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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
pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

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:

rectry@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Deacon Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

6TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION

الأحد السادس من القيامة المجيدة

Sat	May. 16	4:00 PM	For: + David Mansor <i>By Anja Dupart</i>
Sun	May. 17	8:00 AM	For: Kamal & Mireille Azzi (Anniversary)
		9:00 AM	For: + Robert & Sheila Gurka <i>By Judy Gurka, Jessica & Jeremy Hall, Phyllis Touma and Gurka Brothers</i>
		11:30 AM	For: In Honor of Monica Abou—Ezzi (Graduation) <i>By Her Family</i>
Mon	May. 18	9:00 AM	For: Graziella Alphonse Saroufim <i>Her sister Guita Bou Habib & Family</i>
Tue	May. 19	9:00 AM	For: Jenny El-Helou (Birthday) <i>By Her Parents Tony And Jeanette & Siblings: John and Jessica El Helou</i>
Wed	May. 20	9:00 AM	For: Richard & Terry Habib (Anniversary)
			ASCENCION THURSDAY
Thu	May. 21	9:00 AM	For: Dr. Pierre & Jennifer Abou Ezzi (Anniversary)
Fri	May. 22		NO Liturgy

7TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION

الأحد السابع من القيامة المجيدة

Sat	May. 23	4:00 PM	For: + Ida Thomas <i>By Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Saba Jr.</i>
Sun	May. 24	8:00 AM	For: Youssef & Mona Khoder (Anniversary) <i>By their family</i>
		9:00 AM	For: + Thomas Tarness <i>By his wife Sue and family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: + Greta Cherfane <i>By Her children: Carine Sadek, Marwan Cherfane , Danielle Maalouf , their spouses and their children</i>
			For: + Elia & Antoinette Khoury and Boutros Merheb <i>By Walid and Mona Khoury and their Children</i>



We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers O glorious and blessed Virgin.

تحت ظل حمايتك نلتجئ يا والدة الله القديسة فلا تغفلي عن طلباتنا عند احتياجنا إليك. لكن نجينا دائماً من جميع المخاطر. أيتها العذراء المجيدة المباركة.

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LIVE STREAM OF LITURGIES, ADORATION AND ROSARY

- ⇒ SATURDAY 4:00 PM LITURGY
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM LITURGIES
- ⇒ ROSARY : WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM—ADORATION – THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM
- ⇒ ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES: VIRTUAL MEETINGS

BIBLE STUDIES

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

PARISH BUILDING MAINTENANCE COSTS:

\$ 55,764.75

We owe it all to the generosity and unconditional support of our parishioners.

- 1) **Church Lobby HVAC UNIT -\$10,725.00:**
Changing the HVAC Unit due to gas leak
- 2) **Rectory Flat Roof—\$7,800.00:** Water Damage and Leak into the Office-Kitchen and Dining Room
- 3) **Rectory, Office, Kitchen & Garage Leak inside Damage Repair: \$10,600.00**
- 4) **Rectory AC Unit & Installation: \$6,789.75**
- 5) **Installing Chair Lift -\$5,285.00:** Choir Loft
- 6) **Re-Piping Boiler Area : \$19,850.00**

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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.

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

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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

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WELCOME: Formed.org has been purchased by our parish for you, as a parishioner, to enjoy a multitude of media, at no cost to you! It includes movies, documentaries, books, audiobooks, podcasts, study materials, and so much more!

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.

EPISTLE READING - Letter to the Romans 10,1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL READING - Saint Luke 24,36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

CONGRATULATIONS: To Elias El Achi and Clara Saade on their newly born baby: **Christian S. El Achi.**

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

- May 18:** Nicholas Abdilmasih, Diana Feghali,
Rita Geha, Mona Khoder, Michael
Naddif, Tanos Sadek
- May 19:** Chirine Atallah, Marwan Dahbour,
Jenny El-Helou, Jesse Plouffe
- May 20:** Amal Najjar, Katheryn Saade
- May 22:** Abdo Bouraphael, Lauren Corey,
Elaine Daher, Giovanna Lalo
- May 23:** Rabih Eid, Tamara Tannoury
- May 24:** Albert Khoury, Mary Saab

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

- May 10:** Khoury, Brian & Karri
- May 19:** Haddad, Moussa & Minerva
Kanaan, Simon & Jocelyn
- May 20:** Abdelnour, Gaby & Marlene, Feghali,
Edgard & Joumana - Plouffe, Jesse & Jennifer
- May 21:** Habib, Richard & Terry
- May 22:** Ryan, William & Christine
- May 23:** Shepherd, Mark & Nancy
- May 24:** Abou Ezzi, Pierre & Jennifer
Khoder, Youssef & Mona

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 1:10-13

يا إخوتي، إنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةً لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا.» «أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَآمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَّاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لا يُخْرَى.» «فَلا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.»

