



OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

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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 arrange-
ments 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

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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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

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

Birth of John the Baptist

أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان

Saturday, December 8 @ 4:00 PM

For: +Thomas and Victoria Kattar, Frances Coccozza,
By Donna and Christine Kattar.

Sunday, December 9 @ 8:15 AM

For: In Honor of Monica Abou Ezzi (Birthday)

Sunday, December 9 @ 9:30 AM

For: 1st Anniversary - Helen Blanchard & In loving
Memory of Bernard Hassan By the Hassan Family.

Sunday, December 9 @ 11:30 AM

For: Special Intentions, By the Pastor.

Week : Birth of John the Baptist أسبوع مولد يوحنا المعمدان

Monday, December 10 @ 9 AM

For: Protection of Dominican Republic, through St.
Anthony's Intercession By Rosa Mendez Kotko.

Tuesday, December 11 @ 7 PM

For: + Elham Alphonse By the Bou-Habib Family.

Wednesday, December 12 @ 9 AM

For: Abdo and Yolla Harb (Anniversary) By the Pastor

Thursday, December 13 @ 7 PM

For: + Special Intentions By Fr. Jebrael Moussallem

Friday, December 14 @ 7PM NO LITURGY

Revelation to Joseph

أحد ألبان ليوسف

Saturday, December 15 @ 4:00 PM

For: +Joseph and Carol Grieco, By their loving Family

Sunday, December 16 @ 8:15 AM

For: Special Intentions.

Sunday, December 16 @ 9:30 AM -Christmas Pageant

For: Sunday School Children & Teachers By The Pastor

Sunday, December 16 @ 11:30 AM

For: Special Intentions

The Truth is the Truth; there is no compromise. The Christian life requires, as it were, the 'martyrdom' of daily fidelity to the Gospel; the courage, that is, to allow Christ to increase in us and to direct our thoughts and actions."

Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS @

ST ANTHONY CHURCH

A Celebration of Christmas

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

St Anthony Maronite Church

Followed by a Reception- Parish Hall

FEATURING

St Anthony choirs and guests

Merry Christmas

**ANNUAL
Christmas
GIVING TREE**

Do NOT wrap your Gifts!!



Drop them no later than December 9

**Christmas
FOOD DRIVE**

EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donate a Meal

**Dropping them at the Rectory
no later than December 20**

**Children's
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT**

Sunday December 16 @ 9:30AM Liturgy

**Adorn St Anthony's Altar
With a Christmas Poinsettias**

Donated By

In Honor of

In Honor of

In Honor of

In Memory of

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In Memory of

**Donation \$10 per Poinsettia. Make Check payable
to St Anthony Church.**

**Please submit your donation and your list no later
than **December 16** either by mailing or emailing
them to the parish office.**

CHRISTMAS AT ST ANTHONY

◇ Christmas Novena: December 16th - 24th

◇ CCD Pageant: December 16th @ 9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Liturgies

Vigil Liturgy: Monday December 24 @ 4PM

Midnight Liturgy December 25 @ 12AM

Christmas Day Liturgies

Christmas Liturgy -Arabic @ 10 AM

Christmas Liturgy-Arabic & English @ 11:30AM

KNIGHTS OF MARY

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 @ 5:30pm

PARISH

MINISTRIES , ORGANIZATIONS & NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Religious Education resumes this week. Classes will be held on December 9 and 16.

The break for Christmas will be December 23 & 30.

Children are working on posters for the Knights of Columbus "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Deadline for this contest is December 9.

Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16, during the 9:30 liturgy. Children in Religious Ed are working hard to prepare for this annual performance. Please practice the Christmas Carols sent home with your child.

Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m., during Knights of Mary. All children in Religious Education are invited to participate.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Marie Charabati kom@stanthonylawrence.org

Changes to the Schedule!!!!

♦ January 5 (Regular Session)

*All sessions are 5:00pm to 7pm
unless otherwise noted.*

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sub-Deacon James Demers

Meeting: Saturday, December 8th @ 11AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: Tuesday, January 15th @ 7 PM

Pope Prayer Intentions—December 2018

Evangelization :

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Becoming an MYO Advisor?

Christian Hbaiter myo@stanthonylawrence.org

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.

Friday, Dec. 28th: Christmas Party

Sunday, January 6th: Nursing home Visit



MYO CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

6:00PM – 8:30PM

WEAR
YOUR UGLY
SWEATER!



BEST ONE
WINS A
PRIZE!

FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES!

YANKEE SWAP

BRING A UNISEX GIFT (MAX. \$15 VALUE) TO JOIN THE SWAP

CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW BIRTH

We join with the parish to congratulate:

***Rachelle and Milad Ltayf,
For the birth of their twin boys,
Jude and Nicolas.***

Our warm wishes to their families and loved ones. May the Heavenly Father keep them in His loving care.

