



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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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 , Foccus & Pre-Cana

Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

The Finding in the Temple

عيد دخول المسيح الى الهيكل

Saturday, December 29 @ 4:00 PM

For: +First Anniversary-Bomar Kramer,

By His wife Barbara, Children and Families

Sunday, December 30 @ 8:15 AM

For: In Honor of Wael & Raghida Naamani *By The Pastor*

Sunday, December 30 @ 9:30 AM

For: In Honor of David & Emily Bechara *By The Pastor*

Sunday, December 30 @ 11:30 AM

For: First Anniversary - Saadallah Azzi,

By his wife Nabiha, Daughter Rita and Family

New Year Liturgies

عيد رأس السنة المجيدة

Monday December 31 @ 9AM

For: Prosperous & Blessed Year For Our Parishioners

New Year Liturgy—2019

Tuesday January 1 -English & Arabic @ 4PM

Prosperous & Blessed Year For Our Parishioners

Wednesday, January 2 @ 9AM –Office Closed

For: Special Intentions *By The Pastor*

Thursday, January 3 @ 7 PM— Liturgy & Adoration

For: Special Intentions

Friday, December 28 - NO LITURGY

Epiphany of Our Lord

أحد الدنح المجيد

Saturday, January 5 @ 4:00 PM –Vigil of Epiphany

For: +John Thomas *By his Wife, Phyllis, and Family*

Sunday, January 6 @ 8:15 AM

For: Special Intentions

Sunday, January 6 @ 9:30 AM

For: Special Intentions

Sunday, January 6 @ 11:30 AM

For: 1st Anniversary-Seniora Youssef & in Memory of George Youssef , *By the Family of Youssef and Haddad.*

For the Feast of Epiphany Bottles of Water will be blessed and distributed for parishioners

CHRISTMAS

Poinsettias: In Loving Memory

Donated By	In Memory Of
<i>Victor Azzi</i>	Mr. & Mrs. Khalil S. Azzi / Mr. & Mrs. Elias Naffah
<i>Robert & Elaine Brousseau</i>	Corey Brousseau
<i>Christopher George & Family</i>	Donald George
<i>Olga Sarkis</i>	"Dan" Ghandour Sarkis
<i>Jeanne D'Arc Bistany</i>	"Chick" Checralla Bistany
<i>Theresa Solomon & Family</i>	Edmond Solomon/ Mr. & Mrs. Fred and Mary Faris Deceased members of the Solomon & Hatem Families
<i>Elaine Ferris</i>	Jennie & Toufi Ferris & Family/ Anna & Antonio Ricci & Family Mary & Joseph Ferris & Family
<i>Beverly & Bob Schiripo</i>	Rose & Peter Lucchesi / Mary Shadeed / Fred & Stephanie Schiripo
<i>Mounir & Ramona Bou-Mitri</i>	Romanos Nammour
<i>Safi Family</i>	Kamel Safi, Yvonne Safi & Hanna Aoun
<i>Rodney & Mary Pica</i>	Sadie Souma
<i>Mary Nasser & His Loving Family</i>	Fred Nasser
<i>Albert Lahood</i>	Abraham Normand Lahood, Angele Meccas Lahood, Eva Lahood Gabour, Joseph W. Lahood
<i>Noreen Murphy & sons, Timothy & Daniel</i>	Denis J. Murphy
<i>Phyllis Thomas</i>	John Thomas
<i>Bill, Christine & Maddi Ryan</i>	John Thomas
<i>Children of</i>	James & Margaret Hajj
<i>Barbara Kramer</i>	Bomar G. Kramer
<i>Bernice Spencer & Cecelia Hatem</i>	Deceased Members of Our Family
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kamari</i>	Farideh Tadros, Fahd Kamari, Antoine Tadros, Nabiha Youssef
<i>Katy Abraham</i>	Al Abraham Jr, Stephanie Abraham
<i>A Grateful Parishioner</i>	Stephanie Ota
<i>Therese Jbeily</i>	Elias Jbeily, Cherfan Family, Abou-Fayssal Family
<i>George Kalil Family</i>	Eli & Helen Kalil, Margaret Kalil McDonough, Carol Ann Kalil, Elaine Kalil Ahearn
<i>Teresa & Jamil Kamari</i>	Rita Pastore, Fahd Kamari, & Emilio Venturi
<i>Walid El Khoury</i>	Elia El Khoury, Antoinette El Khoury, Gergis & Jamila Merheb, Hanna & Akla Merheb
<i>John Hassan</i>	Deceased Members of the Hassan Family
<i>Tuffic & Rosine Hatem</i>	Diana B. Hatem
<i>Venize, Bob Mason & Children</i>	Diana B. Hatem
<i>Mr & Mrs Fred Corey</i>	Dr. & Mrs. Edward Moore
<i>Joan Taga</i>	Julie & Phillip Taga, Frederich Taga, Our Grandparents
<i>Jean Foley</i>	Edward Foley, Peter & Nellie Ackarey
<i>Joan Hatem-Roy</i>	Albert & Lorraine Hatem
<i>Habbouba Mouawad & Family</i>	Maroun Mouawad
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Simon Mouawad</i>	Nazira & Elias ElKazzi
<i>John & Patty Thomas & Family</i>	John Thomas Sr.
<i>Robert & Joanne Comtois</i>	Janet Maroun
<i>Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi</i>	Jeannette Lahoud Nasr, Antoine Abou-Ezzi, Mike & Marie-Noel Nassar
<i>Danny & Chantale Fadel Maroun</i>	Joseph Maroun, Kilikia Maroun, Fadlallah Fadel, Alice Fadel, Raymond Fadel
<i>Michael Faris</i>	George & Elsie Faris
<i>Scot & Logan Gabriel</i>	Laura Gabriel
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Bistany</i>	Roy Bistany, Fadlallah & Adele Bistany, Phil & Susan Nicolas Mike Bistany, Rocco & Jane Ditaranto
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Abdoo Abou Raad</i>	Nehmeh Abou Raad & Micheline Azzi
<i>John Belko Sr & Family</i>	Joyce M. Daher Belko
<i>Donna & Christine Kattar</i>	Tom & Victoria Kattar and Frances Coccoza
<i>Barbara Bistany</i>	Samuel & Louise Bistany

