WEEKLY BULLETIN: 11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - AUGUST 1, 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.

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ...FAX: 978-688-4475... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael ...3**05-807-9087**....pastor@stanthonylawrence.org Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...**978-873-5363**...pv@stanthonylawrence.org **MEET OUR DEACONS**

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon David Leard 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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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

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

11TH Sunday of Pentecost Feast of 350 Martyrs

الأحد ألحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة

عيد ألشهداء ألثلاثمئة و خمسون -تلاميذ مار مارون

Sat July 31 4:00 PM English	For: +Checrallah Bistany , <i>By his wife, Jeanne D'Arc, and family.</i>
Sun. Aug. 1 9:00 AM English	For: 1ST Year Anniversary– Richard Maroon By his wife, Louise, and children, Alexander and Victoria.
Sun. Aug. 1 11:00 AM Ar.& Eng.	For: +Saria Geha, By her husband, and family.

For: +Sleiman El Jamous, By his son, Bassam El Jamous.

12TH Sunday of Pentecost Feast of Transfiguration

الأحد ألثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة عيد ألتجلي

Sat. Aug. 7 4:00 PM For: Private Intentions English

Sun. Aug. 8

9:00 AM	For: Private Intention
English	

Sun. Aug. 8	For: 40 Day Anniversary-
11:00 AM	Tanos Sadek, By his wife,
Ar.& Eng.	Nouhad, children: Maguy
	Bouchrouche, Abbas, Richard,
	and Rani Sadek, their spouses and
	grandchildren.

Eleventh Week of Pentecost الاسبوع ألحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة

Mon. Aug 2 9:00 AM Arabic

For: Private Intention

Tues. Aug.3

9:00 AM English **For: Jeffrey James Waters,** *By the Pastor*

Wed. Aug.4

7:00 PM Arabic

For: Robert & Anabelle Owaida Wedding Anniversary

Candle Vigil

7:00 PM	
	For: The Victims of Beirut
	Explosion 2020
Thurs. Aug 5	Feast of the Transfiguration
7:00 PM	

عيد ألتجلي Vigil Liturgy

Fri. Aug 6

Arabic

NO LITURGY



Sanctuary Lamps

Right & Left Lamps

For: In Memory of Saria Geha, By her family





Mahrajan Raffle - Tickets are out!!! Please remit your donations, along with ticket stubs, at your earliest convenience.

Basket Raffles– We rely on your help in donating a basket for this year's Mahrajan. Our goal is to reach a minimum of 85 Baskets. Kindly drop your themed basket/donation at the Rectory during office hours for your convenience.

Sponsorship - Advertise your business while supporting the cause! We are so grateful to all of you who have helped us over the years and continue to rely on your generosity.

<u>Volunteers</u> - As always, we rely on your help and dedication for the success of our Annual Mahrajan. Sign up is now available via the following website: <u>https://</u> <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/6oBoD49A9AC29A5FE3-annual</u> or *scan the QR Code*:

SCAN ME

<u>Sign up sheets</u> will be available in the Church Foyer. Any amount of time you can offer is greatly appreciated. Register today or contact the office to be added to our Volunteer list!

Let's get Cooking!!! Mahrajan Food Preparation schedule 2021

- * Thursday August 19 Stuffed Grape leaves
- * Thursday, September 2 starting at 4PM Kafta, Beef and Chicken Kabobs
- * Friday, September 3 starting at 10AM Vegetables and bread preparation

Your help is needed on those days and throughout the three days of the Mahrajan. We urge you to sign up for shifts throughout the weekend Please contact Raghida if you have any questions or need information *By emailing: ragramey@gmail.com or calling 978-397-6720 after 4PM*

There is no greater asset to our annual Mahrajan than the support we receive from You!

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the Time; they just have the Heart." - Elizabeth Andrew

Bartenders!!!

The TIPS certification is required for anyone who serves alcohol in a licensed festival. This certification protects our church and is required for the insurance binder.

A TIPS certification is required if you are considering volunteering at the bar. If you do not already have one, use the link below to access training.

