

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Happy  
New Year*



#### 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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

#### MEET OUR PRIESTS:

*Fr. Elie Mikhael ....305-807-9087....* [pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...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*



#### 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

### THE FINDING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE - أحد وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

**Sat Jan. 02** 4:00 PM **For: + John Thomas** By his wife Phyllis Thomas, his children: John and Christine their spouses and his grand-children  
*English*

**Sun Jan. 03** 9:00 AM **For: + May Khoury** *By her loving Family*  
*English*

*Ara/Eng* 11:00 AM **For: Private Intentions**  
*Church*

**Mon Jan. 04** 9:00 AM **For: + Nakhle, Victoria, Jean and Joseph Jabbour**  
*By Kamil and Mona Hbaiter and their family*

### Epiphany of the Lord - عيد الدنح المجيد

**Tue Jan. 05** 4:00PM *(English)*  
7:00 PM *(Arabic)* **For: + Good Health and Prosperity of the Parishioners**  
*By The Parochial Team*

**Wed Jan. 06** 9:00AM *(English)*  
7:00 PM *(Arabic)* **For: + Good Health and Prosperity of the Parishioners**  
*By The Parochial Team*

**Thu Jan. 07** 9:00 AM **For: + Rocco Calabria** By Christian Hbaiter

**Fri Jan. 08** No Liturgy

### First Sunday after Epiphany - الأحد الأوّل بعد الدنح

**Sat Jan. 09** 4:00 PM **For: Private Intention**  
*English*

**Sun Jan. 10** 9:00 AM **For: The Assad—Coury family** By Sheryl Coury  
*English*

*Ara/Eng* 11:00 AM **For: + Therese Bou Mitri —40 Day Anniversary** *By her husband Antoine, her daughter Anabelle, her son Andre and family*  
*Church*

Epiphany liturgies will be open to the public and live streamed on the parish's [Facebook page](#). The new capacity limit is 25 or 85 people. If you are not capable of attending the epiphany liturgies **Blessed water bottles will be left in the vestibule in front of the office's front door for one week starting Wednesday January 6.**



**Venmo your Parish**

- 1- Scan the QR code.
- 2- Choose the amount
- 3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made towards. (e.g. Weekly Contribution, Energy needs...)

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

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/](http://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"X8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233

or by E-mail:

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

Or by visiting: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://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.

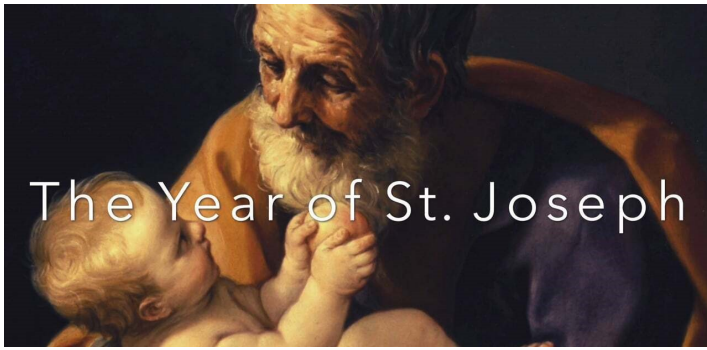
Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

**ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH**

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to [www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) and we will attach that to your loved one's record.



## The Year of St. Joseph

Prayer to Saint Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

*(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart") proclaiming a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.)*

### CONGRATULATION TO:

**Nina Santos**

Daughter of Joel Santos and Lauren Wlodyka who received the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation on Saturday December 26, 2020

### BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are resuming on Wednesday January 13, 2021.

**For more info send an email**

**to: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)**

## Religious Education

Next Session is on **January 9, 2021 @ 5:15 pm.**

Save the Dates - First Communion:

- **March 6, 2021** from 5:15 to 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communion.
- **May 1, 2021 @ 10:30 am:** First Communion Liturgy

## 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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)**

## Weekly Spiritual Mezza

**Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou**

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

## **St. Anthony Knights of Mary**

**Next Session Saturday, Jan. 16th, 2021**

**from 5:15 to 7:00 pm.**

**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**

**Resumes on January 14.**

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

*Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*



**The Circumcision of Jesus****Epistle: Letter to the Ephesians 2: 11-22**

**Brothers and sisters,** Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the

circumcision' a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**Gospel: Saint Luke 2: 21**

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**عيد ختانة الرب يسوع  
الرسالة إلى أهل أفسس 2: 11-22**

