SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH
A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY
كنيسة مار أنطونيوس ألمارونية
March 18, 2018 ٢٠١٨ أذار

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Email: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org *Website: www.stanthonylawrence.org

OFFICE HOURS
M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM
Friday: Office is Closed
Saturdays: By Appointment

LITURGIES
Daily Liturgies:
M & W: 9 AM
T & TH: 7 PM
Weekend Liturgies:
Saturday
Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM
Sunday Liturgies:
8:30 AM - Arabic
9:30 AM - English
11:30 AM - English & Arabic

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM
Feast Day @ 9 AM

Sacraments of
Baptism & Confirmation
1 month in advance with the Pastor
Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples should make arrangements
six months prior to the wedding date
Sacrament of
Reconciliation
One hour Before Thursday &
Saturday Liturgies,
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick
Please notify the Rectory if a
member of your family is ill,
hospitalized, or unable to come to
Church and would like to receive
communion at home

Please refer to our website for more
Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA

Lend a Hand
Great Lent زمن الصوم الكبير

your faith
should not be in
the wisdom
of men but in
the Power of God
1 Corinthians 2:5
Meet our staff:
- **Clergy**
  - Father Elie Mikhael, Pastor
    - pastor@stanthonylawrence.org
  - Father Tony Youssef, Parochial Vicar
    - Phone: 978-685-7233
    - Emergency Contact:
      - Fr. Elie Mikhael
        - 305.807.9087
      - Fr. Tony Youssef
        - 917.545.4955

- **Sub-Deacon James T. Demers**
- **Sub-Deacon Nadim B. Daou**

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  - Mrs. Susan Fuccillo
    - 978.685-7233
    - rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

- **Parish Ministries**
  - Religious Education
    - ccd@stanthonylawrence.org
  - Publishing: Bulletin
    - bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org
  - Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
  - Kids Choir
  - Knights of the Altar
  - Knights of Mary
  - Maronite Youth: MYO
  - Maronite Young Adults
  - Bereavement Ministry
  - Cenacle of the Rosary (Thursdays @ 6PM)
  - Cenacle of Divine Mercy (Sundays Before the Liturgies)
  - Sacristan (s)

### Liturgies

#### Intentions

**Sunday of the Blind Man**

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<tr>
<td>Saturday, March 17</td>
<td>4:00 PM</td>
<td>Yvonne Yameen, By Her Family</td>
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<td>Sunday, March 18</td>
<td>8:15 AM</td>
<td>In Honor &amp; Good Health of Kozhaya and Lola Bou Khalil &amp; family</td>
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<td>9:30 AM</td>
<td>Private Intentions.</td>
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<td>11:30 AM</td>
<td>George, Nemra, Peter, Brandon and Matthew Hashem, By their Family.</td>
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#### Hosanna Week

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<tr>
<td>Monday, March 19</td>
<td>9 AM</td>
<td>The intention of our Parishioners, who carry the name of Joseph.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, March 20</td>
<td>7 PM</td>
<td>For the soul of Marguerite Akiki, by the Bou-Habib Family.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, March 21</td>
<td>9 AM</td>
<td>Private Intentions.</td>
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<td>Thursday, March 22</td>
<td>7 PM</td>
<td>Private Intentions.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Friday, March 23</td>
<td>7 PM</td>
<td>Stations of the Cross.</td>
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#### Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

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<tr>
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<td>In Honor of our Children at St Anthony’s Parish</td>
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<td>Sunday, March 25</td>
<td>8:15 AM</td>
<td>In Honor of our Children at St Anthony’s Parish</td>
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### Procession Liturgies - Weather Permitting

زياح الشعانين بعد الاحتفالات الليتورجية مرتبط بحالة الطقس الجوية
**Online Donation—Contribute to Our Parish Growth. Apply Online:**
http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/
Refer to Page 9 For more info

