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So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote

"His Name is John,"

uke 1:62-63

nday of the Birth of John the Baptist أحد مولد يوحناً المعمدان

#### LITURGIES INTENTIONS

**BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST** 

#### **Feast of The Immaculate Conception**

Saturday, December 7 (Eng.)

St. Ambrose

- **4:00 pm** + Private Intentions
- Sunday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception
- 8:00 am + Private Intention
- **9:30 am** In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Daher, their children, & their families
- 11:00 am + Fr. Joseph Abi Saad, By Mr. Gaby Abdelnour, his daughters, & Mr. Camille Abdelnour
  - + Hanane Merheb, Hanna & Farha Daccache, By Mr. & Mrs. Wissam Merheb, & family

#### **REVELATION TO JOSEPH**

#### Saturday, December 14 (Eng.) St. Nemtallah El-Hardini

- **4:00 pm +** In Honor of the Yameen & Maroun Families
- Sunday, December 15 St. Eleutherius and his Mother
- 8:00 am + Living & Deceased members of the Alphonse, Bou-Habib, Hayek, & Renner Families, By Mr. & Mrs Elias Bou-Habib & family
- 9:30 am + 1st Anniversary Joseph (Joey) Getchell, Edmond & Theresa Solomon, Fred & Mary Faris, *By their family*
- **11:00 am** + Elias Saab, *By his family* 
  - + Jamileh (Barbar) & Chafic Zaarour, By their daughters, Georgina Maroun & Joumana Feghali, & their families

**Daily Liturgies** 

Monday, December 9 (Ar.) OFFICE CLOSED

St. Francis of Paola / Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 1:67-80

#### **NO DAILY LITURGY**

- Tuesday, December 10 (Eng.) Pope St. Miltiades / Rom 9:6-13 / Mt 11:11-15
- **9:00** am + Geryes & Berthe Cherfane, By their children

Wednesday, December 11 (Ar.) St. Daniel / Rom 9:14-18 / Mt 17:9-13

9:00 am + Fr. Joseph Abi Saad, By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou- Ezzi

Thursday, December 12 (Eng.) Our Lady of Guadalupe / Rom 9:19-29 / Mt 21:23-27

- 9:00 am + Maurice Hatem, By his wife, Maryann Hatem, his daughter, Alice, wife of Pierre Sader, & family
- **9:30 am Noon** Eucharistic Adoration
- Friday, December 13
   OFFICE CLOSED

   St. Lucy/ Eph 3:14-21 / Mk 7:24-30

Weekly	Contributions 11/24/2024
Candles Donation Sunday Collection	\$130.00 \$1,800.00 \$3,585.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$50.00 Total <b>\$5,565.00</b>
	12/01/2024
Christmas Decoration Christmas Offering Christmas Poinsettias Immaculate Conception	\$55.00 \$115.00 \$15.00 \$65.00
Candles Donation Sunday Collection Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$130.45 \$540.00 \$3,734.80 \$735.00 Total <b>\$5,390.25</b>

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

## PASTOR'S CORNER

#### Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our Advent journey, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) shines as a profound moment of grace and hope. This feast celebrates the extraordinary gift granted to the Virgin Mary, who was preserved free from original sin from the very moment of her conception.

#### The History of the Feast

The belief in Mary's Immaculate Conception has deep roots in the Church's tradition. Early Church Fathers, including Saint Ephrem and Saint Augustine, spoke of Mary's purity and unique role in salvation history. The doctrine was formally defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX in the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, which proclaimed:

"The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

This declaration confirmed what had been celebrated in the Church for centuries, recognizing Mary as the new Eve, whose obedience and purity made her the perfect vessel for the Incarnation of Christ.

#### Mary's Example for Our Advent Journey

Mary's Immaculate Conception reminds us of God's divine plan and His call for us to live in holiness. As Mary embraced her role in salvation history with complete trust, we too are invited to surrender our hearts to God's will, especially as we prepare for the birth of His Son. During this Advent season, let us:

- 1. **Ponder Mary's Example:** Take time in prayer to reflect on her openness to God's grace.
- 2. **Deepen Our Spiritual Preparation:** Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make space for Christ in our hearts.
- 3. Live in Hope and Joy: As part of this Jubilee Year of Hope, strive to bring Christ's light to those around you.

The lights of Christmas that surround us are a reflection of the true Light, Jesus Christ, who is the reason for our celebration. May we, like Mary, be filled with grace as we welcome Him into our lives.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) 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 8am(Ar) 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

#### **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 **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.

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



"In service to one, in service to all"

Next meeting: Tuesday December 17, 2024 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend. For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

KOC thank all our parishioners who helped make our recent New England Chicken Barb and Falafel Lunch a huge success. We hope it was enjoyed by all. Our proceeds will help us continue to support all of the St Anthony ministries and programs. We would also like to thank those who graciously contributed to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity enabled us to support local needy families and the Maronite Monks in Petersham, MA. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



#### **Purpose:**

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony's church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a quide 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**

Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am at Saint Anthony Maronite Church Hall.



movie night







#### **KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR**

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 7, 2024, 11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall

Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings. New applicants are always welcome!