(https://www.tipsalcohol.com/concessions-course.html)

Last but not least, make sure *Everyone* has a good time and *Gets Home Safely*.

If you have any questions, please contact Mounira Daher @ 603-2353-0801 or <u>stanthonymahrajanvol-unteers@gmail.com</u>



The event of **the Transfiguration of Christ** was a theophany, (a manifestation of the Holy Trinity) and therefore we can see similarities in this icon with that of the Theophany (the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan). In this event the Son is revealed in the person of Jesus; the Spirit in the bright, overshadowing cloud; and the Father in the voice from the cloud. Behind Jesus is the <u>Mandorla</u> or nimbus, the tri-colour blue shape which represents the divine glory and majesty of God beyond that which can be physically witnessed. The geometric figure within the Mandorla represents the Holy Spirit which comes in the cloud that descends upon the scene. *While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them* Mt. 17:5.

In the event of the Transfiguration of Christ, the three Apostles Peter, James, and John are permitted to experience the glory of God only as much as they can bear. *And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.* Mt. 17:1-9. We see that they have been overwhelmed with even this much of an experience of God's glory as they are "knocked off their feet." Peter on the left is kneeling as he realizes that he is truly in the presence of God. Shortly before this event he had professed his belief that Jesus is the

Messiah, therefore his eyes and heart are open to what he is seeing. *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.".* Mt. 16:15-16. With his hand Peter points as he says: "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Mt. 17:4.

James on the right has fallen over backwards with his hands over his eyes. This experience has burned itself within him. For us he represents hope, since in the near future, because of what he has seen, he will have the courage of faith to be the first of the 12 Apostles to be martyred.

John in the centre lies directly under the transfigured Christ. He will soon be standing directly under the Him as He hangs upon the cross. This glorious revelation of the light of the Resurrection will strengthen John for what is to come.

Christ is blessing all with his right hand and holding a scroll in his left. His blessing reminds us of His abiding love for all of us and the scroll is the "Good News" of the Gospel. Christ is the "Living Word of God".

Elijah and Moses stand at the top of mountain peaks on each side of Christ. These two holy men represent the Law and the Prophets. Moses, on Christ's left-hand side holds the book of the law which he received from God. It is significant that the prophet Elijah is at the right hand of Christ where John the Baptist stands in the icon of Theophany, thus linking again to the first great theophany in the life of Christ. As do all the prophets, both Elijah and John ultimately point us to Christ.

Other matters to note: Both of these men experienced visions of God on mountains: Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Carmel and here they stand again on a mountain sharing in that experience with Peter, James and John. Elijah, because he was taken up into heaven by a chariot of fire, represents the living and Moses, because he died before experiencing the promised land, represents those who have died. All the living and the dead are saved through Christ.

This event came at a critical point in the ministry of our Lord, just as He was setting out on His journey to Jerusalem where He would experience humiliation, suffering, and death on the Cross. This glimpse of His glory and ultimately the glory which we will all share in, was meant to strengthen the three men (and us) for the suffering of the cross.

In our life as Christians, the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of the transfiguration. We receive a "taste" of heaven, and we are transfigured. We are meant to go out and in turn transfigure the world with the light of Christ.

The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ gives us hope and we look forward to the great and glorious Second Coming of Christ. We await the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with the light of Christ.

DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

The Memorial Tree Program offers families an Opportunity to remember and honor their loved ones while enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00 a new tree will be planted in memory of your loved one, and a memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00 Plant an Italian Cypress or Kousa Dogwood Tree in memory of a loved one. A memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

How the Money is Used

Your money is used for the conservation and enhancement of St Anthony Maronite Cemetery. Not only will your donation offset the purchases of new trees and plants for the grounds, your contribution helps maintain the beautiful, natural environment of our Cemetery.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

Your contribution is tax deductible. You

will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite

Catholic Cemetery. If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 or email us at rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



Tree to be planted

(30 to 50):

