

Christmas Season

THE COMING



St Anthony Maronite Church
كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph

أحد البیان ليوسف

JOY: Jesus First, Others Second, You Third

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

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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

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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, Focus & Pre-Cana

Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

Revelation to Joseph

أحد ألبيان 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

Week : Revelation to Joseph

أسبوع ألبيان ليوسف

Monday, December 17 @ 9 AM

For: Elianne Asmar, Birthday, By Antoine & Nada Asmar.

Confessions @ 6PM - Christmas Novena @ 7PM

Tuesday, December 18 @ 9AM

In honor of Barbara Bistany, Birthday, By the Pastor.

Confessions @ 6PM - Christmas Novena @ 7PM

Wednesday, December 19 @ 9 AM

For: +Michelle Antoine Asmar By Antoine & Nada Asmar.

Confessions @ 6PM - Christmas Novena @ 7PM

Thursday, December 20 @ 9AM

In Honor of Kurt & Cindy Bistany, Anniversary, By the Pastor.

Confessions @ 6 PM - Christmas Novena @ 7PM

Friday, December 21 - NO LITURGY

Confessions @ 6PM - Christmas Novena @ 7PM

Genealogy of Jesus

أحد النسبة

Saturday, December 22 @ 4:00 PM

For: +Special Intentions, By the Pastor.

Sunday, December 23 @ 8:15 AM

In Honor of Hussein and Marie Youssef (Anniversary)

Sunday, December 23 @ 9:30 AM

For: +Marwan Ksaifi By Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Sfeir & Family

Sunday, December 23 @ 11:30 AM

For: 40 Day Anniversary - Abdo Abou Zeid, By the Family.

CHRISTMAS @

ST ANTHONY CHURCH

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

Christmas
FOOD DRIVE

EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Donate a Gift Card (For Meals)

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



Donated By _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

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.*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

December 9

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 3,614.10
Candles	\$ 141.00
Christmas Poinsettias	\$ 965.00
Donations (Masses, Christmas & Charity)	\$ 1,135.00
Fuel	\$ 280.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 95.00
Total Deposit	\$ 6,222.10

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".*

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.

PARISH

MINISTRIES , ORGANIZATIONS & NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

There will be no Religious Education for the weeks of December 23 and December 30.

Classes will resume on January 6. Thank you to all the families who continue to support the importance of our Maronite Religious Education by bringing your children week after week to class.

On behalf of the entire Religious Education staff we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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, January 5th @ 11AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meeting: Tuesday, January 15th @ 7 PM



Learn Arabic !!! Stay Tuned !!!

Classes to begin in January 2019

On Saturday Mornings.

Classes are limited to Children age 7 and up

Program: Reading, Writing and Speaking

Cost per Semester: \$300 - Materials Included

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



Our gratitude to the American Lebanese Awareness Association (ALAA) for donating

6 - \$50.00 Gift Cards for meals.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

MATTHEW:
THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

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

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

January 9 @ 10:30AM

English Session

January 9 @ 7:00PM

Arabic Session

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament

Resuming After New Year



FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL

Resuming After New Year

تعاود عائلة مار شربل لقائها
أشهر في السنة القادمة

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.



MINISTRIES @

WOMEN @ ST ANTHONY CHURCH



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."



تأسيس **جمعية سيدة لبنان** في رعيتنا
يفتح باب الأنتساب في بداية السنة الجديدة

يسعي 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

READINGS

Sunday of Revelation to Joseph

Ephesians 3:1-13: This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Matthew 1:18-25 Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Honor of Monica Abou-Ezzi
Offered by Her family.

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Honor of Monica Abou-Ezzi
Offered by Her 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?)



