



St. Anthony

Maronite Catholic Church
كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية



OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM
Friday: 9AM-2PM
Saturdays: By Appointment

Phone: 978.685.7233

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rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



LITURGIES

Daily Liturgies

Monday - Wednesday: 9 AM
Tuesday - Thursday: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday: Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

8:15 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

Holy days of obligation

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM



SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory ASAP.

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

Season of Holy Cross

زمن الصليب المقدس



For you will
LIGHT

my lamp, Lord.

My God
WILL LIGHT UP
MY DARKNESS.

Psalm 18:28



Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA

Meet Our Staff

Pastor: Fr. Elie Mikhael

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Parish Secretary Pat McKeever

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

✉ kom@stanthonylawrence.org

◆ Maronite Youth : MYO

✉ myo@stanthonylawrence.org

◆ Maronite Young Adults

◆ Bereavement Ministry

◆ Cenacle of the Rosary

(Tuesdays @ 6PM before Liturgy)

◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

◆ Sacristan (s)

Divine Liturgies Intentions

5th Sunday of Holy Cross

الأحد الخامس من زمن الصليب

Saturday, October 13 @ 4:00 PM:

- For: 40 Day Anniversary - Elaine Kalil Ahearn,
By her husband, Frank, and siblings.

Sunday, October 14 @ 8:15 AM:

- For: In Honor of Darine & Joseph Maroun (*Anniversary*)

Sunday, October 14 @ 9:30 AM:

- For: 40 Day Anniversary - Maroun Saysouk,
By Raymond Saysouk.

Sunday, October 14 @ 11:30 AM:

- For: +Hanane Merheb and Farha Daccache,
By Mr. and Mrs. Wissam Merheb and family.

5th Week of Holy Cross

الأسبوع الخامس من زمن الصليب

Monday, October 15 @ 9 AM

- For: In Honor of Steven & Manal Khoury (*Anniversary*)

Tuesday, October 16 @ 7 PM

- For: In Honor of Charbel & Jeanette Maroun (*Anniversary*)

Wednesday, October 17 @ 9 AM

- For: In Honor of Jihad & Georgina Maroun (*Anniversary*)

Thursday, October 18 @ 18 PM

- For: In Honor of Jean & Lara Kossaifi (*Anniversary*)

Friday, October 19: No Liturgy

6th Sunday of Holy Cross

الأحد السادس من زمن الصليب

Saturday, October 20 @ 4:00 PM:

- For: 40 Day Anniversary - Kamiel Abdo,
By his children and family.

Sunday, October 21 @ 8:15 AM:

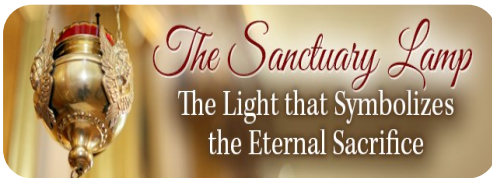
- For: +Romanos Nammour,
By his wife, Marie, children and their families.

Sunday, October 21 @ 9:30 AM:

- For: +Helen Hajj *By Her Children: Daniel, Carol & Doreen*

Sunday, October 21 @ 11:30 AM:

- For: 1st Anniversary -Elias Feghali and in memory of his wife, Wadad Feghali, *By their children and families.*



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Light that Symbolizes
the Eternal Sacrifice

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
*For the living and deceased
members of the Bou-Mitri Family.*

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
*For the living and deceased
members of the Bou-Mitri Family.*

Your are invited to Capture memories for a lifetime

We are parting with Lifetouch (*through Shutterfly*) for professional photography that will connect our families.

Create treasured keepsakes

- Preserves this special time in the life our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yxlnejb8/>

or call our office at 1.866.756.0281

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

November 23 & 24 (*Great for Christmas Mailing Cards*)

December 26, 27, 28 & 29

Convenient

Lifetouch will photograph at our location. In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your photographs
- Be able to purchase photography gifts

Each family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 photograph and directory** for participating.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. I am encouraging 100% participation!

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

TITHES & OFFERINGS - October 7, 2018

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 3,380.00
Candles & Sanctuary Lamp	\$ 158.00
MYO & Knights of Mary	\$ 85.00
Fuel	\$ 1,105.00
Donations for Masses, & in Memory	\$ 980.00
Donations (Baptisms,)	\$ 450.00
Total Deposit	\$ 6,158.50

2nd Collection - October 21

World Mission Sunday: Goes to the Society of Propagation of Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Fuel Envelopes: your donations go toward defraying the expenses of heating the Church during the winter season.

