

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



PARISH OFFICE: ... 978.685.7233 ... FAX: 978-688-4475 ... [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

**M-TH** 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

**FRI** 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**SAT** By Appointment

### MEET OUR PRIESTS:

*Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087*

*... [pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)*

*Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy*

*857-390-4838*

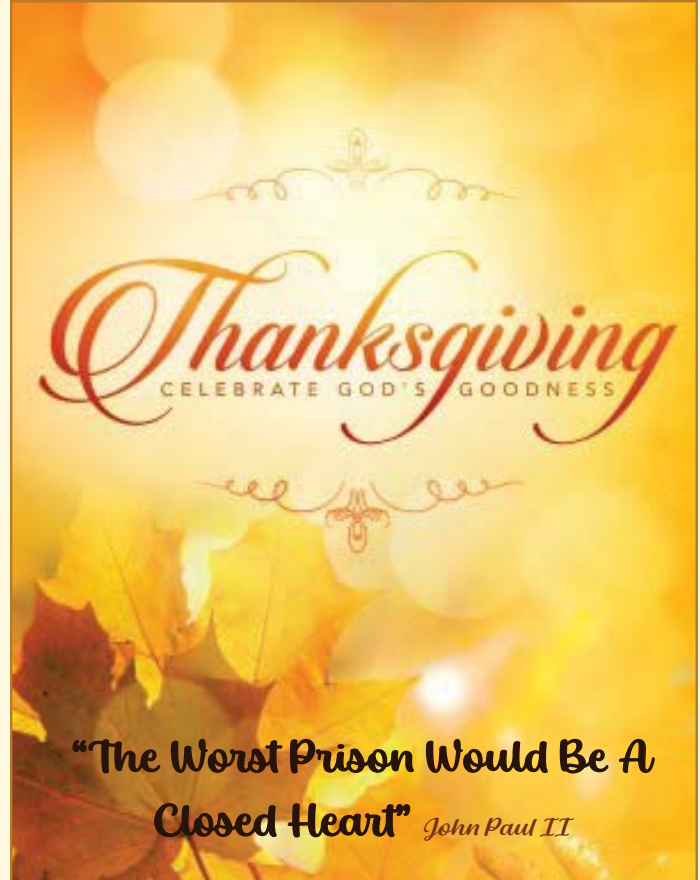
*...[pv@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pv@stanthonylawrence.org)*

### MEET OUR DEACONS:

*Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,*

*James T. Demers & David Leard*

*Sub-Deacons: Antoine Nammour*



### DAILY LITURGIES 9am

**MON & WED** (Arabic)

**TUE & THU** (English)

### WEEKEND LITURGIES

**SAT** 4:00PM(English)

**SUN**

8:00AM (Arabic)

9:00AM (English)

11:00AM (English & Arabic)

*Holy days of obligation:*

*Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM*



*SaintAnthonyLawrence*



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### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism & Confirmation:** 1 month in advance with the Pastor, **Donations:** Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made by couples 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.

## LITURGIES

## ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

**Saturday, November 19**

*Pope St. Pontian*

**4:00pm** In Honor of Mounir & Najat Rizkallah's Children & their families.

**Sunday, November 20** *St. Gregory*

**8:00 am** Private Intentions

**9:00am** +Jennie & Toufi Ferris *By their children & their Families.*

**11:00 am** +Jean El Helou, *By his son, Tony, daughter, Lola Ata, their spouses & their Families.*

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

**Monday, November 21** *(Ar.) Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple*

*Gal 3:1-6 / Lk 11:27-32*

**9:00am** The good health and well-being of Sheryl Coury, *By Mr. & Mrs. Beshara Sfeir.*

**Tuesday, November 22** *(En.)*

*Sts. Joachim & Anne*

*Gal 3:7-14 / Mt 11:25-30*

**9:00am** Private Intentions.

**Wednesday, November 23** *(Ar.) St. Sassine*

*Gal 3:23-29/ Mt 13:54-58*

**9:00am** Private Intentions.

**Thursday, November 24** *(En.) St Catherine*

**NO LITURGY- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!  
OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, November 25—No Liturgy**

