

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT



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Sunday of the Fifth Week after the Cross

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

5th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Saturday, October 14

St. Isaiah the Monk

4:00pm 40 Day Anniversary: +Irene Tarshi, *By her family*

+ Abraham Sarkis, *By his wife, Therese, children & their families*

Sunday, October 15

St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church

8:00 am + Private Intention

9:30 am In Honor of Abouna Neemtallah, *By Kozhaya & Lola Abou Khalil*

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary: + Nazem Saliba, *By his family*

+Claire Ata, *By her parents, Elias & Philipa Ata*

6th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Saturday, October 21

St. Hilarion of Tabatha

4:00pm 40 Day Anniversary- Louise Abdulla, *By her Children & their Families*

Sunday, October 22

Pope St. John Paul II

8:00am + Private Intention

9:30 am +1st Year Anniversary Al Roderigues, +Alice (Touma) Roderigues, *By their daughter, Missy Kalil, & their grandchildren.*

11:00 am +Youssef Wadih Abou Ghanam, *By his sister Renee, wife of Mr. Anuar Diab & family*

In Honor of Abouna Elie Mikhael, *By Kozhaya and Lola Abou Khalil*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, October 16 (Ar.)

St. Longinus the Centurion / 1 Cor 1:1-9/ Lk 16:1-12

9:00am +1st Year Anniversary Barbara Boukhalil, *By Her sister Lola, wife of Kozhaya Abou Khalil & family*

Tuesday, October 17 (En.)

Sts. Cosmas & Damian / 1 Cor 1:10-17 / Lk 18: 1-8

9:00am +The Deceased Members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, *By Dora Pereira*

Wednesday, October 18 (Ar.)

St. Luke the Evangelist / 2 Cor 8: 16-22 / Lk 10: 1-7

9:00am Special Intentions

Thursday, October 19 (En.)

St. Aaron of Antioch / 1 Cor 3: 10-23 / Mk 4: 21-25

9:00am +Maria Fabian Rodriguez, *By Fr. Elie Mikhael*

9:30am -12 Noon: Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 20

St. Shallita (Artemius) / 1 Cor 4: 14-21 / Mk 4: 26-29

No Liturgy

SANCTUARY LAMPS

**In Memory of Bechara Rizkallah
By his Family.**

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.

Average Standard Monthly Expenses:

- Electric: \$2,809
- Gas: \$164
- Water & Sewer: \$300
- Cleaning: Church, Hall & Rectory: \$3,600
- Salaries: (2) Priests, Office Staff: \$ 9,350
- Health, Disability, & Retirement (2 Priests): \$3,800
- Waste Management: \$163
- Pest Control: \$175
- Internet & Phone: \$766

Total Average Monthly Expenses: \$21, 172.00

**Totals reflect average base monthly expenses. Not included are extraordinary expenses, standard church expenses (such as candles, incense, hosts, wine) cleaning products, general hall and janitorial supplies etc.*

We rely on your support, the community and family of Saint Anthony's to help us sustain the current and future of this Parish.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday - October 21 & 22

Maronite Patriarchal Charities - November 4 & 5

Please remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope: Your contribution helps us keep the AC on in the Summer & the Heat on in the Winter!

OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm

FRI 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am

MON & WED (Ara)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8 am (Ara)- 9:30 am (Eng)
11 am (Eng.& Ara)

1st Friday of the Month:

6 pm - Confession / 7 pm - Liturgy

1st Sunday of the Month:

Youth Liturgy @ 5:00 pm

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

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:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers &

David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr Elie: Mondays

Fr. Neemtallah: Wednesdays

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.

Save the date



CHOIR MINISTRY

Love to Sing? Join our Choir Ministry!

We are looking to recruit new members who enjoy praising the Lord through song.

Not sure if this ministry is for you? You are welcome to try it out with no obligation!

For questions or more details, please reach out to Fr. Neemtallah or Patrick Tabet.