Contribute to Our Parish Growth.

Apply Online:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>



Or scan this code with your mobile device to get started!



St. Anthony Church

Sign up today at our church website:

www.stanthonylawrence.org

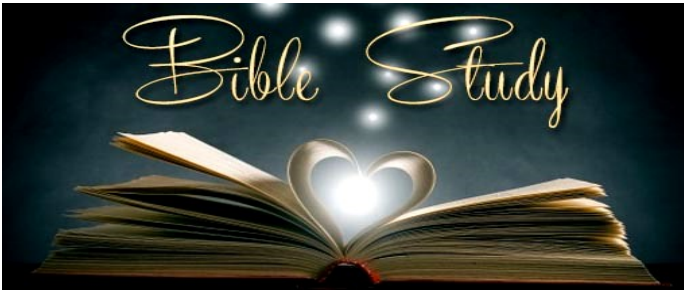
PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 18th



Bible Study



Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday
October 24 @ 10:30AM—English Session
October 24 @ 7:00PM Arabic Session

Benefits of Bible Study

1. It is through the Word of God that we get faith: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17)
2. If we are going astray, the Word of God corrects us: *'Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish'* (Philippians 2:14-15)
3. If we are ignorant, the Word of God instructs us: "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:129).
4. The Bible gives us great and loving thoughts of God, and makes our hearts tender toward Him: "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart," said Jeremiah.

Knights of Columbus

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 13th @ 7 PM

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Mary

Activities: Welcome Back Liturgy **October 13th**

MYO

Sunday, October 21st - Liturgy and Hang out

Interested in Becoming an MYO Advisor?

With the recent growth of the MYO, we are looking for a committed and motivated



parishioner, aged 25+

that is interested in becoming a MYO Advisor. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Christian at myo@stanthonylawrence.org or call the Church Office.

Religious Education- 2018-2019

Religious Education resumes this weekend with regular class. If you have not received a calendar of class dates for this year, please let me know and I can get you a hard copy or send it electronically.

If your child is making First Communion in May of 2019, you received a packet of guidelines. Please be sure to read through the packet, then sign and return the slip sent to you acknowledging you have read and understand the guidelines established through the Eparchy.

On Sunday, October 21, Grade 3 students in Mrs. Owaida's class will be serving the 9:30 liturgy. **Please make every effort to bring your child and attend this liturgy.** *Liturgy is the Religious Education par excellence, where you encounter the Lord not in the Books but as a Living God in the Gospel and in the Eucharist.* Thank you parents for realizing the importance of attending liturgy with your child and continuing to support their Maronite Religious Education.

Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org.



"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12)

HIS EXCELLENCY GREGORY J. MANSOUR
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Calls to the Order of Deacon

Nadim B. Daou

The imposition of hands will take place on
Saturday, November 3, 2018
11:00 A.M.

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
145 AMESBURY ST, LAWRENCE, MA 01841

Following the Ceremony, You are cordially invited to a
Reception in the Parish Hall

Congratulations on your Wedding

We Lift Our Prayers of Thanksgiving for our
New Couple who entered into the Sacrament of
Matrimony: *Jessica Gurka and Jeremy Hall*

*Our Best Wishes to the Gurka, Hall, Touma,
Gabriel & Maroon Families*

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS
AND HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES



JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL TODAY

Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish.

For more information about the Order, contact Order of Saint Sharbel President
Bernadette Shalhoub at bbshalhoub@aol.com or ask your Parish Priest.

If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon contact
Vocations Director Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 & cahrefactory@verizon.net

KINDLY READ CAREFULLY— ALL SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism & Confirmation:

Guidelines : [stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/
Registration :](http://stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/Registration)
[stanthonylawrence.org/online-registration-
form/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/online-registration-form/)

Sacrament of Marriage: Guidelines :

stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines-2/

FOCCUS: stanthonylawrence.org/foccus/

Pre-Cana: stanthonylawrence.org/pre-cana/

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/banquet-hall/>

Burial Guidelines:

Burial Charges and Fees:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/>

Lot Sales: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>

Central Catholic High School Open House

Sunday, October 28th 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Find our more at: Centralcatholic.net/openhouse

Pope Prayer Intentions - October 2018

Evangelization - The Mission of Religious:

That consecrated religious men and women
may bestir themselves, and be present among
the poor, the marginalized, and those who
have no voice.

Festivals Around Us!!!

