

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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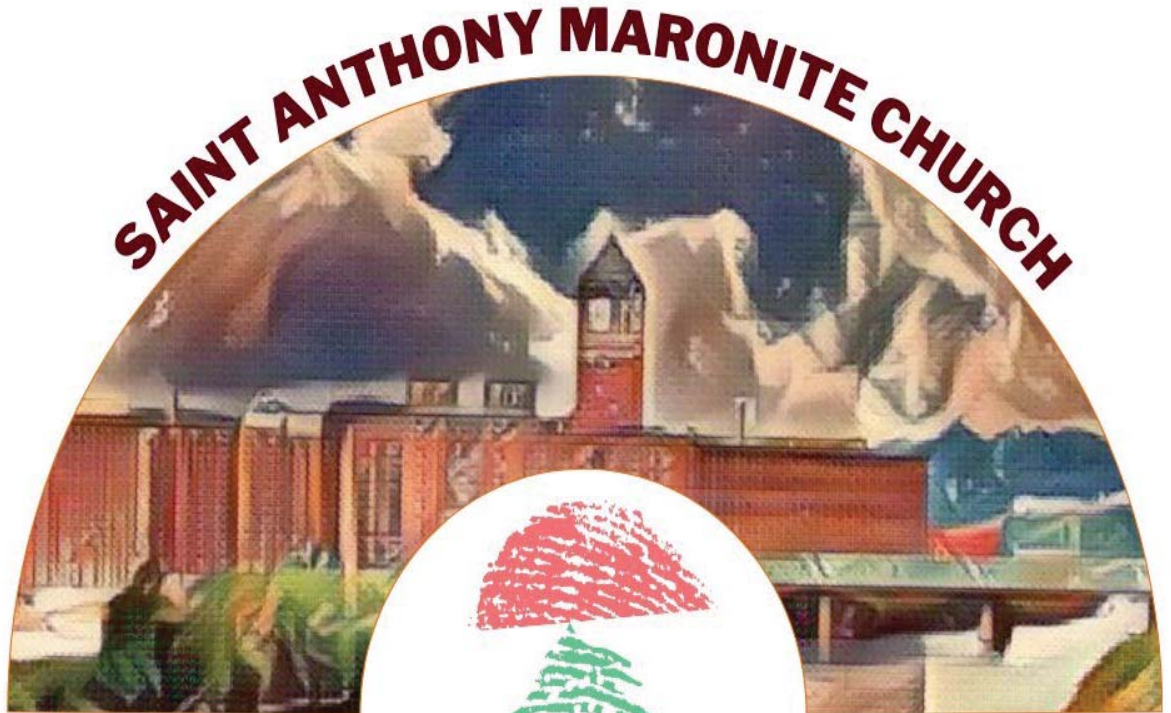


WEEKLY BULLETIN



DAILY READINGS

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# LEBANESE MAHRAJAN

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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### 16th Sunday of Pentecost

**Saturday, August 31** (Eng.) *St. Zakhia & St. Abda*

**4:00 pm** In Honor and Thanksgiving for our volunteers, parishioners, & friends of St Anthony Church

**Sunday, September 1** *St. Simeon the Stylite*

**11:00 am** In Honor and Thanksgiving for our volunteers, parishioners, & friends of St. Anthony Church

### Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Saturday, September 7** (Eng.) *St. Sozon*

**4:00 pm** + 1st Anniversary - Louise Abdulla, By her children and their families

**Sunday, September 8**

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**9:30 am** + Private Intention

**11:00 am** + 40 Day Anniversary - Jean Youssef Hadchiti, By his sister-in law, Grace, wife of Marwane Cherfane, & family

+ 1st Anniversary - Naim El Hachem, By his wife Sonia, his children: Tony, Richard, Ghassan, & Vera, their spouses, and children

### Daily Liturgies

**Please note:** There will be NO DAILY LITURGIES and the OFFICE CLOSED from Monday September 2 to Friday September 6, due to the Mahrajan clean up and inventory. Thank you!

### OBSERVANCES

**Labor Day - No Liturgies - Office Closed - Monday Sept 2, 2024.**

### SANCTUARY LAMPS



**In Honor of All Our Mahrajan Volunteers**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**Catholic Universities of America – September 7 & 8, 2024**

*Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!*

### PLEASE NOTE

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



Dear Parishioners,

As we approach this Labor Day weekend, which marks our 52nd Annual Lebanese Mahrajan, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all who have worked tirelessly to make this incredible milestone possible. You are carrying forward the legacy of previous generations of parishioners who, through their dedication to St. Anthony's, have transformed the Mahrajan into a joyous celebration of our heritage, tradition, and faith.

It is only through your devotion and generosity that we continue to honor this cherished tradition of our culture. I am proud to witness that our Mahrajan stands as one of the major events in the Merrimack Valley at this time of year. As we come together to work and celebrate this weekend, I pray that God will bless and protect each of you, and that Saint Anthony Lebanese Mahrajan will be a resounding success!