إنجيل القديس لوقا 36:24-48

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلَسَلَامُ لَكُمْ!». «فَارْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَطْفُونُ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بَالَكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». «قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». «فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدَ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كَتَبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ.» «حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَّ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَيَأْسُمُهُ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.»

CONDOLENCES

+Charles Tarness Family: Georgette (Azzi) Tarness; his children Eleanor Tarness; Pauline (Tarness) Jesionowski and her husband Mike Jesionowski; Matthew Tarness and his wife Melissa Tarness

+Pat McKeever (Parish Secretary) Daughters: Jen and her husband Jesse Recinos, Courtney and her husband Jeff Parker, her grand-children: Zachary, Emily, Sophe, Beatrix and Samantha

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

LEFT & RIGHT Sanctuary Lamps will burn

*In Honor of Monica Abou Ezzi
(Graduation)*

By Her Parents: Dr. George & Mirna Abou Ezzi, Her Siblings: Marc, Michael & Mia

**The Pope's April Intentions for 2020 -
Freedom from Addiction**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

ST THERESA PARISH IN METHUEN INVITES YOU:

Monday May 18th-Praise Music Night

Bernie Choiniere and Lori McLaughlin .

Available to watch via our website

www.olgcp parish.com and Facebook

“ALAA Scholarship Banquet has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scholarships will still be awarded, details will be shared with recipients as they become available.”
Scholarship Committee

LEAVING PEACE BEHIND AS OUR FAREWELL GIFT *By Ronald Rolheiser*

There is such a thing as a good death, a clean one, a death that, however sad, leaves behind a sense of peace. I have been witness to it many times. Sometimes this is recognized explicitly when someone dies, sometimes unconsciously. It is known by its fruit.

I remember sitting with a man dying of cancer in his mid-fifties, leaving behind a young family, who said to me: “I don’t believe I have an enemy in the world, at least I don’t know if I do. I’ve no unfinished business.” I heard something similar from a young woman also dying of cancer and also leaving behind a young family. Her words: “I thought that I’d cried all the tears I had, but then yesterday when I saw my youngest daughter I found out that I had a lot more tears still to cry. But I’m at peace. It’s hard, but I’ve nothing left that I haven’t given.” And I’ve been at deathbeds other times when none of this was articulated in words, but all of it was clearly spoken in that loving awkwardness and silence you often witness around deathbeds. There is a way of dying that leaves peace behind.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives a long farewell speech at the Last Supper on the night before he dies. His disciples, understandably, are shaken, afraid, and not prepared to accept the brute reality of his impending death. He tries to calm them, reassure them, give them things to cling to, and he ends with these words: I am going away, but I will leave you a final gift, the gift of my peace.

I suspect that almost everyone reading this will have had an experience of grieving the death of a loved one, a parent, spouse, child, or friend, and finding, at least after a time, beneath the grief a warm sense of peace whenever the memory of the loved one surfaces or is evoked. I lost both of my parents when I was in my early twenties and, sad as were their farewells, every memory of them now evokes a warmth. Their farewell gift was the gift of peace.

In trying to understanding this, it is important to distinguish between being wanted and being needed. When I lost my parents at a young age, I still desperately wanted them (and believed that I still needed them), but I came to realize in the peace that eventually settled upon our family after their deaths that our pain was in still wanting them and not in any longer needing them. In their living and their dying they had already given us what we needed. There was nothing else we needed from them. Now we just missed them and, irrespective of the sadness of their departure, our relationship was complete. We were at peace.

The challenge for all of us now, of course, is on the other side of this equation, namely, the challenge to live in such a way that peace will be our final farewell gift to our families, our loved ones, our faith community, and our world. How do we do that? How do we leave the gift of peace to those we leave behind?

Peace, as we know, is a whole lot more than the simple absence of war and strife. Peace is constituted by two things: harmony and completeness. To be at peace something has to have an inner consistency so that all of its movements are in harmony with each other and it must also have a completeness so that it is not still aching for something it is missing. Peace is the opposite of internal discord or of longing for something we lack. When we are not at peace it is because we are experiencing chaos or sensing some unfinished business inside us.

Positively then, what constitutes peace? When Jesus promises peace as his farewell gift, he identifies it with the Holy Spirit; and, as we know, that is the spirit of charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, fidelity, mildness, and chastity.

How do we leave these behind when we leave? Well, death is no different than life. When some people leave anything, a job, a marriage, a family, or a community, they leave chaos behind, a legacy of disharmony, unfinished business, anger, bitterness, jealousy, and division. Their memory is felt always as a cold pain. They are not missed, even as their memory haunts. Some people on the other hand leave behind a legacy of harmony and completeness, a spirit of understanding, compassion, affirmation, and unity. These people are missed but the ache is a warm one, a nurturing one, one of happy memory.

Going away in death has exactly the same dynamic. By the way we live and die we will leave behind either a spirit that perennially haunts the peace of our loved ones, or we will leave behind a spirit that brings a warmth every time our memory is evoked.