أحد ألبان ليوسف

القرارات

أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمَّم... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بِوَحْيٍ أُطْلِعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ لَكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأُمَّمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرَ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبْتُ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأُمَّمَ بِغَيْهِ الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أُوضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّهَا الْإِيمَانُ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْعَفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضِّيقَاتِ الَّتِي أَعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَخْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجِدَتْ حَامِلًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشْهَرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطَلِّقَهَا سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنْ فَكَّرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَآى لَهُ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلْمِ قَائِلًا: «يَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ امْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ تَلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ.» وَوَحَدَتْ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: «هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتَلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّاوُئِيلَ، أَيُّهَا اللَّهُ مَعَنَا.» وَوَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ امْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.

LECTORS

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

Saturday, December 22 - 4:00 PM Roy Rossi

Sunday, December 23 - 8:15 AM Hugette Sfeir

Sunday, December 23 - 9:30 AM Elaine Brousseau

Sunday, December 23 - 11:30 AM

English: Raghida Ramey Arabic: Claudine Raad

ALTAR SERVERS

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

Saturday, December 22 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, December 23 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, December 23 - 9:30 AM

George Hbaiter Max Sheehan

Sunday, December 23 - 11:30 AM

Anthony Chamoun Anthony Sadek
Charbel Sadek Giorgio Abounasr



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

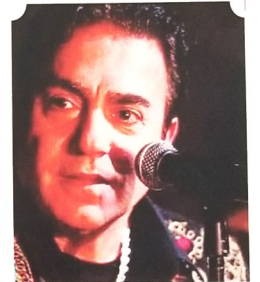
For Tickets Please Call:

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 15: Fire

Take care to have the crib of your heart warmed by a cozy fire. Be grateful to God for the love He has shown us in becoming man; behave with grateful respect towards your parents and relatives.

Prayer: *Jesus, how can I return Your love; how can I show my gratitude to You?*

December 16: The Ox

Lead the ox to the crib. Obey cheerfully without making excuses and without asking "why."

Prayer: *I will obey for love of You, Jesus.*

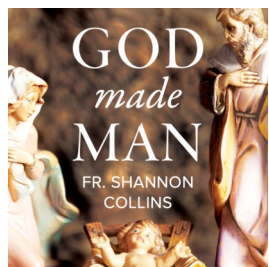
December 17: The Donkey

Bring the donkey to the crib. Offer to the Divine Infant your bodily strength; use it in the service of others.

Prayer: *Jesus, accept my service of love; I offer it for those who do not love You.*

FORMED

Stanthonychurch.formed.org- Parish Code: N3CCNK



In this Christmas-themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the Biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church.

Fr. Collins serves as a preacher of parish missions and retreat master. He has appeared on EWTN and has been stationed at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama.



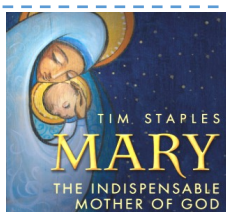
The birth of Jesus changed the course of human history. Christmas marks one of the greatest days on the Christian calendar, and nowhere celebrates the birth of the Savior like the Holy City of Rome. Christmas in Rome follows the celebration of the Nativity throughout history, from a tiny grotto in Bethlehem to the biggest Nativity scene in Saint Peter's Square, and from small groups of early Christians to the enormous

multitude of believers at Christmas Masses in St. Peter's Basilica.

See how one of the greatest events in human history is celebrated today...right from the heart of the Church.



Life is a miracle, God is a mystery, and nothing is coincidence. This movie, entitled 1531, is a love story from Mexico to the world, which was written in an Aztec sacred stone and in Saint John's Apocalypse centuries before it happened. It presents the 1531 appearances of Our Lady of Guadalupe and how that story is not finished yet.



Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines and dogmas safeguard what we believe about her Son. Using penetrating insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!



Celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation of the birth of God's Son! Witness the moving submission of Mary, Joseph, and others as they make way for our Savior.

This episode contains:

"The Christmas Story"—an animated presentation of the many wonderful events that led up to the birth of Jesus!

"What is Christmas?"—a catchy, visualized song reminding us that Christmas is really about the coming of Christ.

"Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night"—two traditional songs that continue to inspire praise and thankfulness for the coming of our Lord.

O Holy Night is a wonderful way to remind everyone of Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!