*Pope St. Clement I*

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

**Saturday, November 26** *St. Peter*

**4:00pm** +Patricia Hoffer, *By Deacon & Mrs. James Demers.*

**Sunday, November 27** *St. James*

**8:00am** 40 Day Anniversary For: +Barbara Bou Khalil. *By her sister, Lola, wife of Kozhaya Abou Khalil, & Family.*

**9:00am** +Evon Danus, *By her Family.*

**11:00am** +Said Boutros & Chafica Azzi, *By Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Azzi & Family.*

+Ibrahim, Sadie, & Dalal Kassas, *By their son George Kassas, & Family.*



### Sanctuary Lamps

*In Thanksgiving for our Parish Organizations, Advisors, Coordinators and Volunteers.*

**Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

### CLERGY DAY OFF

*Fr Elie: Mondays*

*Fr. Neemtallah's : Wednesdays*

### PLEASE NOTE:

*40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.*

**St. Anthony  
Maronite Church**  
*invites you*  
**to our annual  
Christmas Concert**

**EMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US**

Presented by: Saint Anthony's Choirs  
Orchestrated by: Father Neemtallah Oneissy  
... Featuring the violonist: Maestro Lebnen Khalil

*For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship HIM.  
(Matthew 2:2)*



**DECEMBER 17, 2022 | 7 P.M.**

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, 145 AMESBURY ST, LAWRENCE, MA**

*Please join us for a light dinner in the church hall following the concert.*

Participate in the Christmas Recital Pot Luck Dinner! For Questions, contact Mrs. Carine Sadek.  
Sign up your dish at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FAAAD2CA5FBC70-christmas>

## Christmas at Saint Anthony's

### Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

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

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 16th, 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.*



## Making Spirits Bright...

Join us for

**Saint Anthony's**

**Children's Christmas Party**

Hosted by  
Knights of Mary and Religious Education Programs

Sponsored by the  
**American Lebanese Awareness Association (ALAA)**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
following the 11 O'clock Liturgy till 2:30 PM**

Crafts, gingerbread making, face painting, and...  
photos with Santa!!!

*You're Invited to the*  
**Ladies  
Christmas  
Party**

St. Anthony's Cedar Hall 145 Amesbury St Lawrence, MA  
December 9 at 7:30 PM Tickets: \$50.00  
**Please RSVP before December 5**

Join us for a night of dinner, dancing, raffles, games & ornament Yankee Swap

For Tickets and additional information, please contact  
Natalie Saad 978.697.9374  
Colette Sadek 617.512.9959

Please bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament for the Yankee Swap

**Saint Anthony's Parish**  
*The Annual Men's Christmas Party*  
Presented By  
*Parish Council & Knights of Columbus*

**Tuesday, December 13**  
**7:00pm-10:00pm**  
**\$50.00**

**Michael Restaurant**  
**12 Alpha St, Haverhill, MA 01832**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events-2/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events-2/)

For tickets to the Men's Party, Contact:

*Fred Corey....978-835-8790*  
*Rodney Pica....603-489-8363*  
*Wissam Merheb....978-853-5145*  
*Danny Azzi....978-807-0369*

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

**Weekdays: 7PM**

**Weekends:  
Following the Liturgies**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**English Session-December 1**

**Thursdays 7-8:30 pm**

**With Deacons: Jim Demers & David Leard**

**Arabic Bible Study-November 22**

**Tuesdays 6-7pm with Fr. Neemtallah**

**KNIGHTS OF MARY**

Bi Weekly from 5-7PM

Regular Session, November 19, 2022

CANCELED Session, December 3, 2022

Christmas Recital Practice, December 8,  
5-6:30PM in the Church

Calendar: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Upcoming Class: December 10 5PM-6:30 PM

Calendar: [stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/)

We are in need of substitute teachers!!!  
If you would like more information please  
contact us at [lawrencereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencereligioused@gmail.com)

**Knights of the Altar 2022-2023**

Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 11AM  
New members are encouraged to sign up  
and attend!

