



KEEP YOUR FIRE BURNING

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 DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon Michael Charchaflian
Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

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.



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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 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



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS - الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

Sat	Oct. 17 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Romans Nammour <i>By his wife, Children and their families</i>
Sun	Oct. 18 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	Private Intention
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: + 40 day Memorial - Joseph Abi Issa <i>By Manal Khoury</i>
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Unborn baby - Pio <i>By Rita Touma</i>
Mon	Oct. 19	9:00 AM	For: Lola Abi Khalil <i>By Ajia Elia</i>
Tue	Oct. 20	9:00 AM	For: +Parents Barbara & Antonio, +Brothers John, All, + Larry's Parents <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Wed	Oct. 21	9:00 AM	For: Andy & Micheline Dabrowski <i>By Ajia Elia</i>
Thu	Oct. 22	9:00 AM	For: + Antoine Asmar and for the continued health of Tony Youness <i>By Ajia Elia</i>
		9:30AM-12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Oct. 23		No Liturgy

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS - الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب

Sat	Oct. 24 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: Private Intentions
Sun	Oct. 25 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: + 1 Year Anniversary - Nabil Khalife <i>By his wife Samia, his sons and their families.</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: + Elias Azzi and the deceased members of his family
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<i>By his family</i>
			For: + 40 day Memorial - Nayfeh Abou Hamad & + Halim Abou Hamad <i>By their son Adel Abou Hamad and his family</i>

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PASTOR: Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Dear Parishioners

What a beginning of 2020 this has been. I can't recall a seminary class that could have prepared me for the challenges the Coronavirus and physical distancing brought to my 'normal life'. So, if you're feeling overwhelmed, afraid, angry, or in shock...I get it. So much feels and is different.

And yet some things remain: the abiding love of God, the connections of friendship, prayer and worship within our congregation, and our commitment to reach out in service to our neighbors.

Here at St. Anthony's, we are learning new ways to still be the Parish you treasure. From our Virtual Services to the revival of our ministries and Religious Education, we are striving to keep our Parish and our ministries alive. We don't need only a building to be church, but we do need each other to be St. Anthony's.

I want to thank you for your financial commitment to St. Anthony's. For those who have been donating during this pandemic, your gifts have helped sustain the faithful mission and ministries of our Parish. **Your support is critical to our sustainability.**

I hope your circumstances will enable you to continue your usual contributions. If they have changed, please know I understand. Please know that your donation, no matter its size, is deeply appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives.

Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

With gratitude,
Fr. Elie Mikhael

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.
4. Click on the name.
5. In the middle of the page, look for "Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"? **Click here.**
6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission.

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/

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" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by
phone: 978.685.7233

or by E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Our Parish welcomes Sister Marana Saad, a member of the Maronite Patriarchal Liturgical Committee and founder, president and music instructor at the Maronite Philokalia Institute.



St Anthony Parish will host Sr. Marana for three weeks (October 17 -November 5) to work with the 11AM Choir and forming a Youth Choir.

Would you like to join the Choir? Please Contact the rectory at 978.685.7233 or by email: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of the Altar

Meetings Schedule:

November 7 / December 5 (*none for January*) / February 6 / March 6 / April 3 / May 8

Training will cover:

- Wearing of masks
- Hand sanitizer
- Cleaning of acolyte candles and cross
- The new altar candles
- Personal robes and laundering
- Cleaning of crosses and cinctures
- Sign of peace
- Standing at lectern and pulpit

St. Anthony Knights of Mary ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/>

For Calendar and Health and Safety Protocols, Please Check our Website:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/>

Upcoming Session: November 7, 2020

Sessions will start at 5:15 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

1) **Arabic Sessions:**

Acts of the Apostles followed by *the Book of Revelation*. Wednesdays starting Oct. 14 2020 @ 7:00 PM

1) **English Sessions:**

A. **Acts of the Apostles.**

Wednesdays starting Oct. 14, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

B. **Book of Revelation.**

Tuesdays starting Oct. 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Remark: Registration fee is \$40.00, including workbook.

For more info and registration send an email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Saint Anthony Kids Choir

Registrations are open either by Contacting

Mr. Wissam Merheb @ 978. 853.5145

or by emailing the parish at

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



JOIN THE MYA AT OUR OCTOBER EVENT...

APPLE PICKING!

WHERE? SMOLAK FARMS

COST? \$10 PER PERSON

WHEN? SAT. 10/24 @ 2PM
MEET @ CHURCH @ 1:40PM



RSVP BY 10/22

RAMONA: (978) 350-2965



Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality group is putting together a Parish Cookbook! If you are interested in having a recipe featured (open to all!), please contact Bassima Aboujaoude (603-571-3003) or the Parish Office to submit your name and the dish you want to share!