“The church choir is the heart of the church, singing praises to the Lord.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session: **October 21, 5-7 pm**

November 4, 5-7 pm

We are in need of Substitute Teachers! If you are interested, please contact Ginine Flanagan at: lawrencereligioused@gmail.com

The Religious Ed Team

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session: **Saturday, October 14, 5-7 pm**

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

Next Meeting:

Sunday, October 15 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

High School Students Registration:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/

Save the Date: **Eparchial Retreat**

2023 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Oct 27, 4:00 pm – Oct 29, 2:00 pm

America's Keswick Christian Retreat Ctr,

601 County Rd 530, Whiting, NJ 08759, USA

Regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic East, & West

COMING SOON

MEN'S MINISTRY

CONNECTING. EQUIPPING AND REACHING MEN FOR CHRIST

Purpose:

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony's church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a guide and intercessor, and create the opportunity to pray, share our experience and grow in faith together on our journey to eternal life promised to us by Jesus the crucified.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

One Saturday every month (except 2nd Saturday) at Saint Anthony Maronite Church and Hall

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

FIND SUPPORT TO GROW YOUR FAITH

Finding support for your newly found or even lifelong pursuit of Catholicism can be a challenge.

Need help being affirmed in your daily walk, in gaining new wisdom or in becoming a better man?

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Want valuable wisdom on how to strengthen your relationship with your wife? Or need to know what the Catholic Church teaches? Or how to live a life that is Christ centered?

FOSTER FAMILY VALUES

Need encouragement to discover new ways to engage yourself, your wife or your children to live and understand your faith every day?

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

Looking for ways to become an active participant in your Catholic community or to aid others by showing them how to live the Catholic faith and how it can help them live happier and holier lives?

ST. ANTHONY'S BASKETBALL

5TH - 8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE

STARTING IN NOVEMBER

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BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH SESSIONS

Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism Series*

The beauty, goodness, and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Bishop Robert Barron presents topics from more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of our Church's history that claims more than one billion people as the fullness of Catholicism is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as we watch each episode and discuss the topics presented on why we believe what we believe. Each session is independent, so come whenever you like.

Regular Schedule: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

Location will be in conference room and simulcast on Zoom.

-October 18, 25

-November 1, 8, 15, (no session 22nd -Thanksgiving), 29

-December 6, 13, 20 (no session 27th - Christmas)

**More sessions to be posted at a later date.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed:

*Callum Joshua Roberts, Son of:
Joshua & Meagan Roberts*

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

~Mark 16:16

Congratulations on your New Baby

*Eliana Sfeir, daughter of
Rock & Nadine Sfeir.*

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3*

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY & FORMATION

Every Thursday at 6PM - October 12, next session

The Importance and Benefits of Bible Study

8 Benefits of Bible Study

1. It is through the Word of God that we get faith.
2. If we are going astray, the Word of God corrects us.
3. If we are ignorant, the Word of God instructs us.
4. The Bible gives us great and loving thoughts of God, and makes our hearts tender toward Him.
5. Do you want to know Jesus better? Read the Bible.
6. Do you want to pray with more faith and power? Read the Bible.
7. Do you want to speak to the hearts of saints and sinners with more effect? Read the Bible.
8. Do you want to hold out faithful to the end, and not make shipwreck of faith?

STRUGGLING WITH OUR OWN INADEQUACY *By Ronald Rolheiser*

It is hard to measure up. In our lucid moments we admit this. Rarely is there a day when we could not echo these words by Anna Blaman:

I realized that it was simply impossible for a human being to be and remain good or pure. If, for instance, I wanted to be attentive in one direction, it could only be at the cost of neglecting another. If I gave my heart to one thing, it left another in the cold. No day and no hour go by without my being guilty of inadequacy. We never do enough, and what we do is never well enough done, except being inadequate, which we are good at because that is the way we are made. This is true of me and of everyone else. Every day and every hour brings with it its weight of moral guilt, as regards my work and my relations with others. I am constantly catching myself out in my human failings and, in spite of their being implied in my human imperfection, I am conscious of a sort of check. And this means that my human shortcomings are also my human guilt. It sounds strange that we should be guilty where we can do nothing about it. But even where there is no set purpose, no deliberate intention, we have a conviction of our own shortcomings, and of consensual guilt, a guilt which shows itself all too clearly in the consequences of what we have done or left undone.

