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#### **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

Prov 31:30

Charm is deceptive

and beauty disappears,

but a woman who

honors the Lord

should be praised.

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org MEET OUR PASTOR:

Fr. Elie Mikhael .... 305-807-9087 .... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

#### **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.

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

# أحد زيارة العذراء - SUNDAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

Sat	<b>Nov. 28</b> English	4:00 PM	For: + Therese Gerges Serian By the Demers Family			
Sun	<b>Nov. 29</b> English	9:00 AM	For: + Karam and Lina Asmar By the Asmar family			
	Ara/Eng Church	11:00 AM	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Sabah Dagher</b> By His wife Leila & Children: Charbel, Amal, Daad, Noura and their spouses and children			
Mon	Nov. 30	9:00 AM	For: In honor of Mia Abou Ezzi By her Godfather			
Tue	Dec. 1	9:00 AM	For: In honor of Rick & John Elias and +Kathy Elias + Antoine Asmar By his wife Nada Asmar			
Wed	Dec. 2	9:00 AM	For: Deceased members of Nada Asmar's Family By Nada Asmar Souls of Purgatory, + Larry & Donna Maria By Dora Pereira			
Thu	Dec. 3	9:00 AM	For: Alamaza BouHabib By The BouHabib Family + Antoine Asmar By his wife Nada Asmar			
		9:30AM- 12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT			
Fri	Dec. 4		No Liturgy			
	أحد مولد يوحنّا - SUNDAY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST					
Sat	<b>Dec. 5</b> English	4:00 PM	For: + Antoine Asmar By his wife Nada Asmar + Marianne Merritt By the Demers Family			
Sun	<b>Dec. 6</b> English	9:00 AM	For: + Irene Gloria Demoulas By Carl & Sylvie Faris			
	A / 17		For:   Antoing Karam Asmar &   Michelle Antoing Asmar			

Ara/Eng		For: + Antoine Karam Asmar & + Michelle Antoine Asmar
Church	11:00 AM	By Nada Asmar

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### Dear Parishioners,

It seems so appropriate that before we get to "the most wonderful time of the year", that we take a few moments to express our thanks to God. Without a doubt, we could spend much time focusing on them any things going wrong in our World, but I want to remind us of the tremendous importance and calling we have to be a people of Thankfulness!

Be assured that we pray for you and this parish daily in our Divine Liturgy. We also pray especially for those of us who are carrying heavy crosses over this holiday season that they may be able to see beyond the shadow of the Cross; and discover anew a loving God who supports us and unites us with the sufferings of His Son. For it is the same Jesus Christ who will turn our mourning into joy, our sorrow into gladness and who will give us yet another reason to give thanks.

May you have safe journeys in your comings and goings this holiday week, and may the Lord Jesus Christ, who never ceases to give thanks to His loving Father, raise His arms of benediction over us all this Thanksgiving Day. Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Fr. Elie Mikhael, Pastor

## **Daily Liturgies Intentions**

Starting Monday November 30, 2020 weekday liturgies will resume according to our schedule.

All intentions from the past three weeks will be offered in the coming three weeks.

# Adorn St. Anthony's Altar With Christmas Poinsettias In Honor or In Loving Memory of Your Loved Ones

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# Weekly Spiritual Mezza

### Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

# **Religious Education**

The next class for Religious Education class will be held on *Saturday, December 5, from 5:15 -6:30*.

# St. Anthony Knights of Mary

The Upcoming session for December have been canceled due to the increase of COVID cases. Your safety is our priority

### **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/

# Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : December 5



### Christmas Novena

As we approach the birth of our Lord the Church offers us a unique and prayerful way to prepare for the event that changed the course of history.

The Christmas Novena takes place between December 15th and the 23rd at 7PM.

The Novena will be also transmitted Live.

# 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



*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 to submit your name and the dish you want to share!



Venmo your Parish

1- Scan the QR code.

2- Choose the amount

3- Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made

# ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

### **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 <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u>

and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

**SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH** depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission.

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

<u>stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/</u>

## **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



# Help bring joy this season

Generate donations for Saint Anthony Maronite Church,

1- Use this link <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2178891</u> to choose

2- Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. Same products, same prices,

3- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible

Buy your gifts at **smile.amazon.com** or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates **amazon**smile

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the Church as your favorite charity.

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

### <u>Upon Arrival:</u>

- All church doors will be **opened wide** to avoid touching of door handles
- <u>Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+</u>, 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.

ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL AND SUBMIT THE COVID-19 QUESTIONAIARE AVAILABLE ON THE PAR-ISH WEBSITE BEFORE ATTENDING ANY MEETING OR ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCH:

### www.stanthonylawrence.org/covid-19-questionnaire/

## **Between Liturgies:**

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



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# **Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic**

#### Should I come to Liturgy?

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

#### What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our <u>Facebook page</u>. Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00 am .

