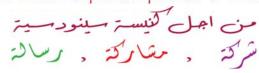


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You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony's Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

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DAILY LITURGIES MON (Arabic) / TUE (English) / WED (Arabic) / THU (English) 9 am WEEKEND LITURGIES:

SAT 4:00PM(*Eng.*) **SUN** 8:00AM (*Ara*) 9:00AM (*Eng.*) / 11:30AM (*Eng.*& Arabic)

Holy days of obligation: Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS M-TH 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / **FRI** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / **SAT** By Appointment

MEET OUR PRIEST: Fr. Elie Mikhael ... 305-807-9087... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

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



LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Revelation to Joseph أحد \ أسبوع ألبيان ليوسف

Saturday, December 11

4:00pm For: +Bomar Kramer, *By his wife, Barbara Kramer.*

Sunday, December 12 -Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas

8:00am +Boutros & Wadia Bou Khalil &
Deceased Members of their
family, Georges & Mariam
Abou Khalil, By Kozhaya &
Lola Abou Khalil.

9:00am For: +Joyce E. Richardson, By

Daad Cherabie & Family

11:30 am

For: +40 Day Anniversary Aida Chehab Tarabay, *By her daughter*, *Samo*, *wife of Mr. Elton McGray*.

For: +1st Year Anniversary - Jamileh Barbara Zaaraour, her sister, Salma Barbara Bechara, & Chafic Zaarour, By Georgina, wife of Jihad Maroun, Joumana, wife of Edgar Feghali, & their families.

Saturday, December 18

4:00pm For: +John Thomas, By his wife,
Phyllis, children, Christine
& John, their spouses &
grandchildren.

Sunday, December 19

8:00 am In Honor of Elianne Asmar, *Birthday*.

9:00 am For: The Religious Education, Coordinators, Teachers & Children.

11:30 am For: +George & Berthe Cherfane,

By their children & their families.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday, December 13

9:00am For: +Marleine M. Abdelnour, *By Nada & Elianne Asmar*.
7:00 pm Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 14-St Neemtallah

9:00am For: +Larry & Dora M. Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*.
7:00 pm Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 15

9:00am For: +Marleine M. Abdelnour, *By*Nada & Elianne Asmar.

7:00 pm Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 16

9:00am For: +Marleine M. Abdelnour, *By*Nada & Elianne Asmar.

7:00 pm Christmas Novena

Friday, December 17 NO LITURGY

7:00 pm Christmas Novena

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

Pastor's Collection December 25



Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

Poinsettias are \$15.00. Please make check payable to: *St Anthony Church*

Donated By:
Phone Number:
I In Memory of:
In Honor of:
In Thanksgiving for:
Number of Poinsettias:

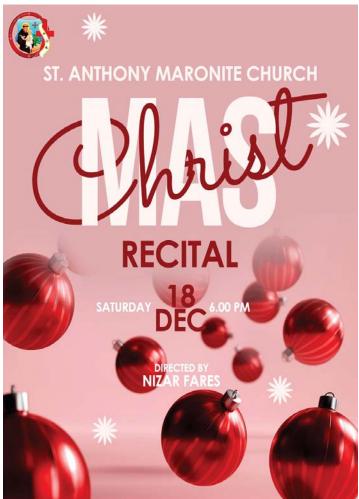
Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary.

Reminder: Please return this form to the church office by **Friday December 17th**, so that your dedication is included in the Christmas Bulletin. It is important that you **PRINT** your dedication **CLEARLY** in order to avoid errors. The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary and may be picked up after New Year's Liturgies.



Novenas are powerful. Novenas are not about praying for magic or about controlling outcomes. Novenas are about **opening us up to listen to God through prayer**. Novenas are about silencing the noise of life and focusing on what matters most in this life and the next: **our relationship with Christ**.

... It was once customary in ancient Rome to pray for the dead over the course of nine days to commit the soul to God's mercy. In fact, novenas originated from the nine days in which Mary and the Apostles waited in prayer between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.



CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE COMING SOON



THURSDAY FROM 9:30AM -12NOON

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Our parish is in the midst of a Spiritual Warfare, initiating a Prayer Mission for all Souls In Purgatory. Save a Soul by offering Liturgies & Sanctuary candles.

Saint Anthony's Men's Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Cocktails @ 6pm - Dinner @ 7pm

Tickets are \$45: dinner and prizes.

Contact:

Rod Pica 603-489-8363 rodpica@comcast.net

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Elias Azzi 978-651-1040 eliasazzi325@gmail.com

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christmas Liturgy Sunday, December 19 @ 9AM

Hello Religious Education Families.

Please be aware that there is a higher percentage of covid cases at this time. Although we cannot mandate masks, it is strongly urged & recommended you send your child with a mask to class.

Additionally, if your child is sick at all, please do not send them to class. We want everyone to remain healthy during this season, including the volunteer teachers who are here for your children every week.

December 19 will be a Liturgy at 9:00 for the children of Religious Education. This will be in leu of our participation in the annual pageant. We will also celebrate Christmas in our classrooms that day.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Susan and the Religious Ed Team *Lawrencereligioused@gmail.com*

Knights of Mary Please Note:

Sessions will resume in January.

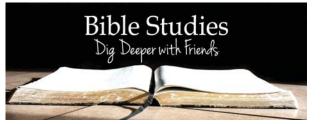
MYO (MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION)

Full Calendar of Events:

 $www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-{\it 3}/$

Next meeting: *December 19th 5-7PM*

COMING SOON !!!



OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

Our condolences to Salim El-Achi & Bassima Geha, along with their spouses & families, for the loss of their mother, Marie El-Tayar.

May she rest in peace & her memories be eternal.



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by his wife, Barbara Kramer.

MEET & GREET NEWLYWEDS 2019-2021

SAVE THE DATE!! Friday, January 21, 2022 @ 7PM

2021 TAX DOCUMENTS

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DAILY SAINTS

Saturday, Dec. 11:

St. Daniel the Stylite, C

Sunday, Dec. 12:

St. Spiridion the Wonderworker, C

Monday, Dec. 13:

St. Lucy, M

Tuesday, Dec. 14:

St. Nemtallah El-Hardini, C

Wednesday, Dec. 15:

St. Eleutherius & his mother, M

Thursday, Dec. 16:

Haggai the Prophet, C

Friday, **Dec. 17**: *the 3 young men:*

Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, C.

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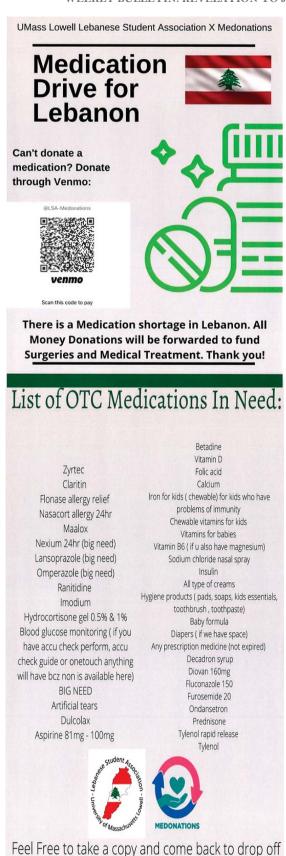
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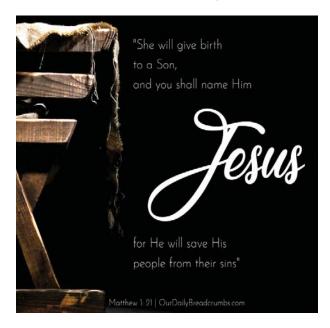
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Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood



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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.

CEMETERY RULES & GUIDELINES

Several inquiries have been made regarding Cemetery flowers and plants at the graves. In order for us to maintain a respectable resting place for our loved ones, guidelines are set in place and available on our website for your reference.

