



# Epiphany

JOY: *Jesus First, Others Second, You*

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

عيد تقديم المسيح إلى الهيكل

St Anthony Maronite Church  
كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

## OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

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## MEET OUR PRIESTS & DEACONS

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**Visiting Deacon**

Michael Charchaflian

**Sub-Deacon** James T. Demers

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

## OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

### Daily Liturgies

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

### Weekend Liturgies:

**Saturday:** 4 PM Vigil

### 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 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*

## PARISH SECRETARY

**Pat McKeever**

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## PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education

[ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)

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[myo@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:myo@stanthonylawrence.org)

**Publishing: Bulletin**

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Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

(Tuesdays @ 6PM before Liturgy)

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

“Sacristan (s)

## RESOURCES

### AVAILABLE ONLINE

[www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org)

**Membership Registration**

*Under Welcome*

**Baptism & Confirmation:**

**Guidelines & Registration**

*Under Sacraments –Baptism*

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

**Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana**

*Under Sacraments-Marriage*

**Banquet Hall Guidelines:**

**Contract Form & Donations**

*Under Events*

**Burial Guidelines:**

**Charges, Fees & Lot Sales**

*Under Cemetery*

## Presentation of Christ in the Temple عيد تقديم المسيح الى الهيكل

**Saturday, February 2 @ 4:00 PM**

**For: +Stephanie Ota, By Deacon Nadim Daou, and family.**

**Sunday, February 3 @ 8:15 AM**

**For: +Special Intentions.**

**Sunday, February 3 @ 9:30 AM**

**For: +Mary George Eyssi and Suzanne Eyssi, By Josephine McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witckiewicz, and Family.**

**Sunday, February 3 @ 11:30 AM**

**For: +Maroun and Leila Zaklit, By their daughter, Soline, wife of Mr. Ibrahim Geha, and family.**

## 4th Week of Epiphany

## الاسبوع الرابع - زمن الدنح

**Monday, February 4 @ 9 AM**

**For: In Honor of Zakhia and Sanaa Kosseifi, (Anniversary)**

**Tuesday, February 5 @ 7 PM - St Agatha**

**For: In Honor of Joseph Maroun (Birthday)**

**Wednesday, February 6 @ 9 AM**

**For: In Honor of Robert Brousseau, (Birthday)**

**Thursday, February 7 @ 7 PM**

**For: In Honor of Deacon Allan Ramey (Birthday)**

**Friday, February 8 @ 7 PM**

**Vigil Liturgy For the Feast of Saint Maron**

**For the Good health and well being of our Parishioners.**

## Sunday of the Priests

## أحد الكهنة

**Saturday, February 9 @ 4:00 PM - Feast of Saint Maron**

**For: +Gloria and Dan Sarkis, By their loving family.**

**Sunday, February 10 @ 8:15 AM**

**For: In Honor of Salim El Achi (Birthday)**

**Sunday, February 10 @ 9:30 AM**

**Forty Day Anniversary For: +May Gabriel, By her husband, Scottie, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.**

**Sunday, February 10 @ 11:30 AM**

**Forty Day Anniversary For: +Sayde Bourouphael, By her children, Charly, Amine, Robert, Najib, and their Families.**

## Pope Prayer Intentions - February 2019

*Human Trafficking For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

## 2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your 2018 End of year Contribution statements please contact the Rectory. The statement can be e-mailed to you or sent by mail.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Parish will be presenting its Annual Parish Financial Report for the fiscal year ending January 2018, and report to our community in the spirit of transparency in sharing information regarding the financial health of our church and school. Our church mission is funded by your generosity. Your contributions are used to fund parish ministries, pay salaries, maintain our buildings, expanding our cemetery and fund our religious education programs. Your generous donations to the Eparchy and other special collections that aid the needy in our community and beyond demonstrate your commitment to our church mission. The staff, volunteers, and I will continue to work very hard to make St. Anthony as strong as possible, both spiritually and temporally, for the greater glory of God.

We march toward a future with hope, relying not only on our own strength but on the Lord Who remains faithful to His covenant.

Blessings,  
Fr Élie Mikhael

## UPDATES TO OUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

As for our Annual parishioners record maintenance, a review of the parish list will be executed to update the records. We will assign newly graduated professional parishioners to a new-household with new contribution envelopes. Humbled for God's blessings upon our parish that is flourishing because of His Grace and of your faith and charity.

