

Every experience is part of
God's pruning process.
You've been picked out to
be picked on. He cuts off
fruitless branches and
prunes fruitful ones.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon Michael Charchaflian
Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: 1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations: Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony: Couples should make arrangements 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.



www.facebook.com/SaintAnthonyLawrence

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies:

4:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE GLORIOUS CROSS

عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

Sat	Sep. 12		For: + Antoinette Abou Raad (<i>died in Lebanon</i>) <i>By her children: Abdou, Simon, George Abou Raad & their families</i>
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	
Sun	Sep. 13		For: 40 Day Anniversary - Richard Maroon <i>By his wife Louise and his children Alex & Victoria</i>
	<i>English</i>	9:00 AM	
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: + Jeanette Lahoud Nasr
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<i>By her Children: Mirna, Rachelle, Grece, Gisele, Elie & their families.</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: + Salwa Abou Khalil <i>By Rita Touma</i>
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	
Mon	Sep. 14	9:00 AM	For: + Mtanios, Cecilia, Doumit, George Hbaiter, Niece Patricia & Nephew George <i>by Camil Hbaiter & Family</i>
Tue	Sep. 15	9:00 AM	For: Souls in Purgatory, Larry & Dora Maria <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Wed	Sep. 16	9:00 AM	For: + Assaad K. Saysouk <i>by his son Raymond Saysouk & Family</i>
		9:00 AM	For: + Zakhia Charabati <i>by Subdeacon Jim Demers</i>
Thu	Sep. 17	9:30AM- 12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Sep. 18		No Liturgy

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS - الأحد الأوّل بعد عيد الصليب

Sat	Sep. 19		For: + Amelia Kalil
	<i>English</i>	4:00 PM	
Sun	Sep. 20		For: + James Hajj <i>By his Children & their families.</i>
	<i>English</i>	9:00 AM	
	<i>Ara/Eng</i>		For: The Late President Bachir Gemayel & the Martyrs of the Lebanese Forces <i>By The Lebanese Forces - Methuen Chapter</i>
	<i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	For: + Elias Tabet <i>By his son Ibrahim (Bob) Tabet & family.</i>
			For: 40 Day Anniversary - Ghassan Tarabay (<i>died in Lebanon</i>) <i>By his sister Samo wife of Elton McGray</i>

PARISH SECRETARY: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PRIESTS **Pastor:** Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrawos El Tabchi.... 978-241-2977 pv@stanthonylawrence.org



Beirut Relief - Lebanese Food Drive-thru

Report Beirut Relief :

Donations Total: \$33,913.00

Income from the Lebanese Food Drive-thru: \$24,687.00

Expenses for the Lebanese Food Drive-thru: \$6,300.00

Net Total: **\$52,300.00**

First Letter to the Corinthians 1: 18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: Saint John 12: 20-32

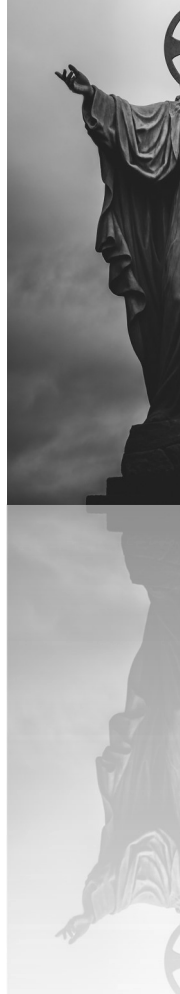
Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Sep 12: Gretchen Akiki, Dianne Dewan, Fadi Khoury, Angela Khoury, Ashley Switala, Joseph Zaarour
Sep 13: Donna Kattar, Tony Khoury
Sep 14: Ghassan Raad, Eva Ramey, Leila Geha, Brian Conway, Georgio Abou Nasser, Patricia Thomas
Sep 15: Olivia Gabriel, Alan Garcia, David Saba, Michael Homsey
Sep 16: Michael Geha, Robert Solomon
Sep 17: Christian Abou Ezzi, Pierre Sader
Sep 18: Maribelle El-Achi, Teresa Perkins, Laurice Touma

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY

Sep 12: Anthony & Frances Fram
Sep 13: Elie & Tanya Abdilmasih
Sep 14: Elias & Guita cBou Habib
 Charles & Chantal Bou Sanayeh
 Hector & Grace Crespo
Sep 15: Ernest & Martha Dow
 Joshua & Danielle Garcia
 Elie & Mireille Lalo
Sep 16: Louis & Katia Assaf
 Rabih & Rana Dahbour
 Stephen & Kathleen George
 Ross & Julianne Jefferson
Sep 17: Ibrahim T. & Lola Ata
Sep 18: Phillip & Barbara Bistany



رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 1: 18-25

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حَمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأَبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرُدُّهُمْ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!». فَأَيُّنَ الْحَكِيمِ؟ وَأَيُّنَ عَالِمِ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيُّنَ الْبَاحِثِ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حَمَاقَةً؟ فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحَمَاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَنُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عِنَارٌ لِلْيَهُودِ وَحَمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَّمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛ فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حَمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12: 20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هُوَ لِأَنَّ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ». فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوَسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوَسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتِ السَّاعَةُ لِكِي يُمَجِّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبِ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا ابْنَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا ابْنَتِ، مَجِّدِ اسْمَكَ». فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكَآ خَاطَبَهُ». أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْتُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ».

