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

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 Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy **857-390-4838** ...pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou, James T. Demers & David Leard Sub-Deacons: Antoine Nammour

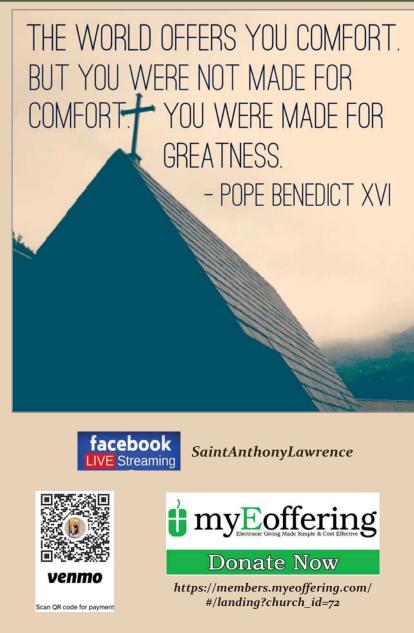
DAILY LITURGIES 9am MON & WED (Arabic) TUE & THU (English)

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



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

New Year's Day عيد رأس السنَنَة

New Year's Liturgy Sts. Basil & Gregory Saturday, December 31 (English)

4:00pm New Year's Eve Liturgy.

Sunday, January 1

10:00 am New Year Liturgy (English & Arabic)

5:00 pm New Year Liturgy (*Arabic & English*)

Liturgies will be offered in honor and blessings of our Parishioners.

Weekdays Liturgies

Monday, January 2 (Ar.) Pope St. Silvester I Heb 7:1-10/Lk 2:22-24

9:00am In Honor of Tony Mikhael By The Pastor

Tuesday, January 3 (En.) Malachi the Prophet Heb 7:1-10 / Lk 2:25-35

9:00am +Larry & Dora Maria Pereira, By Dora Pereira.

Wednesday, January 4 (Ar.) Pope St. Caius St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Heb 6:9-12/ Lk 2:36-40

9:00am +Michel, Marie Azzi, & Siham Hachem, By Eliane & Elie Kazzi & Family.

Sanctuary Lamps

In Loving Memory of Larry Kalil & Roseanne Dargoonian by John & Janice Gray.

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online: www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

Feast of Epiphany

Thursday, January 5 (*En.*) Ezek 36:22-28/ Tit 2:11-3:7/ Lk 3:15-22 7:00pm –Vigil Liturgy In Honor of Huguette Sfeir *By her Family*

Friday, January 6 –Feast Day Liturgy 9:00am

Water will be blessed and distributed after Divine Liturgies on January 5th and 6th

First Sunday of Epiphany

Saturday, January 7 Praises of St. John the Baptist 4:00pm +Mary Makhlouf, By her family.

Sunday, January 8 St. Carterius the Priest

8:00 am +Private Intentions.

9:00 am +Private Intentions.

11:00 am +Fr Abdallah Ramey, By Peter & Jean Sarkis & Family

Second Collection

United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities - January 22

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration following 9AM Liturgy will resume **Thursday**, **January 12**, **2023**

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

DEFYING DARKNESS WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

By Ronald Rolheiser

In the days of apartheid in South Africa, one of the ways people expressed their opposition and their belief that someday it would be overcome, was to light a candle and put it in a window where it could be seen by anyone passing by. A lit candle, publicly displayed, made a prophetic statement. It didn't take long for the government to react. Placing a lit candle in your window became a criminal offense, equivalent to carrying an illegal firearm. The irony wasn't lost on children. They joked, "Our government is afraid of lit candles!"

And well they should be! To light a candle for a moral or religious reason (be it for protest, for Hanukkah, for Advent, or for Christmas) is to make a prophetic statement of faith and, in essence, make a public prayer.

Admittedly, this can be hard to read inside the glow of the millions of Christmas tree lights that we see everywhere. Why do we put up all these lights at Christmas? A cynical answer suggests that this is done for purely commercial purposes. As well, for many of us, these lights are simply a question of aesthetics, color, and celebration, mostly devoid of any religious meaning. However, even here, there is still something deeper going on. Why do we put up lights at Christmas? Why do we light our homes and our streets with colorful lights at this time of year?