Nov 1, 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends -Back 1 hour



Epistle: Letter to the Philippians 2:12-18

Brothers and sisters, Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel: Saint Matthew 25: 1 - 13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

- Oct 17:** Lena Bouchrouche, Grace Owaida
Oct 18: Nicholas El-Khoury, Frances Fram,
 Doreen Hamman, Richard Tahan
Oct 19: Rami Ata, Rayan Bourouphael, Carl Fiacchino
Oct 20: Phillip Bistany, Michael Davis, Elie Kazzi,
 Vanessa Khalife, Habouba Mouawad,
 Wissam I. Tarabay
Oct 21: Fadi Bouchrouche, Armani Fiato,
 Anthony Hayek, Georgio Kossaifi,
 Michael Merheb, Allan Ramey
Oct 22: Anthony Kassas, James Maroun,
 Norma Matar, James Pehl, Elie Tabet,
 Mounir Rizkallah, Matthew Tarness
Oct 23: Christopher Korbani, James Salem

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

- Oct 17:** James & Angela Khoury
Oct 18: William & Toni McKone
 Jean & Lara Kossaifi
Oct 19: Jihad & Georjina Maroun
 Charbel & Jeanette Maroun
Oct 20: Sleiman & Hala Ramy
Oct 21: Elie & Nelly Bouraphael
Oct 22: Pierre & Eugenie Sahyouni
Oct 23: Henry & Eleanor Abi-Moussa
 George & Cynthia Kazanjian



رسالة القديس إلى أهل فيلبّي 2:12-18

يا إخوتي، اعملوا لخلصكم بخوف ورعدة، كما أطعتم دائماً، لا في حضور فحسب، بل بالأحرى وبالأكثر الآن في غيابي. فالله هو الذي يجعلكم ثريون وتعملون بحسب مرضاته. افعّلوا كلّ شيءٍ بغير تذمّرٍ وجدالٍ، لكي تصيروا بسطاء لا لوم عليكم، وأبناءً لله لا عيب فيكم، وسط جيلٍ معوجٍ ومُحرّفٍ، نضيبون فيه كالنيرات في العالم، متمسكين بكلمة الحياة، لأفخاري في يوم المسيح، بأبي ما سعيت ولا تعبت باطلاً. لو أنّ دمي يراق على ذبيحة إيمانكم وخدمته، لكنت أفرح وأبتهج معكم جميعاً. فأفرحوا أنتم أيضاً وأبتهجوا معي

إنجيل القديس متى 25: 1-13

قال الرب يسوع: «يُشبه ملكوت السموات عشر عذارى أخذن مصابيحهنّ وخرجن إلى لقاء العريس، خمس منهنّ جاهلات، وخمس حكيّات. فالجاهلات أخذن مصابيحهنّ ولم يأخذن معهنّ زيتاً. أمّا الحكيمات فأخذن زيتاً في آنية مع مصابيحهنّ. وأبطأ العريس فنعسن جميعهنّ، ووقدن. وفي منتصف الليل، صارت الصيحة: هوذا العريس! أخرجوا إلى لقاءه! حينئذ قامت أولئك العذارى كلهنّ، وزين مصابيحهنّ. فقالت الجاهلات للحكيّات: أعطينا من زيتك، لأن مصابيحنا تنطفئ. فأجابت الحكيمات وقلن: قد لا يكفينا ويكفيكن. إذهبن بالأحرى إلى الباعة وأبتعن لكن. ولمّا ذهبن ليبتعن، جاء العريس، ودخلت المستعدّات إلى العرس، وأغلق الباب. وأخيراً جاءت العذارى الباقيات وقلن: يا رب، يا رب، افتح لنا! فأجاب وقال: الحق أقول لكن، إني لا أعرفكن! إسهرُوا إذًا، لأنكم لا تعلمون اليوم ولا الساعة.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT
Every Thursday 9:30 am- 12 pm

PUBLICATION OF BANS

SECOND WEEK:
ELIAS MELHEM AZZI
&
YULISSA A. RODRIGUEZ

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

SANCTUARY LAMPS WILL BURN IN
LOVING MEMORY OF:
ROMANOS NAMMOUR BY HIS WIFE,
CHILDREN AND FAMILY

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Oct 17: Beverly A. Kalil

Oct 18: Dorothy A. Habib

Oct 19: Romanos Nammour

Oct 20: Helen P. Wesela

Oct 21: Emily Mackor

Oct 22: Jennie Anne Daher - Marcia Garand



We have taken needed precautions to ensure the safety of our parishioners as we open the Church for worship

Upon Arrival:

- All church doors will be **opened wide** to avoid touching of door handles
- **Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+**, while inside the church. No one will be admitted without a mask, unless for health reasons.
- Masks (if needed) and **Hand Sanitizer are available at Church Entrance.**
- A **contact-less collection bin** has been placed in the foyer. Please drop your offering right into the bin.