Planting Policy

The planting policy of St. Anthony Maronite Cemetery is as follows. Flowers only (either annuals or perennials) may be planted at the base of a monument with the following stipulations:

- 1. The flowerbed may be no wider than the width of the monument base and must come out from the monument base no more than eight (8) inches.
- 2.No shrubs, trees, or bushes may be planted in the planting bed.
- 3. Ornaments, such as plastic decorations, pinwheels, animal figurines, balloons, etc. are not allowed.
- 4.No bed covering, such as mulch or stones, etc. may be added to the planting bed.
- 5. Upkeep of the planted materials is the sole responsibility of the person who has planted the flowers.
- 6.St. Anthony Cemetery bears no responsibility for upkeep nor does it assume liability for damage, theft, or vandalism with regard to the plantings or the planting bed.
- 7.If plantings and planting bed are not maintained, or if inappropriate materials appear in the bed, St. Anthony Cemetery reserves the right to remove any dead plants or inappropriate materials.
- 8.On occasion, the cemetery maintenance staff may remove plantings to accommodate a burial or other activity. Cemetery staff cannot replace plantings.

Note that plantings cannot be placed on a Flat Marker Lot, but only on an upright Monument Lot.

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

We ask that you share this information with your family members and friends, especially those who do not have access to our website.

Grave Purchase and Burial at St Anthony

Grave Purchase—*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase–Double Depth: \$1900 (one time fee)
- Perpetual Care: \$200 (one time fee)

Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100

• Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (one time fee paid upon installation)

Burial Costs (Itemized)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend (Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$ \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

*Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

- 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.

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EPISTLES FOR THIS WEEKEND

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.

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. 11: Kozhaya Abou Khalil, Rayan Alghoul

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

Dec. 13: Yolla Harb, Lucas Haydar, Hadi Raad

Dec. 14: Nicole Jacobs, Viviane Ramy, Linda Shadeed, Willis Thompson

Dec. 15: Angelina El-Khoury, Elie Najem

Dec. 16: Joseph Abdulla, Ronald Abraham, Joshua Belko, Douglas Maroun, Mila Motta, Elie Nehme

Dec. 17: Eliane Asmar, Jacob Geha, Maureen Ann Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 12: Abdullah & Yolla Harb

ألإنجيل

أفسس 13-1:3

متى 18:1-25

أَمَّا مِيلادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَخْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُف، وقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وُجِدَتْ حَامِلاً مِنَ الرُّوحِ القُدُس. ولَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلُها بَارَّا، ولا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشَهِّرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطَلِّقَهَا سِرًّا. ومَا إِنْ فَكَرَ في هذَا حَتَّى تَرَاءَى لَهُ مَلاكُ الرَّبِّ في الْحُلْمِ قَائِلاً: »يَا يُوسُفُ بنَ دَاوُد، لا يُطَلِّقَهَا سِرًّا. ومَا إِنْ فَكَرَ في هذَا حَتَّى تَرَاءَى لَهُ مَلاكُ الرَّبِّ في الْحُلْمِ قَائِلاً: »يَا يُوسُفُ بنَ دَاوُد، لا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ آمْرَ أَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ القُدُس. وسَوْفَ تَلِدُ ٱبْنَا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوع، لأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُم. ﴿وحَدَتَ هذَا كُلُّهُ لِيَتِمَّ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِالنَّبِيِّ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ لَا أَنْ وَيُدِعَى ٱسْمُهُ عِمَّانُو بِيل، أَي ٱللهُ مَعَنَا. ولَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْم، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلاكُ الرَّبِّ وأَخَذَ ٱمْرَأَتَهُ ولَهُ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتِ ٱبْنًا، وسَمَّاهُ يَسُوع.



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



















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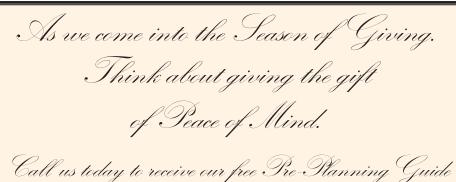
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