WEEKLY BULLETIN: 7TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - MAY 16, 2021



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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MEET OUR DEACONS

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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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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 @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS M-TH: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Saturdays: By Appointment WEEKLY BULLETIN: 7TH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - MAY 16, 2021

The 7th Sunday of the Resurrection ألاحد ألسابع من زمن القيامة

Sat May 15 For +Boutros & Angele For: Blessed Journey for our College Mon. May 17 Daou By Mr. & Mrs. Samir 4:00 PM Graduates 9:00 am Arabic Daou English For: 40 Day Anniversary -For +Tony, Barbara, John, Tue. May 18 Sun. May 16 Edward "Scotty" Gabriel, By his children, All & Georgina Goulard By 9:00 am English 9:00 AM Kenneth and Edward, their spouses and Dora Pereira English families. For Charbel, Rafka Abou For: 40 Day Anniversary-Khalil & all living and de-Wed. May 19 Albert Merheb, By his daughter, Laure, **9:00 am** Arabic Children ceased By Sun. May 16 wife of Amine Bourouphael & Family Kozhaya & Lola AbouKalil 11:00 AM For: + Wadad & Elias Feghali, Ar.& Eng. By their son Edgard & Family For All Souls in Purgatory Thu. May 20 9:00 am English By Dora Pereira

> Pentecost Sunday عيد العنصرة

Sat May 22 4:00 PM For: Private Intentions English

Sun. May 23For: Rahal & Jesser Family9:00 AMBy their loving family.EnglishEnglish

For: 40 Day Anniversary -Sun. May 23Rose Hashem, By her children Robert and11:00 AM
Ar.& Eng.Catherine Cloutier, her siblings and their
families .

Adoration of the Eucharist 9:30 am - 12 Noon

7th Week of the Resurrection

ألاحد ألسابع من زمن القيامة

Fri. May 21 NO LITURGY

ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN

For Private Intentions By Amal Azzi

Blessing of Water at Pentecost

At Pentecost, water is blessed with the priest's breath to signify the Divine Breath over the waters at creation and at the first Pentecost. At the Holy Cross water is blessed with a hand cross to signify the divine power that flows from the saving cross.



TITHES & OFFERINGS WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

For your convenience, in addition to online donations and the drop box at the entrance of the church, we will be returning to passing the collection baskets during the Liturgy. Basket collection will begin the first weekend of May. Rest assured, we will continue to follow and observe the CDC COVID Guidelines. We thank you for your continuous support towards your Spiritual home.

ONLINE OFFERING



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

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (*During Office Hours*) 978-685-7233 or email <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u> Or by visiting: <u>www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/</u>

Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By prearranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings. Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

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.

BIBLE STUDIES –PAUL LETTER TO THE ROMANS English Sessions

Knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ. Uncovering the Letters of St. Paul to the Romans via Zoom in 8 consecutive weeks!

Behind the catechesis and theological aspects of the letters, the study will also reveal the political, historical, geographical, and cultural aspects.

> The 8 week study will be lead by: Deacon Michael and Deacon David - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Starting May 12th

 Please register by emailing to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org
Lessons and homework will be emailed a week in advance

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday. For more info email us at: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Arabic Sessions

By: Fr Manuel Rahmeh Don't Hesitate to call the Rectory to Join the following online sessions:

| 4th Week | Wed May 19 | Rom Chap 5&6 |
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| 5th Week | Wed May 26 | Rom Chap 7&8 |
| 6th Week | Wed June 2 | Rom chap 9 & 10 |
| 7th Week | Wed June 9 | Rom Chap 11&12 |
| 8th Week | Wed June 16 | Rom Chap 13&14 |
| 9th Week | Wed June 23 | Rom Chap 15&16 |
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In light of recent events, we have had to put a hold on our Lectors Ministry. We would like to begin scheduling readers as

before. For those who wish to be a part of our Lectors schedule, please show your interest by calling the Office @ 978-685-7233 or send us an e-mail @ bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org. Please be sure to indicate which Liturgy you will be attending as well as if you prefer to read the Arabic or English Epistle. For your convenience, Readings will be e-mailed to you or you can access them through our website via Online Bulletin. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic - Capacity 50%

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.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy? We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our Facebook page.

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</u> <u>other facial covering</u>. The only exception during Liturgy is when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. 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. Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours.

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 six feet of distance from others.