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session: Saturday, December 14, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm **Kids Christmas Party** www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

**MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO** 

Next Meeting:

Sunday, December 20, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm **Christmas Party** 

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

Next Sessions:

Saturday, December 7 & 21 @ 5 - 7 pm



**M-WINE** 

"We Serve Better Together"

Next event: Monday, December 16, 2024 6pm - 7:30pm @ Church Hall WEEKLY BULLETIN: BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - DECEMBER 8, 2024

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Let us give the gift of HOPE this season and help us make Christmas brighter for others.

Please visit the Angel Tree in the foyer, pick up a name tag, and if you would like to, replace it with one of your own ornaments

New wrapped gifts, with angel tag attached, must be turned in to the church by Wednesday, December 18th

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

2	December 7: Karen Daher, Paige Frias, Amira
	Imad, Abigail Karam, Brittany
6	Metchell, Christian Rached, Paul
	Sadek, August Sfeir
	December 8: Jennie Abdallah, Gianna Bassil,
	Marian Ead, Jeffrey Getchell,
	Edith Maroun
	<b>December 9:</b> Anthony Bistany, Richard Habib, TJ
	Hatem, Amanda Iskandar, Maroun
	Kanaan, Alessia Karam, David Leard,
	Micha Tanios
	December 10: Monica Abou-Ezzi, Hogn Belko,
	Hyam Bou Habib, Fouad
	Bouraphael, Paulina Eid,
	Jaret Farhat, Robert Hamman,
	Diala Khoury, Lucas Levy,
	Jovani Nader, Melanie Phares
	December 11: Kozhaya Abou Khalil, Rayan
	Alghoul, Jennifer Bassil, Joelle Ziade
	December 12: Tanya Abdilmasih, William Gabriel,
	Fuad Hawwa, Louis Roberts,
	Colette Sadek
	December 13: Yolla Harb, Hadi Raad
	ANNIVERSARY WISHES
	<b>December 9:</b> David & Marilyn Leard
	December 12: Abdullah & Yolla Harb

#### Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptist - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### 1st book of Samuel 1:9-11. 19b-23

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.'

#### Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-17

If, then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood for under it the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 11:27-32

While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe It. "While still more people gathered in the crowd, he said, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment, the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and there is something greater than Jonah here."



#### **UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

#### Pastor's Collection-December 24 & 25, 2024

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أحد مولد يوحنًا المعمدان - الاحتفال بالحبل الطاهر بسيّدتنا مريم البتول

سفر صمونيل الأوّل 1: 9-11. 196 - 22

وقَامَتْ حَنَّةُ، من بَعْدِ مَا أَكَلُوا فِي شِيلُو وشَرِبُوا، وكانَ عَالِي الْكَاهِنُ جَالِسًا عَلَى الْكُرْسِيِّ إلى دِعامَةِ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِ، فَصَلَّتْ إِلَى الرَّبِ في مَرارةِ نفْسِها وَبَكَتْ بُكَاءً وَنَذَرَتْ نَذْرًا وَقَالَتْ: »يَا رَبَّ الْقُوات، إِنْ أنتَ نَظَرْتَ إلى بؤس أَمَتِكَ، وَذَكَرْ تَنِي وَلَمْ تَنْسَ أَمَتَكَ وأَعْطَيْتَ أَمَتَكَ مولودًا ذكرًا، أُعْطِهِ لِلرَّبِ لكُلَّ أَيَّامٍ حَيَاتِهِ، وَلاَ يَعْلُو رَأْسَهُ مُوسَى . «وَعَرَفَ أَلْقَانَةُ حَنَّةَ زَوجَتَه، وَذَكَرَهَا الرَّبُّ. فَكَانَ فِي ٱنقِضاءِ الأَيَّام أَنَّ حَنَّةَ حَمِلَتْ وَوَلَدَتِ ٱبْنَا، وَيَعْنَى اللَّهُ مُوسَى . «وَعَرَفَ أَلْقَانَةُ حَنَّةَ زَوجَتَه، وَذَكَرَهَا الرَّبُّ. فَكَانَ فِي ٱنقِضاءِ الأَيَّام أَنَّ حَنَّةَ حَمِلَتْ وَوَلَدَتِ ٱبْنَا، فَدَعَتهُ مُوسَى . «وَعَرَفَ أَلْقَانَةُ حَنَّة زَوجَتَه، وَذَكَرَهَا الرَّبُّ. فَكَانَ فِي ٱنقِضاءِ الأَيَّام أَنَّ حَنَّةَ حَمِلَتْ وَوَلَدَتِ ٱبْنَا، فَدَعَتهُ مَوسَلًى . لائيما أَنَ حَنَّةَ مَعَنَهُ عَنْ أَلْقَانَةُ حَنَّة أَوْوَجَتَه، وَذَكَرَهَا الرَّبُ فَقَانَهُ وَكُلُّ بَيْتِهُ لِيُقَدِّم لِلرَّبُ الذَي كَانَ فِي الْعَانَهُ وَكُلُّ بَيْتِهِ لِيُقدم فَدَعَتهُ مَامَ النَّيَولَ الْمَابَة مَعَلَى الْأَنَهُ مَنَعْ أَنْ الرَّبِ التمستُهُ . «وَعَامَ الرَّبُ الْنَا