## FUEL COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Throughout the winter months, you will notice a Fuel collection Envelope. Be advised that this collection is taken for us to help defer the costs of the Church heating bill. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

## TITHES &amp; OFFERINGS

## January 20th

<b>Sunday Collection (Online)</b>	<b>\$ 1,262.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 58.00</b>
<b>Feast of Saint Anthony</b>	<b>\$ 123.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>
<b>Donations (Stipend, Lamps, Pastor</b>	<b>\$ 525.00</b>

## January 27th

<b>Sunday Collection (Online)</b>	<b>\$ 3,501.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 152.50</b>
<b>2nd Collection- Bishops' Charities</b>	<b>\$ 874.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$ 110.00</b>
<b>Donations (Stipend, Baptism, Pastor Charities etc.)</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
<b>Total Deposit (January 20 &amp; 27)</b>	<b>\$ 6,865.50</b>

**Helping for the Spiritual  
Growth & Prosperity  
of Our Parish !  
Contribute to Our  
Parish Growth.  
Apply Online:**

Online giving is a great way to teach people faithfulness in their giving, **and for people to give conveniently whenever and wherever they are.**

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

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
***In Honor of the Living Priests  
who served the Altar at Saint Anthony***

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
***In Memory of our Deceased Priests who  
served the Altar of Saint Anthony.***

## PARISH

## MINISTRIES , ORGANIZATIONS &amp; NEWS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux [ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)

*All parents of children making First Communion please read this carefully.*

Prayer practice sheets have been sent home with your children. Please be sure your child can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition. Although the prayers are reviewed in class weekly, its your reinforcement at home that will support your child learning these prayers.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

**\*\*SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES\*\***

- ⇒ **Sunday, February 3, @ 10:30 AM** in the church, there will be an informational meeting for First Communion parents.
- ⇒ **Saturday, March 2nd @ 9 AM - 12 PM** First Reconciliation- Parents do not need to stay. Children will make their first confession followed by an activity. This date is mandatory per Fr. Elie.
- ⇒ **Sunday, May 5th @ 10:30 AM** First Communion Practice, children only
- ⇒ **Friday, May 17th @ 5:30 PM** First Communion Practice, with Parents
- ⇒ **Saturday, May 18th @ 10:30 AM** First Communion, celebration & Liturgy



## KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sub-Deacon James Demers

**Meeting: Saturday, March 2nd @ 11AM**

## DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Elaine Ferris

**Meeting: Monday, February 4th - 12 NOON** in the Church hall

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th @ 7 PM**



## MARONITE YOUTH - MYO

Gloria Azzi

[myo@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:myo@stanthonylawrence.org)

Upcoming Events:

♦ **Friday-Saturday, February 15th-16th:** Regional MYO Lenten Lock-In

We have invited regional MYO members to join us this year on our Annual Lock -In Stay tuned for additional information and schedule detail in the coming weeks

♦ **Sunday, February 24th:** Community Service 5:30pm-8:00pm

**Please note:**

**Sunday January 27th event is cancelled**

## Becoming an MYO Advisor

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 Gloria @ [myo@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:myo@stanthonylawrence.org) or call the Church Office.



## MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

Sahar E. Ata

[mya@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:mya@stanthonylawrence.org)

**Events to be published**



## KNIGHTS OF MARY

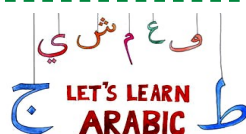
Marie Charabati

[kom@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:kom@stanthonylawrence.org)

♦ February 23 (Regular Session)

♦ March 9 (Regular Session)

**All sessions are 5:30pm to 7pm** unless otherwise noted.



## ARABIC SCHOOL

Hitaf Nammour

**Classes: Every Saturday @ 10 AM**

PARISH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

MATTHEW:  
THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

Holy Adult Mind  
Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe  
Heart Prayer Christ  
Catholic Formation Understand  
Love of God Relationship

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

February 13 @ 10:30AM

English Session

Arabic Session Postponed  
until further notice

# Adoration

of the

## Blessed Sacrament

Thursday February 7th

@ 7:30 PM



*Save THE Date*

# THE SAMEDI GRAS HAFLI

Presented By: St Anthony Church - Cedars Hall



Saturday March 2nd, 2019  
8PM to 1AM

*Marwan Youssef - Lebanon Super Star Academy*

Students: \$25 (ID Required)

Tickets Available at the Main Office  
978.685.7233: M-TH 10am-3pm

Adults: \$45

Purchase Your Tickets:  
Wissam Merheb: 978.853.5145

Kids Under 10: \$15

Mounira Daher: 603.235.0801  
Limited Seating Availability

Cash, Checks & Major Credit Cards Accepted

## FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL

Thurs., February 21

- ◇ 6:30 PM - Rosary of Saint Sharbel
- ◇ 7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy
- ◇ 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration



عائلة مار شربل: الخميس 21 شباط:

- 6:30 مساء: صلاة المسبحة
- 7:00 مساء: أقدس ألهي
- 7:30 مساء: إرتفاع الصليب المقدس

## جمعية سيدة لبنان للنساء

يفتح باب الأنتساب في بداية السنة الجديدة . يسعى عضو الأخوية إلى أن يكون إنساناً ناضجاً ومسيحياً عميقاً ورسولاً في المجتمع من خلال الالتزام في دعوة ورسالة الكنيسة في العالم



## Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild,

an outreach to women who speak Arabic to nurture their faith and to nature their cultural background

COMING SOON !!!!  
A NEW MINISTRY FOR  
WOMEN COMING  
TO OUR CHURCH



*The Lord said to St. Francis, "Rebuild my Church," for such a time as this, the Lord is calling to women, asking them to work in the beauty of their natural gifts as women, and is saying to them, "Heal my body."*

## Groundhog Day or Candlemas?

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> a quaint tradition unfolds, known well to schoolchildren and adults alike. The fate of Spring hangs in the balance as a burrowing animal looks for its shadow. But where did this tradition come from?

For centuries, February 2<sup>nd</sup> has been celebrated as Candlemas, a Christian Feast Day. Candlemas is also called the Feast of the Presentation, because it honors the day that Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus at the Temple. In bringing their child to the Temple and offering a sacrifice, Jesus' parents were following the Mosaic law (specifically Leviticus 12:6). As the Gospel of Luke recounts: "And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)



## Why is Candlemas on February 2nd?

The date of Candlemas is always February 2<sup>nd</sup> because it is exactly 40 days (inclusive) after Christmas on December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Mosaic law stated that 40 days was the period of purification after the birth of a child, and so the presentation took place 40 days after Jesus was born. Incidentally, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is also halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so the date has always had significance for ancient people.

## So What's the Connection to Groundhog Day?

Candlemas became linked to weather predictions about the end of winter because of an old English poem:

*If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Come winter, have another flight.  
If Candlemas bring clouds and rain,  
Go winter, and come not again.*

It makes sense that early February was a good time to prognosticate about the weather, especially as February 2<sup>nd</sup> marks the midpoint between Winter and Spring. And the English poem appears to be the source of the shadow connection: "fair and bright" = sun = shadows = more winter, while "clouds and rain" = no sun = no shadows = spring arriving soon. It seems counterintuitive (why should a sunny day mean more winter?), but this is the exact pattern that Groundhog Day follows.

Mathew Kozlowski

FORMED

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For Catholics, the word "sacrament" might convey a sense of ritual and religious experience. But for those not familiar with the Church, the idea of a sacrament can be puzzling. What is a sacrament? How do the Sacraments work? Do I really need all of this ritual? Can't I just have a simple relationship with God? This YDisciple course addresses these questions and investigates how Jesus acts in the world through the liturgy of his Church, and seven very meaningful actions of this liturgy are the sacraments.

This Sacraments course covers Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and Anointing the Sick. Confirmation is covered in the Confirmation course as well as Session 1 of Living the Creed. Matrimony and Holy Orders are covered in the Called course, as well as Session 5 of Living the Creed.



More than just a form of communication, like sending out a text to a friend, prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God. In prayer, we can have the deepest level of intimacy with the One who loves us the most, sharing from our hearts, about our hopes and dreams, while also hearing his heart and desires for us. This YDisciple course takes a meaningful and relevant approach to the essence of prayer, including discussion of how to pray, how to listen, and how to use the wisdom of the Church to help us along.



Views about the Church can be as varied as its members or critics. What exactly is the Church? How can it be a trustworthy representation of Christ while filled with flawed human beings? How is it both ancient and timeless, seemingly outdated yet more necessary and relevant than ever? Why should the voice of the Church be heard above all the other voices claiming to speak the truth? This YDisciple course explores the truths and myths about the Church, including where it came from, why it still exists, and what role young disciples are supposed to play in it.

Join Brother Francis in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation that will inspire children to deepen their faith by praying the Rosary!

This episode includes:

- The prayers of the Rosary as well as the Apostles' Creed—each wonderfully visualized!
- The Annunciation—an animated portrayal of Mary's joyful submission to God's will.

Two visualized songs:

- "I Love to Pray"—an energetic, catchy song that will encourage children to communicate with God anywhere and anytime!
- "The Our Father"—an uplifting musical rendition that celebrates our Heavenly Father's presence in our daily lives!

Besides being a lot of fun, *Brother Francis: The Rosary* is a captivating way to help children use their hearts and minds in prayer.

