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Hosanna Sunday



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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.

MEET OUR PRIESTS

Pastor

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305.807.9087
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Parochial Vicar

Fr. Andrawos El Tabchi 978-241-2977 pv@stanthonylawrence.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations: Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Donations: Church \$500—Priest : Free Will

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

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Daily Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday Liturgies:

8:00 AM -Arabic

9:00 AM - English

11:30 AM - English& Arabic

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH SECRETARY:

Pat McKeever:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Visiting Deacon

Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY & Holy Week

أحد الشعانين وأسبوع الآلام

Sat APR. 04 4:00 PM For: + Ferris, Carpenter, Martin Family & Joseph Russo
By Zakia Russo & Family

Liturgies intentions offered for The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners

Sun APR. 05 8:00 AM Palm Sunday - Arabic Liturgy
9:00 AM Palm Sunday - English Liturgy
11:30 AM Palm Sunday - English & Arabic Liturgy

Mon APR. 06 6:00 PM رتبة الوصول إلى الميناء - Coming to the Harbor
For: Private Intentions

Tue APR. 07 6:00 PM For: Private Intentions

Wed APR. 08 6:00 PM رتبة ألقنديل: تبريك ألقنديل المقدس — Rite of the Lamp
For: Private Intentions

Thu APR. 09 6:00 PM For: Private Intentions
7:00 PM–10:00 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fri APR. 10 3:00 PM Adoration of the Cross –English
6:00 PM Adoration of the Cross—Arabic

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

أحد القيامة المجيدة

Liturgies intentions offered for The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners

Sat APR. 11 4:00 PM Easter Vigil Liturgy - English

Sun APR. 12 8:00 AM Easter Liturgy - Arabic
9:00 AM Easter Liturgy - English
11:00 AM Easter Liturgy - English & Arabic

HOLY THURSDAY—APRIL 9 (7PM-10PM)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

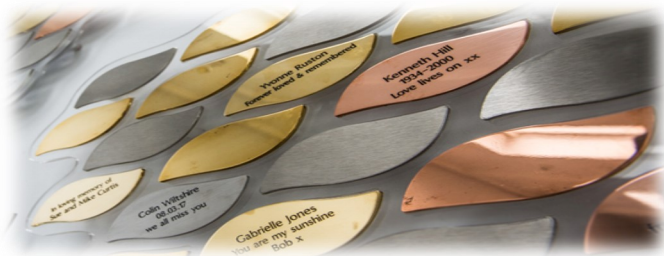
Families Needed to Pray in Front the Blessed Sacrament for 30 Minutes **from HOME**.

Register your names before Wednesday April 8 by :
email: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org or
Phone: 978.685.7233



MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00
Total Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 6,278.58
Total Eparchial Dues	\$3,721.67
Monthly Operational Costs	\$25,260.25
Weekly Collection Needed	\$6,250.00



TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 / 4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by phone: **978.685.7233**

E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

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Stanthonychurch.formed.org



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WHAT IS IT? Think of it like Netflix for Catholics. And there is a lot to see and hear! And best of all, there is no charge to you.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SAINT ANTHONY'S Parish depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations.

Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL.

Apply Online:

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

Prayer for Doctors and Nurses

O merciful Father, who have wonderfully fashioned man in your own image, and have made his body to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, sanctify, we pray you, our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to study and practice the arts of healing the sick and the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for whose salvation your Son became Man, lived on this earth, healed the sick, and suffered and died on the Cross. Amen.

The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. Psalm 41:3

EPISTLE READING - Philippians 1:1-13

Brothers and sisters, Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

GOSPEL READING - Saint John 12:12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!'. Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

RIGHT & LEFT Sanctuary Lamps will burn: *The Health, Protection and Safety of Our Parishioners* Offered by *Fr. Elie Mikhael and Fr. Andrawos El-Tabchi*

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

April 6: Bachir Atallah, Maya Bou-Chaaya, Charbel Maroun, Theresa Solomon

April 7: Elaine Azzi, Terry Habib

April 8: Stacy Gabriel, Meghan Rizk

April 9: Pamela Alghoul, Elise Jbeily, Jessica Matar

April 10: Jeremy Hashem, Abdo Iskander, Marita Merheb, Charbel Merheb, Tania Sfeir, Kevin Vincent