Full Altar Server Schedule can be found:  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/knights-of-the-altar-calendar/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/knights-of-the-altar-calendar/)

**THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

As we approach the holiday's we ask you to  
inform us of any loved ones who are sick or  
shut in. Call or email the Rectory today with  
their information so we can add them to our  
visits!

**LOL BIBLE CAMP 2023**

Save the dates - July 12 -15, 2023

**DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY**

Meeting on **Thursday December 8 at noon at Shadi's Restaurant** for lunch and meeting. The cost of lunch is \$25.00. RSVP is required. Please call one of the following members:

Elaine Ferris: 978-273-9772, Elaine Daher: 978-807-7509  
Chris Hassan: 978-937-9913, Katy Abraham: 978-682-2571

Thank you. Hope you can all make it.

**Maronite Young Adults - MYA**

MYA Registration is open to new members,  
Ages 18-35. Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965

**Maronite Youth Organization - MYO**

Sunday, November 20 - Community Service  
Full Calendar: [stanthonylawrence.org/myo/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/myo/)



Support Saint Anthony's Church while you shop this  
Holiday Season!

Visit [smile.amazon.com/change](https://smile.amazon.com/change), or tap  
"AmazonSmile" within the Settings menu in the  
Amazon Shopping app on your phone and select  
"Change your charity". Search and Select:

*Saint Anthony Maronite  
Catholic Church, Lawrence, MA*  
as you charity today!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 19: Rana Abi-Rached, Ava Bradley, Ayla Jean, Nadine Sader, Pierre Sahyouni  
 Nov. 20: Pierre Abdilmasih, Marie Akiki, Fredy Corey, Cecilia Hatem, Sharbel Saab, Michelle Sfeir  
 Nov. 21: Louis Assaf, Rita Azzi, Gabriel Farhat, Michael Karam, George Saad, Bernice Spencer,  
 Nov. 22: Colleen Abraham, Raghida Naamani, Yvonne Phares, Meara Younes  
 Nov. 23: Olga Sarkis, Elena Zaarour, Danielle Zaza,  
 Nov. 24: Joe Bou Saada, Cristina Chedid, Mark El Zaklit, Julianne Jefferson, Zakhia Koseifi, Maya Najjar

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 19: Mounir & Antoinette Jermany  
 Nov. 20: James & Lisa Abdallah, Joseph & Maria Azzi, Kenneth & Maureen Daher  
 Nov. 24: Mounir & Ramona Bou-Mitri, Jason & Julie Martino  
 Nov. 25: Radwan & May Maroun

## St. Monica School, Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 19th 9AM-6PM  
 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA

Featuring: Games, Raffles, Sweets, Country Kitchen and Santa's Workshop

## St Anthony's Cemetery

### Grave Purchase & Burial

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.  
 For more information:

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

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

**or Visit:** [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

### Cemetery Guidelines

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/)

### Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/).

**Please note:** Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

### Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

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.

## DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

**Plant-A-Tree A—** For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque displayed for ten years.

**Plant-A-Tree B—** For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

**Your Donation is Tax-Deductible**

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 *or*

email us at: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood*

### 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)

**MEDICAL DONATION DRIVE FOR LEBANON**

JUST THINK OF THE LIFE YOU CAN SAVE

ESOMEPRAZOLE - LANSOPRAZOLE - OMEPRAZOLE  
 PANTOPRAZOLE - MAALOX - ASPIRIN 81MG - NAPROXEN  
 LORATADINE - FLUTICASON NASAL - NASACORT NASAL  
 COUGH SYRUP KIDS AND ADULTS - COBALIN B12 - CALCIUM  
 VITAMIN D - KIDS VITAMINS GUMMIES- IRON- VITAMIN B  
 COMPLEX - VITAMIN C GLUCOSAMINE MSM - RANTIDINE  
 HOT & COLD PACKS - FIRST AID KITS - ACCU CHECK  
 PERFORMA/GUIDE STRIPS - GLOVES