PARISH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**MATTHEW:
THE KING & HIS KINGDOM**

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

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

December 12 @ 10:30AM

English Session

December 12 @ 7:00PM

Arabic Session

FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL

Thursday, December 20th

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

عائلة مار شربل: الخميس 20 كانون الأول:

6:30 مساء: صلاة المسبحة

7:00 مساء: أقدس الألهي



LECTORS

Saturday, December 8 - 4:00 PM Nancy Bistany

Sunday, December 9 - 8:15 AM Maroun Nassar

Sunday, December 9 - 9:30 AM Michael Faris

Sunday, December 9 - 11:30 AM

English: Marie Charabati **Arabic:** Layla Merheb

Saturday, December 15 - 4:00 PM Phyllis Thomas

Sunday, December 16 - 8:15 AM Mona Hbaiter

Sunday, December 16 - 9:30 AM Jean Sarkis

Sunday, December 16 - 11:30 AM

English: Christopher Merheb **Arabic:** Gretta Merheb

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 8 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, December 9 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, December 9 - 9:30 AM

Jason Demers Ryan Naamani

Sunday, December 9 - 11:30 AM

Anthony El Hachem Charbel Yammine

Elias Azzi Michael Lalo

Saturday, December 15 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, December 16 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, December 16 - 9:30 AM

Sebastian Ramey Thomas Demers

Sunday, December 16 - 11:30 AM

George El Hachem Geryes Geha

Jonathan Merheb Michael Merheb

**Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament
Thursday at 7:30 PM**



READINGS

Sunday of the Birth of John the Baptist

Galatians 4:21-31 - 5:1: Tell me, you who want to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman. The son of the slave woman was born naturally, the son of the freeborn through a promise. Now this is an allegory. These women represent two covenants. One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar. Hagar represents Sinai, a mountain in Arabia; it corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery along with her children. But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother. For it is written: "Rejoice, you barren one who bore no children; break forth and shout, you who were not in labor; for more numerous are the children of the deserted one than of her who has a husband." Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of the promise. But just as then the child of the flesh persecuted the child of the spirit, it is the same now. But what does the scripture say? "Drive out the slave woman and her son! For the son of the slave woman shall not share the inheritance with the son" of the freeborn. Therefore, brothers, we are children not of the slave woman but of the freeborn woman. For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

Luke 1:57-66 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn

*In Loving Memory of
Elias and Mariam Khoder
Offered by their family.*

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn

*In Loving Memory of
Chukri and Nadia Raad Awil
Offered by their family.*

What does your Church's Financial Statements say about YOUR Church?

What does your church's financial statements (Balance Sheet, Income Statements, Cash Flow, Ministry Budget, etc.) tell you about the following:

- Are we **giving**? (Core, Missions, Giving Streams, Child Care, Community, other)
- Are we **saving**? (3-6 months operating \$\$)
- Are we **avoiding debt**? (conserving energy, recycling, redundant programs)
- Are we being **accountable**? (keeping track of funds? Large 'misc.'?)
- Are we **spending** in the areas of our vision? (Ministry Map)
- Are we **communicating** this? (Is the budget accessible/easy to understand?)
- Are people **supporting** our vision? (Why or why not?)



القرارات

أحد مولود يوحنا المعمدان

فُولُوا لِي، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَكُونُوا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، أَمَا تَسْمَعُونَ الشَّرِيعَةَ؟ فَإِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: كَانَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ ابْنَانِ، وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ، وَوَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ. أَمَا الَّذِي مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ فَقَدْ وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ، وَأَمَا الَّذِي مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ فَبِقُوَّةِ الْوَعْدِ. وَفِي ذَلِكَ رَمَزٌ: فَسَارَةُ وَهَاجَرُ تُمَثِّلَانِ عَهْدَيْنِ، عَهْدًا مِنْ جَبَلِ سَيْنَاءَ يَلِدُ لِلْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَهُوَ هَاجَرُ؛ لِأَنَّ هَاجَرَ هِيَ جَبَلُ سَيْنَاءَ الَّذِي فِي بِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، وَتُؤَافِقُ أُورُشَلِيمَ الْحَالِيَّةَ، لِأَنَّهَا فِي الْعُبُودِيَّةِ هِيَ وَأَوْلَادُهَا. أَمَا أُورُشَلِيمُ الْعُلْيَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ، وَهِيَ أُمْنَا؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِفْرَاجِي، أَيْتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ؛ اِنْدَفِعِي بِالْتَرْنِيمِ وَاصْرُخِي، أَيْتُهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَخَّضْ؛ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَادَ الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ الْمُتَزَوِّجَةِ». «أَمَا أَنْتُمْ، أَيْتُهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْوَعْدِ مِثْلُ إِسْحَقَ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا كَانَ حِينَئِذٍ الْمَوْلُودُ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يَضْطَهُدُ الْمَوْلُودَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ، فَكَذَلِكَ الْآنَ أَيْضًا. وَلَكِنْ مَادَا يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ؟ «أَطْرُدِ الْجَارِيَةَ وَابْنَهَا، لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْجَارِيَةِ لَا يَرِثُ مَعَ ابْنِ الْحُرَّةِ». «إِذَا، أَيْتُهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، لَسْنَا أَوْلَادَ جَارِيَةٍ، بَلْ أَوْلَادُ الْحُرَّةِ. إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا لِنَبْقَى أَحْرَارًا. فَاتَّبِعُوا إِذَا وَلَا تَعُودُوا تَخْضَعُونَ لِنِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