April 11: Charbel Cherfane, Marla Maroun

April 12: David Bechara, Richard Ferguson

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

April 9: Maurice and Mariane Hatem

April 9: Kevin and Kara Rembis

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيليبي 13-1:1

يا إخواني، من بولس وطيموثاوس، عبدَي المسيح يسوع، إلى جميع القديسين في المسيح يسوع، الذين في فيليبي، مع الأساقفة والشمامسة: النعمة لكم، والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! أشكر إلهي، كلما ذكرتكم، ضارعا بفرح على الدوام في كل صلواتي من أجلكم جميعا، لمشارككم في الإنجيل منذ أول يوم إلى الآن. وإني لوثق أن الذي بدأ فيكم هذا العمل الصالح سيكمل حتى يوم المسيح يسوع. فإنه من العدل أن يكون لي هذا الشعور نحوكم جميعا، لأني أحملكم في قلبي، أنتم جميعا شركائي في نعمتي، سواء في فيودي أو في دفاعي عن الإنجيل وتبنيته، فإن الله شاهد لي كم أتشوق إليكم جميعا في أحشاء المسيح يسوع. وهذه صلواتي أن تزداد محبتكم أكثر فأكثر في كل فهم ومعرفة، لتمييزوا ما هو الأفضل، فتكونوا أقياء وبغير عثار إلى يوم المسيح، مُمتلئين من ثمر البر بيسوع المسيح لمجد الله ومدحه. أريد أن تعلموا، أيها الإخوة، أن ما حدث لي قد أدى بالحرى إلى نجاح الإنجيل، حتى إن فيودي من أجل المسيح صارت مشهورة في دار الولاية كلها، وفي كل مكان آخر.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 22-12:12

لما سمع الجمع الكثير، الذي أتى إلى العيد، أن يسوع أت إلى اورشليم، حملوا سعف النخل، وخرجوا إلى ملاقاته وهم يصرخون: «هوشعنا! مبارك الآتي باسم الرب، ملك إسرائيل». «ووجد يسوع جحشا فركب عليه، كما هو مكتوب: «لا تخافي، يا ابنة صهيون، هوذا ملكك يأتي رابكا على جحش ابن أتان». وما فهم تلاميذه ذلك، أول الأمر، ولكنهم تذكروا، حين مجد يسوع، أن ذلك كتب عنه، وأنهم صنعوه له. والجمع الذي كان مع يسوع، حين دعا لعازر من القبر وأقامه من بين الأموات، كان يشهد له. من أجل هذا أيضا لاقاه الجمع، لأنهم سمعوا أنه صنع تلك الآية. فقال الفريسيون بعضهم لبعض: «أنظروا: إنكم لا تتفعلون شيئا! ها هو العالم قد ذهب وراءه!» وكان بين الصاعدين ليسجدوا في العيد، بعض اليونانيين. فدنا هؤلاء من فيلبس الذي من بيت صيدا الجليل، وسألوه قائلين: «يا سيد، نريد أن نرى يسوع». فجاء فيلبس وقال لأندراؤس، وجاء أندراؤس وفيلبس وقالا ليسوع.

Scholarship Application

Applications are now available for the **DCG Scholarships** for incoming CCHS Freshman, 2020-2021, school year. If you have been accepted into CCHS and you are a parishioner of Saint Anthony's, to download the scholarship application, please visit www.dcgfoundation.com.

****Applications are due April 15th****

To download your application, visit their website or contact Ken @ 508-633-0704

www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships/guidelines

Sections 1-6 must be completed in full, **mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2020** and forwarded to ALAA, P. O. Box 2244, Methuen, MA

PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education

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Knights of Mary

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myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Publishing: Bulletin

bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

Choirs (*English, Arabic & Syriac*)

Daughter's of St. Anthony

Family of St. Sharbel

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

M-WINE

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

Sacristan (s)

Sunshine Committee

Women's Ministry

PARISH 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

Meetings & Events

GOING LIVE:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/weekly-bulletin/>

Facebook: [St Anthony Lawrence](#)

Live Stream of Liturgies, Rosary, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