NAM's Annual Scholarship Applications - 2021-2022 1. <u>NAM General Application for</u> Scholarships:

· John A. Solomon Memorial - MYO Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, for high school seniors who are active members of MYO

 Massabki Brothers Scholarhip; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors
Naomi & Paul Kassouf Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors

• Bouna Sharbel Scholarship; One scholarship of \$1000, available for high school seniors

• Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in college

 Thomas and Jennie Ayoob Memorial Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for students already in college

Gilbert Chagoury Graduate
Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000,
available for students already
in masters or doctorate program

2. <u>USEK</u> <u>Scholarship</u>: 10 Summer scholarships will be awarded which will include full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once the semester is completed. Available for college students; Summer 2022.

3. <u>NDU Scholarship</u>: 12 scholarships for the Spring or Fall semester, full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once a semester is completed. Available for college students; Fall/Spring 2021-22

To apply, or for further details, visit namnews.org or contact Curtis Taylor @ 330-212-9207 or via email @ namscholarships@gmail.com. *Application Deadline is May 28* ST. JOSEPH MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pick Up Food Festival

241 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841



Congratulations

to Patrick & Gisele Gerges on their newly born girl Angelina!

May God bless her in your love and care

Epistle: Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23

Brothers and sisters, I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

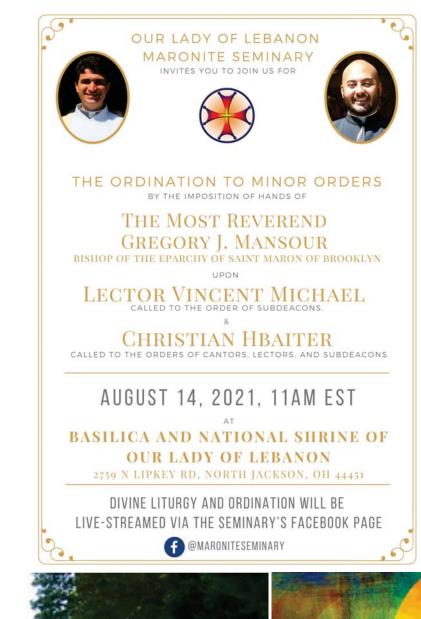
Gospel: Saint John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 23-1:15

يا إخوَتِي، أَنَا أَيْضًا، وقَدْ سَمِعْتُ بَإِيْمَانِكُم بِالرَّبَ يَسُوع، ومَحَبَّتِكُم لِجَمِيعِ الإخْوَةِ القِدِيسِين، لا أَزَالُ أَشْكُرُ الله مِنْ أَجْلِكُم، وأَذْكُرُكُم في صَلَواتِي، لِيُعْطِيَكُمْ إلهُ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، أَبُو المَجْد، رُوحَ الحِكْمَةِ والوَحْي في مَعْرِفَتِكُم لَهُ، فَيُنِيرَ عُيُونَ قُلُوبِكُم، لِتَعْلَمُوا ما هُوَ رَجَاءُ دَعْوَتِهِ، ومَا هُوَ غِنَى مَجْدِ مِيراثِهِ في القِدِيسِين، ومَا هِيَ عَظَمَةُ قُدْرَتِهِ الفَائِقَةِ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ المُؤْمِنِين، بِحَسَبِ عَمَلِ عِزَّةِ قُوْتِهِ، اللَّذِي عَمِلَهُ في المَسِيح، إذ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وأَجْلَسَهُ إلى في المَسِيح، إذ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وأَجْلَسَهُ إلى مَينِينِهِ في المَسِيح، إذ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وأَجْلَسَهُ إلى وسِيَادَة، وكُلِّ الله مِسَمَى، لا في هذَا الدَّهْرِ وحَسْبُ، بَلْ في الاتي أَيْضًا؛ وأَخْصَعَ كُلَّ رئاسَةٍ وسُلْطَانٍ وقُوَةٍ مَنْ في المَسِيح، إذ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، وأَجْلَسَهُ إلى وسِيَادَة، وكُلِّ الله مُسَمَى، لا في هذَا الدَهْرِ وحَسْبُ، ورَعْنَهُ فَوْقَ خُلَ اللهُ ولا الحَيْ مَعْمَلُ عَرَيْهُ اللَّمُوَات، وأَجْلَسَهُ إلى ومَنْهُ أَوْ أَنْهُ مُنَ اللهُ مُسَمَى الذَى عَائَدَيْ وَحُمَا مَالَا أَن

