

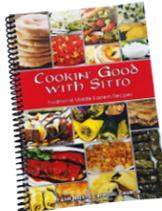
# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**FEAST OF THE  
MATERNITY OF ST ANN**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th . 7pm  
Vesper/Divine Liturgy

## GIVING TREE

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



## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Our parish cook book, *Cookin' Good with Sitto*, is available for \$25 and would make a great Christmas Gift! Call the rectory at 973.785.4144 for information or to purchase.

## 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 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.*



## NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Tuesday, December 31st  
**SOLD OUT**  
Featuring DJ and his Band. Reservations:  
Nabil Alain, Norma Bittar.

## PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meetings of the Pastoral Advisory Council are open to all parishioners, who are encouraged to attend and share any concerns related to the spiritual and social life of the parish. If you have a concern, would like to share your thoughts or simply wish to attend, please join us at a meeting.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**7PM VESPERS SERVICE followed by PAC MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY . JANUARY 8, 2025  
WEDNESDAY . FEBRUARY 5, 2025  
*Meeting dates may be subject to change or cancellation.*

## CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 – 5:00pm  
Tuesday, December 24 – 8:00pm

### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 – 10:00am



## 2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL

[melkite.org/appeal](http://melkite.org/appeal)

The 2024 Bishop's Appeal is currently underway with a diocesan goal of \$610,500.00. Fifty percent of donations in excess of the parish goal will be returned to the parish. Donate now to support the work of our diocese in promoting vocations, publishing SOPHIA Magazine, revitalizing youth programs and building up parish and diocesan infrastructure. Please note for tax purposes, only donations dated before December 31, 2024 will be included in this year's appeal. Donations dated in 2025 will be applies to 2025 Bishop's Appeal. **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.**

## 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. 5 seats left!** If you are interested, please respond to [office@saintannmelkite.com](mailto:office@saintannmelkite.com).

## OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

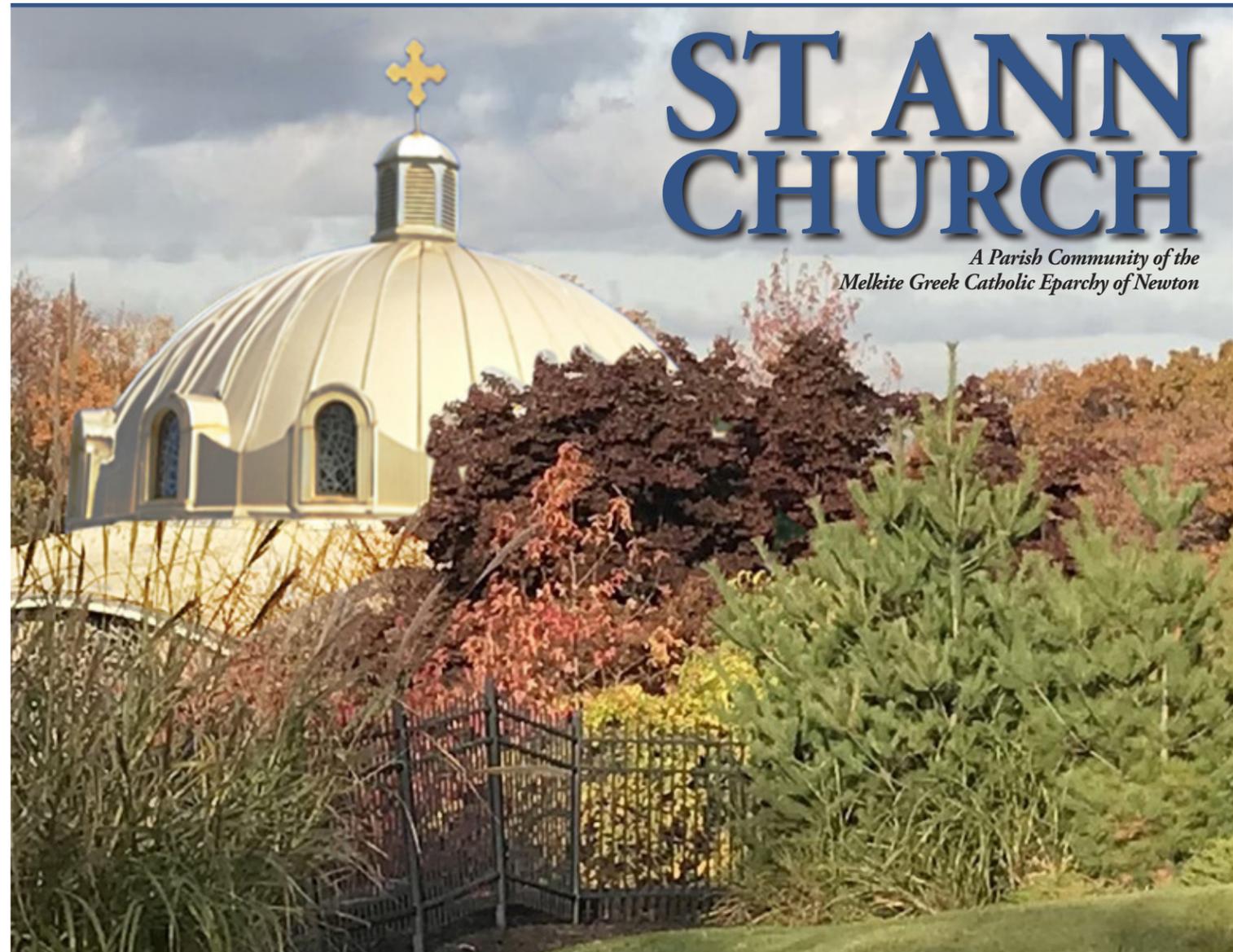
Do you or someone you know need assistance? Please contact Fr. Ken at 973.785.4144 or Fr. Choukri at 914.510.4415. *All inquiries are confidential!*