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

LEFT SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF:
DOUGLAS PICA
BY MARY RODNEY PICA

RIGHT SANCTUARY LAMPS
WILL BURN IN MEMORY OF:
HENRY SOLOMON
BY MARY RODNEY PICA

The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation were administered

to:

Rebecca Marie Azzi
daughter of

Elie P. & Marie-Therese Azzi

May God shower his blessings
upon the Baptized one & her
family!

Knights of the Altar

Dear Knight,

I hope you and your family are doing well. St. Anthony Parish has been doing everything it can to keep our church safe while still giving everyone the opportunity to worship our Lord as a community, either in person or from home through Facebook. We miss having you serve, but we wanted to make sure you would be as safe as possible before returning.

We're making changes to how we will serve to keep you healthy, and we would love to welcome you back in person. We are not pressuring anyone, and if you decide to begin serving again in the future, we will be happy to welcome you back then. For those who would have been promoted this past spring, that will happen once we are able to do it. You will not be forgotten, whether you are serving again or not.

We will be having our monthly meetings, with training, beginning on October 3, from 11:00 to 12:30, and meeting in the church. We plan to meet on the first Saturday of each month after that. Please bring your books as we will not be sharing books now. The meetings will change as well, with you having to sit apart from one another (except for brothers, who may sit together).

I will only put you on the schedule once you are attending meetings.

This lets me know you know what to do. Please wear your masks to the meetings and when serving. I will explain all the changes when we meet. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely, Sub. James Demers

Meetings Schedule:

October 3 / November 7 / December 5 (*none for January*) / February 6 / March 6 / April 3 / May 8

Training will cover:

- Wearing of masks
- Hand sanitizer
- Cleaning of acolyte candles and cross
- The new altar candles
- Personal robes and laundering
- Cleaning of crosses and cinctures
- Sign of peace
- Standing at lectern and pulpit



Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality group is putting together a Parish Cookbook! If you are interested in having a recipe featured (open to all!), please contact Bassima Aboujaoude (603-571-3003) or the Parish Office **by September 15** to submit your name and the dish you want to share!

Religious Education

If you wish to register your child for Religious Ed, you may register on line at

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/>

Calendar 2020-2021

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/>

St. Anthony Knights of Mary

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/>

For Calendar and Health and Safety Protocols, Please Check our Website:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/>

Sessions will start at 5:15 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Anthony Kids Choir

Registrations are open either by Contacting Mr.

Wissam Merheb @ 978. 853.5145

or by emailing the parish at

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

THE SCENT OF HUMILITY *By Ronald Rolheiser*

According to Isaac the Syrian, a famous 7th Century bishop and theologian, a person who's genuinely humble gives off a certain scent that other people will sense and that even animals will pick up, so that wild animals, including snakes, will fall under its spell and never harm that person.

Here's his logic: A humble person, he believes, has recovered the smell of paradise and in the presence of such a person one does not feel judged and has nothing to fear, and this holds true even for animals. They feel safe around a humble person and are drawn to him or her. No wonder people like Francis of Assisi could talk to birds and befriend wolves.

But, beautiful as this all sounds, is this a pious fairytale or is it a rich, archetypal metaphor? I like to think it's the latter, this is a rich metaphor, and perhaps even something more. Humility, indeed, does have a smell, the smell of the earth, of the soil, and of paradise.

But how? How can a spiritual quality give off a physical scent?

Well, we're psychosomatic, creatures of both body and soul. Thus, in us, the physical and the spiritual are so much part of one and the same substance that it's impossible to separate them out from each other. To say that we're body and soul is like saying sugar is white and sweet and that whiteness and sweetness can never be put into separate piles. They're both inside the sugar. We're one substance, inseparable, body and soul, and so we're always both physical and spiritual. So, in fact, we do feel physical things spiritually, just as we smell spiritual things through our physical senses. If this is true, and it is, then, yes, humility does give off a scent that can be sensed physically and Isaac the Syrian's concept is more than just a metaphor.

But it's also a metaphor: The word humility takes its root in the Latin word, *humus*, meaning soil, ground, and earth. If one goes with this definition then the most humble person you know is the most-earthy and most-grounded person you know. To be humble is to have one's feet firmly planted on the ground, to be in touch with the earth, and to carry the smell of the earth. Further still, to be humble is to take one's rightful place as a piece of the earth and not as someone or something separate from it.

