

Let us allow ourselves
to be “infected” by the
silence of Saint Joseph!
We have much need of
it in a world which is
often too noisy, which
does not encourage
reflection and listening
to the voice of God.

—Pope Benedict XVI



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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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 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: + Elias Saab <i>By his Family</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Mon	Dec. 14	9:00 AM	For: + Botros Bou Khalil, + Wadiaa Bou Khalil, and the souls in Purgatory <i>By their daughter Lola Abou Khalil</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Tue	Dec. 15	9:00 AM	For: + Renee, + Georgette, + Georges, + Joseph, + Tanos and + Elie Bou Khalil <i>By their sister Lola Abou Khalil</i> + Parents Barbara & Antonio, + Brothers John, All, + Larry's Parents <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Wed	Dec. 16	9:00 AM	For: + Georges and Mariam Abou Khalil <i>By Their son Kozhaya and his wife Lola Abou Khalil</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>
Thu	Dec. 17	9:00 AM	For: + Vicky Antoun, + Sabah Zoughaib and + Charbel Rafka Abou Khalil <i>By Lola Abou Khalil</i> In Honor of Elaine Marie Antoine Asmar <i>for her Birthday</i> <i>By her mother Nada Asmar</i>
		9:30AM-12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Dec. 18		No Liturgy

GENEALOGY SUNDAY - أحد النسبة

Sat	Dec. 19 <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	For: + Joseph Nammour <i>By his son George Nammour</i>
Sun	Dec. 20 <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	For: + Rose L. Yameen <i>By The Family</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: 40 Day-Mtanos Aad <i>(died in Lebanon) By his daughter Salam Wife of Mr. Joseph Abou Rizk</i> + Georges & Berthe Cherfane <i>By their Children and families</i> + Antoine Karam Asmar <i>By his wife Nada Asmar</i>



We Welcome our new Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Manuel Rahmeh

Our Parish welcome Fr. Manuel, an ordained priest from the Maronite Diocese of Antelias, Lebanon. He has been assigned by Bishop Mansour as Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony.

Join us in welcoming him and making him feel right at home.



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.

Join us for the Novena starting Tuesday Dec. 15 @ 7:00 PM. It will also be transmitted live on our [Facebook page](#).



**Adorn St. Anthony's Altar
With Christmas Poinsettias**

**In Honor or In Loving Memory of
Your Loved Ones**

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*)
- 6PM: Main Sanctuary

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)

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 Ed Families.

Thank you to all who supported the efforts of our teachers by joining us for class virtually Saturday.

Our next class is December, 19th at 5:15.
Please keep an eye out next week for an email with more details.

Stay well,

Religious Ed Team



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!

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at smile.amazon.com
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Generate donations for **Saint Anthony Maronite Church**, following these three easy steps:

- 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.



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 Ephesians 3:1-13

Brothers and sisters, This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Gospel: Saint Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

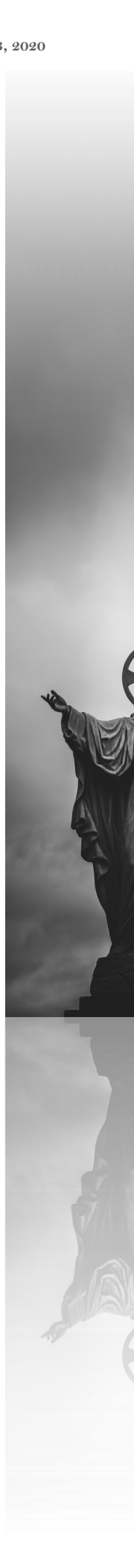
- Dec 13:** Yolla Harb, Hadi Raad
- Dec 14:** Nicole Jacobs, Linda Shadeed,
Willis David Thompson
- Dec 15:** Elie Najem
- Dec 16:** Joseph Abdulla, Ronald Abraham,
Joshua Belko, Mila Motta, Elie Nehme
- Dec 17:** Eliane Asmar, Jacob Geha,
Maureen Ann Thompson
- Dec 18:** Barbara Bistany, Georgio Cherfane,
Abigail Coffill, Maxwell Khoury
- Dec 19:** Martha Dow, Ross Jefferson,
Mark Tannoury

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Dec 18:** John & Patricia Thomas

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

- Dec 13:** Evelyn Habib Macoul - Jennie V. Assad
- Dec 14:** William J. Hatem - Alice A. Owen
Naimy Lees
- Dec 15:** Cecile J. Assad
- Dec 17:** Rose Libous Yameen
- Dec 18:** Youssef N. Kaissar - Elisa Ganem
Gloria Hatem



يا إِخْوَتِي، يا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أُسِيرَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ **الرسالة إلى أهل أفسس 3: 1-13**
مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمَّم. إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ
الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بَوَّحِي أُطْلَعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِجَازٍ مِنْ
قَبْلِ، حِينِيذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تُدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ
يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ
وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأُمَّمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ،
بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلِ
قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرَ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَوَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأُمَّمَ بِغَنَى
الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي
اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ
فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ
رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا
تَضْعُفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضَّيِّقَاتِ الَّتِي أَعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ **إنجيل القديس متى 1: 18-25**
مَخْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجِدَتْ حَامِلًا
مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشَهَّرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطَلِّقَهَا
سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنْ فَكَّرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَاءَى لَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلْمِ قَائِلًا: "يَا يُوسُفُ بَنَ
دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ امْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ
تَلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ." وَحَدَّثَتْ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا
قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتَلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّا نُوَيْلَ، أَيُّ اللَّهُ مَعَنَا.
وَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ امْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ
ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN IN HONOR OF
 MONICA ABOU EZZI—BIRTHDAY
 BY HER LOVING FAMILY

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