CHRISTMAS

Poinsettias: In Honor of

Donated By	In Honor Of
<i>Bechara & Rima Wazen</i>	Laurice, Elie, Maroun Wazen
<i>Elie, Maria, Laura Wazen</i>	Maroun Sayssouk
<i>Albert Lahood</i>	Sally Lahood
<i>A Grateful Parishioner</i>	Fr. Elie Mikhael, Mother & Family
<i>Bernice Spencer & Cecelia Hatem</i>	Living Members of Our Family
<i>Walid El Khoury</i>	Walid & Mona El Khoury, Farah & Ryan El Khoury
<i>John Hassan</i>	Fr. Joseph Abisaad
<i>Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi</i>	Our sons Marc & Michael (Mikey) and daughters Monica & Mia, All of our Godchildren, & Parents: Sonia Abou-Ezzi, Joseph Nasr
<i>Mansor-Laliberte</i>	Elias & Rose Mansor & Children, Nicholas & Effie Debs, & Children
<i>Jihad and Hilda Rizkallah</i>	Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah & Family, Mounir & Najat Rizkallah
<i>Michael Faris</i>	Addison & Olivia Leavitt
<i>Christine Kattar</i>	Donna Kattar

Thank you for vesting the Altar with all the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias!!

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 brining 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.

Becoming an MYO Advisor?

Christian Hbaiter myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Sunday, January 6th: Nursing home Visit

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 @ myo@stanthonylawrence.org or call the Church Office.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Marie Charabati kom@stanthonylawrence.org

◇ January 5 (Regular Session)

All sessions are 5:30pm 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

FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL

Resuming After New Year

تعاود عائلة مار شربل لقاءاتها الشهرية
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.

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

January 9 @ 10:30AM

English Session

January 9 @ 7:00PM

Arabic Session

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LET'S LEARN
ARABIC

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament

Thursday January 17th

@ 7:30 PM



Learn Arabic !!!

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

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."

جمعية سيدة لبنان للنساء

جمعية سيدة لبنان

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



READINGS

Christmas: Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

Letter to the Hebrews 7,11-19.

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual for the law made nothing perfect; there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2,41-52.