During Liturgy:

- Every **other church pew is blocked off** to allow for physical distancing.
- The **center communion aisle has been marked with 6-ft markers** to allow for physical distancing.
- **Red Qurbono books have been removed.** All Liturgical texts are available online and throughout the church, you can find a **QR Code** that directs you to the online text for your convenience.
- Communion of the Eucharist may be received **on the hand** or by intinction on tongue.

Between Liturgies:

All church pews and doors will be sprayed down with **hospital-grade disinfectant.**



IN PURSUIT OF INNOCENCE

By Ronald Rolheiser

In the novel, *The Stone Angel*, Margaret Laurence describes a woman, Hagar Shipley, who, after overhearing a very unflattering comment about herself one day, goes into a public toilet and examines her face in a mirror. She's taken aback by what she sees, scarcely recognizing herself. What she sees in the mirror is a face grown old and hard in experience – bitter, cynical, full of disdain. There's nothing left in her face of the innocent child or young woman she once was and still imagines herself to be.

She's stunned and asks herself: How can this have happened? How can one, imperceptible to one's self, change and become so different, so cold, so lifeless, so devoid of freshness and innocence?

It can, and does, happen to all of us. Most of us have long ceased being the type of person that the child we once were would want to be friends with. In a word, we've lost a lot of our innocence and, with that, a lot of the freshness, wonder, and fire that we had when we were little. We pay a heavy price for that.

Towards the end of his life, the American Educator, Allan Bloom, wrote a book he entitled, *The Closing of the American Mind*. In it, he suggested that our perspective on life is narrowing, that our minds are in fact closing, and that what has perhaps contributed the most to this is precisely our progressive loss of innocence as we have grown more and more sophisticated.

For Bloom, innocence means chastity, not just sexual, but in every area of our lives. Chastity, for him, means experiencing things only if and when we can experience them in such a way that we remain integrated. In simple language, this means we lack chastity and we lose innocence whenever we have experiences that unglue us, psychologically, emotionally, spiritually, or sexually. Obviously a lot of healthy experiences, necessary to growth, will do that to us, but there are experiences that unravel a deeper, moral part of our being. It's these experiences that close our minds and harden our faces.

In Bloom's assessment, today many of us have lost too much of our innocence and this manifests itself both in a certain hardness and in a lack of idealistic fire inside of us. He coined a phrase for this – “erotically lame”. For him, there is a kind of sophistication that takes the fire out our eyes and out of our dreams and leaves us limping when we walk anywhere inside the arena of sublimity. We have already, he believes, become somewhat unglued.

How do we recover our innocence?

Adult innocence should not be confused with the natural innocence of a child. Children are innocent precisely because they are still children, naive, and inexperienced in life. For an adult, innocence, has to mean a certain “second naivete”, a “post-sophistication”, that has already accounted for experience. Childishness is not childlikeness. The former takes its root in naivete and lack of experience; the latter takes its root in an experience and a knowledge which is both wise and chaste enough to take on the wonder of a child.

How do the Gospels look on this? Jesus challenged us to innocence by inviting us to have both the heart of a child and the heart of a virgin. ... “Unless you have the heart of a child you will not enter the kingdom of Heaven.” “The Kingdom of heaven can be compared to ten virgins waiting for their bridegroom.”

For Jesus, the heart of a child is one that is fresh, receptive, full of wonder, and full of respect and the heart of a virgin is one that can live in in consummation, without experiencing the finished symphony. The child and the virgin both have to live inside a great patience because many of the things they intensely desire cannot not be had just yet. Both hearts may not test their God.

Deep down, we all still long for this. Just as any healthy child spontaneously longs for the experience of an adult, any healthy adult longs for the heart of a child. But it isn't easy to keep the heart of a child.

Innocence, Pulitzer-Prize winning author Annie Dillard suggests, “is not the prerogative of infants and puppies, and far less of mountains and fixed stars, which have no prerogatives at all. ... Like any other of the spirit's good gifts, it is there if you want it, free for the asking, as has been stressed by stronger words than mine. It is possible to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares: single-mindedly, driven by a kind of love, crashing over creeks, keening and lost in fields and forests, circling, vaulting over hedges and hills, wide-eyed, giving loud tongue all unawares to the deepest, most incomprehensible longing, a root-flame in the heart, and that warbling chorus resounding back from the mountains.”

It's time to pursue innocence as hounds pursue hares, single- mindedly, crashing over creeks, keening in lost fields, driven by a kind of love.