

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist

Congratulations to **Genevieve Ella Filippi**, daughter of Steven & Diana (Swetlitschnyj) Filippi, and **Silvana Fakury**, daughter of Elias & Carolina (Zornilta) Fakury, who received these sacraments last week.



UPCOMING

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA . DECEMBER 31

PAC MEETING . JANUARY 8

SAMY MEETING . JANUARY 19

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **Sunday, January 26, 2025** as we wish Fr Ken a happy retirement! Details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no religious education classes today. Classes resume next Sunday, January 5, 2025.

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. 3 seats left!** If you are interested, please respond to office@saintannmelkite.com.

PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Every parish in the Melkite Catholic Diocese of Newton has a Pastoral Advisory Council that serves as a representative body for the entire community. 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.

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.

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe!
plans to give you a future full of hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



ST ANN CHURCH

A Parish Community of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton

DECEMBER 29, 2024

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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

Galatians 1:11-19 | Matthew 2:13-23

Our Community is Served By:

Rev Rezkallah Samaan

Rev Choukri Sabbagh

Rev Archdeacon Edward Bsarany

Rev Deacon Roland Basinski

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

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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.



Intentions

— SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD —

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 28 | 5:30PM

†Emil Garlewicz . Rockel Family
†Raymond Orfaly . Reem & Rola Hannoush
†George Akshar . M/M Eamon Doherty
†Elias Harraka . Wife, Antoinette & Family

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 29 | 9:00AM

†Lorice Zelhof . Samira Fakhoury
†George Bsales . M/M John Lozy
†Nicolas Fakhoury . Wife, Samira & Family
†Elias Fakhoury . Samira Fakhoury & Family

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 29 | 11:30AM

†Rt. Rev. Max Chalhoub
†Naji Homsy . Rima Fallaha
†Mayla Gabriel Sabeh . M/M Michel Gabriel
†George Dayoub . M/M Michel Gabriel

— SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD —

SATURDAY | JANUARY 4 | 5:30PM

†James & Kathy Cantisano . Yvonne Cantisano
†Emil Garlewicz . Rockel Family
†Raymond Orfaly . Italia Gallo
†Elias Harraka . Wife, Antoinette & Family

SUNDAY | JANUARY 5 | 9:00AM

†Lorice Zelhof . M/M Gregg Kattine
†George Bsales . Samira Fakhoury

SUNDAY | JANUARY 5 | 11:30AM

†Rt. Rev. Cyril Anid
†Naji Homsy . Juliette Sara
†Dalal Hadad . Ghassan & Maggie Slim

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

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

DAILY READINGS

December 30, 2024 - January 4, 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Pt 2:21-25; 3:1-9 Mk 12:18-27	1 Cor 15:39-57 Mk 12:28-37	Jn 10:1-9 Col 2:8-12 Lk 2:20-22; 40-52	Heb 5:4-10 Jn 3:1-15	Jas 5:10-20 Jn 15:17-16:2	1 Tim 3:13-16; 4:1-5 Mt 3:1-6

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekend of DECEMBER 22, 2024

5:30pm	13 Envelopes	\$ 588.00
9:00am	26 Envelopes	1251.00
11:30am	37 Envelopes	1511.00
Mailed	10 Envelopes	6810.00
Online	43 Envelopes	1617.00
Candles		59.00
Donation		1200.00

Weekly Total **\$13,036.00**

Total Envelopes Received: 129

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.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY CAN HELP

Do you or someone you know need assistance? Please contact Fr. Rezkallah 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.

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foodpantry

The St Ann Food Pantry is committed to keeping the shelves stocked, and we need your help to do that.

The pantry welcomes all non-perishable items, and is need of:

Household Paper Products	Sugar & Flour
Laundry Detergents	Rice
Bleach & Softeners	Cereal
Household Cleaning Supplies	Cookies & Snacks
Personal Health Items	Fruit Drinks & Juices
Beauty Items	Fruit (cans, jars and snack)

Please place donations, in the bin, in the narthex of the church.

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PROKIMENON 5

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The Nativity of Christ . pages 156-161

ANTIPHON OF NATIVITY *pg. 156*

O Son of God, who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

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 NATIVITY *pg. 157*

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises from on high. O Lord glory to You!

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KONDAKION OF THE NATIVITY *pg. 158*

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent in Essence and the earth presents a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels with the shepherds sing His glory, and the Wise Men with the Star travel on their way: for to us is born a New Child, Who is God from all eternity.

HIRMOS *pg. 159*

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin more glorious than the heavenly Powers. Behold a strange and wonderful Mystery: the cave is heaven, the Virgin a Cherubic throne, the manger a nobel place where reposes Christ the Uncontainable God. Let us praise and magnify Him!

KINONIKON *pg. 160*

The Lord has sent Redemption to His people. Alleluia.

Post Communion

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