**TITHES & OFFERINGS - March 18, 2018**

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<td>Sunday Collection</td>
<td>$3,297.00</td>
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<td>Fuel</td>
<td>$330.00</td>
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<td>Candles</td>
<td>$85.00</td>
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<td>Bishop’s Appeal</td>
<td>$515.00</td>
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<td>Easter Flowers</td>
<td>$855.00</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>$820.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total Deposit</strong></td>
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**Monthly Operational Expenses - March 2017**

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<td>Health Insurance, Retirement &amp; Disability</td>
<td>$3,915.00</td>
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<td>Total Household (Table Expense, ....)</td>
<td>$349.88</td>
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<td>Salaries</td>
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<td>Clergy (Base Salary, Table &amp; Auto Expense)</td>
<td>$5,650.00</td>
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<td>Organist / Singers (9:30am &amp; Funerals)</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
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<td>Secretarial</td>
<td>$1,650.00</td>
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<td>Eparchial Assessment</td>
<td>$2,500.00</td>
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<td>Donations to Others</td>
<td>$1,500.00</td>
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<td>Maintenance &amp; Repairs (Cleaning, Dumpster, ... )</td>
<td>$2,048.83</td>
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<td>Religious Supplies (Candles, Hosts &amp; Wines)</td>
<td>$3,670.46</td>
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<td>Utilities (Phone, Cable, Internet, Electric, Fuel, Sewer &amp; Water)</td>
<td>$3,301.53</td>
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<td>Office Expense (supplies, Postage, Printing, Subscription)</td>
<td>$1,284.67</td>
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<td>Parish Programs (Knights of Mary, MYO, MYA, Sunday Coffee Hours)</td>
<td>$1,434.79</td>
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<td><strong>Total Monthly Expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$27,805.16</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net Income needed to Balance per Week</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,951.29</strong></td>
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**Right Sanctuary Lamp**
This week’s Sanctuary Lamp will burn
*Happy, Healthy Birthday Wishes*
*In honor of Josephine McDougall*
Offered by her sisters, brothers, and spouses.

**Left Sanctuary Lamp**
This week’s Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
*Happy, Healthy Birthday Wishes*
*In honor of Arlene Witkiewicz*
Offered by her sisters, brothers, and spouses.

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Saint Anthony’s Church invites you to place an Easter Lily or Tulips on the sanctuary “In Honor” or “In Memory” of special loved ones.

Please complete this form and either place it in the offering plate, hand in at the rectory, or mail it to the church, along with your payment of $15.00 per plant. **The deadline to order is Monday, March 26th.**

**Given By:**
_______________________________________
In honor of: ___________________________
In honor of: ___________________________
In loving memory of: ____________________
In loving memory of: ____________________
In loving memory of: ____________________

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Our Parish Contribution and dues toward our Eparchy are divided into:
1-Bishop Appeal: $7,500.00. Must be paid by Good Friday March 30, 2018
2-Eparchial Assessment: $25,000.00. Divided into 10 Payments

**Amount collected to date for Bishops Appeal:**
$7,040.00
**Balance Due:** $460.00
Outstanding job!!!! Mrs. Owaida and her grade 3 students did an incredible job serving our liturgy last weekend. Thank you grade 3 parents and students for making our liturgy shine. Please note...due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday there will be no CCD. We will resume classes on Sunday April 8. Please continue to pray with your children during this most holy of seasons.

**********First Communion Families.
Saturday, May 5  Reconciliation at 10:00am.
Sunday May 6  Crowning of Mary. Grade 2 will help serve at the 9:30 or 11:30 liturgies. Parents will chose which liturgy works for their family. Children should be prepared to wear their First Communion outfits. We will do a practice at 10:30 in lieu of CCD between liturgies that day.
FRIDAY, May 18  will be rehearsal for First Communion with parents. This will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last approximately an hour.
Saturday May 19 at 10:30 a.m. First Communion Celebration.