**ANY MEDICATION YOU CAN DONATE IS APPRECIATED**

**ORGANIZER : GEORGE MATTA**  
 MYA NEW ENGLAND COORDINATOR  
 GSM2296@GMAIL.COM  
 774-365-1934







## 2022 MAHRAJAN REPORT

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>Fund Raising Events</b>
<b>Special Events Mahrajan</b>	<b>Mahrajan</b>
<b>Mahrajan Deposits</b>	<b>Advertising, Public Relations</b>
Mahrajan Bar 33,585.00	Banners 945.46
Mahrajan Food 39,248.00	Signs 3,002.80
Mahrajan Sandwiches 35,489.00	Advertising, Public Relations - Other <u>1,768.95</u>
Mahrajan Saj 10,760.00	<b>Total Advertising, Public Relations 5,717.21</b>
Mahrajan Pastry 26,864.11	<b>Bar Expense</b>
Mahrajan Hookah 14,333.00	Bar Supplies 1,741.17
Mahrajan Baskets 7,244.00	Bar Liquor <u>10,412.41</u>
Mahrajan Souvenirs 6,180.00	<b>Total Bar Expense 12,153.58</b>
Mahrajan Henna 1,337.00	<b>Cost of Food</b>
Mahrajan Miscellaneous 1,802.00	Saj 260.00
Mahrajan Raffle <u>6,204.00</u>	American Cuisine 395.00
Total Mahrajan Deposits 183,046.11	Ethnic Cuisine 453.49
Mahrajan Sponsorship 112,900.00	Bakery 7,315.56
Raffle-Presale <u>13,740.00</u>	Cost of Food - Other <u>4,011.41</u>
Total Special Events Mahrajan <u>309,686.11</u>	<b>Total Cost of Food 12,435.46</b>
Total Fund Raising <u>309,686.11</u>	<b>Cost of Refreshments 2,478.68</b>
Total Income <u>309,686.11</u>	Cleaning 6,301.40
Gross Profit 309,686.11	Entertainment (Singer and Band) 21,067.26
	Hookah Supplies 31.72
	Permits 805.00
	Paper Products 10,757.94
	Printing & Stationary 429.20
	Baskets 179.76
	Raffles 3,420.51
	Rentals
	Tents 13,915.00
	Propane Tanks 753.00
	Dumpster Rental & Removal 1,930.06
	Water Closets (WCs) <u>2,360.00</u>
	<b>Total Rentals 18,958.06</b>
	<b>Mahrajan Detail</b>
	Police Dept 3,168.00
	Fire Dept <u>3,069.00</u>
	<b>Total Mahrajan Detail 6,237.00</b>
	Sundry Expenses 2,582.61
	Equipment 6,183.23
	Printed Shirts & Aprons 882.86
	Mahrajan - Other <u>0.00</u>
	<b>Total Mahrajan 110,621.48</b>
	<b>Total Fund Raising Events 110,621.48</b>
	<b>Total Expense 110,621.48</b>
	<b>Net Ordinary Income 199,064.63</b>
	<b>Net Income <u>199,064.63</u></b>



## IN THANKSGIVING TO OUR MAHRAJAN SPONSORS

<b>Sponsors Business Name</b>		<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Metro Market	Mr. & Mrs.	Philip	Abi Rached
Zeolli	Mr.	Jean-Paul	Abi-Awad
Ezzi Property Group	Mr.	Marc	Abou Ezzi
Pleasant Dental Center	Dr. & Mrs.	George	Abou-Ezzi
EZ Dental LLC	Dr.	Rachelle	Abou-Ezzi
Amore Pizza	Mr. & Mrs.	Joe	Akiki
Shadi's Restaurant	Mr.	Shadi	Asmar
Amigos	Miss	Sahar	Ata
Elie's Bakery	Mr. & Mrs.	Ibrahim	Ata
River City Motors	Mr.	Danny	Azzi
G&E Consulting	Mr. & Mrs.	Elias	Azzi
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F&B Distributors	Mr. & Mrs.	Fadi	Bouchrouche
Breen Funeral Home			Breen Funeral Home
Butcher Boy			Butcher Boy
Cedar's Mediterranean Foods			Cedar's Mediterranean Foods
Yalla Grill Restaurant	Mr.	Elie	Chammas
Cataudella Funeral Home	Mr.	Chris	Chetsas
Cloud Lounge			Cloud Lounge
Colizzi Memorials	Mr.	Mike	Colizzi
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Elie's Bakery			Elie's Bakery
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Levant LLC	Mr.	Carl	Faris
Farrah Funeral Home	Mr.	Louis	Farrah
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Attorney at Law- Gabriel Realty Group	Atty.	Scot	Gabriel
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Phoenician Restaurant	Mr.	Bassam	Geha
Home Inspection Associates Inc	Mr.	Chris	George
Gateway Auto Repair	Mr.	Michel	Gharios
Cedars Mediterranean Food, Inc	Mr. & Mrs.	Charles	Hanna
USA Auto Sales	Mr.	Assad	Hayek
Topline Imports	Mr.	Pierre	Hayek