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Mass talking points

- Sunday Mass is not a show on stage; it is worship, prayer before an altar.
- Sunday Mass is not what we get out of it, but what we give. The more we put into prayer, the more we get out of it.
- Sunday Mass takes just one hour out of the 168 hours in a week.
- Sunday is not the day we should sleep in. We force ourselves to get up on work days and school days. Are money and learning more important than God?
- Sunday Mass attendance does not depend on the priest, musicians or ushers. We dare not allow any person to stand in the way of our worship of God.
- Sunday Mass is available on vacation. If we can drive to a vacation spot, we can drive a short distance to go to Mass.
- Sunday Mass is the focal point of every weekend. Our vacations are possible because God has richly blessed us.
- Sunday Mass outranks sports tournaments, team travel and athletic practices. There are many Mass times available.

Father Michael Van Sloun is pastor at St. Stephen in Anoka.

القرارات

أحد وجود الرب في الهيكل

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 19-11:7

يا إخوتي، لو كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ الْأَوِيِّ، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرٌ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيُّ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرٍ، لَمْ يُلَازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفْقَ شَرِيعَةٍ وَصِيَّةٍ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفْقَ قُوَّةِ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقَ!». وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبَلِّغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 52-41:2

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْلُبَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذِهْلِينَ بِذَكَائِهِ وَأَجْوَبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتًا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَذَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ!». «فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالنِّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Memory of Bomar G. Kramer
Offered by his loving wife, Barbara,
children and Families.

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Memory of Bomar G. Kramer
Offered by his loving wife, Barbara,
children and Families.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This Christmas & New Year
 Sanctuary Lamp will burn

In Honor of Our Parishioners by Fr. Elie Mikhael

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This Christmas & New Year
 Sanctuary Lamp will burn

In Honor of Our Parishioners by Fr. Elie

READINGS

New Year– Mary Mother of God

Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22 One in Christ

Brothers and Sisters: Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. Praise be to God always!

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

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

LECTORS

Saturday, December 29 - 4:00 PM Dianne Dewan

Sunday, December 30 - 8:15 AM Maroun Nassar

Sunday, December 30 - 9:30 AM Elaine Ferris

Sunday, December 30 - 11:30 AM

English: Elias Azzi Arabic: Sleiman Ramy

Saturday, January 5 - 4:00 PM Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, January 6 - 8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour

Sunday, January 6 - 9:30 AM Sub-Deacon Jim Demers

Sunday, January 6 - 11:30 AM

English: Mounira Daher Arabic: Marcel Saade

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 29 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, December 30 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, December 30 - 9:30 AM

Caleb Hassan Noah Hassan

Sunday, December 30 - 11:30 AM

*Andrew Azzi Elias Azzi
Michael Lalo Michael Merheb*

Saturday, January 5 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, January 6 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, January 6 - 9:30 AM

Antonio Hbaiter George Hbaiter

Sunday, January 6 - 11:30 AM

*Anthony Sadek Charbel Merheb
Charbel Sadek George El Hachem*

READINGS

New Year– Mary Mother of God

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2:11-22

يا إِخْوَتِي، تَذَكَّرُوا، أَنْتُمْ الْوَتْنِيِّينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ سَابِقًا، أَلْمَدْعُوِّينَ أَهْلَ عَدَمِ الْخِتَانَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَدْعُوِّينَ أَهْلَ الْخِتَانَةِ، بِفِعْلِ الْيَدِ فِي الْجَسَدِ، تَذَكَّرُوا أَنْكُمْ كُنْتُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ بِدُونِ مَسِيحٍ، مُبْعَدِينَ عَنْ رَعِيَّةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَغُرَبَاءَ عَنْ عَهْدِ الْوَعْدِ، لَا رَجَاءَ لَكُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَلَا إِلَهَ؛ أَمَّا الْآنَ فَبِالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ بَعِيدِينَ، صِرْتُمْ بِدَمِ الْمَسِيحِ قَرِيبِينَ. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَفِي جَسَدِهِ نَقَضَ الْجِدَارَ الْفَاصِلَ بَيْنَهُمَا، أَيْ الْعَدَاوَةَ، وَأَبْطَلَ شَرِيعَةَ الْوَصَايَا بِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ فَرَائِضَ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي شَخْصِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا، بِإِحْلَالِهِ السَّلَامَ بَيْنَهُمَا، وَيُصَالِحَهُمَا مَعَ اللَّهِ، كُلِّيهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ، بِالصَّلِيبِ، قَاتِلًا فِيهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ بَيْنَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ بَشَرَكُمُ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لَأَنَّنَا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نَزْلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسَكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

أنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 21

لما تمت ثمانية أيام ليختن الصبي، سمي يسوع كما سماه ملاك قبل أن يحبل به في البطن



THANK YOU !!!!