تَمَّ زَمَانُ الْيَصَابَاتِ لِنَلِدْ، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرَحُوا مَعَهَا. وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيَخْتِنُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَّوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَاجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: «لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوْحَنَّا!». «فَقَالُوا لَهَا: «لَا أَحَدٌ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْاسْمِ». «وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَادَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ. فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: «إِسْمُهُ يُوْحَنَّا!». «فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ. وَانْفَتَحَ فَجَاءَهُ فَمُ زَكَرِيَّا، وَانْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوْلَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: «مَا عَسَى هَذَا الْطِفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟». «وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 2

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 2,880.15
Candles	\$ 75.00
Christmas Poinsettias	\$ 450.00
Donations	\$ 195.00
Fuel	\$ 920.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception, Maronite Patriarchal Charities	\$ 25.00
Ladies Christmas Party	\$ 905.00
Knights of Mary	\$ 100.00
Bible Study	\$ 185.00
Total Deposit	\$ 5,745.15

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.

Conventional wisdom is to publish this information for transparency purposes and to show parishioners what is needed to keep the operation running. In plain terms the following is at play:

1. We can see the parish administration is stewarding resources well. No secrets.
2. If the income falls near or below expenses we may say "holy smokes, we are running in the red, time to up my weekly gift".

News

Neighboring Events



SAINT BASIL SEMINARY
2019
FAMILY NEW YEAR
Party
 PERFORMANCE BY
ANDRE KEEDY
MON, DEC 31ST
 \$85 PER ADULT; \$20 FOR 12 YEARS & UNDER (BABY SITTER PROVIDED)
FULL LEBANESE MEZZA; SWEETS; CASH BAR
ST. BASIL SEMINARY - 30 EAST ST, METHUEN 01844
DOORS OPEN AT 9PM
 FOR RESERVATION PLEASE CALL: (978) 683-2959; [SAINTBASILSEMINARY](#)

SAINT JOSEPH'S MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

241 Hampshire St. • Lawrence, Mass. 01841
 Celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord, Theophany

Sunday, January 6th 2019

from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Admission:

\$45.00 Adults

\$20.00 Children under 12

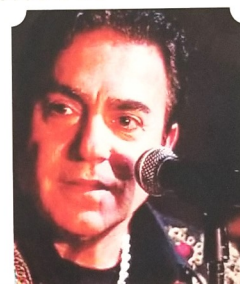
For Tickets Please Call:

Judy Farrah: 978-683-7624

Jeanane Kassis: 603-401-4740

Lara Francis: 978-902-1033

Arabic Mazza, Buffet and Dessert



Music by George Maalouf and ensemble

A Spiritual Christmas Crib: Preparing our Hearts for Christ's Coming

By: Catherine McManamon

December 8: Soft Straw

Also provide your manger with soft straw by performing little acts of mortification; for instance, bear the cold without complaints; or sit and stand erect.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Who suffered so much for me, let me suffer for love of You.

December 9: Swaddling Clothes

Prepare these for the Divine Infant by folding your hands when you pray, and praying slowly and thoughtfully.

Prayer: Jesus, let me love you more and more.

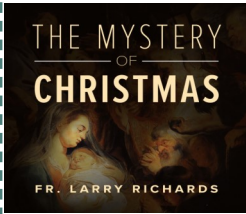
December 10: Blankets

Provide the manger of your heart with soft warm blankets. Avoid harsh and angry words; be kind and gentle to all.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to be meek and humble like You.

FORMED

Stanthonychurch.formed.org- Parish Code: N3CCNK



In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to appreciate better the immensity of God's love for us as His children



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus's miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.



How will you prepare for Christmas? This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

[Sign up to have these daily reflections sent right to your inbox!](#)



The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds.

Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

Narrated by Jim Caviezel