- ⇒ SATURDAY 4:00 PM LITURGY
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM LITURGIES
- ⇒ ROSARY PRAYERS- EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ LITURGY AND ADORATION – THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY AT 6:00 PM

Bible Study

- ⇒ ENGLISH SESSION: THROUGH ZOOM
- ⇒ CONTACT DEACON MICHAEL TO ADD YOUR EMAIL
- ⇒ –SUBJECT BIBLE STUDY
- ⇒ RECTORY@STANTHONYLAWRENCE.ORG
- ⇒ ARABIC SESSION: GotoMeeting -MONDAY AT 7AM

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Ronald Rolheiser**THE DISPELLING OF AN ILLUSION**

We don't much like the word *disillusionment*. Normally we think of it as a negative, something pejorative, and not as something that does us a favor. And yet disillusionment is a positive, it means the dispelling of an illusion and illusions, unless we need one as a temporary tonic, are not good for us. They keep us from the truth, from reality.

There are many, many negatives to the current coronavirus that's wreaking a deadly havoc across the planet. But there's one positive: Against every form of resistance we can muster, it's dispelling the illusion that we are in control of our lives and that, by our own efforts, we can make ourselves invulnerable. That lesson has come upon us uninvited. This unforeseen and unwelcome virus is teaching us that, no matter our sophistication, intelligence, wealth, health, or status, we're all vulnerable, we're all at the mercy of a thousand contingencies over which we have little control. No amount of denial will change that.

Granted, at one level of our consciousness we're always aware of our vulnerability. But sometimes after we have walked a dangerous ledge for a long time we forget the peril and are no longer aware of the narrowness of the plank upon which we're walking. Then too our sense of our vulnerability to a hundred million dangers is, like our sense of mortality, normally pretty abstract and not very real. We all know that like everyone else we are going to die one day; but normally this doesn't weigh very heavily on our consciousness. We live instead with the sense that we're not going to die just yet. Our own deaths aren't really real to us. They are not yet an imminent threat but only a distant, abstract reality.

Generally, such too is the vagueness of our sense of vulnerability. Yes, we know abstractly that we are vulnerable, but generally we feel pretty secure. But as this virus spreads, consumes our newscasts, and brings our normal lives to a halt, our sense of vulnerability is no longer a vague, abstract threat. We're now much more aware that we all live at the mercies of a million contingencies, most over which we have little control.

However, to our defense, our innate sense that we're in control and can safeguard our own safety and security should not be too-hastily and too-harshly judged. We can't help it. It's the way we're built. We're instinctually geared to hate our weaknesses, our vulnerability, our limitations, and our awareness of our own poverty and are instinctually geared to want to feel secure, in control, independent, invulnerable, and self-sufficient. That's a mercy of grace and nature because it helps save us from despondency and helps us to live with a (needed) healthy pride. But it's also an illusion; perhaps one that we need for long periods in our lives but also one that in moments of clarity and lucidity we're meant dispel so as to acknowledge before God and to ourselves that we're interdependent, not self-sufficient, and not ultimately in control. Whatever else about this virus, it's bringing us a moment of clarity and lucidity, even if this is far from welcome.

We were given the same lesson, in effect, with the downing of the Twin Towers in New York City on September 11th, 2001. In witnessing this single tragic incident we went from feeling safe and invulnerable to knowing that we are not able, despite everything we have achieved, to ensure our own safety and safety of our loved ones. A lot of people relearned the meaning of prayer that day. A lot of us are relearning the meaning of prayer as we sit quarantined at home during this coronavirus.

Richard Rohr suggests that the passage from childhood to adulthood requires an initiation into a number of necessary life-truths. One of these can be summarized this way: *You are not in Control!* If that is true, and it is, then this coronavirus is helping initiate us all into a more mature adulthood. We are becoming more conscious of an important truth. However, we may not see any divine intent in this. Every fundamentalist voice that suggests that God sent this virus to each of us a lesson is dangerously wrong and is an insult to true faith. Still we need to hear God's voice inside of it. God is speaking all the time but mostly we aren't listening; this sort of thing helps serve as God's microphone to a deaf world.

Illusions aren't easy to dispel, and for good reasons. We cling to them by instinct and we generally need them to get through life. For this reason, Socrates, in his wisdom, once wrote that "there is nothing that requires as gentle a treatment as the removal of an illusion". Anything other than gentleness only makes us more resistant.