## 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 8, 2024 . TENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

PROKIMENON 8: *You, O Lord, will keep us and preserve us always from this generation.*  
Colossians 3:12-16 | Luke 13:10-17

### Our Community is Served By:

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

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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 | 4-8PM  
**FEAST OF ST. BARBARA**  
*with Nativity Pageant and Tricky Tray*

TODAY | AFTER 9AM LITURGY  
**ANGEL GIFTS AND TAGS DUE**

## UPCOMING

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
GIVING TREE . DECEMBER 15  
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA . DECEMBER 31

## ONGOING

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION  
BISHOP'S APPEAL  
LEBANON RELIEF FUND

## Intentions

### — 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 Sabej
- †Adibeh Moubarak . M/M Abboud Batikha
- †Moufid Sukarie . Reem & Rola Hannoush
- †Badie Samy Habib . Jiryis Evette Sayigh
- †Dalal Hadad . M/M Mishel Bittar

### 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

### — SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS —

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 5:30PM

- †Laurice Dikdan . Birthday Remembrance . Her Daughters
- †James & Kathy Cantisano . Yvonne Cantisano
- †Emil Garlewicz . Rockel Family
- †Raymond Orfaly . Filamena Silvestri

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 9:00AM

- †Lucille Tobjy . 24 Year Remembrance . Husband Joseph & Family
- †George Bsales . M/M Fred Lozy
- †Lorice Zelhof . M/M Gregg Kattine
- †Marilyn Baskinger Burkepile . Rev/M Edward Bsarany

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 11:30AM

- †Rev. John Ghaby . Clergy & Parishioners of St. Ann
- †Naji Homsy . M/M Nabil Alain
- †Adibeh Moubarak . M/M Hani Khoury

*And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

### Weekend of DECEMBER 1, 2024

5:30pm	18 Envelopes	\$ 699.00
9:00am	36 Envelopes	2002.00
11:30am	24 Envelopes	1541.00
Mailed	4 Envelopes	275.00
Online	41 Envelopes	1752.00
Candles		104.00
Coffee Hour		200.00

**Weekly Total \$6,573.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 123

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  
**food**pantry

**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 8, 2024 —

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**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 4) pg. 62**  
The women disciples of the Lord, having learned from the angel the joyful announcement of the resurrection, and having rejected the ancestral sentence, proudly told the apostles: "Death is despoiled. Christ God is risen, bestowing to the world great mercy."

### ST. PATAPIOS

**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 9-14, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b> Lk 6:17-23 Gal 4:22-27 Lk 8:16-21	<b>TUESDAY</b> Heb 9:8-23 Mk 8:22-26	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Heb 10:1-18 Mk 8:30-34
<b>THURSDAY</b> Jn 10:1-9 Eph 5:8-19 Jn 10:9-16	<b>FRIDAY</b> Heb 11:8-16 Mk 9:32-40	<b>SATURDAY</b> Eph 5:1-8 Lk 14:1-11

**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.