No doubt, we do it for color, for celebration, and for commercial reasons; but we also do it because, more deeply, it expresses a faith, however inchoately this might still be felt, that in Christ a final victory has been won and light has forever conquered darkness. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Our Christmas lights are, in the end, an expression of faith and in essence a public prayer. Nevertheless, we might still ask, to what end? What difference can this possibly make? Putting up lights as a symbol of faith can seem like a very insignificant and naïve thing to do in the face of the seeming overwhelming darkness of our world. We look at our world and we see millions suffering from the war, millions of refugees on borders around the world, and hundreds of millions suffering from food shortages. As well, when we know that thousands of people every day are dying from domestic violence, drug violence, and gang violence, and when we see tension everywhere within our governments, our churches, our neighborhoods, and our families, we might ask ourselves, what difference do our little string of lights, or indeed all the Christmas lights in the world, make?

Well, in the words of the late Jesuit Michael Buckley, prayer is most needed, just when it is deemed most useless. These are words to hang onto. Given the magnitude of our world's problems, given the magnitude of the darkness that threatens us, now more than ever, it is imperative that we express our faith publicly, as a prayer. Now, more than ever, we need to show publicly that we still believe faith works, that we still believe in the power of prayer, and that we still believe that, in Christ, the power of darkness has been forever overcome. This is expressed wonderfully in a poem John Shea inscribed inside his Christmas card this year.

Our Christmas trees want to talk to us

The greater darkness of December can take its toll and strengthen what afflicts us.

Our Christmas trees beg to differ. Their branches are full, leafy, strung with lights.

The brightness is defiant.

We want a perfect world.

But that is not always what we get.

We may experience catastrophic weather; a pandemic; threatened health; overstressed work, dipping finances, struggling relationships, and society and world either slightly or wildly insane.

Our Christmas trees glow. Their lights whisper;

"Give all the things that afflict you their due, but do not give them your soul.

You are more than the surrounding darkness.

While struggling to overcome apartheid in South Africa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu was sometimes confronted by military personnel who came into his church while he was preaching, flashing their guns to intimidate him. He would smile at them and say, "I'm glad you have come to join the winning side!" In saying this, he wasn't talking about the apartheid struggle; he was talking about the forever victory that Christ has won for us. The most important of all battles has already been won, and our faith puts us on the winning side. Our Christmas lights express this, however consciously unaware of it we may be.

Karl Rahner once wrote that, at Christmas, God gives us sacred permission to be happy. Christmas also assures us that we have more than sufficient grounds to be happy, regardless of what might still be happening in our lives and in our world. We can be defiant in the face of everything that demands we be downcast. Our Christmas lights express that defiance.

Christmas Poinsettias

In Memory of	Donated By
Ibrahim & Sadie Kassas	Mr. & Mrs. George Kassas & Family
Dalal Kassas	Mr. & Mrs. George Kassas & Family
Teta Jeannette Lahoud Nasr, Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi	Marc, Monica, Mikey & Mia
Teta Akle Abi Sleiman Mikhael	Marc, Monica, Mikey & Mia
Tanos Sadek	His granddaughters, Lucia & Cecilia Sadek
Romanos Nammour	Nabil & Tamar Bou-Mitri
Evon & Bob Danus	The Rembis Family
Mary Shadeed, Rose & Peter Lucchesi, Fred & Stephanie Schiripo	Beverly & Bob Schiripo
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Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Mary Faris	The Solomon, Kalil & Getchell Families
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Thomas J Solomon	Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Janice Solomon
Albert & Lorraine Hatem, Gary Hatem, William Torla	Jack & Joan (Hatem) Roy
Romanos Nammour, Joseph Bou Sanayeh	Subdeacon Antoine & Hitaf Nammour
Samuel & Louise Kattar Bistany & their daughter, Barbara Louise	
Bistany	Louise Bistany
Fred & Carmela Corey and Dr. Edward & Mary Moore	Mr. & Mrs. Fred Corey
Maroun Mouawad	Habouba Mouawad
Fr. Abdallah Ramy and his wife 'Khourieh"	Mounira Daher
Jill Ramey, George Aoude Daher	Mounira Daher
Stephanie Ota	Her Parents
My Father, Antoun Saab	Rana Abi-Samra & Family
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Deceased Members of the Abou-Raad & Azzi Families	Abdo & Jeanine Abou Raad & Family
Robert & Marie Berube, Joe & Bernadette Vieira	Dennis & Pauline Vieira
Deceased Members of the Touma Family	Wendy R. Hatem
Deceased Members of the Hatem & Abraham Families	Wendy R. Hatem
Deceased Loved ones, parents and Siblings	Najla Azzi-Purcell
Jido Elias, Teta Therese	Grace, Maya & Jackie
Our Baby Angel, Leo Alexander Maroun	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Joseph & Kilikia Maroun, Camil Maroun, Raymond Fadel	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Fadlallah & Alice Fadel, George & Adele Cherabie	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Hamman	Robert J. Hamman & Doreen Hamman
John Thomas, Sr.	Phyllis Thomas
John Thomas, Sr.	John & Patty Thomas, Jr
John Thomas, Sr.	Christine & Bill Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Khalil S. Azzi	Victor C. Azzi
Edmund & Josephine Hatem	George & Cynthia Kazanjian
Rachid, Fadwa, Michel, George, Joseph, & Sonia Haddad	Antoun & Marie Haddad
Rizkallah, Georgette, & Hiam Akiki	Antoun & Marie Haddad
Bomar Kramer, Philip Nastasia	Mrs. Barbara Kramer