DiPietros Pizza Inc	Mr.	Robert	Haykal
J & N Auto Sevices RTE, 114 Sunoco	Mr.	Kamil	Hbaiter
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Dany Karam Insurance Agency	Mr.	Dany	Karam
Pita Thyme LLC	Mr. & Mrs.	Elias	Khoury
Plaistow Auto Group	Mr. & Mrs.	Steve	Khoury
Korbani's Bakery	Mrs	Ellen	Korbani
St. Joseph Melkite Church	Father	Ziad	Layous
Enterprise Bank	Mrs.	Therese	Leone
Devonshire Dental Associates	Drs.	Dean & Christa	Levy
Greater Lawrence Family Health Center	Mrs.	Mary	Lyman
George's Bakery	Mr. & Mrs.	Emile	Maroun
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Layalina	Mr. & Mrs.	Georges	Merheb
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Mastermind Multi-Media Solution	Mr. & Mrs.	Simon	Mouawad
G&Z pizza	Mr.	Jihad	Moussa
Global Care Medical Group	Dr.	Karine	Nabbout
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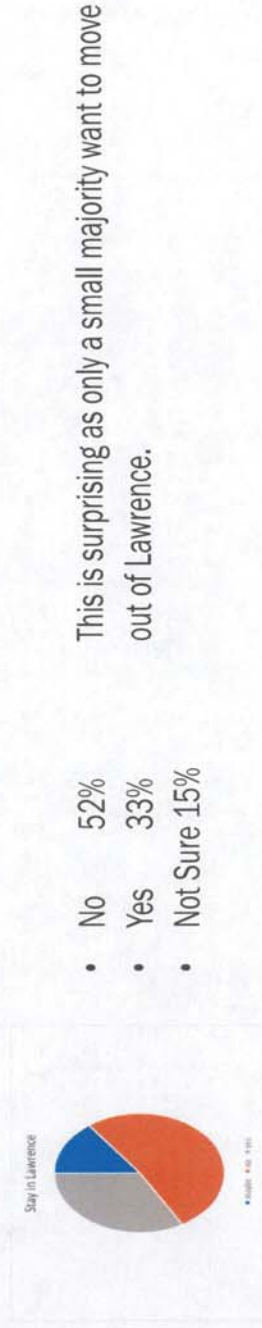
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*Mr.&Mrs. Tony Hashem*  
*Bernice Spencer & Ceclilia Hatem*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Khattar Kassis*  
*Rev. & Mrs. Ziad & Karen Layous*  
*Kathy Nassif*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Elie Rahme*  
*Miss Leah Rizkallah*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Jihad Rizkallah*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Roy Rossi*

*Mrs. Zakia Russo*  
*Drs. Toufic & Nicole Saad*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Ibrahim Tabet*  
*Dr. & Mrs. Tony Tannoury*  
*Mr. Matthew Tarness*

*Saint Anthony Maronite Church is thankful for YOU, our Mahrajan Donors, Sponsors, Volunteers, Basket donors, and guests. With deep gratitude, we present our devoted community of sponsors whose impact makes our Mahrajan simply extraordinary. Thank you so much!*