Children's Choir

Saturdays: March 24, April 7 & April 21
Practices are held from -5:00PM -

Knights of Mary Schedule

Upcoming Meetings: April 14th.
All Events run from 5PM - 7PM After 4PM Liturgy
*Dates are Subject to change*

MYO -Maronite Youth Organization

Next Meeting -Friday April 13th :
Youth Liturgy & Faith Formation
Faith Formation Events run from 5PM - 7PM

MYA -Maronite Young Adults

Next Meeting :
Sunday April 8th @ 7PM
POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS - MARCH 2018

Formation in Spiritual Discernment
That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24-25:
SATURDAY MARCH 24 @ 4 PM: VIGIL LITURGY
SUNDAY MARCH 25:
3:15 AM: ARABIC LITURGY
9:30 AM: CHILDREN LITURGY (ENGLISH)
11:30 AM: CHILDREN LITURGY (ENGLISH & ARABIC)

HOLY WEEK
MONDAY MARCH 26 @ 7PM:
Coming to Harbor & LITURGY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 28 @ 7PM:
Ritual of the Lamp & LITURGY
THURSDAY OF MYSTERIES - THURSDAY MARCH 29
7PM: WASHING OF FEET
Followed by ADORATION: 8PM-10PM

GOOD FRIDAY
4:30PM: Adoration of the Cross
7PM: Adoration of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY
SATURDAY MARCH 31
4PM: EASTER VIGIL
11:59 PM: MIDNIGHT EASTER LITURGY

SUNDAY APRIL 1 - EASTER DAY LITURGIES
9:30 AM: EASTER LITURGY (English)
11:30 AM: EASTER LITURGY (English & Arabic)

The Way of The Cross - Good Friday
Friday April 30TH @ 5:30 PM
Starting at St Joseph Church
(241 Hampshire St)
Ending at St Anthony's Church
(145 Amesbury St)

For any questions or to VOLUNTEER, Please Contact:
Marie Charabati @ 603.275.5409
Elias Amini @ 978.420.7606

LENT ON FORMED
https://formed.org/listen/5a32f243740e88100061d1cf

ANSWERING ATHEISM
Ken Hensley
Parish Code: N3CCNK
https://formed.org/listen/5a1480ddd29506140092e873

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FR. MICHAEL SCHMITZ
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I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; or the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

2 Corinthians 10:1-7

Healing of the Blind

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Saint Anthony Burial Guidelines

Burial Charges and Fees:
http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/
The following charges for cemetery services are in effect January 1, 2017 at St. Anthony Cemetery and are subject to change without notice.

- Adult Opening – Graveside (Summer) $875.00
- Adult Opening – Graveside (Winter) $875.00
- Child Opening – (one to eight years) $100.00
- Infant Opening – NO CHARGE
- Saturday & Holiday Overtime $75.00
- Burial of Cremated Remains $550.00
- Cremation Burial Unit $350.00

When arrangements are made with a family and they wish to purchase a lot, we ask that you call the cemetery office (978) 685-7233 and arrange an appointment for them. Financial arrangements for new lot sales will be handled directly with the family.

Cemetery charges for grave openings are due and payable to the cemetery the morning of the funeral, unless charged to the funeral director’s account. Cemetery charges billed to the funeral director’s account are due and payable to the cemetery in 10 days.

Lot Sales: http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/
Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family’s budget. Please call us at 978-685-7233 or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org for more information about availability.

Burial Pre-Arrangements
Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings.

Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment. Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

Guidelines:

- Baptismal Guidelines: (Check our Website)
  - Guidelines & Registration Form

- Marriage Guidelines: (Check our Website)
  - Guidelines & Check List Forms

- Banquet Hall Guidelines:
  - Contract Form (Check our Website)
  - Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
    1. $500 (For 6 Hours)
    2. $250 For Registered & Active parishioners (with contribution history)
  - Security Deposit $250 (Returned after the event, if no Damages)
  - Cleaning Donations: $100

Be in Touch!! Stay Connected !!

