

DO NOT BE AFRAID,
*for your prayer
is heard.*

LUKE 1:13



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 PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Fr. Manuel Rahme...978-873-5363...pv@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*



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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

SUNDAY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - أحد مولد يوحنا

Sat	Dec. 5 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i> + Marianne Merritt <i>By the Demers Family</i>
Sun	Dec. 6 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: + Irene Gloria Demoulas <i>By Carl & Sylvie Faris</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Antoine Karam Asmar & + Michelle Antoine Asmar <i>By Nada Asmar</i>

VIGIL LITRUGY-FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mon	Dec. 7	7:00 PM	For: Marie-Christine Elia & Carine Elia <i>By their sister Ajia Elia</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
Tue	Dec. 8	9:00 AM	For: N'oula and Jocelyne Abi Haydar and their family <i>By Ajia Elia</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Wed	Dec. 9	9:00 AM	For: + Thomas S. Kattar <i>By his daughters Donna and Christine Kattar</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Thu	Dec. 10	9:00 AM	For: +Parents Barbara & Antonio, +Brothers John, All, + Larry's Parents <i>By Dora Pereira</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
		9:30AM-12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Dec. 11		No Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE REVELATION TO ST. JOSEPH - أحد البيان ليوسف

Sat	Dec. 12 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Sun	Dec. 13 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: + May Gabriel—1st Year Anniversary <i>By her husband Scottie, her children and family</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>



Donations (per Poinsettias): \$15

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CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Due to the Pandemic crisis time we are living and for the safety of our parishioners, the Christmas Divine Liturgies will be distributed and celebrated as follow:

Christmas Vigil Liturgies:

- 4PM: Main Sanctuary—English
- 4PM: Parish Hall—English (*Only if needed*)

Midnight Liturgies will be canceled due to the curfew mandated by the State of Massachusetts

Christmas Day Liturgies:

- 9AM: Main Sanctuary—Arabic
- 11AM: Main Sanctuary—Arabic & English
- 11AM: Parish Hall—Arabic & English
(*Only if needed*)

Daily Liturgies Intentions

Starting Monday November 30, 2020 weekday liturgies will resume according to our schedule. All Weekly Liturgies intentions from month of November will be transferred to the weekly liturgies in December. We apologize for the double booking of the liturgies intentions.



Christmas Novena

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

The Christmas Novena takes place between December 15th and the 23rd at 7PM.

The Novena will be also transmitted Live.

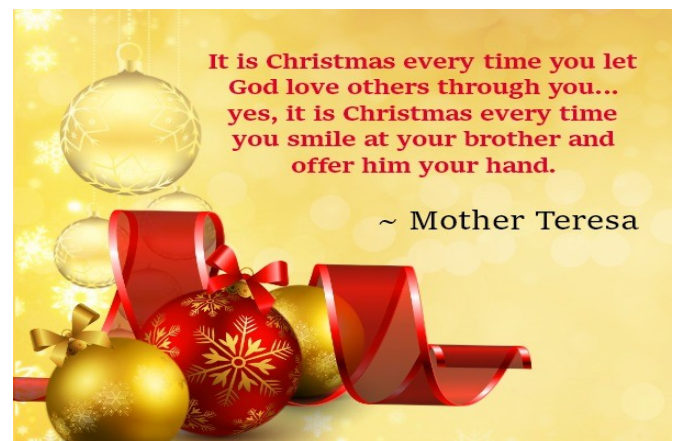
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- 1- Use this link smile.amazon.com/ch/o4-2178891 to choose the Church as your favorite charity.
- 2- Shop at smile.amazon.com. Same products, same prices, same services as the Amazon you know.
- 3- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.



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

Weekly Spiritual Mezza

Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

St. Anthony Knights of Mary

The Upcoming session for December have been canceled due to the increase of COVID cases.
Your safety is our priority

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/>

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6



**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

Religious Education

Hello Religious Education Families!!!!

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.
The Religious Ed team has decided that **our first virtual class was so successful, we want to continue for our next class on December 5.**

Teachers will be sending links for their classes this week. Be on the lookout in your email. It will be through google meets.

We are so fortunate that we can continue our ministry of spiritual education for our children. Your support of this is so greatly appreciated.



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 Bas-sima Aboujaoude (603-571-3003) or the Parish Office to submit your name and the dish you want to share!



Venmo your Parish

1- Scan the QR code.