WEEKLY BULLETIN: NEW YEAR'S DAY- ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - JANUARY 1, 2023

In Memory of	Donated By
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Raymond J. Faunt, Sr. & Rahhal-Jesser Family	Velma M. Faunt
Deceased Members of the Hassan Family	John & Leslie Hassan
Joyce Marie (Daher) Belko	The Belko Family
Mitchell Moses	Lisa Prezzano
Gayle M. Touma	Elaine Daher & Family
Abraham Sarkis	Therese Sarkis
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Beshara & Joseph Beshara, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bergeron
My brother, Tom Farris	Christine Farris
Mary Bova	Anthony Bova
Janet Maroun	Robert & Joanne Comtois
Maurice Hatem	Maryann Hatem
Maurice Hatem	His grandchildren: Michael, Nadine, & Kristine Sader
Robert & Corey Brousseau, Mabel, Toufik, Gemal, & Stella Corey	Elaine Brousseau
Gloria & Dan Sarkis, Abe Sarkis, Linny, Louie & Rita Corey,	
Joseph Coury & Family	Elaine Brousseau
Charles Tarness	Pauline & Mike Jesionowski & Family
My Parents. George & Elsie Faris	Michael G. Faris
Henry Solomon	Mary & Rodney Pica
The deceased members of the Shadeed Family	Duayne Habib
Our Mothers, Kronfli & Bernice	Manny & Barbara Boustani

<u>In Honor of</u> Our Sons, Tony & Guy Kassas Our Daughter, Juliette, & her husband, Elie Ata Our sons, Marc & Mikey, Our daughters, Monica & Mia Our grandmother, Sonia Abou-Ezzi, Our grandfather, Joseph Nasr Mr. & Mrs. Antoine AbouJaoude, Children & their Families Marie Jbeily Michelle & Joe Abou Raad Marie-Therese Azzi & Najla Azzi-Purcell, St. Therese Monastery Fr. Elie Mikhael & Fr. Edgar Neemtallah Oneissy

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In Thanksgiving for

Many Blessings & Good Health

Donated By

Dennis & Pauline Vieira



KNIGHTS OF MARY Upcoming Session, January 7: from 5-7PM Calendar: www.stanthonylawrence.ora/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

Sunday, January 8 - 6 - 7:30 pm, Regular Session Full Calendar: *stanthonylawrence.org/myo/*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Classes- Bi-Weekly- 5PM-6:30 PM Saturday January 14- Saturday January 28

Calendar: stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/

BIBLE STUDY

English Session-January 12

Thursdays 7-8:30 pm With Deacons: Jim Demers & David Leard

Arabic Bible Study- Postponed-Stay tuned !!!

MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

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

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sign up today to serve on the Altar! Application and full Altar Server Schedule can be found:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/kinghts-of-the-altar-calendar/



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Who: Open to all youth ages 12-18 in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los

Angeles and the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Registration will be opening very soon at <u>www.maroniteyouth.org</u>!

