

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

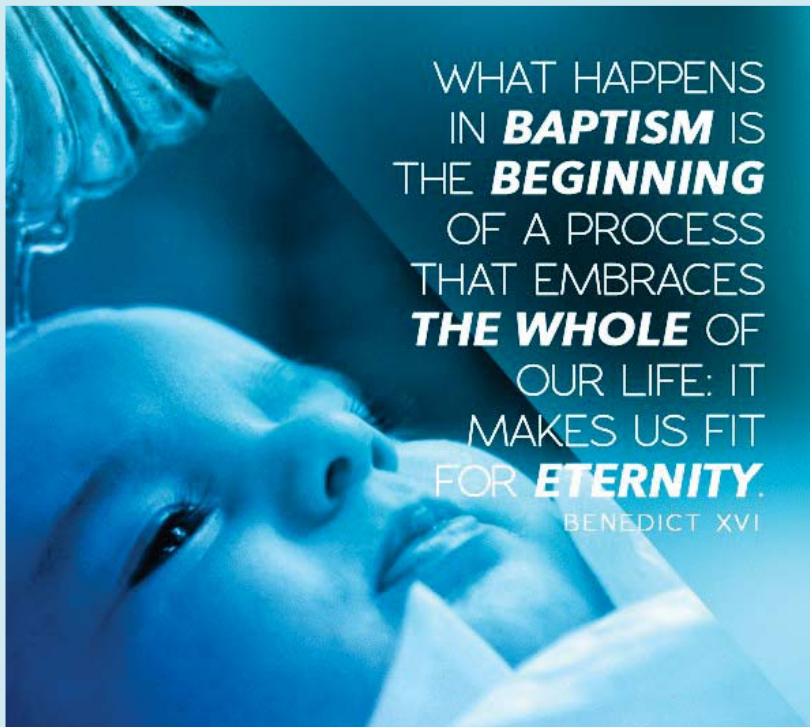
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MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,

James T. Demers & David Leard

Sub-Deacons: Antoine Nammour



WHAT HAPPENS
IN **BAPTISM** IS
THE **BEGINNING**
OF A PROCESS
THAT EMBRACES
THE WHOLE OF
OUR LIFE: IT
MAKES US FIT
FOR **ETERNITY**.
BENEDICT XVI

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



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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

First Sunday after Epiphany
الأحد الأول بعد الدنج: إعلان سر المسيح ليوحنا المعمدان

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

First Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 7 *Praises of St. John the Baptist*

4:00pm +Mary Makhlouf, *By her family.*
 + John & Ida Thomas *By their 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
1st Anniversary +Raphael Karam,
By his wife, Claire, his children: Natalie Danus, Adib, Danny & Jean Pierre Karam, their spouses & grandchildren.

Weekdays Liturgies

Monday, January 9 *(Ar.) St. Eustratius*
2 Cor 10:12-18/Mk 1:1-8

9:00am +Milad, Mariam, Khalil, Youssef, & Edward Rizkallah, *By Mounir & Najat Rizkallah.*

Tuesday, January 10 *(En.) St Gregory*
2 Cor 11:1-6 / Jn 1:19-28

9:00am +For the souls in Purgatory,
By Dora Pereira.

Wednesday, January 11 *(Ar.) St. Theodosius*
2 Cor 11:7-15 / Jn 3:22-30

9:00am +Private Intentions.

Thursday, January 12 *(En.) St. Tatiana*
2 Cor 11:18. 22-30 / Jn 3:31-36

9:00am +Elias & Reine Roukos, & Deceased & Living siblings, *By Aida Ata.*

9:30am -12 noon Eucharistic Adoration CHAPEL

Friday, January 13 - NO LITRUGY

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 14 *(English) St. Hilary*

4:00pm 1st Anniversary +Barbara Bistany, *By her sister, Louann, & Family.*

Sunday, January 15 *Our Lady of the Sowing*

8:00 am +Private Intentions.

9:00 am +Joseph Kalil *By his wife Joan, Children and gand-children*

11:00 am 40 Day Anniverary - Raghieb C. Chakar,
By his sons, George & Rami Chakar, his siblings: John, George, & Pierre Chakar & Mariette Hajali.

+Saadallah Azzi, *By his wife, Nabiha, daughter, Rita, & grandchildren.*

Second Collection

United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities - January 22

Sanctuary Lamps



In Memory of Stephanie Ota by her parents.

In Memory of May & Sam Houry by their Children.

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

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

HOW MUCH IS 5%?

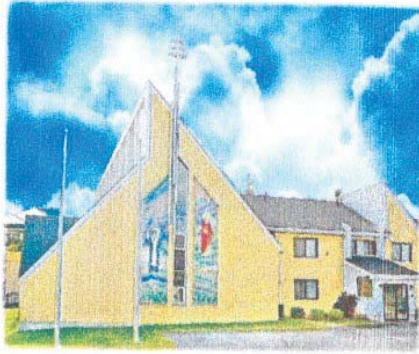
WEEKLY INCOME	\$150.	\$200.	\$300.
OFFERING	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$15.00

\$400.	\$500.	\$700.	\$800.	\$900.
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00

St. Anthony Church • Lawrence, MA

PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT	\$	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
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Please mark the amount of your offering to insure proper credit.



