

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Please remember in your prayers the soul of **Elias (Lou) Harraka**, who went to his eternal rest last week. *Memory Eternal.*



TODAY

GIVING TREE

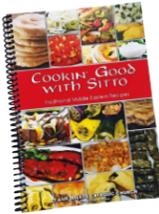
during Religious Education classes.

SAMY MEETING

and Christmas Party after the 11:30am Divine Liturgy.

Reminder:

There are no Religious Education classes December 22nd and December 29th. Classes resume January 5, 2025.



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.*



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



BISHOP'S APPEAL

In the Gospel today we hear and receive God's invitation to us to His Kingdom. We pray daily in the Our Father for the coming of the fulness of that Kingdom. But we also see the danger of not responding or delaying a response to it. We could be oblivious to it. The Bishop's Appeal helps us as parishes, families and individuals to be very involved with the Kingdom here and now. **Our parish has raised \$14,715 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. **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.

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.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
 Tuesday, December 31st
 7:00pm - 11:00pm
 Featuring the **St. Ann Church Band**. Reservations:
SOLD OUT
 Nabil Alain, Norma Bittar.

ST ANN CHURCH

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



DECEMBER 15, 2024 . SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

PROKIMENON 10: *Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers, and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.*
 Colossians 3:4-11 | Luke 14:16-24

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
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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.

TODAY

TODAY | DURING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
RELIGIOUS ED GIVING TREE

TODAY | 1PM
SAMY MEETING and Christmas Party

UPCOMING

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA . DECEMBER 31

PAC MEETING . JANUARY 8

SAMY MEETING . JANUARY 19

ONGOING

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

BISHOP'S APPEAL

LEBANON RELIEF FUND

Intentions

— SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS —

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 5:30PM

- †Yvonne Hatem . 12 Year Remembrance
M/M John Gorny & Family
- †Jennifer Aitken . 30 Year Remembrance
M/M John Gorny & Family
- †Laurice Dikdan . Birthday Remembrance . Her Daughters
- †James & Kathy Cantisano . Yvonne Cantisano
- †Emil Garlewicz . Rockel Family
- †Raymond Orfaly . Filamena Silvestri

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 15 | 9:00AM

- †Joseph Bsarany . 31 Year Remembrance . His Family
- †Lucille Tobjy . 24 Year Remembrance . Husband Joseph & Family
- †George Bsales . M/M Fred Lozy
- †Lorice Zelhof . M/M Gregg Kattine
- †Marilyn Baskinger Burkepille . 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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

— SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD-GENEALOGY —

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 21 | 5:30PM

- †Brian Palestis . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Victor Kattak . Elizabeth Kattak
- †Ella Natterer . Elizabeth Kattak
- †George Natterer . Elizabeth Kattak
- SUNDAY | DECEMBER 22 | 9:00AM**
- †Ron Peterson . 21 Year Remembrance . Wife, Pat
- †Richard Krueger . Birthday Remembrance
M/M Gabe Raad & Ann Rocko

†Lorice Zelhof . M/M Charles Cathcart

†George Bsales . M/M Joseph Rowek

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 22 | 11:30AM

- †Archdeacon George Yany . Community of St. Ann
- †Naji Homsy . M/M George Fallaha
- †Adibeh Moubarak . M/M Hani Khoury

“I command you:
be firm and steadfast!
Do not fear nor be dismayed,
for the Lord, your God,
is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of DECEMBER 8, 2024

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$1180.00
9:00am	30 Envelopes	1474.00
11:30am	25 Envelopes	850.00
Mailed	9 Envelopes	560.00
Online	40 Envelopes	1397.00
Candles		95.00
Coffee Hour		250.00

Weekly Total \$5,806.00

Total Envelopes Received: 117

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 and click the online giving tab.

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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.

PRE-K Ziploc/garbage/lunch bags	5TH GRADE Laundry products, Bleach
KINDERGARTEN Paper cups/plates	6TH GRADE Coffee, tea, & hot chocolate
1ST GRADE Boxed cookies, crackers & snack packs	7TH & 8TH Peanut butter & jelly Canned tuna/chicken
2ND GRADE Toothbrushes & toothpaste Shampoo/Conditioner	9TH GRADE Pancake mix with bottle of syrup
3RD GRADE Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins & tissue boxes	10TH GRADE Cereals & oatmeal
4TH GRADE Fruit juice, fruit cups, jarred fruits	11TH GRADE Ketchup, mustard, mayo, salt/pepper
	12TH GRADE 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 15, 2024 —

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

PROKIMENON 10

*Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our fathers,
and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.*

Colossians 3:4-11 | Luke 14:16-24

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 5) pg. 63

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our Salvation; for He was pleased to be lifted in the flesh upon the Cross and to endure death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

FOREFATHERS

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 16-21, 2024

MONDAY Heb 11:17-31 Mk 9:42-49; 10:1	TUESDAY Heb 12:25-27; 13:22-25 Mk 10:2-12	WEDNESDAY Jas 1:1-18 Mk 10:11-16
THURSDAY Jas 1:19-27 Mk 10:17-27	FRIDAY Jas 2:1-13 Mk 10:24-32	SATURDAY Gal 3:8-12 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.

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