Membership Registration:
http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/
Online Donation:
http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/
Upcoming Events:
http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/
Monthly Calendar:
http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/

www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships
ALAA Scholarships

Apply For Scholarship 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

DCG SCHOLARSHIP Applications are now available at WWW.DCGFOUNDATION.COM. Scholarships are to be awarded to 2018-2019 freshman entering Central Catholic High School.
TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION: WILL WE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT? Author: Bryan Elliff

The addictive power of technology. It’s like ivy on the edifice of our culture, everyday growing stronger and finding more and more places to thrive. Today, wherever we go—to work, to school, to the park, to the bathroom, to bed—our technology goes with us to help us, inform us, entertain us, and keep us “connected.”

We all know this and sometimes it makes us sad. Somehow, we know that we’ve lost something. Was it a relationship? A creative idea? A memory?

We are also willing to talk about it, especially as we see it in others. We cluck our tongues and wag our heads about the “youngsters.” We gasp at the college students and their video games. “What is our world coming to?” we wail. But sometimes, when we’re honest, we admit the power that it has over us, too.

This is an important admission, but once we make it, there is yet a harder question that faces us: “Are we going to do anything about it?” Like with eating habits and exercise, talk is cheap.

A Worldwide Addiction?

I recently returned from teaching at a Bible school overseas. Imagine me in class as I announce that we will take a 10 minute break. Within seconds, nearly every student has pulled out a phone or computer. For 10 minutes, I sit and look at these 15 faces, lit up by flickering lights. Then class begins again.

I am not trying to disparage these students. This is becoming our world culture. Is it becoming a worldwide addiction?

Technology can be wonderful and useful for so many things. I’m no advocate of a return to scrolls and wax tablets. Like you, I rely heavily on these tools to do my day-to-day work. But I don’t know anyone who is blind to the negative effects that it can have if allowed to take control. It can make relationships superficial, dry up creativity, sap thoughtful extended concentration, and just plain waste our time.

What will you do?

Yes, I know, this is yet another article lamenting the effects of technology in our day. But maybe this article will be just a little different, because I’m not just pointing out the problem, I’m really asking, “Are we going to do anything about it?” I don’t mean at a cultural level, but personally.

If you think that the internet may have too much of a hold on your time and interest; if it harms your ability to pray, to relate to others, to concentrate; if you believe that perhaps your life could be richer, even more godly if it were freed from this power, let me offer you a few practical suggestions. I hope you will use them, and even modify them, in ways that fit your life.

✓ Consider setting a time each day when you are committed to being disconnected. Perhaps this is between dinner and 8 pm, a time when you can connect in a real way with your family and others.

✓ Reconsider your use of social media. Do you really need several social media accounts? Maybe you should just stick to one or two and get off the others.

✓ Think carefully about the apps you have on your phone. Are these apps distracting you? Do they fill your free moments and even your not-so-free moments? Think of your phone as a tool and use it insofar as it is useful. Is it really enriching to your life to have games or Facebook so readily accessible? We should even think about news and sports apps carefully. Do they provide you helpful information or do they just entertain you with a barrage of stories that have very little effect on your life?

✓ Evaluate honestly whether or not TV is adding value to your life. I’m in no way opposed to a little entertainment now and then and a movie or TV show may be just the right thing, but I’ve been in many homes where the constantly flickering TV screen dominates the family life. One alternative form of entertainment is reading out loud. My wife and I have really enjoyed doing that together this last year.

✓ Think about going “old school” with a few things that you do. Perhaps you would want to switch back to reading hard-copy books. Or maybe you want to journal with pen and paper. Who knows? It might even be fun to write a real letter now and then!

✓ Finally, try a once-per-month “fast day.” This may be a weekend day when you don’t have as many responsibilities that require the use of technology. Try not to use your phone except to call and receive calls and commit to staying off the internet completely. I think you will enjoy this oasis time immensely.