

#### 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](https://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

### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS - الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b> <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<b>For: + Souad, Hanna &amp; Andre Abi Awad</b> <i>By The Family</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b> <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Sergio Kadar</b> <i>By His wife Hadia Kadar</i>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<b>For: 1 Year Anniversary - Alice Achkar Akoury</b> <i>By her son Roger Akoury And Family</i>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Oct. 12</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Arthur Norton</b> <i>By Donna &amp; Christine Kattar</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Hares Bejani</b> <i>By His Family</i>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>	6:30 PM	<b>For: + Martyrs of the Lebanese Army</b> <i>By LACD</i>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Abraham Sarkis and + Maryam &amp; Elias Khoder</b> <i>By Theresa Sarkis and Family</i>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>Oct. 15</b>	9:00 AM	<b>For: + Margueritta Gonzalez Rivera</b> <i>By Leslie Perez</i>
		9:30AM-12Noon	<b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>		<b>No Liturgy</b>

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS - الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct. 17</b> <i>English</i>	4:00 PM	<b>For: + Romans Nammour</b> <i>By his wife, Children and their families</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct. 18</b> <i>English</i>	9:00 AM	<b>Private Intention</b>
	<i>Ara/Eng</i> <i>Church</i>	11:00 AM	<b>For: + 40 day Memorial - Joseph Abi Issa</b> <i>By Manal Houry</i> <b>For: + Unborn baby - Pio</b> <i>By Rita Touma</i>

**PARISH SECRETARY:** [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**MEET OUR PASTOR:** Fr. Elie Mikhael ....305-807-9087.... [pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

Dear Parishioners

What a beginning of 2020 this has been. I can't recall a seminary class that could have prepared me for the challenges the Coronavirus and physical distancing brought to my 'normal life'. So, if you're feeling overwhelmed, afraid, angry, or in shock...I get it. So much feels and is different.

And yet some things remain: the abiding love of God, the connections of friendship, prayer and worship within our congregation, and our commitment to reach out in service to our neighbors.

Here at St. Anthony's, we are learning new ways to still be the Parish you treasure. From our Virtual Services to the revival of our ministries and Religious Education, we are striving to keep our Parish and our ministries alive. We don't need only a building to be church, but we do need each other to be St. Anthony's.

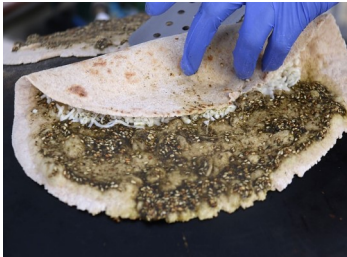
I want to thank you for your financial commitment to St. Anthony's. For those who have been donating during this pandemic, your gifts have helped sustain the faithful mission and ministries of our Parish. **Your support is critical to our sustainability.**

I hope your circumstances will enable you to continue your usual contributions. If they have changed, please know I understand. Please know that your donation, no matter its size, is deeply appreciated and empowers us to carry out our church's ability to make a difference in people's lives.

Together, we can support each other through this difficult time. Together, we can answer God's call to mission and ministry. Together, we can be spiritually united even when physically apart.

With gratitude,  
Fr. Elie Mikhael

**SAJ BREAKFAST SUNDAY OCTOBER 11  
TO SUPPORT OUR EPARCHY**



*Due to the Pandemic the yearly Ep-archial Fundraising is going Virtual. Our Eparchy have helped many of our missions and parishes to survive this pandemic.*



*Our Fundraising will go to support Our Bishop in his mission. Your support is highly appreciated*



**Menu:**

**Zaatar : \$3.00 / Zaatar Extra : \$5.00**  
**Cheese : \$ 5.00 / Kishik : \$ 5.00**  
**Knafe: \$8:00**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**ACCORDING TO THE  
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:**

- 1) **Arabic Sessions:**  
*Acts of the Apostles followed by the Book of Revelation.*  
Wednesdays starting  
Oct. 14 2020 @ 7:00 PM
- 1) **English Sessions:**
  - A. **Acts of the Apostles.**  
Wednesdays starting Oct. 14, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
  - B. **Book of Revelation.**  
Tuesdays starting Oct. 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

*Remark: Registration fee is \$40.00, including workbook.*

**For more info and registration send an email to**

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto: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.

**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**

**Knights of the Altar**

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 So-**  
**dality** group is putting together a Parish Cookbook! If you are interested in having a recipe fea-

tured (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 Ed families,**

Thank you for your continued patience.

Our next class is Saturday, October 17 at 5:15 PM. Like last time, children will be temperature checked before being allowed in the church. They will also be asked a quick few questions as part of protocol on how they are feeling.

I am thrilled to say we have added a few new students to the rosters as well.

You will be receiving an email from your child's teacher this year. In the past, teachers have not sent emails. Under the circumstances we feel this is an important year, in particular to emphasize communication, The communication with the teacher should be strictly in regard to curriculum and assignments. If you have concerns with logistics, behavior issues, or really anything else, those questions and concerns should come to me. We want your experience with your child's teacher to be one of support and learning

If you are home schooling, the email the teachers are sending will have instructions on picking up materials or what the protocol will be for your child's class.