St Anthony Church—Lebanese Festival

Sunday, November 18th - 9AM-5 PM

St Anthony Church—Fall Hafli

Saturday, October 20, 2018 Doors open @ 7PM

RSVP to the rectory @ 508-672-7653
300 North Eastern Ave, Fall River, MA

Fifth Sunday of the Holy Cross

Philippians 2:12-18

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

الأحد الخامس من زمن ارتفاع الصليب

فيلبي 2:12-18

إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرَعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسْبُ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَذَمُّرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جَيْلٍ مُعَوِّجٍ وَمُنْحَرَفٍ، تُضِيئُونَ فِيهِ كَالنَّيِّرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِّجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَافْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِّجُوا مَعِي.

متى 13:1-25

يُشَبِّهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَدَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْبِيَةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَنَعَسْنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرِجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أَوْلِيَاكُ الْعَدَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأَحْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأُغْلِقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَدَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، أَفْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

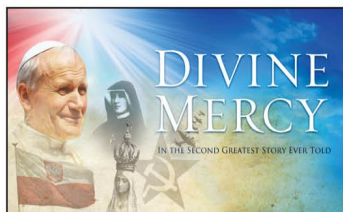
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Experience God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the witnesses of Saints Faustina, John Paul II, and Maximilian Kolbe.



"This series will change your life! Fr. Gaitley has scored another home run with this series."

—Dan S, Milledgeville, GA

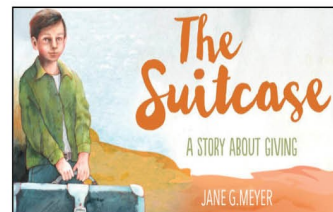
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The Suitcase

A Story About Giving

A Beautiful Tale for the Whole Family

Christ said: "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). In this animated storybook narration, young Thomas's pure heart helps him to see the path to heaven and inspires his family to join him on the journey.



"This is an absolutely delightful story, with a much deeper meaning than what appears on the surface! I loved it for many reasons, but especially because it reminded me of several incidents with some of my own grandchildren . . ."

—Deborah M, Laconia, NH

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MORE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Listen: Brother Francis
- Watch: John XXIII
- Watch: True Reformers Ep. 5: Saint Teresa
- Watch: Lectio: Peter Ep. 9
- Watch: Symbolon Ep.9: Mary and the Saints



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ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, October 13 - 4:00 PM Elias Saab
Sharbel Saab
Sunday, October 14 - 8:15 AM Volunteers
Sunday, October 14 - 9:30 AM Anthony Hassan
Max Sheehan
Sunday, October 14 - 11:30 AM
Anthony Sadek Charbel Sadek
Charbel Yammine Chris Bou Saada

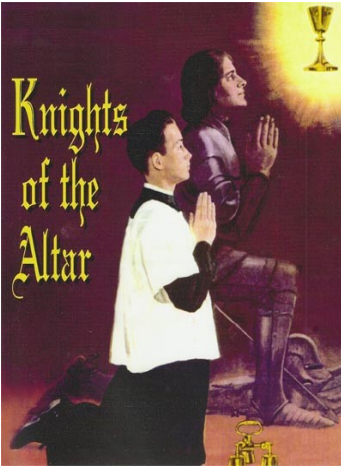
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Jonathan Merheb Michael Merheb

LECTORS

Saturday, Oct. 13 @ 4:00 PM: Joel Habib
Sunday, Oct. 14 - 8:15 AM Maroun Nassar
9:30 AM Michael Faris
11:30 AM English: Raghida Ramey
Arabic: Claudine Raad

Saturday, Oct. 20 @ 4:00 PM: Nancy Bistany
Sunday, Oct. 21 - 8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour
9:30 AM Jean Sarkis
11:30 AM English: Raghida Ramey
Arabic: Layla Merheb

Knights of the Altar



Application to begin service

The primary purpose of the program is to address the obvious need for altar servers. However, a secondary and significant purpose of the program is to be a tool for our youth - to encourage personal growth in the areas of faith, service, devotion, social awareness, family relationships, prayer and knowledge of the Catholic faith. At each level a knight is challenged in some way to broaden and deepen his growth and to display an appropriate level of understanding of what he is being called to achieve in service to the priest and the Parish community. Guidance and adult staff and parents is always encouraged and provided to assist the knights in moving from one level to the next.

Date: _____ **Grade** _____

Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Mass Time Preference: *(Please Circle Only One)*

4:00PM

8:15AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

Any

Permission

I am happy to assist my son in becoming a Knight of the Altar. I agree to encourage and motivate him through my own active stewardship and faith, especially in the areas of daily prayers, Sunday Mass, and living out my daily activities knowing they are being done in service to God. As a parent of a knight of the Altar, I will support my son in needed transportation and time commitment to ensure proper training and reverence in his service to God.