This coronavirus is anything but gentle. But inside all of its harshness perhaps we might feel a gentle nudge that we help us dispel the illusion that we are in control.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

During the time of communion, recite the following in place of receiving physical communion:

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer (Anima Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds hide me. Never permit me to be parted from you. From the evil Enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. and bid me come to thee, that with your saints I may praise thee for age upon age. Amen.

Farewell to the Altar

I leave you in peace, O holy Altar, and I hope to return to you in peace. May the offering I have received from you be for the forgiveness of my faults and the remission of my sins, that I may stand without shame or fear before the throne of Christ. I do not know if I shall be able to return to you again to offer another sacrifice. I leave you in peace.

Solitude and Communion

At critical moments in his life, Jesus was in solitude, but was solitary with his close disciples. When he knew he was a marked man waiting for the midnight knock on the door, or in his case the betrayer's kiss in the garden, his instinct was to go near to the desert—a place associated both with solitude and with the deepest of all relationships, in the ground of being. And he went there with those human beings whom he understood best and who, for all their failings, understood him best. Solitude is truthful and often delightful, even when painful. Loneliness is a hell made up of the illusion of separateness. In solitude we are capable of strong and deep relationship because in solitude we discover our uniqueness, even (or perhaps, especially) if that uniqueness is associated with death. If meditation is about getting free from attachments and going to the desert of solitude, it is also about the discovery of the communion with others we call community. Knowing that we are with fellow disciples in the presence of our teacher is, even when things are falling apart, a source of incomparable joy.

—from the book [*Sensing God: Learning to Meditate during Lent*](#) by Laurence Freeman, OSB

The Spiritual Path Is a Work of Love

Raising a family may be exhausting and seem to leave little time for specific “spiritual practice,” but it is all about other-centeredness. It is a good preparation for meditation. Conversely, monastic life may give us time for prayer but may also keep us in a shallow state of dissatisfaction, repeating the same unproductive cycles of thought and behavior. But it can be a good preparation for serving the world. We are attracted to the other-centered option because we crave relationship and connection, which, combined, deliver us into the experience of meaning. Marriage, family, friendship, community, service are all ways in which we can learn to pay attention to others. Very quickly, however, we realize that other-centeredness is hard to do and even harder to sustain. Yet we also realize that we are better, more free and more open to love when we are learning to live in this way. Then we see that the spiritual path is a work. In fact, it is a work of love.

COMMUNICATION

GOING LIVE : LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

During this time of increased fear and anxiety, we pray that you are all remaining safe and healthy. This pandemic has challenged us to be responsible and maintain the mandated social distance while continuing to remain spiritually and emotionally close to God and our loved ones.

We regret to inform you that effective immediately, Saint Anthony's Church will be temporarily closed to all parishioners due to the continued and worsening spread of the coronavirus. We will continue to practice our faith by providing a live stream of all spiritual liturgies, events and activities without parishioners in attendance. Based upon the guidance at the Federal and State level, we feel this decision, although not an easy one, is in the best interest of our parishioners, pastors and protection of our church community. We have made some adjustments to the liturgical schedule and we ask for your understanding through these difficult times:

Daily Liturgies

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM

- Monday/Wednesday English
- Tuesday/Thursday Arabic)

Bible Study

- Monday 6:00 PM (Arabic)
- Wednesday 6:00 PM (English)

Adoration of the Eucharist - Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross - Friday 6:00 PM

Palm Sunday

- Saturday, April 4, 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 5, 8:00 AM
- Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, April 5, 11:30 AM

Holy Week

- Monday, April 6 , 6:00 PM Coming to Harbor - Liturgy
- Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 PM Rite of the Lamp (Anointing with Holy Oil) - Liturgy
- April 9, Holy Thursday - 6:00 PM - Liturgy followed by Adoration (7 PM-8 PM)
- April 10, Good Friday: Adoration of the Cross 3:00 PM (English); 6:00 PM (Arabic)

Easter Liturgies

- Saturday, April 11, 4:00 PM
- Sunday, April 12, 8:00 AM
- Sunday, April 12, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, April 12, 11:30 AM

This is truly a Lent like no other. We must continue to be united in prayer and hope. We encourage everyone to join us in rejecting the panic and embracing our faith. We must remember that this is only temporary and that with the help of God's grace and mercy, we will get through this together. Though our Church is empty, our hearts are always full.