**Run Time:** 24 mins.



## READINGS

*Presentation of Christ in the Temple***Romans 9:30-33, 10:1-4**

**Brothers and Sisters:** What then are we to say? Gentiles, who did not strive for righteousness, have attained it, that is, righteousness through faith; but Israel, who did strive for the righteousness that is based on the law, did not succeed in fulfilling that law. Why not? Because they did not strive for it on the basis of faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling-stone, as it is written, 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ***Praise be to God always!***

**Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2:22-35**

**The Evangelist Writes:** When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

***This is the truth. Peace be with you.***

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, February 2 - 4:00 PM**

*Elias Saab Sharbel Saab*

**Sunday, February 3 - 8:15 AM** *Volunteers*

**Sunday, February 3 - 9:30 AM**

*Joseph Safi Ryan Naamani*

**Sunday, February 3 - 11:30 AM**

*Christopher Bou Saada Giorgio Abounasr  
Rudy Bouraphael Sebastian Ramey*

**Saturday, February 9 - 4:00 PM**

*Elias Saab Sharbel Saab*

**Sunday, February 10 - 8:15 AM** *Volunteers*

**Sunday, February 10 - 9:30 AM**

*George Hbaiter Michael Bejjani*

**Sunday, February 10 - 11:30 AM**

*Anthony El Hachem Elias Azzi  
Samir Maroun Steven Maroun*

## عيد دخول الرب يسوع إلى الهيكل

## رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، ماذا نقول؟ إن الأمم الذين لم يسعوا إلى البر قد أدركوا البر، أي البر الذي هو من الإيمان. أما إسرائيل الذي سعى إلى شريعة البر، فلم يبلغ شريعة البر. لماذا؟ لأنه لم يسع إلى البر بالإيمان بل بالأعمال. فعثروا بحجر العثرة، كما هو مكتوب: «ها إني أضع في صهيون حجر عثرة، وصخرة شك، فمن يؤمن به لا يخزي». أيها الإخوة، إن بغيّة قلبي وتضرّعي إلى الله من أجل بني إسرائيل ليخلصوا. فأنّا أشهد لهم أنّ فيهم غيرة لله، ولكن بدون معرفة صحيحة. فقد جهلوا ببر الله، وحاولوا أن يثبتوا ببر أنفسهم، فلم يخضعوا لبر الله؛ لأنّ غاية الشريعة إنّما هي المسيح، لكي يتبرّر به كل مؤمن.

## إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 22-35

ولما تمت أيام تطهير يوسف ومريم بحسب تورا موسى، صعدا به إلى اورشليم ليقدّماه للرب، كما هو مكتوب في شريعة الرب: «كل ذكر فاتح رحم يدعى مقدّسا للرب»، ولكي يُقدّم ذبيحة، كما ورد في شريعة الرب: «زوجي يمام، أو فرخي حمام». وكان في اورشليم رجل اسمه سمعان. وكان هذا الرجل بارًا تقيًا، ينتظر عزاء إسرائيل، والروح القدس كان عليه. وكان الروح القدس قد أوحى إليه أنّه لن يرى الموت قبل أن يرى مسيح الرب. فجاء بدافع من الروح إلى الهيكل. وعندما دخل بالصبي يسوع أبواه، ليفقوما بما تفرضه التوراة في شأنه، حملهُ سمعان على ذراعيه، وبارك الله وقال: «الآن تطلق عبدك بسلام، أيها السيد، بحسب قولك، لأنّ عينيّ قد أبصرتا خلاصك، الذي أعدته أمام الشعوب كلّها، نورًا ينجلي للأمم، ومجدًا لشعبك إسرائيل!». «وكان أبوه وأمه يتعجبان مما يُقال فيه. وباركهما سمعان، وقال لمريم أمّه: «ها إنّ هذا الطفل قد جعل لسقوطٍ ونهوض كثيرين في إسرائيل، وآية للخصام. وأنت أيضًا، سيجوز في نفسك سيف، فتنجلي خفايا قلوب كثيرة.»

## LECTORS

Saturday, February 2 - 4:00 PM Roy Rossi

Sunday, February 3 - 8:15 AM Maroun Nassar

Sunday, February 3 - 9:30 AM Elaine Brousseau

Sunday, February 3 - 11:30 AM

English: Marie Charabati Arabic: Layla Merheb

Saturday, February 9 - 4:00 PM Dianne Dewan

Sunday, February 10 - 8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour

Sunday, February 10 - 9:30 AM Elaine Ferris

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English: Raghida Ramey Arabic: Claudine Raad