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

#### How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

<u>Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering</u>. The only exception during Liturgy is when we are seated in the pew and when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

#### Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask or other facial covering below their chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding "Amen," the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering.

#### What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing

## Epistle: Letter to the Ephesians 1:1-14

**Brothers and sisters**, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints

who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### Gospel: Saint Luke 1: 26 - 38

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered

the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov 30: Bechara & Amal Rizkallah Dec 1: Ronald & Cynthia Abraham Dec 5: Jad & Karyn Ramey

#### IN REMEBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Nov 29: Vincent F. Williams Nov 30: Chehade F. Azouri Dec 1: Victoria Amy Kattar - Joseph K. Kattar Jr. Dec 2: Jeanette El Khoury - Hadla Faris Dec 3: Samuel Khoury Dec 4: Scandra S. Aboud Dec 5: Jeanette El Khoury - Hadla Faris

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 29: James Abdallah, Isabella Maroun,				
Loretta Perkins, Gaby Ramey,				
Corey Shepherd				
Nov 30: Elie Daou, Christopher Rizkallah				
Dec 1: Julian Bouchrouche, Najib Bourouphael				
Angel Jose Cruz, Michael Mouawad,				
Thomas Sader				
Dec 2: Paulette Ghassibi, Georjina Maroun,				
Raymond Maroun, Joyce Maroun,				
Roger Matar, Kristin Tarabay				
Dec 3: Rene Mouawad, Alex Shepherd				
Dec 5: Rimonda Hanna, William Shea,				
Nancy Shepherd				

يا إخوَتِى، مِنْ بُولُس، رَسُولِ ٱلمَسِيح يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ الرسالة إلى أهل أفسس 1: 1-14 الله، إلى القِدِّيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُم في أَفَسُسَ والأُمَنَاءِ في المَسِيح يَسُوع: أَلنِّعْمَةُ لَكُم والسَّلامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِينَا والرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ المَسِيح! تَبَارَكَ اللهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المسِيح، الَّذي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ في السَّمَاوَاتِ في المَسِيح؛ فإنَّهُ ٱخْتَارَنَا فيهِ قَبْلَ إنْشَاءِ العَالَم، لِنَكُونَ في حَضْرَتِهِ قِدِّبسِين، لا عَيْبَ فينًا؛ وقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَّدَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالتَّبَنِّي بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيح، بِحَسَب رِضي مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْح مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا في الحَبِيب؛ وفيهِ لَنَا الفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَي مَغْفِرَةُ الزَّ لأَت، بِحَسَبٍ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتى أَفَاضنَهَا عَلَيْنَا في كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْم؛ وقَدْ عَرَّفَنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَاهُ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ في المَسِيح، لِيُحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلْءِ الأَزْمِنَة، فَيَجْمَعَ في المَسِيح تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَىء، مَا في السَّماوَاتِ ومَا عَلى الأَرْض؛ وفيهِ أَيْضًا ٱخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَّدَنَا بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيءٍ بقَضاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فجَعَلْنَا في المسيح رجَاءَنَا؛ وفيهِ أَنْتُم أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُم كَلِمَةَ الحَقِّ، أَي إِنْجِيلَ خَلاصِكُم، وآمَنْتُم، خُتِمْتُم بِالرُّوح القُدُسِ المَو عُودِ بِهِ، و هُوَ عُرِبُونُ مِبِرَ اثِنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي ٱقْتَنَاه، ولِمَدْح مَجْدِهِ.

إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 1: 25-45 وَذَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إلى الجَبَل، إلى مَدِينَةٍ في يَهُوذَا. ودَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى إليصابَات. ولَمَّا سَمِعَتْ إليصابَاتُ سَلامَ مَرْيَم، ارْتَكَضَ الجَنِينُ في بَطْنِها، وَامْتَلاَتْ مِنَ الرُّوح القُدُس. فَهَتَفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوتِها وقَالَتْ: مُبارَكَةُ أَنْتِ في النِّسَاء، وَمُبارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكِ! ومِنْ أَيْنَ لي هذا، أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إليَّ أُمُّ ربِّي؟ فَهَا مُنْذُ وَقَعَ صَوْتُ سَلامِكِ في أَدْنَيَّ، ارْتَكَضَ الجَنِينُ أَيْنَ لي هذا، أَنْ تَأْتِي إليَّ أَمُّ ربِّي؟



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#### THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

WILL BURN FOR THE GOOD HEALTH AND PROTECTION OF OUR PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE FIGHTING THE COVID –19