Blessings,

Fr. Elie Mikhael

Fr Andrawaos El Tabchi

and Parish Council

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. Isaiah 26:20

إلى أبنائنا في رعيّة مار أنطونيوس لورانس—عليكم النعمة والرحمة والسلام من لدن الله الأب والمسيح يسوع ربّنا

بناءً على التطورات الأخيرة لإنتشار فيروس COVID-19 وتماشياً مع القرارات الصادرة عن الجهات الرسميّة الروحيّة والمدنيّة بخاصة قرار الإلتزام بالحجر المنزلي والتزاماً منّا بالحدّ من إنتشار الفيروس المذكور حفاظاً على سلامتنا جميعاً وتداركاً لتفاقم الوضع نتوجّه إليكم، في هذه الأيام الصعبة، بهذه السلسلة من التوجيهات لئتم العمل في ضوئها حتّى إشعار آخر

أولاً، وإبتداءً من تاريخه، تُقفل الكنيسة، وتكون القداسات قاصرة فقط على الآباء الكهنة دون مشاركة أفراد الشعب.

ثانياً، أمام تعذّر الذهاب إلى الكنيسة، بالإمكان متابعة الصلوات والإحتفالات الليتورجيّة ورتب الزمن الطقسي الحالي عبر صفحة الرعيّة على موقع Facebook.

ثالثاً، تقام الذبيحة الإلهيّة كلّ يوم الساعة 9.00 ص

يوميّ الإثنين والأربعاء باللغة الإنجليزيّة

وأما يوميّ الثلاثاء والخميس باللغة العربيّة

رابعاً، تبقى السهرات الإنجليزيّة في مواعيدها أي كل يوم إثنين باللغة العربيّة وكل يوم أربعاء باللغة الإنجليزيّة الساعة السادسة مساءً.

خامساً، ساعة سجود كل يوم خميس الساعة 6.00 م

سادساً، تقام صلوات مراحل درب الصليب وزياح الصليب يوم الجمعة 6.00 م

سابعاً، برنامج احتفالات الشعانين وأسبوع الآلام وأحد القيامة، وما تتضمنه من رتب وزيّاحات سنقام بحسب البرنامج التالي:

- أحد الشعانين القدّاس ورتبة تبريك الأغصان

السبت 4 نيسان 2020 الساعة 4.00 م باللغة الإنجليزيّة

الأحد 5 نيسان 2020 الساعة 8.00 ص باللغة العربيّة

الساعة 9.00 ص باللغة الإنجليزيّة

الساعة 11.30 ص باللغتين الإنجليزيّة والعربيّة

- أسبوع الآلام

الإثنين 6 نيسان 2020 رتبة الوصول إلى الميناء يليها قداس 6.00 م

الأربعاء 8 نيسان 2020 قداس + رتبة القنديل 6.00 م

الخميس 9 نيسان 2020 (خميس الأسرار) قداس الساعة 6.00 م يليه ساعة سجود

الجمعة 10 نيسان 2020 (الجمعة العظيمة) سجدة الصليب

3.00 م باللغة الإنجليزيّة - 6.00 م باللغة العربيّة

- أحد القيامة (مراجعة برنامج أحد الشعانين)

أطلّ علينا هذا الصوم بحلّة إستثنائيّة هذه السنة ولكن نحن مدعوون إلى نبذ الخوف والتحلّي بالإيمان. فلنتحدّ بالصلاة متكلين على رحمة الله وحنانه. لنصلّ بحرارة في بيوتنا حتّى يُبعد الله عنّا شرّ الآفات والأوبئة. "عليكم نعمة ربنا يسوع المسيح" (1 تس 5/28).

سلام الرّب يسوع المسيح

الخوري ايلي مخايل— الخوري أندراوس الطبشي- المجلس الرعيّ

"هلم يا شعبي وادخل مخدعك، واغلق مخدعك، وأغلق أبوابك عليك. توارّ قليلاً إلى أن يجوز السُخْط" (أش 26/20)