



St. Anthony Maronite Church
145 Amesbury St. Lawrence, MA 01841

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Lebanese Mahrajan Annual Festival

August 29
August 30
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2025



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Dear Beloved Parishioners, Friends, and Visitors,

With gratitude and joy, I welcome you to our Annual Lebanese Mahrajan at Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church. What a blessing it is to gather again to celebrate our faith, heritage, and community. This tradition unites generations of parishioners, neighbors, and friends, transforming our parish grounds into a vibrant reflection of our identity.

Since its founding in 1971 under the visionary leadership of Msgr. Semaan Farris, the Mahrajan has grown from a modest gathering into one of the most beloved cultural and spiritual events in our community. Its endurance is a testimony to the dedication of priests, parish leaders, and lay faithful who, through prayer, service, and love, built what we cherish today.

Each year on Labor Day weekend, we also pause to honor those who have gone before us - priests, parishioners, family members, and friends - who once prepared the food, played the music, led the raffles, and welcomed the crowds. Though they are no longer with us, their legacy lives on. May their memory be eternal, and their joyful spirit inspire us.

Behind every moment of this Mahrajan - every plate of food, every note of music, every smile - are the hands of dedicated volunteers. Our Mahrajan Committee begins planning months in advance, coordinating logistics, recruiting volunteers, and making countless decisions. In addition, more than 120 parishioners devote hours of preparation, culminating in three days of joyful service and witness. To each of you, I say: thank you. Your work is sacred. As Saint Paul reminds us: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).

We are also deeply grateful to our sponsors. Your generosity sustains this Mahrajan and supports the mission of Saint Anthony Church - our liturgy, our youth and families, our care for the elderly and vulnerable, and our parish as a spiritual home.

Dear friends, the Mahrajan is more than a festival. It is a testament to who we are - a people of faith, rooted in tradition, united in love, committed to service. May this celebration renew in us the joy of belonging, the beauty of our Lebanese roots, and the hope that comes from trusting in God.

May we walk forward together into this Jubilee Year of Hope with courage, unity, and faith, inspired by our ancestors and strengthened by the example of Saint Anthony, our beloved patron.

May the Lord bless you and your families. May Saint Anthony intercede for you always. And may this year's Mahrajan inspire in each of us a renewed commitment to our faith, heritage, and Church.



Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy,
Administrator, St. Anthony Church





Divine Liturgy Schedule

Weekday Liturgies

Monday & Wednesday - 9:00 AM - Arabic

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 AM - English

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday Vigil Liturgy: 4:00 PM - English

Sunday: 8:00 AM - Arabic | 9:30 AM - English | 11:00 AM Arabic & English

Youth Liturgy: Every first Sunday of the Month at 5:00 PM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Liturgy: Every first Friday of the month at 7:00 PM

Saint Charbel Family Liturgy: Every third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM
followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM, and Feast day Liturgy at
9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday following the 9:00 AM daily Liturgy
until noon.

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Maronite Youth Organization (MYO) www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2

Maronite Young Adults (MYA) Please contact rectory@stanthonylawrence.org to join

Knights of Columbus (KOC) : Please contact KOC16204@gmail.com

Knights of Mary (KOM): www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4

Knights of the Altar: 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
Sunshine Committee

Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality
Bereavement Ministry

Men's Ministry
Ushers

M-Wine

Contact Us

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This year, we are dedicating the bell in loving memory of our faithful volunteers who have passed on. We honor their generous spirits and lasting contributions. Their kindness and service continue to inspire us in every way.





Mahrajan Leadership Team

Mahrajan Executive Committee

Elias Azzi
George Kalil

Wissam Merheb
Raghida Ramey

Kurt Bistany
Mounira Daher

Marketing Committee

Pierre Younes

Jean Paul Abi Awad

Elizabeth Ganem

Fadi Saroufim

Carla Khoder

Mahrajan Leads & Coordinators

Operational Director: Wissam Merheb

Logistics: George Kalil

CFO: Elias Azzi

Financials: Kurt Bistany

Bar: Mounira Daher & Tom Maroon

Food: Raghida Ramey

Saj / Saj Junior: George Ramey

Shawarma & Falafel: Robert Owaida
& Danny Azzi

Pastry: Bassima Aboujaoude

Coffee Station: Zeidan Ata &
Pascale Haddad

Kids Tent: Gretta Merheb

Purchasing: Elias Azzi & Julie Haddad

Sponsors: Grece Abou Ezzi &
Christine Ryan

Arguili: Charbel & Rudy Bourouphael

IT: Simon Mouawad

Electrical: Nabil Daher

Souvenirs: Hitaf Nammour

Raffle: Mary El Achi

Basket: Claudia Saysouk

Dabke: Carla Khoder & Reine Ata

Face Painting: Nisrine Safi

Volunteer: Ramona Yammine &
Carla Bouchrouche

Set Up & Clean Up: Tony
Aboujaoude & Danny Azzi



Mahrajan Schedule

08/29

5:00 PM Gates Open
7:00 PM Official Festival Opening Ceremony
7:30 PM Dabke Performance
8:00 PM **DJ Roy C**
8:30 PM Special Daily Raffle
9:30 PM **Singer George Deeb**
12:00 AM **DJ Roy C**