If absent, PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH.

Dear Parishioners

Be an active member of the building and growth of our community. The Lord commands His people to tithe, to donate, so that our hearts will not be attached to the riches of the world *where moth and rust destroy.*

Here is a breakdown of donations based on individual income....

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ANNUAL HAFLI (PARTY)

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

FEATURING

GHADA DERBAS & ENSEMBLE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Clergy Day Off

Fr Elie: Mondays

Fr. Neemtallah's : Wednesdays

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Upcoming Session, January 21: from 5-7PM

Calendar: www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

Sunday, January 8 - 6 - 7:30 pm, Regular Session

Sunday, January 22 - 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/



Cost: \$400 (\$380 early bird special if you register before our early bird deadline)

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 www.maroniteyouth.org/

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

Theophany

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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ORGANIZER : GEORGE MATTA
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BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

Religious Education
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/>

Maronite Youth Organization –MYO
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/>

Maronite Young Adults –MYA
Please email the Parish to add your name to the MYA Group: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of Mary –KOM
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/>

Knights of the Altars
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/>
In addition our Parish takes pride and invites you to be part of the other ministries such as:

- *Daughters of St Anthony*
- *Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality*
- *Sunshine Committee*
- *M-Wine*
- *Bereavement Ministry*
- *Ushers*
- *Men’s Ministry*

OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

Walid Alghoul and his wife, Pamela; Antoine Elghoul and his wife, Odette; Claude, Gisele and Denise and their families for loss of their beloved father, **Michel Y. Elghoul**.

May he rest in peace and his memories be eternal.

Congratulations on your new Baby:

Navy June, daughter of Rosemarie & Michael Davis

John, son of Marla & Danny Abourjeili

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MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgies are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary, and more. Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist. If you would like to have a Liturgy said for someone, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email for help with available dates and times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan 7:** D.J. Deeb II, Bodie Khalife, Madeleine George, Viviane Korhani
- Jan 8:** Karen Bishop, Patrick Mullen, Elizabeth Nehme, Abigail Shaw
- Jan 9:** Camila Ata, Gloria Azzi, Nadim Daou, Wyatt Goldman, Jameson Khoury, Adele Maroun, Eleanor Souza
- Jan 10:** Raymonda Abouhamad, Emersyn Khoury, Jihad Maroun, Adrianna Maroun, Mark Shepherd, Carmela Touma,
- Jan 11:** Phillip Lucchesi, Rita Matta,
- Jan 12:** Andrew Ata, Meghan Moses, Beshara Sfeir,
- Jan 13:** David Ameen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jan 8:** Shaker & Gisele Asmar, Gaby & Adele Maroun
- Jan 10:** Matthew & Katelyn Maroon
- Jan 11:** Bachir & Jessica Atallah, Salim & Amal Azzi, Wallace & Theresa Hatem
- Jan 13:** Ghassan & Claudine Raad

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
or Visit: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

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/.

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
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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Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

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THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF GOSSIP

In his novel, *Oscar and Lucinda*, Peter Carey offers this colorful image of gossip. The setting is a small town where there are rumors about the priest and a particular young woman. Here's his metaphor: "The vicar of Woolahra then took her shopping and society, always feeling shopping to be the most intimate activity, was pleased to feel the steam pressure rising in itself as it got ready to be properly scandalized – its pipes groaned and stretched, you could hear the noises in its walls and cellars. They imagined he paid for her finery. When they heard this was not so, that the girl had sovereigns in her purse – enough, it was reported, to buy the priest a pair of onyx cufflinks – the pressure did not fall, but stayed constant, so that while it did not reach the stage where the outrage was hissing out through the open valves, it maintained a good rumble, a lower note which sounded like a growl in the throat of a smallish dog."

What an apt image! Gossip does resemble steam hissing from a radiator or the growl of a small dog, and yet it's important. For most of our lives, we form community around it. How so?

Imagine going out for dinner with a group of colleagues. While there isn't overt hostility among you, there are clear differences and tensions. You wouldn't naturally choose to go out to dinner together, but you have been thrown together by circumstance and are making the best of it.

You have dinner together and things go along quite pleasantly. There's harmony, banter, and humor at the table. How do you manage to get on so well despite and beyond differences? By talking about somebody else. Much of the time is spent talking about others on whose faults, eccentricities, and shortcomings we all agree. Alternatively, we talk about shared indignations. We end up having a harmonious time together because we talk about someone or something else whose difference from us is greater than our differences from each other. Of course, you are afraid to leave the table because you already suspect whom they will be talking about then! Your fear is well founded.

Until we reach a certain level of maturity, we form community largely around scapegoating, that is, we overcome our differences and tensions by focusing on someone or something about whom or which we share a common distancing, indignation, ridicule, anger, or jealousy. That's the anthropological function of gossip – and it's a very important one. We overcome our differences and tensions by scapegoating someone or something. That's why it's easier to form community

against something rather than around something and why it's easier to define ourselves more by what we are against than by what we are for.