#### رسالة الى العبرانيين 11:7-17

ولَو كانَ الكَمالُ تَحَقَّقَ بِالكَهَنوتِ اللاوِيّ، وهوَ أساسُ الشَّريعَةِ التي تَسلَّمها الشَّعبُ، فأيَّةُ حاجَةٍ بَعدَهُ إلى أنْ يَظهَرَ كاهِنِّ آخرُ على رُتبَةِ مَلْكِيصادَقَ؟ وما قالَ الكِتابُ على رُتبةِ هارونَ. لأنّهُ إذا تبَدّلَ الكَهَنوتُ، فَلا بُدّ مِنْ أنْ تَتَبدّلَ الشَّريعَةُ. والذي يُقالُ هذا فيهِ يَنتَمي إلى عَشيرةٍ أُخرى، ما قامَ أحَدٌ مِنها بِخِدمَةِ المَذبَح. فمِنَ المعروفِ أنّ رَبّنا طلَعَ مِنْ يَهوذا، وما ذكَرَ موسى هذهِ العَشيرة في كلامِهِ على الكَهنةِ. ومِنّا المَرَ وُضوحًا أنّهُ على مِثالِ مَنْكِيصادَقَ ظهرَ الكافِرِ ما قالَ المَعْديةِ أُخرى، ما قامَ أحَدٌ منها بِخِدمَةِ المَ تَرولُ. فَشَهادةُ الكَهنةِ. والذي يُقالُ هذا فيهِ يَنتَمي إلى عَشيرةٍ أُخرى، ما قامَ أحَدٌ مِنها بِخِدمَةِ المَذبَح. فمِنَ المعروفِ أنّ رَبّنا طلَعَ مِنْ يَهوذا، وما ذكَرَ موسى هذهِ العَشيرةَ في كلامِهِ على الكَهنةِ. ومِمّا يزيدُ الأمرَ وُضوحًا أنّهُ على مِثالِ مَنْكِيصادَقَ ظهرَ الكاهِنُ الآخَرُ، لا على أساسِ نسَبٍ بشَري، بَلْ بِقُوّةِ حياةٍ لا

#### إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 27:11-32

فيما يَسوعُ يَتَكَلَّم بِهذا، رَفَعَتِ ٱمْرَأَةٌ مِنَ الجَمْعِ صَوْتَها، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ: »طُوبَى لِلْبَطْنِ الَّذي حَمَلَكَ، وَلِلثَّدْيَينِ اللَّذَين رَضِعْتَهُمَا .«أَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَقَال: »بَلِ ٱلطُّوبَى لِلَّذَينَ يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ وَيَحْفَظُونَها! .«وفيما كانَ الجُمُوعُ مُحْتَشِدِين، بَدَأَ يَسُوعُ يَقُول: »إنَّ هذا الجِيلَ جِيلٌ شِرّير. إِنَّهُ يَطْلُبُ آيَة، وَلَنْ يُعْطَى آيَةً إِلاَّ آيَة يُونَان. فكَمَا كانَ يُونانُ آيَةً لأَهْلِ نِينَوى، كَذلِكَ سَيَكُونُ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَانِ لِهَذَا ٱلجِيل. مَلِكَةُ الجُنُوبِ سَتَقُومُ في الدَّيْنُونَةِ مَعَ رِجَالِ هذا الجِيلِ وَتَدِينُهُم، لأَنَّها جَاءَتْ مِنْ أَقَاصِي الأَرْضِ لِتَسْمَعَ حِكْمَةَ سُلَيْمَان، وَهَا هُنَا أَعْظَمُ مِنْ رِجَالُ نِينَوى سَيَقُومُونَ في الدَّيْنُونَةِ مَعَ هذا الجِيلِ وَيَدِينُونَهُ، لأَنَّهُم تَابُوا بِإِنْدَان، وَهَا هُنَا أَعْظَمُ مِنْ سُلَيْمَان.

#### **LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 7 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah Sunday, December 8 -8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter 9:30 am - David Brousseau 11:00 am - (Eng) Angela Dahbour (Ar) Gisele Dahbour

#### **LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 14 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson Sunday, December 15 -8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir 9:30 am - Janice Solomon 11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab (Ar) George Saab

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