George Deeb

08/30

5:00 PM **ABRAXAS** Santana tribute band
7:00 PM Disney Characters
7:30 PM Dabke Performance
8:00 PM **DJ Roy C**
8:30 PM Special Daily Raffle
9:30 PM **Singer Wissam Ibrahim**
11:00 PM Kids Games Close
12:00 AM **DJ Roy C**



Wissam Ibrahim

08/31

12:00 PM **Mazeej Beirut**
2:00 PM Karaoke w/ **DJ Roy C**
3:00 PM Disney Characters
3:30 PM Kids' Entertainment
4:30 PM **DJ Roy C**
5:00 PM Grape Leaves Contest
5:30 PM Dabke Performance
6:00 PM **DJ Roy C**
8:00 PM Dabke Performance
9:30 PM **Singer George Kouz**
10:30 PM Raffle Drawing
11:00 PM **Singer George Kouz**



George Kouz



DJ Roy C



Menu



WRAPS & SANDWICHES

Beef Shawarma \$15
Chicken Shawarma \$15
Kafta Sandwich \$15
Chicken Tawouk Sandwich \$15
Falafel \$12

GRAB & GO BITES

Spinach Pies 4/\$10
Kishik Pies 4/\$10
Mini Pizzas 4/\$10
Lentil Salad \$5
Carrots and Lemon \$5

SAJ

Zaatar Pie \$5
Zaatar Pie Extra \$7
Cheese Pie \$7
Banana Nutella Pie \$7

APPETIZERS

Baba Ghannouj \$6
Fattoush Salad \$6
French Fries \$6
Hummus \$6
Beef Grape Leaves 6/\$10
Rice Pilaf \$5
Tabouleh \$6
Vegetarian Grape Leaves 6/\$8

BAR MENU

Beers (imported, local and Lebanese) \$8
Hard Seltzer \$8
Wine \$9
Arak \$9
On The Rocks \$12
Mixed Drinks \$13
Sangria \$13
Water/Soda \$2

DINNER PLATES*

Beef Kabob Plate \$20
with Rice Pilaf, Hummus, Baba and Tabouleh or salad

Chicken Kabob Plate \$18
with Rice Pilaf, Hummus, Baba and Tabouleh or salad

Kafta in Pita Pouch \$15
wrapped with salad and Hummus, with Fries

Kafta Plate \$15
with Rice, Hummus and Tabouleh or salad

Kibbee Plate \$15
with Hummus and tabouleh or salad

Kibbee in Pita Pouch \$15
wrapped with salad and Hummus, with Fries

Beef Grape Leaves (6) Plate \$16
with Hummus and Tabouleh or salad

Veggie Grape Leaves (6) Plate \$14
with Hummus and Tabouleh or salad

Lebanese Sampler, \$27
Kibbee, Grape Leaves (3), Tabouleh, Hummus, Baba

Mixed Grill, \$30
Beef Kabob, Chicken Kabob, Kafta on a bed of rice, Hummus and Tabouleh or salad

Vegetarian Sampler, \$25
Falafel (3), Veggie Grape Leaves (3) Tabouleh, Hummus, and Baba

Chicken Tenders & Fries \$10

Raw Kibbee \$12

*Extra skewer add-on: Beef, Chicken or Kafta \$10

Notify your server of any allergies



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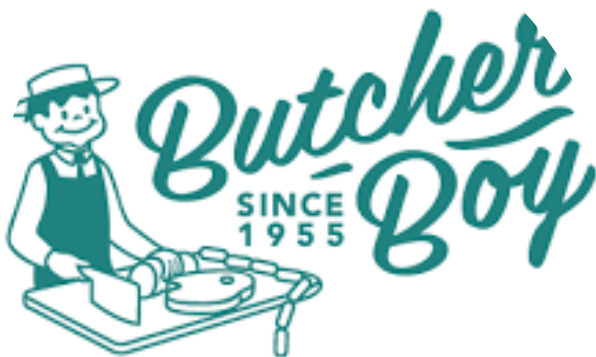
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Important Notes

Parking

Five parking areas will be available for Mahrajan guests (park at your own risk):

- Breen Funeral Home: 122 Amesbury St, Lawrence, MA 01841
- Saint Joseph Melkite Church: 241 Hampshire St, Lawrence, MA 01841
- Central Catholic High School: 300 Hampshire St, Lawrence, MA 01841
- St. Mary's Church: 300 Haverhill St, Lawrence, MA 01841
- Farrah Funeral Home: 133 Lawrence St, Lawrence, MA 01841

No outside food, drinks or hookah.

Shuttle Service & Schedule

- Free shuttles will run every 15 minutes between the parking areas and the Mahrajan grounds.
 - Friday, August 29: 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM
 - Saturday, August 30: 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM
 - Sunday, August 31: 5:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Church Access

- Please note there will be no access to the church or inside bathrooms during the Mahrajan.

Restrooms

- Restrooms are available at the rectory parking lot throughout the event, including ADA restrooms.