Ancient cultures knew this and designed certain rituals to take tension out of the community by scapegoating. For example, at the time of Jesus within the Jewish community a ritual existed that essentially worked this way: At regular intervals, the community would take a goat and symbolically adorn it with the tensions and divisions of the community. Among other things, they would drape it with a purple cloth to symbolize that it symbolically represented them and push a crown of thorns into its head to make it feel the pain of their tensions. (Notice how Jesus is draped in these exact symbols when Pilate shows him to the crowd before the crucifixion: *Ecce homo ... Behold your scapegoat!*) The goat was then chased off to die in the desert. Its leaving the community was understood as taking the community's sin and tension away, leaving the community free of tension by its banishment.

Jesus is our scapegoat. He takes away our sin and division, though not by banishment from the community. He takes away our sins by taking them in, carrying them, and transforming them so as not to give them back in kind. Jesus takes away sin in the same way as a water filter purifies, by holding the impurities within itself and giving back only what is pure.

When we say Jesus died for our sins, we need to understand it this way: He took in hatred and gave back love; he took in curses and gave back blessing; he took in bitterness and gave back graciousness; he took in jealousy and gave back affirmation; and he took in murder and gave back forgiveness. By absorbing our sin, differences, and jealousies, he did for us what we, in a less mature and less effective way, try to do when we crucify each other through gossip.

And that's Jesus' invitation to us: As adults, we are invited to step up and do what Jesus did, namely, take in the differences and jealousies around us, hold them, and transform them so as not to give them back in kind. Then won't we need scapegoats any more, and the steam-pipes of gossip will cease hissing and the low growl of that smallish dog inside us will finally be silent.

By Ronald Rolheiser

First Sunday of Epiphany

Book of Isaiah 40,6-11

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Letter to the Corinthians 10,1-11.

I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we. Now, even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it. I do not want to seem as though I am trying to frighten you with my letters. For they say, 'His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such people understand that what we say by letter when absent, we will also do when present.

Holy Gospel: Saint John 1,29-34.

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14 - 4PM -
Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, January 15- 8AM - Huguette Sfeir
9AM - Michael Faris
11AM -Eng: Elias Azzi
Ar: Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

الأحد الأول بعد الدنح: إعتلان سرّ المسيح ليوحنا المعمدان

سفر أشعيا 40: 6-11

صَوْتُ قَائِلٍ: «نَادِ». «فَقَالَ: «مَاذَا أَنْادِي؟» «أجاب:» «كُلُّ بَشَرٍ عُسْبٌ وَكُلُّ جَمَالِهِ كَزَهْرِ الْبَرِّيَّةِ. الْعُشْبُ يَبْيَسُ وَزَهْرُهُ يَذْوِي إِذَا هَبَّ فِيهِ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ. إِنَّ الشَّعْبَ عُسْبٌ حَقًّا! الْعُشْبُ يَبْيَسُ وَزَهْرُهُ يَذْوِي، وَأَمَّا كَلِمَةُ إِلَهِنَا فَتَبْقَى لِلأَبَدِ». «اصْعَدِي إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ يَا مُبَشِّرَةٌ صِهْيَوْنَ. اِرْفَعِي صَوْتِكَ بِقُوَّةٍ يَا مُبَشِّرَةٌ أورشليم. اِرْفَعِيهِ وَلَا تَخَافِي قَوْلِي لِإِمْدُنْ يَهُودًا: «هُوَذَا إِلَهُكُمْ». «هُوَذَا السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ يَأْتِي بِقُوَّةٍ وَبِزْرَاعِهِ تَمُدُّهُ بِالسُّلْطَانِ. هُوَذَا جَزَاؤُهُ مَعَهُ وَأَجْرَتُهُ قُدَّامَهُ. يَزْعَى قَطِيعُهُ كَالرَّاعِي يَجْمَعُ الْحُمْلَانَ بِبِزْرَاعِهِ وَيَحْمِلُهَا فِي حَضْنِهِ وَيَسُوقُ الْمُرْضِعَاتِ رُويِدًا.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 10: 1-11

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وجمله، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر أياً منكم عند حضوري أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجروها بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعة؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واقعاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً. فأنا لا أخجل إن بالغت بعض المبالغة في الافتخار بالسُّلْطَانِ الَّذِي وَهَبَهُ الرَّبُّ لَنَا لِتُبْنِيَانِكُمْ لَا لِهَدْمِكُمْ. ولا أريد أن أظهر كأني أخوفكم برسائلي؛ لأن بعضاً منكم يقولون: «رسائله شديدة اللهجة وقوية، أما حضوره الشخصي فهزيل، وكلامه سخييف!». فليعلم مثل هذا القائل أننا كما نحن بالكلام في الرسائل، عندما نكون غائبين، كذلك نحن أيضاً بالفعل، عندما نكون حاضرين.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1: 29-34

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