Henri Nouwen occasionally expressed similar feelings: There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, unrealized proposals. There is always something else that we should have remembered, done, or said. There are always people we did not speak to, write to, or visit. Thus, although we are very busy, we also have a lingering feeling of never really fulfilling our obligations. A gnawing sense of being unfulfilled underlies our filled lives.

When we are in touch with ourselves, we can relate to these words, these expressions of inadequacy. At the end of the day, we cannot measure up and cannot not disappoint others and ourselves. Generally the fault is not that we are not sincere or that we do not put out the effort. The fault is that we are human. We have limited resources, get tired, experience feelings we cannot control, have only 24 hours in our day, have too many demands on us, have wounds and weaknesses that shackle us, and thus know exactly what St. Paul meant when he said: Woe, to me, wretch that I am, the good I want to do, I cannot do; and the evil I want to avoid, I end up doing!

That may sound negative, neurotic, and stoic, and it can be those things, but, appropriated properly, it can generate hope and renewed energy in our lives. To be human is to be inadequate, by definition. Only God is adequate and the rest of us can safely say to ourselves: Fear not you are inadequate! But a God who made us this way surely gives us the slack, the forgiveness, and the grace we need to work with this. Personally, I take consolation from the gospel parable of the ten bridesmaids who, while waiting for the bridegroom, all fell asleep, wise and the foolish alike. Even the wise were too human and too weak to stay awake the whole time. Nobody does it perfectly and accepting this, our congenital inadequacy, can bring us to a healthy humility and perhaps even to a healthy humor about it.

But it should bring us to something more: prayer, especially the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is, among other things, a vigil of waiting. When Jesus instituted the Eucharist he told the disciples to keep celebrating it until he returned again. A biblical scholar, Gerhard Lofink, puts it this way: The early apostolic communities cannot be understood outside of the matrix of intense expectation. They were communities imminently awaiting Christ's return. They gathered in Eucharist, among other reasons, to foster and sustain this awareness, namely, that they were living in wait, waiting for Christ to return.

I try to celebrate Eucharist every day. I do this because I am a priest and part of the covenant a priest makes with the church at his ordination is to pray the priestly prayer of Jesus, the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours, regularly for the world. But I do it too, more personally, for another reason: The older I get, the less confident, in some ways, I am becoming. I don't always know whether I'm following Christ properly or even know exactly what it means to follow Christ, and so I stake my faith on an invitation that Jesus left us on the night before he died: To break bread and drink wine in his memory and to trust that this, if all else is uncertain, is what we should be doing while we wait for him to return.

SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

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Cemetery Guidelines

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Headstones & Cemetery Markers

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Oct 14:** Sharbel Bou Sanayeh, Sophia Reyes, Suad Tarness
- Oct 15:** Marlene Chaya, Robert Danus, Kyle Feghali, Matthew Karam
- Oct 16:** Michelle Abou Raad, Jessica Atallah, Joseph El-Boustany, Rosanne Ganem, Joe Miguel Nassar
- Oct 17:** Lena Bouchrouche, Christian Khalife, Grace Owaida
- Oct 18:** Alysha Assaf, Doreen Hamman, Paul Ndaira Leyla Saouma
- Oct 19:** Rami Ata, Rayan Bourouphael, Carl Fiacchino Jacqueline Mansor, III, Joseph Nassar
- Oct 20:** Michael Davis, Randa Harb, Shannon Hassan Elie Kazzi, Vanessa Khalife, Habouba Mouawad, Wissam I. Tarabay

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- Oct 14:** Richard & Bev Bergeron,, Timothy & Danielle Forristall, Eddy & Tania Sfeir
- Oct 15:** Steven & Manal Khoury, Douglas & Paula Maroun, Rawad & Brandi Saade
- Oct 17:** Anthony & Gina Bistany, James & Angela Khoury
- Oct 18:** Jean & Lara Kossaifi, William & Toni McKone
- Oct 19:** Jihad & Georjina Maroun, Charbel & Jeannette Maroun
- Oct 20:** Sleiman & Hala Ramy

Sunday of the Fifth Week after the Cross

Song of Songs 5,2-8.