# Do you feel the current location of the church is optimal ?



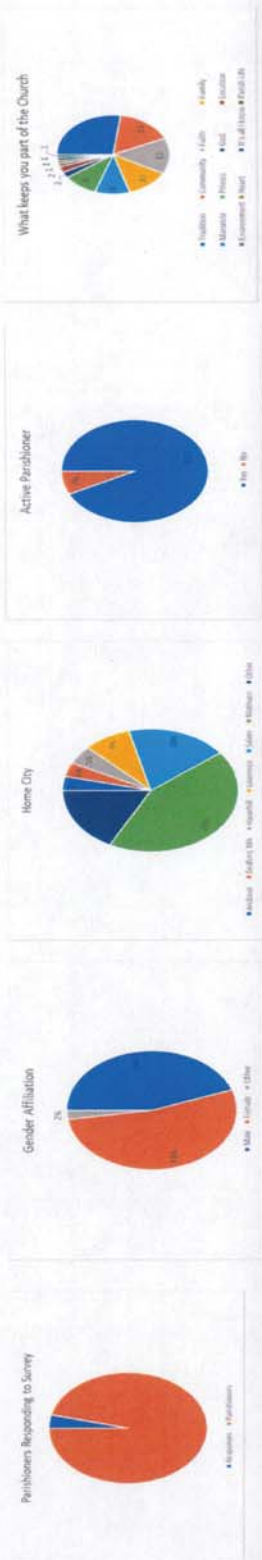
# Ideas for new recreational activities in the church?

- Women's group
- More social activities
- Children Activities
- Year-round sports teams
- Tutoring for High Schoolers
- Family Picnics
- Social Activities for Adults
- Field Trips to religious sites
- One day retreats
- 5k run/walk
- Spiritual meditation
- Food Pantry for the poor
- A Recreation Center
- Elderly Club

# What aspects of the church and the grounds do we need to improve?

- We need to stop the Lebanese and American clicks
- Move out of Lawrence (25 voted for this)
- Church is good the way it is (10 voted for this)
- Parking Lots (6 voted for this)
- Kids/Youth Activities (5 voted for this)
- Adult Activities
- Collaborating with other parishes
- More Space (inside and Outside)
- Better Sunday School
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- More Space (inside and Outside)
- Better Sunday School

# Survey Information



What part of the St Anthony's community is important to you?

1. Church & Spiritual guidance
2. The facilities and grounds that attract visitors, and collaboration of the people
3. The parishioners, the community and the culture (the activities for the kids that gives them the opportunity to have friends from church).
4. Bible Study is a program that I learn from and is very important to me to grow in faith.
5. Faith and the community outreach. The church has always been there for my family.
6. Church to have an open mind to change and new ideas
7. The parishioners and our Maronite heritage.
8. I always feel great comfort in church, like I am home! I have many fond memories of my deceased wife and our family in church.
9. The people and the clergy make the church.
10. Spiritual Guidance is the most important component to build a strong community. The rest will fall in place. The next generation should benefit from the spiritual aspect in their life using their faith in God to confront the challenges of the 21st century, i.e. atheism, gender crisis identity, financial struggle, cultural shock, substance use, toxic relationships, peer pressure, emotional strain, mental health issues, failure, etc...
11. Maronite Mass and explanation of the gospel and connection to our roots

What do you consider the most important attribute to help St. Anthony's grow?

1. A new location outside of Lawrence. That has the potential to re-energize the base and bring both people and money back.
2. The clergy as they lead us to confirm and keep our faith. Also allowing females a better opportunity to serve as in an altar server.
3. Strong family environment, multiple clergy, more availability of clergy
4. Social activities that work with our spiritual ones, maybe a Lenten supper on Fridays, or a spaghetti supper or pancake breakfast involving the youth.
5. Blending old country with local and not showing favoritism
6. After mass social events i.e. breakfast etc.
7. I look forward to the Maharajan every year and wish we had more activities like this during the spring and summer season
8. food pantry recreation center/hall
9. Family activities that involve the parents and children.
10. Youth activities are important.
11. Recreation Center. More family activities
12. Need to get some of our long term parishioners back that attended the 9:00 mass inclusive be together
13. Building a new campus somewhere that can support all the above
14. Keep our traditions, culture, and traditions, stay different don't become like the Latin church.
15. More help for the less fortunate.

