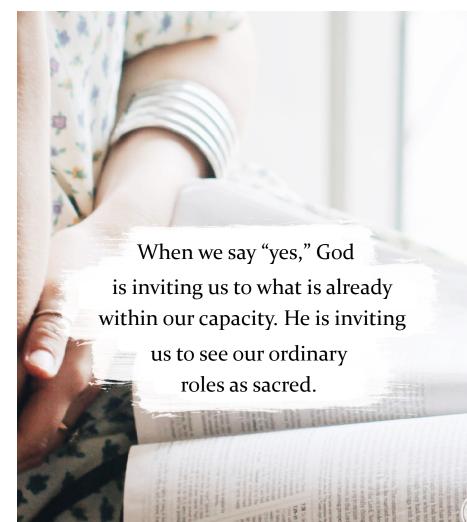
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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org MEET OUR PASTOR:

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305-807-9087 pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

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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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

أحد بشارة مريم العذراء - SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

Sat	Nov. 21 English	4:00 PM	For: + Albert Abraham & + Alice Abraham By Charles & Margaret Gaziano
Sun	Nov. 22 English	9:00 AM	For: + Penny and Toufy Ferris By Elaine Ferris
	Ara/Eng Church	11:00 AM	For: Georges, Helen and + Zeidan Ata By their Family
Mon	Nov. 23	9:00 AM	For: + Botros Bou Khalil, + Wadiaa Bou Khalil, and the souls in Purgatory By their daughter Lola Abou Khalil
Tue	Nov. 24	9:00 AM	For: +Renee, + Georgette, + Georges, + Joseph, + Tanos and + Elie Bou Khalil By their sister Lola Abou Khalil
Wed	Nov. 25	9:00 AM	For: + Georges and Mariam Abou Khalil By Their son Kozhaya and his wife Lola Abou Khalil
Thu	Nov. 26	9:00 AM	For: + Vicky Antoun, + Sabah Zoughaib and + Charbel Rafka Abou Khalil By Lola Abou Khalil
		9:30AM- 12N00n	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Nov. 27		No Liturgy
	أحد زيارة العذراء - SUNDAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH		
Sat	Nov. 28 English	4:00 PM	For: Private Intention
Sun	Nov. 29 English	9:00 AM	For: + Karam and Lina Asmar By the Asmar family
	Ara/Eng Church	11:00 AM	For: 40 Day Anniversary - Sabah Dagher By His wife Leila & Children: Charbel, Amal, Daad, Noura and their spouses and children



Venmo your Parish

1- Scan the QR code.

2- Choose the amount

3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made

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 <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u>

and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at **smile.amazon.com** or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates **amazon** smile



Generate donations for **Saint Anthony Maronite Church**, following these three easy steps:

1- Use this link <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2178891</u> to choose the Church as your favorite charity.

2- Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. Same products, same prices, same services as the Amazon you know.

3- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible

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:**

<u>stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/</u>

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
or by E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

COVID-19 Liturgies Schedules

Weekdays:

Monday & Wednesday @ 9:00 AM *(Arabic)* Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00 AM *(English)*

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 28, 2020

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

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : December 5



ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL AND SUBMIT THE COVID-19 QUESTIONAIARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY MEETING OR ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCH:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/covid-19questionnaire/

Weekends:

Saturday @ 4:00 PM (English) Sunday @ 9:00 AM (English) Sunday @ 11:00 AM (Arabic/English)

Weekly Spiritual Mezza

Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

Religious Education

The next class for Religious Education class will be held on

Saturday, December 5, from 5:15 -6:30.

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



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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 22: Raghida Naamani Nov 23: Olga Sarkis, Elena Zaarour, Danielle Zaza Nov 24: Joe Bou Saada, Christina Chedid, Julianne Jefferson, Zakhia Kosseifi, Maya Najjar Nov 25: George Maroun Nov 26: Christina Corey, Shannon Khoury, Lilliane Maroun, Pierre Silfani Nov 27: Evon Danus, Ronald Giantonio Nov 28: Anthony Chaya, George Chaya, Souad Moses, David Nehme

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov 24: Mounir & Ramona Bou-Mitri Jason & Julie Martino Nov 25: Radwan & May Maroun

IN REMEBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Nov 22: Nassif Abdo Nov 23: Vivian A. Ramy - Georges Z. Ata Nov 24: Maroun Y. Mouawad Nov 25: Sandra A. Nevins - Barbara Mae Farris



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday : 9:30am-12pm

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are meeting every Wednesday. For more info and registration send an email to: <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u>



The Maronite **Christmas Novena**

As we approach the birth of our Lord the Church offers us а unique and prayerful way to prepare for the event that changed the course of history.

The Maronite Christmas Novena takes place between December 15th and the 23rd. The daily prayers enrich our understanding of Jesus's Nativity and implore God to grant us the grace to be ready to welcome him in our midst.

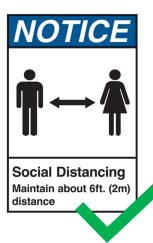
The Novena is held in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The daily Novena concludes with the blessing of the congregation with the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer for this time of pandemic

O Lord, thank you for this new day. In this time of uncertainty and sorrow I trust that You are with me leading me on Your way. You are my hope and my strength when all else fails. Give me the wisdom to see the world with Your eyers. I pray for the healing of all those who are affected by this virus. I pray for peace to all those who are concerned about what may come next.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.