I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking. 'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.' I had put off my garment; how could I put it on again? I had bathed my feet; how could I soil them? My beloved thrust his hand into the opening, and my inmost being yearned for him. I arose to open to my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, my fingers with liquid myrrh, upon the handles of the bolt. I opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and was gone. My soul failed me when he spoke. I sought him, but did not find him; I called him, but he gave no answer. Making their rounds in the city the sentinels found me; they beat me, they wounded me, they took away my mantle, those sentinels of the walls. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, tell him this: I am faint with love.

Letter to the Philippians 2,12-18.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 25,1-13.

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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.

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العذارى العشر

سفر نشيد الأناشيد 2:5-8

إِنِّي نَائِمَةٌ وَقَلْبِي مُسْتَيْقِظٌ إِذَا بَصَوْتُ حَبِيبِي قَارِعًا أَنْ إِفْتَحِي لِي يَا أُخْتِي يَا خَلِيلَتِي يَا حَمَامَتِي يَا كَامِلَتِي
فَإِنَّ رَأْسِي قَدْ امْتَلَأَ مِنَ النَّدَى وَخَصَائِلِي مِنْ قَطْرَاتِ اللَّيْلِ. قَدْ نَزَعْتُ ثَوْبِي فَكَيْفَ أَلْبِسُهُ؟ قَدْ غَسَلْتُ
رِجْلِي فَكَيْفَ أُوَسِّخُهُمَا؟ حَبِيبِي أَرْسَلَ يَدَهُ مِنَ الثَّقَبِ فَتَحَرَّكَتْ لَهُ أَحْشَائِي. فَقُمْتُ لِأَفْتَحَ لِحَبِيبِي وَكَانَتْ
يَدَايَ تَفْطُرَانِ مُرًّا وَأَصَابِعِي بِالْمُرِّ السَّائِلِ عَلَى مِقْبِضِ الْمِزْلَاجِ. فَفَتَحْتُ لِحَبِيبِي لَكِنَّ حَبِيبِي وَلى
وَمَضَى. نَفْسِي فَاضَتْ مِنْ تَوَارِيهِ إِتَمَسَتْهُ فَمَا وَجَدْتُهُ وَدَعَوْتُهُ فَلَمْ يُجِبْنِي. صَادَقْنِي الْحُرَّاسُ الطَّائِفُونَ
فِي الْمَدِينَةِ فَضْرَبُونِي وَجَرَحُونِي وَحُرَّاسَ الْأَسْوَارِ نَزَعُوا عَنِّي رِدَائِي. أَسْتَحْلِفُكُنَّ يَا بَنَاتِ أُورُشَلِيمَ: إِنْ
وَجَدْتُنَّ حَبِيبِي بِمَاذَا تُخْبِرْنَهُ؟ بَأَنَّ الْحُبَّ قَدْ أَسْقَمَنِي.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 12:2-18

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِعْمَلُوا لِخَلَاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى
وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. اِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ
تَذَمُّرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ لِلَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جَيْلٍ مُعَوِّجٍ وَمُنْحَرَفٍ،
تُضَيِّبُونَ فِيهِ كَالنِّيرَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا
تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى دَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِّجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا
أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِّجُوا مَعِي.

إنجيل القديس متى 1:25-13

قال الربُّ يسوع: «يُشْبِهُ مَلَكُوثَ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشْرَ عَذَارَى وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ،
خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا
الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْيَّةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَنَعَسْنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ
اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرَجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينِيذٍ قَامَتْ أَوْلِيكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ
مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ
وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِينَنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَأَبْتَعْنَ لِكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَعْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ،
وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ،
أَفْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

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Saturday, October 14- 4 pm - Anthony Ata

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8 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab

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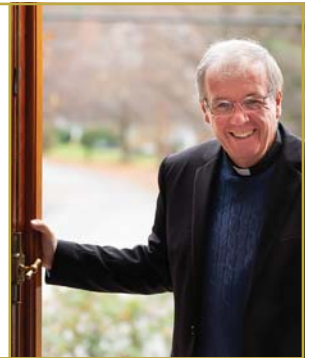
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