Signature of Parent (s): _____

Training will be held in the church from 11:00am-12:30pm, on the first Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted.



Membership Registration : stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/

Online Donation : stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

Upcoming Events : stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/

Monthly Calendar: stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/

Saint Anthony Maronite Church, Lawrence, MA, Sunday, October 14, 2018

Monthly Income –October 2017

Donation to Church for Wedding	380.00
Candles / Other Devotional Item	539.00
Fuel	2,011.00
Miscellaneous (SPECIFY)	0.57
Sunday Coffee Hour	2.00
Total Auxiliary Receipts	<u>2,552.57</u>
Donations from Individuals	6,160.00
Donations In Memory of...	950.00
Donations to Church for Baptism	200.00
Funeral Donation to Church	600.00
Cemetery Plot Purchase	350.00
Total Other Extraordinary (SPECIFY)	<u>350.00</u>
Total Extraordinary Income	8,260.00
Fund Raising	330
Calendars	-350.00
Regular Collections	
2nd Collections to be forwarded	426.00
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	12,873.00
Total Regular Collections	<u>13,299.00</u>
Programs	
Knights of Mary	660.00
MYA Proceeds	25.00
MYO Proceeds	755.00
Religious Education Income	1,445.00
Women's Club Proceeds	100.00
Programs - Other	30.00
Total Programs	<u>3,015.00</u>
Total Income	<u>27,836.57</u>

Monthly Expense—October 2017

Security	52.99
Insurance : Medical & Disability & Pension	3,820.00
Total Benefits	4,020.00
Furniture & Equipment	5,174.00
Household Supplies	527.63
Spring Water	48.00
Table Expenses	<u>88.43</u>
Total Household	664.06
Insurance on Personal Belonging	17.50
Salaries	260.00
Housekeeping	400.00
Office Work	500.00
Organist / Singers	2,200.00
Secretarial	<u>3,360.00</u>
Total Salaries	3,360.00
Other Ordinary	
Books, Periodicals & Subscript	-168.48
Conferences & Retreats (SPECIFY)	1,655.83
Eparchial Assessment	2,500.00
Janitorial Supplies & Cleaning	1,256.95
Software Maintenance	2.15
Waste Management	272.26
Maintenance & Repairs - Other	<u>50.00</u>
Total Maintenance & Repairs	1,324.41
Religious Supplies	<u>-178.00</u>
Candles	84.91
Cellular Phone	347.01
Cable / Satellite TV	1,169.17
Electric	127.67
Fuel or Gas	<u>1,728.76</u>
Total Utilities	7,119.47
Total Other Ordinary	7,119.47
Advertising & Public Relations	217.02
Auto Expenses (Gas, Ins., etc.)	316.56
Copier (new lease)	167.45
Miscellaneous Expenses	63.00
Office Supplies	472.27
Postage	3.95
Printing	255.18
Professional Fees	500.00
Telephone & Internet Service	600.00
Total Parish Office Administration	2,595.43
MYO	335.43
Religious Education	337.98
Women's Club	62.31
Total Parish Programs	735.72
Payroll Expenses	168.30
Special Events - Pastoral Visit	135.00
Total Special Events	<u>135.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>24,042.47</u>
Net Income	<u>3,794.10</u>



What is the meaning of tithing as taught by the Catholic Church? I understand it is a certain percentage of one's earnings. If there is more than one wage-earner in the family, does the tithing apply to all income? To whom does the money go — the pastor, the parish, or other Catholic charities? Is tithing a law of the Church?

Tithing is a word that simply means one-tenth.The tithe looks back to the ancient practice of offering to God a small portion of the harvest or the sacrifice of a young animal to express gratitude on the part of those who enjoy the fruits of the harvest and animal life around them.

Strictly interpreted, the precept of tithing would mean pledging one-tenth of one's income to the support of the Church. Few Catholics do this today, nor are any obliged to meet the 10 percent standard.

It is encouraging to see that young Catholics these days are notably generous in their commitment to community service. As they grow older, their Church just might resurrect and reconstruct the tithe — 10 percent — and break it down to 5 percent of income and five hours a week of community service. This adds up to an apples-and-oranges total of 10.

If, as the old saying reminds us, "It is in giving that we receive," a revival of the tithe would produce a nice return on that investment to all who give with the certain knowledge that the Lord will never be outdone in generosity.