13:19-29

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

### Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Wyatt Blanchard**, son of Brad & Rebecca (Haraka) Blanchard who received this Sacrament last week.



## 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 30, 2025

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 596.00
9:00am	15 Envelopes	828.00
11:30am	29 Envelopes	1359.00
Online	42 Envelopes	1355.00
Mailed	4 Envelopes	535.00
Candles		155.00

**Weekly Total** \$4,828.00

Total Envelopes Received: 103

## GIVE YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING ONLINE!

Go to [saintannmelkite.com](http://saintannmelkite.com) and click on online giving.

## MABROUK!!

Congratulations to Archdeacon Ed, Deacon Roland and Deacon Bob on the Anniversary of their Ordinations. Thank you for your many years of love and commitment to St. Ann. May God grant you many years.

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



## CHILDREN'S CRAFT CORNER

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

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

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

## NEXT WEEK

### SUNDAY. DECEMBER 14

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GIVING TREE** | During class  
**ANGEL GIFT & TAG RETURN** | by 11:30AM  
**SAMY CHRISTMAS CAROLING** | 2-4PM

### TUESDAY. DECEMBER 16 | 7PM

### ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

### FRIDAY. DECEMBER 19 | 7PM

### MAYA MEETING

## UPCOMING

### SUNDAY. DECEMBER 21

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS PARTY

### SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 7

### FATHER-SON BREAKFAST

## 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.**

## MELKITE PASTORAL APPEAL *Update*

As of now, our parish contributions to the 2025 Melkite Pastoral Appeal is \$14,422.93. Our parish goal is \$50,000. Contributions made via checks or online donations dated before December 31st will receive a 2025 tax letter form.