The renowned mystic and scientist, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, expressed this sometimes in his prayers. During the years when, as paleontologist, he worked for long stretches in the isolated deserts of China he would sometimes compose prayers to God in a form he called, *A Mass for the World*. Speaking to God, as a priest, he would identify his voice with that of the earth itself, as that place within physical creation where the earth itself, the soil of the earth, could open itself and speak to God. As a priest, he didn't speak for the earth; he spoke as the earth, giving it voice, in words to this effect:

Lord, God, I stand before you as a microcosm of the earth itself, to give it voice: See in my openness, the world's openness, in my infidelity, the world's infidelity; in my sincerity, the world's sincerity, in my hypocrisy, the world's hypocrisy; in my generosity, the world's generosity in my attentiveness, the world's attentiveness, in my distraction, the world's distraction; in my desire to praise you, the world's desire to praise you, and in my self-preoccupation, the world's forgetfulness of you. For I am of the earth, a piece of earth, and the earth opens or closes to you through my body, my soul, and my voice.

This is humility, an expression of genuine humility. Humility should never be confused, as it often is, with a wounded self-image, with an excessive reticence, with timidity and fear, or with an overly sensitive self-awareness. Too common is the notion that a humble person is one who is self-effacing to a fault, who deflects praise (even when it's deserved), who is too shy to trust opening himself or herself in intimacy, or who is so fearful or self-conscious and worried about being shamed so as to never step forward and offer his or her gifts to the community. These can make for a gentle and self-effacing person, but because we are denigrating ourselves when to deny our own giftedness, our humility is false, and deep-down we know it, and so this often makes for someone who nurses some not-so-hidden angers and is prone to being passive aggressive.

The most humble person you know is the person who's the most-grounded, that is, the person who knows she's not the center of the earth but also knows that she isn't a second-rate piece of dirt either. And that person will give off a scent that carries both the fragrance of paradise (of divine gift) as well as the smell of the earth.



THANK YOU

Fr. ANDRAWOS

Fr. Andrawos is assigned as Administrator of Saint Maron Church in Philadelphia, PA effective October 1st.

Farwell Liturgies will be celebrated

Saturday September 26

&

Sunday September 27

As thanksgiving for his ministry in our midst and for a blessed journey.

SEPTEMBER 25TH @7:30PM

Debates over Drinks

 @ Saint Anthony Church

College-Aged & up
Must be 21+ to drink

BYOH & BYOC

Online Bible Study is back

Starting the first week of October.

Details about sessions are available on the parish website under:
Adult Faith Formation



Every Thursday 9:30am-12pm

PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY

@ 978-685-7233

TO RESERVE AN HOUR SO THAT THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

IS NOT LEFT ALONE.

**STEP UP YOUR
WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL
GIVING COMMITMENT**

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL. **Apply Online:**

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$250

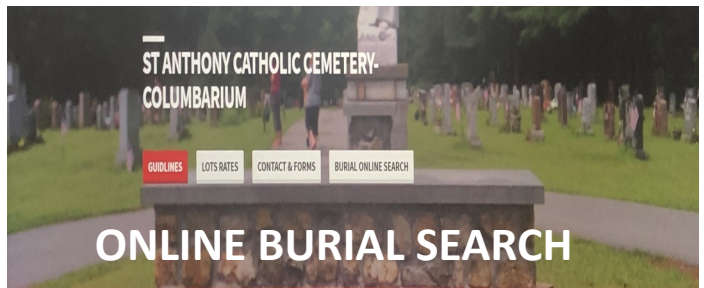
Please submit your request either by phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

A Message from Arabic School:

Arabic School at St. Anthony's will be returning, starting this September. The registration fee will be \$150 for child per school year. Siblings will have 30% discount. Please check the bulletin and your email, for more information soon.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission. Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish, Sunday and weekly Masses, faith formation for children, youth and adults, fellowship for our welcoming community, and provides outreach to those in need.



UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on **BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH**.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.
4. Click on the name.
5. In the middle of the page, look for **"Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"?** **Click here.**
6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one's record.



We have taken needed precautions to ensure the safety of our parishioners as we open the Church for worship

Upon Arrival:

- All church doors will be **opened wide** to avoid touching of door handles
- **Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+**, while inside the church. No one will be admitted without a mask, unless for health reasons.
- Masks (if needed) and **Hand Sanitizer are available at Church Entrance.**
- A **contact-less collection bin** has been placed in the foyer. Please drop your offering right into the bin.

During Liturgy:

- Every **other church pew is blocked off** to allow for physical distancing.
- The **center communion aisle has been marked with 6-ft markers** to allow for physical distancing.
- **Red Qurbono books have been removed.** All Liturgical texts are available online and throughout the church, you can find a **QR Code** that directs you to the online text for your convenience.
- Communion of the Eucharist may be received **on the hand** or by intinction on tongue.

Between Liturgies:

All church pews and doors will be sprayed down with **hospital-grade disinfectant.**