2- Choose the amount

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

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.

For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Or by visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do.

By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings.

Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

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



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.**

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

www.stanthonylawrence.org/covid-19-questionnaire/



Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic

Should I come to Liturgy?

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website www.cdc.gov.

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#). Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00am .

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is when we are seated in the pew and when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask or other facial covering below their chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding "Amen," the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering.

What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing

Epistle: Letter to the Galatians 4:21-31,5:1

Brothers and sisters, Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Gospel: Saint Luke 1: 26 - 38

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 6: Ayiman Ata, George Maroun,
Lisa Prezzano, Paul Tridenti
Dec 7: Karen Daher, Paige Frias,
Abigail Karam, Paul Sadek
Dec 8: Jennie Abdallah, Edith Maroun
Dec 9: Richard Habib, Thomas Hatem,
Amanda Iskander, Maroun Kanaan
Dec 10: Monica Abou-Ezzi, John Belko,
Wissam AbouKhalil, Paulina Eid,
Jaret Farhat, Robert Hamman,
Lucas Levy, Maureen Tridenti
Dec 11: Kozhaya Abou Khalil, Rayan Alghoul

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 12: Tanya Abdilmasih, William Gabriel,
Roland Parent, Colette Sadek

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Dec 6: Hervey J. St. Hilaire - Charles M. Buyck
Eva Saba
Dec 7: Peter Gabriel Jr.
Dec 8: George J. Elias
Dec 9: Margaret F. Caram
Dec 10: James J. Elias
Dec 11: Ronnie J. Ganem
Dec 12: George R. Daher - Bernard Hassan
Agnes Ghassibi



يا إخواني، قولوا لي، أنتم الذين تريدون أن تكونوا في حكم الشريعة، أما تسمعون

الرسالة إلى أهل غلاطية 4: 21-31، 5: 1

الشريعة؟ فإنه مكتوب: كان لإبراهيم ابنان، واحد من الجارية، وواحد من الحرّة. أما الذي من الجارية فقد ولد بحسب الجسد، وأما الذي من الحرّة فبقوة الوعد. وفي ذلك رمز: فسارة وهاجر تمثلان عهدين، عهدًا من جبل سيناء يلد للعبودية، وهو هاجر؛ لأن هاجر هي جبل سيناء الذي في بلاد العرب، وتوافق أورشليم الحالية، لأنها في العبودية هي وأولادها. أما أورشليم العليا فهي حرّة، وهي أمنا؛ لأنه مكتوب: "إفرحي، أيّتها العاقرة التي لم تلد؛ إندفعي بالترنيم وصرخي، أيّتها التي لم تتمخض؛ لأن أولاد المهجورة أكثر من أولاد المتزوجة." أما أنتم، أيها الإخوة، فإنكم أولاد الوعد مثل إسحق. ولكن، كما كان حينئذ المولود بحسب الجسد يضطهد المولود بحسب الروح، فكذلك الآن أيضًا. ولكن ماذا يقول الكتاب؟ "أطرد الجارية وأبنها، لأن ابن الجارية لا يرث مع ابن الحرّة." إذا، أيها الإخوة، لسنا أولاد جارية، بل أولاد الحرّة. إن المسيح قد حررنا لنبقى أحرارًا. فانبثوا إذا ولا تعودوا تخضعون لنير العبودية.

تم زمان إيصابات لتلد، فولدت ابنًا. وسمع جيرانها وأقاربها أن الرب قد عظم رحمته لها، ففرحوا معها.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 57-66

وفي اليوم الثامن جاؤوا ليخبتوا الصبي، وسموه باسم أبيه زكريا. فأجابت أمه وقالت: "لا! بل يسمى يوحنا!" فقالوا لها: "لا أحد في قرابتك يدعى بهذا الاسم." وأشاروا إلى أبيه ماذا يريد أن يسميه. فطلب لوحًا وكتب: "اسمه يوحنا!" فتعجبوا جميعهم. وأنفتح فجأة فم زكريا، وأنطق لسانه، وجعل يتكلم ويبارك الله، فاستولى الخوف على جميع جيرانهم، وتحدثت الناس بكل هذه الأمور في كل جبل اليهودية. وكان كل من سمع بذلك يحفظه في قلبه قائلاً: "ما عسى هذا الطفل أن يكون؟" وكانت يد الرب حقًا معه.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 12: Abdullah & Yolla Harb

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