Based on your input, the Stewardship Council will advance the following strategic initiatives:

1. Given the uncertain economic times, we will revisit the possibility of executing a church move from Lawrence in a 24-36 months period. Today's affordability to affect such a move is simply non-existent. We need to live within our means and take up the subject of growing our real estate during more favorable economic times.
2. We will work with our colleagues on the Parish Council to implement as many reasonable and achievable ideas you helped us identified. This is an activity we can take up immediately.
3. As indicated prior to the Maharajan, we will proceed to build inside the existing church complex a recreational center worthy of our children's aspirations. Some preliminary work is already under way. We will keep you informed every step of our progress.
4. We will engage a real estate / investment advisory firm to help us assess the possible and most beneficial use(s) of the land that we own adjacent to the cemetery ground. This is an activity that we will embark on during 4Q2022.
5. Opportunistically and with a keen focus on affordability, we may pursue possible acquisitions of land to strengthen our long-term financial outlook and our generational continuity for many decades to come.

Again, thank you for your participation in the survey last Spring. Although only 81 people responded, your care about and continued faith in our church will help us remain a vibrant and growing Maronite community for another 100 years.

Respectfully,  
Saint Anthony Maronite Church Stewardship Council.

## Announcement to the Virgin Mary

*2nd book of Samuel 7,8-10.11b-12.13b-17.*

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

*Letter to the Galatians 3,15-22.*

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.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to 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.

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## أحد بشارة العذراء

سفر صموئيل الثاني 17-713-8:10-11b.12

قال الربُّ لِناتان، فَقُلْ الآنَ لِعَبْدِي دَاوُدَ: هَكَذَا يَقُولُ رَبُّ القُوَّاتِ: "إِنِّي أَخَذْتُكَ مِنَ المَرْعَى مِنْ وَرَاءِ الغَنَمِ، لِتَكُونَ رَئِيسًا عَلَى شَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. كُنْتُ مَعَكَ حَيْثُمَا سِرْتُ، وَقَرَضْتُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَانِكَ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ، وَسَأُفِيْمُ لَكَ اسْمًا عَظِيمًا كَأَسْمَاءِ العُظَمَاءِ الَّذِينَ فِي الأَرْضِ، وَأَجْعَلُ مَكَانًا لِشَعْبِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَغْرَسَهُ فَيَسْتَقَرُّ فِي مَكَانِهِ وَلَا يَضْطَرُّ مِنْ بَعْدِ، وَلَا يَعُودُ بَنُو الإِثْمِ يُدَلِّوْنَهُ كَمَا كَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِ. وَقَدْ أَخْبَرَكَ الرَّبُّ أَنَّهُ سَيُفِيْمُ لَكَ بَيْتًا. وَإِذَا تَمَّتْ أَيَّامُكَ وَأَضْطَجَعْتَ مَعَ آبَائِكَ، أُفِيْمُ مِنْ يَخْلُفُكَ مِنْ نَسْلِكَ الَّذِي يَخْرُجُ مِنْ صُلْبِكَ، وَأَنَا أَتَيْتُ عَرشَ مُلْكِهِ لِلاَبَدِ. أَنَا أَكُونُ لَهُ أَبًا وَهُوَ يَكُونُ لِي ابْنًا. وَإِذَا أَنْتُمْ أُودِبْتُمْ بِقَضِيبِ النَّاسِ وَبِضَرْبَاتِ بَنِي البَشَرِ. وَأَمَّا رَحْمَتِي فَلَا تُنْزَعُ عَنْهُ، كَمَا نَزَعْتُهَا مِنْ شَاوُلَ الَّذِي أَبْعَدْتُهُ مِنْ أَمَامِ وَجْهِكَ. بَلْ يَكُونُ بَيْتُكَ وَمُلْكُكَ ثَابِتَيْنِ لِلأَبَدِ أَمَامَ وَجْهِكَ، وَعَرشُكَ يَكُونُ رَاسِحًا لِلأَبَدِ". فَكَلَّمَ نَاتَانَ دَاوُدَ بِهَذَا الكَلَامِ كُلَّهُ وَهَذِهِ الرُّؤْيَا كُلُّهَا.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 22-15:3