**يا إخواني، تذكروا، أنتم الوثنيين في الجسد سابقًا، المدعوين أهل عدم الختانة عند المدعوين أهل الختانة، بفعل اليد في الجسد، تذكروا أنكم كنتم في ذلك الوقت بدون مسيح، مبعدين عن رعية إسرائيل، وغرباء عن عهد الوعد، لا رجاء لكم في العالم ولا إله؛ أما الآن ففي المسيح يسوع أنتم الذين كنتم من قبل بعيدين، صرتم بدم المسيح قريبين. فإنه هو سلامنا، هو جعل الأثنين واحدًا، وفي جسده نقض الجدار الفاصل بينهما، أي العداوة، وأبطل شريعة الوصايا بما فيها من فرائض، ليخلق الأثنين في شخصه إنسانًا واحدًا جديدًا، بإخلاله السلام بينهما، ويصالحهما مع الله، كليهما في جسد واحد، بالصليب، قاتلاً فيه العداوة بينهما. فلما جاء بشركم بالسلام أنتم البعيدين، وبشر بالسلام القريبين، لأننا به نلنا نحن الأثنين في روح واحد الوصول إلى الأب. إذا فليستم بعد غرباء ولا نزلًا، بل أنتم أهل مدينة القديسين وأهل بيت الله، بنيتم على أساس الرسل والأنبياء، والمسيح يسوع نفسه هو حجر الزاوية. فيه يتماسك البناء كله، فيرتفع هيكلًا مقدسًا في الرب، وفيه أنتم أيضًا تبنون معًا مسكنًا لله في الروح.**

لَمَا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَّةُ أَيَّامٍ لِيُخْتَنَ الصَّبِيُّ، سُمِّيَ "يَسُوعَ"، كَمَا سَمَّاهُ الْمَلَاكُ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُحْبَلَ بِهِ فِي الْبَطْنِ.

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 21**

## CHRISTMAS AS SHATTERING THE CONTAINERS OF OUR EXPECTATIONS

*By Ronald Rolheiser*

Funny how God invariably shatters the containers of our expectations. We have a notion of how God should act and God ends up acting in a way that shatters all of those expectations and yet fulfills our expectations in a deeper way. That's certainly true of what happened in Bethlehem at the first Christmas. For centuries, men and women of faith, aware of their helplessness to rectify everything that's wrong in life, had been praying for God to come to earth as a Messiah, a Savior, to clean up the earth and right all that's wrong with it. Exactly how this was to happen was perhaps more of an inchoate longing for justice, a hungry hope, than any kind of clear vision, at least until the great Jewish prophets came along. Eventually prophets like Isaiah began to articulate a vision of what would happen when the Messiah came. In these visions, the Messiah would usher in a "Messianic Age", a new time, when everything would be made right. There would be prosperity for the poor, healing for the sick, freedom from every type of enslavement, and justice for all (including punishment for the wicked). The poor and the meek would inherit the earth because the long-sought Messiah would simply overpower all evil, drive the wicked off the face of the earth, and make all things right.

And after all those centuries of waiting, of longing, what did we get? What did we get? A helpless, naked baby, unable to feed himself. That wasn't the way anyone expected this to happen. They had expected a Superhuman, a Superstar, someone whose muscle, intellect, physical stature, invulnerability, and invincibility would simply dwarf all the powers on the planet in a way that there could be no argument, no resistance, no standing against its presence.

That's still the way, mostly, we fantasize how God's power should work in our world. But, as we know from the first Christmas, that's not normally the way God works. What was revealed in Bethlehem is that normally we meet the presence and power of God in our world as a helpless infant lying in the straw, vulnerable, seemingly powerless, touching us subliminally. Why? Why doesn't the all-powerful Creator of the universe flex more muscle? Why is God normally revealed more in the body of an infant than in that of Superstar? Why? Because the power of God works to melt hearts rather than break them, and that's what vulnerability and helplessness can do. That's what infants can do. God's power, at least God's power to draw us into intimacy with each other, doesn't normally work through might, muscles, and cool (invulnerability). It works through a lot of things, but it works with a special power through vulnerability and helplessness. Intimacy is predicated on vulnerability. You cannot overpower another person so as to make him or her love you, unless you overpower his or her heart the way an infant does. We can seduce each other through attractiveness, draw admiration through our talents, and intimidate each other through superior strength, but none of these will ultimately provide the basis for a shared community of life for long ... but the powerlessness and innocence of a baby can provide that.

God's power, like a baby sleeping in its crib, lies in our world as a quiet invitation, not as a threat or coercion. When Christ took on flesh in our world in Bethlehem two thousand years ago and then died seemingly helpless on a cross in Jerusalem some thirty years later, this is what was revealed: the God who is incarnated in Jesus Christ enters into human suffering rather than stands clear of it, is in solidarity with us rather than standing apart from us, manifests that the route to glory is downward rather than upward, stands with the poor and powerless rather than with the rich and powerful, invites rather than coerces, and is more manifest in a baby than in a superstar.