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

<u>Upon Arrival:</u>

- All church doors will be **opened wide** to avoid touching of door handles
- <u>Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+</u>, 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.





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November 13, 2020

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Reverend Elie Mikhael Saint Anthony Church 145 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA 01841

Dear Father Elie and Faithful Parishioners of Saint Anthony Church:

Thank you for your donation of \$4,500 upon the occasion of the Eparchy of Saint Maron's Special Virtual Event on October 1, 2020.

This First-Ever Virtual Event was a beautiful occasion highlighted by the "presence" of our special honorees – our priests. It was uplifting and inspiring to hear their stories and thoughts about the Joy of their Priesthood. We also were delighted to have several special guests deliver messages in support of our event, such as Cardinal Timothy Dolan; His Eminence and Beatitude Bechara Peter Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and all of the East; and Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, the Pope's Representative to the United Nations. The program will also be available on the Eparchy's website for you to view, in case you missed it.

Your gift will help educate our seminarians, support parishes and missions in need, and assist retired priests and ministries of the Eparchy. Also, a portion of the proceeds of the Virtual Event will be dedicated to help the Church in Lebanon and the Middle East – of significant importance this year.

Thank you again for helping us make a difference in the life of the Maronite Church.

May God bless you for your generosity. Please remember me in your prayers. I will remember you in mine.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+Gregory John Mansour

Epistle: Letter to the Galatians 3:15-22

Brothers and sisters, I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been

ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, 'And to offsprings', as of many; but it says, 'And to your offspring', that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Gospel: Saint Luke 1: 26 - 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.'

But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.'

Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

> For you will certainly carry out God's purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John.

> > C. S. Lewis

الرسالة إلى أهل غلاطية 3: 15-22 يا إخوتي، كَبَشَرٍ أَقُول: إِنَّ الوَصِيَّة، وإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِلَى المَ المَ المَ عَلاطية 3: 15-22 إِنْسَان، إِذَا أُقِرَّتْ، لا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَو يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا.

فالوُعُودُ قِيْلَتْ لإِبْراهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. ومَا قِيْلَتْ: 'وولأَنْسَالِهِ'، كأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِين، بَلْ 'وَلِنَسْلِكَ'، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِد، وهُوَ المسيح! فأَقُولُ هذا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةً سَبَقَ اللهُ فأَقَرَّهَا، لا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وتَلاثِينَ سَنَة، فَتُبْطِلُ الوَعْد. وإِذَا كَانَ المِيرَاتُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَة، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الوَعْد؛ والحَالُ أَنَّ اللهَ بِوَعْدٍ أَنْعَمَ بِالمِيرَاتِ على إبرَاهِيم.

إِذًا فَلِمَاذَا الشَّرِيعَة؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيفَتْ بَسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِيَ، حَتَّى مَجيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذي جُعِلَ الوَعْدُ لَهُ. وقَدْ أَعْلَنَهَا مَلائِكَةٌ على يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسى. غيرَ أَنَّ الوَاحِدَ لا وَسيطَ لَهُ، واللهُ واحِد!

إِذًا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وُعُودِ الله؟ حاشًا! فَلَو أُعْطِيَتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُحْيي، لَكَانَ التَّبْرِيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَة. ولكِنَّ الكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الكُلَّ تَحْتَ الخَطِيئَة، لِكَيْمَا بالإِيْمَانِ بيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الوَعْدُ للَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُون.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 26-38 وفي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِس (بعد بشارة زكريًا)، أُرْسِلَ المَلاكُ جِبْرَ ائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ في الجَلِيلِ ٱسْمُهَا

النَّاصِرَة، إلى عَذْرَاءَ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاودَ ٱسْمُهُ يُوسُف، وٱسْمُ العَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَم. ولَمَّا دَخَلَ المَلاكُ إلَيْهَا قَال: ''أَلسَّلامُ عَلَيْكِ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةً نِعْمَة، أَلرَّبُّ مَعَكِ!.''

فَٱصْطَربَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلامِهِ، وأَخَذَتْ تُفَكِّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هذا السَّلام! فَقَالَ لَهَا المَلاك: ‹لا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَم، لأَنَّكِ وَجَدْتِ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ الله. وهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وتَلِدِينَ ٱبْنًا، وتُسَمِّينَهُ يَسُوع. وهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وٱبْنَ العَليِّ يُدْعَى، ويُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الإلهُ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيه، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إلى الأَبَد، ولا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَايَة!.''

فَقالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلمَلاك: "كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هذا، وأَنَا لا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلاً؟." فأَجَابَ المَلاكُ وقالَ لَهَا: "أَلرُّوحُ القُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكِ، وقُدْرَةُ العَلِيِّ تُطَلِّلُكِ، ولِذلِكَ فالقُدُّوسُ المَوْلُودُ مِنْكِ يُدْعَى اَبْنَ الله! وهَا إِنَّ إِلِيصَابَاتَ نَسِيبَتَكِ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بِآبْنِ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِها. وهذا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللهِ أَمْرُ مُسْتَحِيلٍ!."

فقَالَتْ مَرْيَم: "هَا أَنا أَمَةُ الرَّبّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ! " و ٱنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِها المَلاك.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN IN BIRTHDAY REMEMBBRANCE OF ROSANNA DARGONIAN BY HER DAUGHTERS JANICE GRAY AND LINDA KALIL