إنجيل القديس يوحنًا 35-13:31

لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُوذا الإسخريُوطِيُّ قَالَ يَسُوع: »أَلآنَ مُجِّدَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَانِ ومُجِّدَ اللهُ فِيه. إِنْ كَانَ اللهُ قَدْ مُجِّدَ فِيه، فَٱللهُ سَيُمَجِّدُهُ في ذَاتِهِ، وحَالاً يُمَجِّدُهُ. يَا أَوْلادي، أَنَا مَعَكُم بَعْدُ زَمَنًا قَلِيلاً. سَتَطْلُبُونِي، ولكِنْ مَا قُلْتُهُ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقُولُهُ لَكُمُ ٱلآن: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لا تَقُدرونَ أَنْتُم أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُم بَعْدياً. وَصِيَّةً جَديدَةً أُعْطِيكُم، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا. إَجَل، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا كَمَا أَذَا أَحْبَبْتُكُم. بِهذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُم تَلامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فيكُم حَبُّ بَعْضِكُم لِبَعْض .«





Picnic & Prayer

Where? Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette

When? Sunday, May 30th @9am

- What? 9am liturgy & breakfast at Saint Anthony's Church
 - 10:30: leave to LaSalette
 - 12:30: Rosary & picnic lunch (lunch will be provided)

THE WIND AND FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST CONTINUALLY BREAK DOWN THOSE BARRIERS THAT WE CONTINUE TO BUILD BETWEEN US; WE MUST CONTINUALLY PASS FROM BABEL TO PENTECOST. — POPE BENEDICT XVI

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 16: Silvia Cadell, Edward Hatem, Ethan Homsey, Christine Kattar, Louise Martin, Alfred Roderigues

May 17: Walid Awad, Harper Fountaine, Nathaniel Hassan

May 18: Nicholas Abdilmasih, Diane Feghali, Rita Geha, Mona Khoder, Michael Naddif, Lara Ramey, Tanios Sadek May 19: Chirine Atallah, Marwan Dahbour, Jenny El-Helou, Elisha Farris, Jesse Plouffe May 20: Katheryn Saade May 22: Lauren Corey, Elaine Daher, Giovanna Lalo, Jacquelyn Ann Nassar

IN REMEBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

May 17: Melia Najjar

May 18: Emily Hatem, George Abdulla, Wadad Feghali, Catherine Kay Yameen May 19: Nazira ElKazzi, Noha El Kareh May 20: John Skandier,Joseph J. Maroon May 21: Samuel Ameen, Sr., Alice Assad

Pentecost Icon

Pentecost feast is of great importance as it marks the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the Ascension we focused on an icon from the Rabulla Gospels. The Gospels were with the Maronites since the 6th Century. They are one of the oldest surviving biblical manuscripts and are based on the Syriac Peshita version of the Gospel. They also contain this icon of Pentecost.

The icon invites us to contemplate the scene of the Gospel and live it in your own life. The large blue arch in the icon symbolizes the heavenly realm. The trees that are growing above the blue represent the Garden of Paradise. The Holy Spirit descends on the Upper Chamber where the apostles are assembled at Pentecost. "Blessed is He who exalted Adam and caused him to return to Paradise." (from Hymns on Paradise from St Ephrem)

The dove descending is the Spirit of the Living God. It descends from the blue heavenly realm and enters the earthly realm to rest on Mary who is speaking with the apostles. The dove echoes Jesus earlier baptism. This is also reflective of the scene in Acts 2:3 where tongues of fire res on each disciples head.

The inclusion of Mary in the icon is important. Syriac theology has been instrumental in the development of early Marian theology. Mary is not mentioned in the scene in Acts 2, however she is mentioned as being with the Apostles earlier in Acts 1:14. The icon puts Mary center stage in the scene and puts her in a place of prominence. Her dark blue robe stands in contrast to the paler blue of the apostles and her halo is golden in comparison to the violet of the apostles. The icon is depicting the the gathering of Christ's Church. Christ had ascended nine days earlier and left Mary as the leading Church custodian among the apostles.

Around Mary you can see a concentration of red which is representative of the divine. This is a typological reference to God who in the Old Testament is fire, for example the burning bush at Mt Sinai. The rocky sapphire stones on which they stand are a reference to Exodus 24:10 "and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness." They now see God by way of the Spirit.

Take a moment this Sunday and contemplate the icon. Feel the warmth of the Spirit in your life, it is the link for us between heaven and earth.

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- . <u>Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality</u>- أخوية سيدة لبنان

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• *M_WINE- Maronite Women in New Evangelization: Evangelizing at home through building a nucleus of prayer groups*

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Visiting the sick and shut-ins of our parish, ensuring our loved ones are not forgotten and remain a part of our community.

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