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَبَشِّرِ أَقُولُ: إِنَّ الوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أَقْرَبْتَ، لَا أَحَدَ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالوَعْدُ قَبِلْتُ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قَبِلْتُ: «وَأَنْسَأَلِهِ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ المَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللهُ فَأَقْرَبَهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ المِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعُدْ مِنَ الوَعْدِ؛ وَالحَالُ أَنَّ اللهَ بَوَّعِدَ أَنْعَمَ بِالمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلِمَاذَا الشَّرِيعَةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أُضِيفَتْ بِسَبَبِ المَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجِيءِ النَّسْلِ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَعْلَنَهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى. غَيْرَ أَنَّ الوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدًّا وَعُودَ اللهُ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيتُ شَرِيعَةً قَادِرَةً أَنْ تُحْيِي، لَكَانَ التَّبَرُّيرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الكُلَّ تَحْتَ الحَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمًا بِالإِيمَانِ بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ يُعْطَى الوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 38-1:26

وَفِي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِسِ (بَعْدَ بَشَارَةِ زَكَرِيَّا)، أُرْسِلَ المَلَاكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الجَلِيلِ اسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءٍ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ اسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَاسْمُ العَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ المَلَاكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكَ!». «فَأَضْطَرَبْتُ مَرْيَمَ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذْتُ تَفَكُّرًا مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا المَلَاكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَجَدْتَ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيْنَهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنُ العَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الإِلَهُ عَرشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَعْقُوبَ إِلَى الأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نَهَايَةٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَاكِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟». «فَأَجَابَ المَلَاكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الرُّوحُ القُدُسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكَ، وَقُدْرَةُ العَلِيِّ تُظَلِّلُكَ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ المَمْلُودُ مِنْكَ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الإِيصَابَاتِ نَسِيبَتِكَ، فَدَحَمَلْتُ هِيَ أَيْضًا بِأَبْنِ فِي شَيْخُوحَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِتِلْكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ!». فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَا أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!». «وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا المَلَاكُ».

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 19 - 4PM -

Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, November 20- 8AM - Hitaf Nammour

9AM - Elaine Ferris

11:00AM Eng: John El Helou

Ar: Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 26 - 4PM -

Lisa Abdallah

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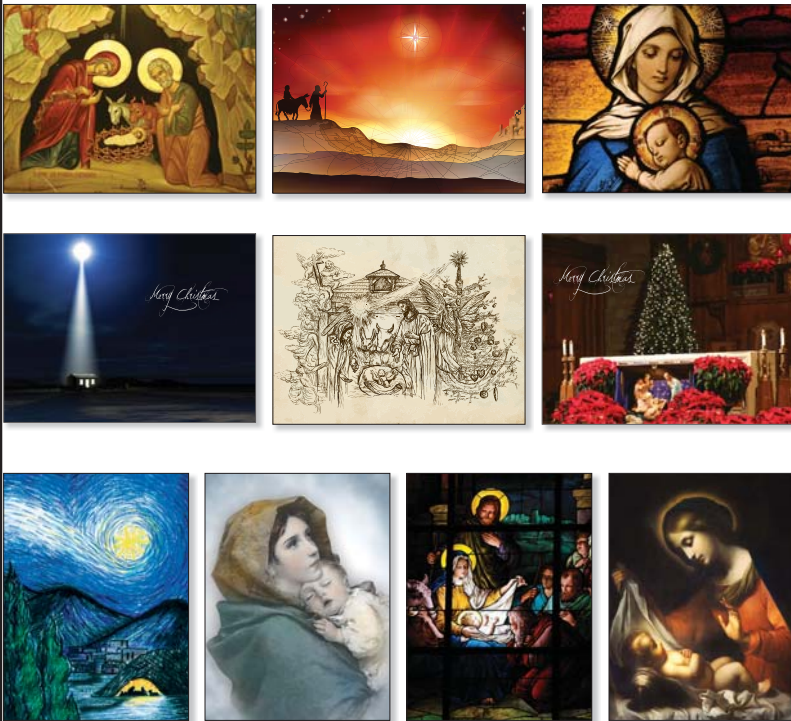


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