With heartfelt thanks,

Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy

**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**FRI OFFICE CLOSED**

**SAT** By Appointment

**DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am**

**MON & WED (Ar)**

**TUE & THU (Eng)**

**WEEKEND LITURGIES**

**SAT** 4 pm (Eng)

**SUN** 9:30 am (Eng) 11 am (Eng.& Ar)

**Holy days of obligation:**

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

**MEET OUR PRIESTS:**

**Chorbishop Elie Mikhael**

(305) 807-9087

**Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy**

(857)390-4838

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

**MEET OUR DEACONS:**

**Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,  
& David Leard**

**Sub-Deacon:** Antoine Nammour

**CLERGY DAY OFF**

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

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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.





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52<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL

# LEBANESE MAHRAJAN



**ROGER  
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*Friday*  
**08/30**  
5 PM - 1AM



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**MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION**

*MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour*

Kick Off Event:

*Sunday, September 8, 2024 @ 5 - 7:00 pm*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

First Session:

*Saturday, September 14, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm*

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/)

**KNIGHTS OF MARY**

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Kick Off Meeting:

*Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 4 - 6:30 pm*

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/)

**KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR**

Meeting:

*Saturday, September 7, 2024 ,  
11 am- 12:30 pm @ church hall*

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
-St. Anthony Council 16204**

KOC Next Meeting:

*Tuesday September 10, 2024  
@ 7pm, Church Hall*

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend. For information email: [KOFc16204@gmail.com](mailto:KOFc16204@gmail.com)



*Save the Date*

**September 14 & 15, 2024**

**Following each Liturgy**

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- August 31:** George Atallah, Elia Bou Jabbour, John Veilleux
- September 1:** George Chaya, Adel Dreik, Jad El Hayek, Marc Hachem, Jamil Kamari, Rachel Moussa, George Nammour, Janice Solomon
- September 2:** Nassif Ata, Angela Dahbour, Christopher Getchell, Grace Mansor
- September 3:** Joey Abi-Moussa, Isabella Imad, Samir Maroun, Jack Rached
- September 4:** Allan Bistany, Megan El Hayek, Therese Leone, Layla Merheb, Abbas Sadek
- September 5:** Lyanna Abboud, Harrison Ameen, Stephanie Constantine, Dominic Maroun, Lilliana Tabet, Bruce Touma
- September 6:** Lori Corey, Olivia Reed

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- August 31:** James & Maureen Demers,
- September 1:** Jad & Mariane El Hayek
- September 2:** Joseph & Marlene Abdulnour
- September 3:** George & Rita Bejjani  
Raymond & Janette Nadira
- September 5:** Antoine & Hyam Bou Habib
- September 6:** Tony & Viviane Tannoury  
Nicholas & Meaghan Twing

## OF VIRTUE AND SIN, *By Fr. Ron Rolheiser*

There's an axiom which says: Nothing feels better than virtue. There's a deep truth here, but it has an underside. When we do good things we feel good about ourselves. Virtue is indeed its own reward, and that's good. However, feeling righteous can soon enough turn into feeling self-righteous. Nothing feels better than virtue; but self-righteousness feels pretty good too. We see this famously expressed in Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the Publican. The Pharisee is practicing virtue, his actions are exactly what they should be, but what this produces in him is not humility, nor a sense of his need for God and mercy, but self-righteousness and a critical judgment of others. So too for all of us, we easily become the Pharisee: Whenever we look at another person who's struggling and say, There but for the grace of God go I, our seeming humble gratitude can indicate two very different things. It can be expressing a sincere thanks for having been undeservedly blessed or can just as easily be expressing a smug self-righteousness about our own sense of superiority. Classical spiritual writers like John of the Cross, when talking about the challenges we face as walk the way of discipleship, speak about something they call: The faults of those who are beyond initial conversion. What they highlight is this: We are never free from struggle with sin. As we mature, sin simply takes on ever more subtle modalities inside us. For example, before initial maturity, what we've classically called the seven deadly sins (pride, greed, envy, lust, anger, gluttony, and sloth) express themselves in us in ways that are normally pretty crass and overt. We see this in children, in adolescents, and in the immature. For them, pride is plainly pride, jealousy is jealousy, selfishness is selfishness, lust is lust, and anger is anger. There's nothing subtle or hidden here, the fault is out in the open. But as we overcome these sins in their crasser forms they invariably take on more subtle forms in our lives. So that now, for instance, when we're humble, we become proud and self-righteous in our humility. Witness: Nobody can be more smug and judgmental than a new convert or someone in first fervor. But sin too has its complexities. Some of our naïve ideas about sin and humility also needed to be critically examined. For example, we sometimes nurse the romantic notion that sinners are humble, aware of their need for forgiveness, and open to God. In fact, as a generalization, this is true for the gospels. As Jesus was preaching, it was the Pharisees that struggled more with his person and message, whereas the sinners, the tax collectors and prostitutes, were more open to him. So this can pose a question: Does sin, more than virtue, make us aware of our need for God? Yes, when the sin is honest, humble, admitted, and contrite or when our wrong actions are the result of being wounded, taken advantage of, or exploited. Not all sin is born morally equal: There's honest sin and dishonest sin. As human beings, we're weak and lack the moral strength to always act according to what's best in us. Sometimes we just succumb to temptation, to weakness. Sin needs no explanation beyond this: We're human! Sometimes too, people are caught in sinful situations which are really not of their own making. They've been abused, made to live in sinful circumstances not of their own choosing, are victims of trafficking, are victims of unjust familial or social situations, or are too-deeply wounded to actualize their own moral faculties. In situations like this, wrong action is a question of survival not of free choice. As one woman described it to me: "I was simply a dog, biting in order not to be bitten." In these cases, generally, beneath an understandably hardened, calloused surface lies a still innocent heart that clearly knows its need for God's mercy. There's such a thing as honest sin. But there's also sin that's not honest, that's rationalized, that's forever buffered by a pride that cannot admit its own sinfulness. The result then, most often, is a hardened, bitter, judgmental soul. When sin is rationalized, bitterness will invariably follow, accompanied by a hatred towards the kind of virtue from which it has fallen. When we rationalize, our moral DNA will not let itself be fooled. It reacts and punishes us by having us hate ourselves. And, when someone hates himself, that hatred will issue forth in a hatred of others and, more particularly, in a hatred of the exact virtue from which he has fallen. For example, it's no accident that a lot of people having adulterous affairs have a particular cynicism towards chastity. Finding ourselves as weak and sinful can soften our hearts, make us humble, and open us to receive God's mercy. It can also harden our souls and make us bitter and judgmental. Not every sinner prays like the Publican. Virtue makes us grateful. Sin makes us humble. That's true. Sometimes.