But that isn't always easy to grasp, nor accept. We are often frustrated and impatient with God who, as scripture tells, can seem slow to act. Jesus promised that the poor and the meek would inherit the earth and this seems forever belied by what's actually happening in the world. The rich are getting richer and the poor don't seem to be inheriting much. What good does a helpless infant do apropos to this? Where do we see messianic power acting?

Well, again the containers of our expectations need to be shattered. What does it mean "to inherit the earth"? To be a superstar? To be rich and famous? To have power over others? To walk into a room and be instantly recognized and admired as being significant and important? Is that the way we "inherit the earth"? Or, do we "inherit the earth" when a coldness is melted in our hearts and we are brought back to our primal goodness by the smile of a baby?

## Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic –Capacity %25

### ***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](http://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 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 present one hand resting on the palm of the other. Moving in front of one of the side alter the communicant pulls their mask or other facial covering below their chin and reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering and returns to their place.

### ***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 six feet of distance from others. You will not be permitted to congregate in the foyer, and no receptions or social gathering following Liturgy can be held.

**Epistle: Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19**

**Brothers and sisters,** If perfection had been attainable through the levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

**Gospel: Saint Luke 2: 41-52**

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Jan 03:** Cynthia Kazanjian, Della Khoury, Carine Mansour, Hitaf Nammour, Christine Abou Jaoude
- Jan 04:** Breanna Ata, Marie Daou, Robert Issa, Antoine Fadel, Jennifer Kayrouz, Charbel Maroun, Milad Salame
- Jan 05:** Sabine Atallah, Ryan Azzi, Huguette Sfeir
- Jan 06:** Siham Daher, Abdullah Harb, Joan Kalil, Charbel Kayrouz
- Jan 07:** Viviane Korbani
- Jan 08:** Karen Bishop, Patrick Mullen, Elizabeth Neheme

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Jan 09:** Camila Ata, Gloria Azzi, Nadim Daou, Wyatt Goldman, Jameson Khoury, Adele Maroun, Eleanor Souza

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Jan 03:** Timothy & Emily Getchell  
Elie & Kathleen Rahme  
Wissam I. & Kristin M. Tarabay
- Jan 06:** Fred & Christelle Abboud
- Jan 08:** Shaker & Giselle Asmar  
Gaby & Adele Maroun





**الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7: 11-19** يا إخوتي، لو كان الكمال قد تحقّق بالكهوت اللّوي، وهو أساس الشريعة التي أُعطيت للشعب، فأبي حاجة بعد إلى أن يقوم كاهن آخر على رتبة ملكيصادق، ولا يُقال "على رتبة هارون؟" فمتى تغيّر الكهوت، لا بدّ من تغيير الشريعة أيضًا. فالذي يُقال هذا في شأنه، أي المسيح، جاء من سبط آخر، لم يلزم أحد منه خدمة المذبح، ومن الواضح أن ربنا أشرق من يهوذا، من سبط لم يصفه موسى بشيء من الكهوت. ويزيد الأمر وضوحًا أن الكاهن الآخر الذي يقوم على مثال ملكيصادق، لم يفهم وفق شريعة وصية بشرية، بل وفق قوة حياة لا تزول. ويُشهد له: "أنت كاهن إلى الأبد، على رتبة ملكيصادق!" وهكذا يتمّ إبطال وصية الكهوت السابقة، بسبب ضعفها وعدم نفعها، لأن الشريعة لم تبلغ شيئًا إلى الكمال، ويتمّ أيضًا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به تقترب من الله.

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 41-52** كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى أورشليم. ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معًا كما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد انقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في أورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذ كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذًا يطلبانه بين الأقارب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى أورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسا بين العلماء، يسمعونهم ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعونهم منذهليلين بذكائه وأجوبته. ولما رآه أبواه بهتًا، وقالت له أمه: «يا ابني، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فها أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين!». «فقال لهما: «لماذا تطلبانني؟ ألا تعلمان أنه ينبغي أن أكون في ما هو لأبي؟». «أما هما فلم يفهما الكلام الذي كلمهما به. ثم نزل معهما، وعاد إلى الناصرة، وكان خاضعًا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

**Jan 03:** Seniora Rizk Youssef  
**Jan 04:** Jalili C. Azouri - Naameh A. Bouraphael  
**Jan 05:** Arlene C. Ganem - Celia J. Savastano  
 Jennie T. Mackraz - Sally Kellan  
 Mary T. Nassif -  
**Jan 06:** Lucy Nassif  
**Jan 07:** Helen W. Faris - Mary R. Hatem  
 Mary T. Samia - Julia Abdulla  
**Jan 08:** Sally M. Lahood

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN FOR  
PRIVATE INTENTION