Dr. George and Mrs. Mirna Abou Ezzi for your generous donations toward the 6 icons:
From Left: Good Shepherd, St Rafka, St Sharbel, St Neemtallah, St Estefan & Virgin Mary

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Due to Bulletin deadlines during the holidays on Mondays at 12 noon, the Sunday Collection will be published in the next bulletin.

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. George Kassas and Dr. & Mrs. Tony Tannoury and their families for their generous donations toward the poinsettias.

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?)



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; [f 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

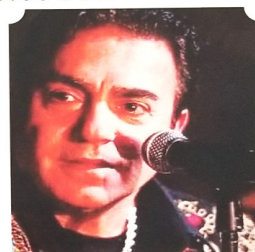
For Tickets Please Call:

Judy Farrah: 978-683-7624

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Arabic Mazza, Buffet and Dessert



Music by George Maalouf and ensemble

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DR. SCOTT HAHN



Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

Episode 1: Science

Has science really proven God does not exist? We will show why science cannot disprove God but can (and does) provide an unlimited amount of evidence for his existence. Fr. Spitzer tells us, "There has never been a better time for finding scientific evidence pointing to God." The three chapters in this episode will cover material including the scientific method (Ch 1), the big bang and the modern universe (Ch 2), and the BVG Theorem (Ch 3).

Episode 2: More Science

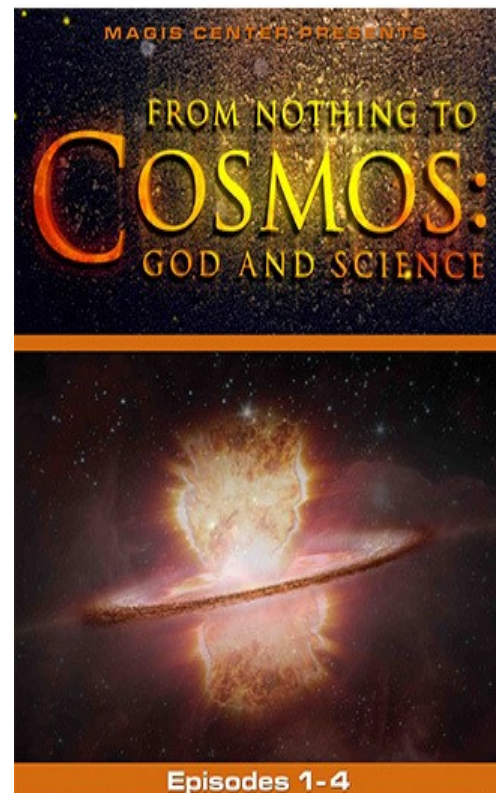
The three chapters in this episode will dig a little deeper into the importance of the BVG Theorem (Ch 1), show proof of a beginning from entropy (Ch 2), and examine the odds of our universal constants being *exactly* what they are (Ch 3). In the end, we see that the odds of us existing by accident are trillions of trillions of trillions to one against. The evidence is overwhelming that there is a Supernatural Designer at work. Believing is actually more reasonable and responsible—as we will prove.

Episode 3: Responses and The Soul

After looking at multiverses as a possible way to avoid the need for a beginning (which indicates a Creator) (Ch 1), we respond to two atheist objections to supernatural design (Ch 2). We follow that with a metaphysical explanation for a Creator and respond to a Richard Dawkins's assertion (Ch 3). We then summarize the evidence for an Intelligent Creator (Ch 4) and spend Chapter 5 looking into the evidence of a soul from near death experiences.

Episode 4: Transcendence, Atheism, the Bible, & Evolution

The final five chapters begin with a continuation of the examination of near death experiences (NDEs) (Ch 1), and then we delve into the evidence of a soul from the five transcendental desires (Ch 2). Chapter 3 summarizes the evidence of a Creator and soul and responds to the question of why atheists are atheists. Chapter 4 gets us into the questions of the Bible and Evolution and even the questions of Aliens. The last chapter is a summary of the entire series.



Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., PhD., dispenses with the contemporary statement, "Science has proven God does not exist," and then goes on to demonstrate God's existence from science, philosophy, medicine, the transcendentals, and metaphysical proofs.

Fr. Spitzer is at once, entertaining and overflowing with pertinent information.