This process is still so new for us. We are navigating as best we can. Lots of planning goes into everything we're doing. If you have any concerns, please reach out and we will try and accommodate as best we can.

Have a great week and stay healthy

Kindly, RE team.

**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/>

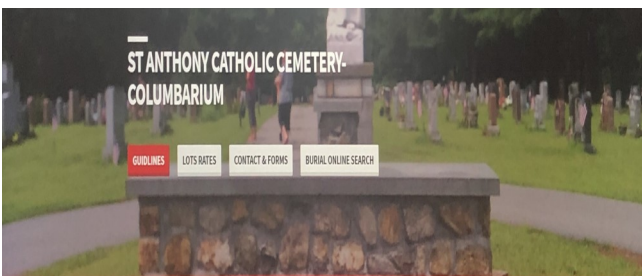
Sessions will start at **5:15 p.m.** and end at **7:00 p.m.**

## 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/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/)



## ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!  
The following steps will help you access the tool:

1. Go to [www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) and we will attach that to your loved one’s record.

## 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”X8”= \$250

Please submit your request either by phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

## 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.



Please join us in helping Dr. Michele Couri, a physician, wife and mother of 6 children who desperately needs the help of the Lebanese community.

If you are 18-44 years of age, all you have to do is text Match4Michele to 61474, or visit this webpage: [join.bethematch.org/Match4Michele](http://join.bethematch.org/Match4Michele) fill out a form on your cell phone, and a test kit will be mailed to you.

**Epistle: First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:1 - 11**

**Brothers and sisters,** Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Gospel: Saint Matthew 24: 45 - 51**

Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY**

- Oct 10:** Jason Demers, Isabella Lenotte, Marie Rahme, Rebecca Ramy, Andrew Saab
- Oct 11:** William Dunbar, Samantha Ota
- Oct 12:** Christelle Abboud, Angelina Azzi, Christine Conway, Sabrina Sahyouni, Roula Zaza
- Oct 13:** Joseph Hbaiter, Jean Markert, Darine Maroun, Anthony Sadek
- Oct 14:** Sharbel Bou Sanayeh, Suad Tarness
- Oct 15:** Marlene Chaya, Robert Danus, Kyle Feghali, Matthew Karam
- Oct 16:** Michelle Abou Raad, Joseph El-Boustany, Rosanne Ganem

**AS WE PRAY ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY**

- Oct 10:** Georges & Ajia Bou Saada  
Carl & Zakia Fiacchino
- Oct 12:** Donald & Jeanne Marie Holliday
- Oct 13:** Joseph & Darine Maroun
- Oct 14:** Eddy & Tania Sfeir
- Oct 15:** Steven & Manal Khoury  
Douglas & Paula Maroun

***Sacrament of Baptism & Confirmation***  
***Was administered to:***  
**Michael Elias Saad**  
*Son of George & Renee Saad*  
**Charbel Savio Maroun**  
*Son of Charbel & Jeannette Maroun*  
*Wishing all blessings upon the newly baptized children and their families.*



## رسالة القديس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1 - 11

يا إخوتي، أمّا الأزمنة والأوقات، أيّها الإخوة، فلا حاجة بكم أن يكتب إليكم في شأنها؛ لأنكم تعلمون جيّدًا أن يوم الرب يأتي كالسارق ليلاً. فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمنٌ! حينئذ يدهمهم الهلاك دهم المخاض للحبلى، ولا يفطنون. أمّا أنتم، أيّها الإخوة، فلستم في ظلمة لئلا يفاجئكم ذلك اليوم كالسارق. فأنتم كلكم أبناء النور، وأبناء النهار؛ ولستنا أبناء الليل ولا أبناء الظلمة. إذا فلا ننم كسائر الناس، بل لنسهر ونصح؛ لأن الذين ينامون ففي الليل ينامون، والذين يسكرون ففي الليل يسكرون. أمّا نحن أبناء النهار، فلنصح لابسين درع الإيمان والمحبة، وواضعين خوذة رجاء الخلاص. فإن الله لم يجعلنا للغضب، بل لإحراز الخلاص بربنا يسوع المسيح، الذي مات من أجلنا، لنحيا معه ساهرين كمن نائمون. فلذلك شجعوا بعضكم بعضاً، ولينبئ الواحد الآخر، كما أنتم فاعلون.

## إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قال الرب يسوع: "من هو العبد الأمين الحكيم الذي أقامه سيده على أهل بيته، ليعطيهم الطعام في حينه؟ طوبى لذلك العبد الذي يجيء سيده فيجده فاعلاً هكذا! الحق أقول لكم: إنه يُقيمه على جميع مُمتلكاته. ولكن إن قال ذلك العبد الشرير في قلبه: سيتأخر سيدي! وبدأ يضرب رفاقه، ويأكل ويشرب مع السكيرين، يجيء سيده ذلك العبد في يوم لا يتنظره، وفي ساعة لا يعرفها، فيفصله، ويجعل نصيبه مع المرأين. هناك يكون البكاء وصريف الأسنان."

## IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

- Oct 13: Anthony P. Ramey  
 Oct 14: Abraham B. Sarkis  
 Oct 15: Albert L. Ameen - Cecilia M. Rizk  
 Philip Abdoo - Charles Maroun  
 Oct 16: Laurina R. Kanan - Eleanor A. Quinn  
 Georgette Gagne

## THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

SANCTUARY LAMPS WILL  
 BURN IN  
 LOVING MEMORY OF:  
 ELIAS ABOU SAMRA  
 BY HIS DAUGHTER  
 CLAUDE AYOUB AND FAMILY

## PUBLICATION OF BANS

FIRST WEEK:  
 ELIAS MELHEM AZZI  
 &  
 YULISSA ALTAGRACIA  
 RODRIGUEZ RODRIGUEZ



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
 Every Thursday 9:30 am- 12 pm



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.**





## SPIRITUALITY AND THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE *By Ronald Rolheiser*

One size doesn't fit everyone. This isn't just true for clothing, it's also true for spirituality. Our challenges in life change as we age. Spirituality hasn't always been fully sensitive to this. True, we've always had tailored instruction and activities for children, young people, and for people who are raising children, carrying a job, and paying a mortgage, but we've never developed a spirituality for what happens when those years are over.

Why is one needed? Jesus seemingly didn't have one. He didn't have one set of teachings for the young, another for those in mid-life, and still another for the elderly. He just taught. The Sermon on the Mount, the parables, and his invitation to take up his cross are intended in the same way for everyone, irrespective of age. But we hear those teaching at very different times in our lives; and it's one thing to hear the Sermon the Mount when you're seven years old, another when you're twenty-seven, and quite another when you're eighty-seven. Jesus' teachings don't change, but we do, and they offer very specific challenges at different times of our lives. Christian spirituality has generally kept this in mind, with one exception. Except for Jesus and an occasional mystic, it has failed to develop an explicit spirituality for our later years, for how we are meant to be generative in our senior years and how we are to die in a life-giving way. But there's a good reason for this lacuna. Simply put, it wasn't needed because up until this last century most people never lived into old age. For example, in Palestine, in Jesus' time, the average life expectancy was thirty to thirty-five years. A century ago in the United States, it was still less than fifty years. When most people in the world died before they reached the age of fifty, there was no real need for a spirituality of aging.

There is such a spirituality inside the Gospels. Even though he died at thirty-three, Jesus left us a paradigm of how to age and die. But that paradigm, while healthily infusing and undergirding Christian spirituality in general, was never developed more specifically into a spirituality of aging (with the exception of some of the great Christian mystics).

After Jesus, the Desert fathers and mothers folded the question of how to age and die into the overall framework of their spirituality. For them, spirituality was a quest to "see the face of God" and that, as Jesus makes clear, requires one thing, purity of heart. So for them, no matter your age, the challenge was the same, trying to achieve purity of heart. Then in the age of the persecutions and the early Christian martyrs, the idea developed that the ideal way to age and die was through martyrdom. Later, when Christians were no longer physically martyred, the idea took hold that you could take on a voluntary type of martyrdom by living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They believed that living these, like the quest for purity of heart, taught you all you needed to know, no matter your age. Eventually this was expanded to mean that anyone who faithfully responded to the duties in his or her life, irrespective of age, would learn everything necessary to come to sanctity through that fidelity. As a famous aphorism put it: Stay inside your cell and it will teach you all you need to know. Understood properly, there's a spirituality of aging and dying inside these notions, but until recently there was little need to draw that out more explicitly.

Happily, today the situation is changing and we're developing, more and more, some explicit spiritualities of aging and dying. Perhaps this reflects an aging population, but there's now a burgeoning body of literature, both religious and secular, that's taking up the question of aging and dying. These authors, too numerous to mention, include many names already familiar to us: Henri Nouwen, Richard Rohr, Kathleen Dowling Singh, David Brooks, Cardinal Bernardin, Michael Paul Gallagher, Joan Chittister, Parker Palmer, Marilyn Chandler McEntyre, Paul Kalanithi, Erica Jong, Kathie Roiphe, and Wilkie and Noreen Au, among others. Coming from a variety of perspectives, each of these offer insights into what God and nature intend for us in our later years.

In essence, here's the issue: today, we're living longer and healthier late into life. It's common today to retire sometime in our early sixties after having raised our children, superannuated from our jobs, and paid our mortgages. So what's next, given that we probably have twenty or thirty more years of health and energy left? What are these years for? What are we called to now, beyond loving our grandkids? Abraham and Sarah, in their old age, were invited to set out for a new land and conceive a child long after this was biologically impossible for them. That's our call too. What "Isaac" are we called to give birth to in our later years? We need guidance.