

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

During this time of increased fear and anxiety, we pray that you are all remaining safe and healthy. This pandemic has challenged us to be responsible and maintain the mandated social distance while continuing to remain spiritually and emotionally close to God and our loved ones.

We regret to inform you that **effective immediately**, Saint Anthony's Church will be **temporarily closed to all parishioners** due to the continued and worsening spread of the coronavirus. We will continue to practice our faith by providing a live stream of all spiritual liturgies, events and activities without parishioners in attendance. Based upon the guidance at the Federal and State level, we feel this decision, although not an easy one, is in the best interest of our parishioners, pastors and protection of our church community. We have made some adjustments to the liturgical schedule and we ask for your understanding through these difficult times:

- Daily Liturgies - Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM (Monday/Wednesday English, Tuesday/Thursday Arabic)
- Bible Study - Monday 6:00 PM (Arabic); Wednesday 6:00 PM (English)
- Adoration of the Eucharist - Thursday 6:00-7:00 PM
- Stations of the Cross - Friday 6:00 PM
- Palm Sunday
 - Saturday, April 4, 4:00 PM
 - Sunday, April 5, 8:00 AM
 - Sunday, April 5, 9:00 AM
 - Sunday, April 5, 11:30 AM
- Holy Week
 - Monday, April 6, 6:00 PM Coming to Harbor - Liturgy
 - Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 PM Rite of the Lamp (Anointing with Holy Oil) - Liturgy
 - April 9, Holy Thursday - 6:00 PM - Liturgy followed by Adoration (7 PM-8 PM)
 - April 10, Good Friday: Adoration of the Cross 3:00 PM (English); 6:00 PM (Arabic)
- Easter Liturgies
 - Saturday, April 11, 4:00 PM
 - Sunday, April 12, 8:00 AM
 - Sunday, April 12, 9:00 AM

◦ Sunday, April 12, 11:30 AM

This is truly a Lent like no other. We must continue to be united in prayer and hope. We encourage everyone to join us in rejecting the panic and embracing our faith. We must remember that this is only temporary and that with the help of God's grace and mercy, we will get through this together. Though our Church is empty, our hearts are always full.

Blessings,

Fr. Elie Mikhael

Fr Andrawaos El Tabchi and Parish Council

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. Isaiah 26:20