2023 ALAA SCHOLARSHIP

The 2023 ALAA Scholarship Application is now available for students planning to attend college next year. Application is available at the following Link:

americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org

LOL BIBLE CAMP 2023

Save the dates - July 12 -15, 2023

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION

Saint Joseph's Melkite Church January 8, 2023 1:00 - 7:00 PM Adults \$50, Children under 12 \$20

Arabic Mezza, Buffet and Dessert Music by George Maalouf and Ensemble

Contact Jeanane Kassis (603) 401-4740 or Judy Farah (978) 885-0609 for tickets

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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 <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u> or Visit: <u>stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/</u>

Cemetery Guidelines

www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: <u>stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/.</u>

Please note: <u>Double-Depth Graves are</u> <u>considered "One Grave Size"</u>

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

- 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.

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 plague displayed for ten years.

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New Year's Day

عيد رأس السننة

Book of Micah 4,1-4

In days to come the mount of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain; it shall be raised above the hills, and peoples shall stream to it: a many nations shall come, and say, "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, that we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples and set terms for strong and nations; they shall beat their swords into distant plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. They shall all sit under their own vines, under their own fig trees, undisturbed; for the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Letter to the Ephesians 2,11-22.

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 the 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, 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.

Holy 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.

سفر ميخا 4: 1-4

ويَكونُ في آخر الأَيَّامِ أَنَّ جَبَلَ بَيتِ الرَّبّ يُوَطَّدُ في رَأس الجِبال ويَرتَفِعُ فَوقَ التِّلال، وتَجْرِي إِلَيه الشُّعوب، وينَطَلِقُ أُمَمٌ كثيرونَ ويَقولون: للمُمُوا نَصعَدْ إلى جَبَلِ الرَّبّ، وبَيتِ إلٰهِ يَعْقوب، وهو يُعَلِّمُنا طُرُقَه فنَسيرُ في سُئُلِه، لأَنَّها مِن صِهْيونَ تَخرُجُ الشَّريعة، ومِن أُورَ شَليمَ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبّ. ويَحكُمُ بَينَ الشُّعوبِ الكثيرين، ويَقْضي لِلأُمَمِ الأقوياءِ حتَّى في البَعيد، فيَضربونَ سُيوفَهم سِكَمًا، ورماحَهم مَناجِل، فلا تَرفَعُ أُمَّةٌ على أُمَّةٍ سَيفًا، ولا يتَعَلَّمونَ الحَربَ مِن بَعدُ. ويُقيمُ كُلُّ واحِدٍ تَحت كَرمَتِه، وتَحت تينَتِه ولا أَحَدَ يُقلِقُه، لأَنَّ فَمَ رَبِّ القُوّاتِ قد تَكَلَّم.

الرسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 11:2 - 22

يا إخوَتِي، تَذَكَّر وُا، أَنْتُمُ الوَتَنِيِّينَ في الجَسَدِ سَابِقًا، أَلْمَدعُوِّينَ أَهْلَ عَدَمِ الْخِتَانَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَدعُوِّينَ أَهْلَ الْخِتَانَة، بفِعْل البَدِ في الجَسَد، تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّكُم كُنْتُمْ في ذَلِكَ الوَقْتِ بدُون مَسِبح، مُبْعَدِينَ عَنْ رَ عِبَّة إِسْرَ ائبل، و غُرَبَاءَ عن عُهُودِ الوَعْد، لا رَجَاءَ لَكُم في العَالَم و لا إله؛ أَمَّا الآنَ فَفِي المَسِيح يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمُ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُم مِنْ قَبْلُ بَعِيدِين، صرْثُم بدَم المَسِيح قَريبين. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ سَلامُنا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الأَثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وفي جَسَدِهِ نَقَضَ الجدَارَ الفَاصِلَ بَيْنَهُمَا، أَى العَدَاوَةِ، وأَبْطَلَ شَرِيعَةً الوَصَايَا بِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ فَرِ ابْض، لِيَخْلُقَ ٱلأَثْنَين في شَخْصهِ إِنْسَانًا وَإِحِدًا جَدِيدًا، بِإِحْلالِهِ السَّلامَ بَيْنَهُمَا، و يُصَالِحَهُمَا مَعَ الله، كِلَيْهِمَا في جَسَدٍ وَاحِد، بِالصَّلِيب، قَاتِلاً فِيهِ العَدَاوَةَ بَبْنَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ بَشَّرَ كُم بِالسَّلام أَنْتُمُ الْيَعِدِين، وبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلامِ القَرِبِينِ، لأَنَّنَا بِه نِلْنَا نَحْنُ الأثْنَينِ في رُوح وَاحِدٍ الوُصُولَ إلى الآب. إذًا فَلَسْتُم بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وِلا نُزَلاء، بَلْ أَنْثُم أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ القِدِّيسِينَ وأَهْلُ بَيْتِ الله، بُنِيتُمْ على أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ والأَنْبِيَاء، والمسيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَة. فيه يَتَماسَكُ البناءُ كُلُّه، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلاً مُقَدَّسًا في الرَّبّ، وفيهِ أَنْتُم أَبْضًا تُنْنُونَ مِعًا مَسْكِنًا لله في الرُّوح.

إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 2: 21

لَمَّا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَةُ أَيَّامٍ لِيُخْتَنَ ٱلصَّبِيّ، سُمِّيَ »يَسُوع«، كما سَمَّاهُ المَلاكُ قَبلَ أَنْ يُحْبَلَ بِهِ في البَطْن.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31 - 4PM -

Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, January 1-

10AM - Hitaf Nammour

5PM Eng: Lena Bouchrouche Ar: Marcel Saade

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7-4PM -

Antony Abi Awad

Sunday, January 8-8AM - Mouna Hbaiter 9AM - David Brousseau 11:00AM Eng: Mounira Daher Ar: Sleiman Ramy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 1: Henry Abi-Moussa, Mounir Bou-Mitri, Joelle El Rahi, Ibrahim Geha, Patrick Hbaiter, Manal Khoury, Gretta Merheb, Molly Nader, Christianna Ranson, Noha Ranson, Teddy Saad, Elie Safi, Roderigue Salloum, Jean Tardiff, Michelle Zaza Jan 2: Rita Bejjani, Joseph El Hayek, Nora Fadel,

Jeanette Maroun, Isabella Ramey, Gaby Ramey, Andrew Sadek, Alfred Yameen,

Jan 3: Christine AbouJaoude, Cynthia Kazanjian, Della Khoury, Carine Mansour, Hitaf Nammour,

Jan 4: Breanna Ata, Grace Bourouphael, Marie Daou, Antoine Fadel, Robert Issa, Jennifer Kayrouz, Charbel Maroun, Milad Salame,

Jan 5: Sabine Atallah, Ryan Azzi, James Behnam, Huguette Sfeir

Jan 6: Siham Daher, Abdullah Harb, Joan Kalil, Charbel Kayrouz, Charbel Saouma, Ronald Savastano, Stephen Schultz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 31: Gary & Joanne Abdulla, David & Emily Bechara, Greory & Jillian SapochettiJan 3: Timothy & Emily Getchell, Elie & Kathleen

Rahme, Wissam & Kristin Tarabay

Jan 6: Fred & Christelle Abboud

A big thank you to all who participated and assisted in our Christmas Giving Tree program. Through your efforts, we were able to deliver 120 Christmas presents to Lazarus House. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas, by giving to our neighbors who are less fortunate. Thank you for helping to spread the joy that the birth of our Savior brings.



-Roy Rossi, and his wife Donna, for the loss of their mother, *Theresa Rossi*. We extend our condolences to Theresa's daughter-in-law, Lisa, and Theresa's three grandchildren.

-Merrill Perkins, Jr., Kathleen Silva, Maryann Lavoie, Teresa Perkins and Thomas Perkins and their families, for the loss of their mother, *Loretta Perkins*.

May they rest in peace and their memories be eternal.

The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation were administered to:

Banks Anthony Santos Child of: Joel & Lauren Santos

Kyla Josephine Hartwell Child of: Paul & Samantha (Ramey) Hartwell

Maximum Isaiah Ranson Child of: Linton & Noha (Azzi) Ranson

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" Galatians 3:26-27



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