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10:30PM

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## Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost: Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

*Book of Amos 5: 21-24*

I hate, I despise your feasts, I take no pleasure in your solemnities. Even though you bring me your burnt offerings and grain offerings I will not accept them; Your stall-fed communion offerings, I will not look upon them. Take away from me your noisy songs; The melodies of your harps, I will not listen to them. Rather let justice surge like waters, and righteousness like an unfailing stream.

*Letter to the Romans 8: 18 - 27*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 18: 9 - 14*

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, August 31 - 4 pm - Anthony Ata*  
*Sunday, September 1 -*

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, September 7 - 4 pm -Patricia Ferguson*  
*Sunday, September 8 -*

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Giana Hatem

(Ar) Tony Hashem



## الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة: مثل الفريسي والعشار

سفر عاموس 5: 21-24

هَذَا مَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ الْقَدِيرُ: «لَقَدْ أَبْغَضْتُ أَعْيَادَكُمْ وَنَبَذْتُهَا وَلَمْ تَطِبْ لِي أَحْتِفَالًاكُمْ. إِذَا أَسْعَدْتُمْ لِي مُحْرَقَاتٍ... وَتَقَدَّمْتُمْ لِي بِهَا وَلَا اتَّطَلَّعُوا إِلَى الذَّبَائِحِ السَّلَامِيَّةِ مِنْ مُسَمَّنَاتِكُمْ. أَبْعُدْ عَنِّي جَلْبَةَ أَنَاشِيدِكُمْ فَلَا أَسْمَعُ عَزْفَ عِيدَانِكُمْ. بَلْ لِيَجْرِ الْحَقُّ كَالْمِيَاهِ وَالْبِرُّ كَالنَّهْرِ لَا يَنْقَطِعُ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 8 : 18-27

يا إخوتي : إني أحسب أن آلام الوقت الحاضر لا تُوازي المجد الذي سوف يتجلى فينا. فإن الخليقة تنتظر بفارغ الصبر تجلي أبناء الله؛ لأن الخليقة أخضعت للباطل، لا طوعاً، بل «بسُلطان الله الذي أخضعها»، ولكن على رجاء أن الخليقة نفسها ستحرر هي أيضاً من عبودية الفساد إلى حرية مجد أولاد الله. ونحن نعلم أن الخليقة كلها معاً تئن وتتمخض إلى الآن. ولكن لا هي فحسب، بل نحن أيضاً الذين لنا باكورة الروح، نحن أيضاً نئن في أنفسنا، منتظرين التبرير أي فداء جسدينا. فإننا بالرجاء خلصنا. والرجاء الذي يري ليس رجاء. فهل يرجو أحد ما يراه؟ أمّا إذا كنا نرجو ما لا نراه، فبالصبر تنتظره. وهكذا فالروح نفسه يعضدنا في ضعفنا، لأننا لا نعرف أن نصلي كما ينبغي، لكن الروح نفسه يشفع لنا بأنات لا توصف. والذي يفحص القلوب يعرف رغبة الروح، وهي أنه يشفع للقديسين بما يوافق مشيئة الله.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 9: 18-14

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