Kousa Dogwood or Italian Cypress



TREE OF LIFE

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

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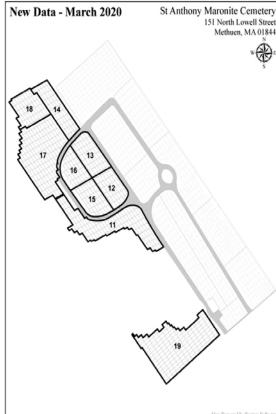
Phone: 978.685.7233

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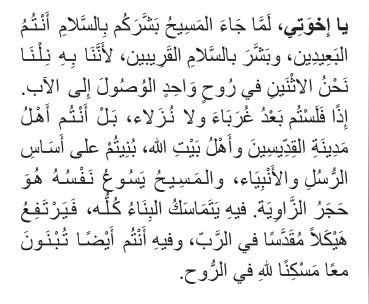
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Epistle: Ephesians 2:17-22

أفسس 2:17-22

Brothers and sisters, Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.





Gospel: Saint Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- July 31: Sharbel Azzi, Robert Chahine Aug. 1: Eleanor Abi Moussa, Jeanine AbouRaad, Gladys George, Carol Hbaiter,
- Simona Kanaan, Jennifer Raad Aug. 2: Cassandra Maroun, Gerald Motta, Sam Murphy, Melissa Rahi, Daphne Georgia Vincent
- Aug. 3: Robert Chahine, Diana Geha, Marissa Prezzano, Zakia Russo
- Aug. 4: Chaniel Abou Ezzi, Elie Ata, Robert Haykal, Judah Ramey
- Aug. 5: Michel Asmar, Anthony Awad, Larry Crichton, Wael Naamani, Shannon Taylor
- Aug. 6: Laura Chamoun, Michelle Daccache, Lea El-Hachem, Khalil El-Kareh, Patrick Ramey, Noura Saab, Theresa Short

إنجيل القديس لوقا 11:19-10

دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ أَرِيْحا وَبَداً يَجْتَازُها، وإذَا رَجُلُ ٱسْمُهُ زَكًّا، كانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَّارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوع، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الجَمْع لأَنَّهُ كانَ قَصِيرَ القَامَة. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمَّيْزَةً لِكَى يَرَاه، لأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَحَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى المَكَان، رَفَعَ نَظَرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وقَالَ لَهُ: »يَا زَكًّا، أَسْرِغْ وٱنْزِلْ، فَعَلَىَّ أَنْ أُقِيمَ اليَومَ في بَيْتِكَ . < فَأَسْرَعَ وَنَزَلَ وٱسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَذَمَّرُونَ قَائِلين: »دَخَلَ لِيَبِيتَ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِئ . «أَمَّا زَكًا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: »بَا رَبّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنَياتِي لِلْفُقَرَاء، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَىء، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَاف . << فقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوع: »أَليَومَ صَارَ الخَلاصُ لِهذا البَيْت، لأَنَّ هذا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ٱبْنُ لإبْرَاهِيم. فإِنَّ ٱبْنَ الإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّائِعِ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ . «

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 31: George & Guila Atallah Jean & Rachelle Abou Ezzi
Aug. 1: James Menihane & Mary Abdoo
Aug. 4: Marcel & Eliane Saade, Timothy & Elanor Shea
Aug. 5: Sam & Alyssa Hajj
Aug. 6: Jercin & Naathalie Ephrem Robert & Anabelle Owaida

CEMETERY RULES & GUIDELINES

Several inquiries have been made regarding Cemetery flowers and plants at the graves. In order for us to maintain a respectable resting place for our loved ones, guidelines are set in place and available on our website for your reference.

Planting Policy

The planting policy of St. Anthony Maronite Cemetery is as follows. Flowers only (either annuals or perennials) may be planted at the base of a monument with the following stipulations:

1. The flowerbed may be no wider than the width of the monument base and must come out from the monument base no more than eight (8) inches.

2.No shrubs, trees, or bushes may be planted in the planting bed.

3.Ornaments, such as plastic decorations, pinwheels, animal figurines, balloons, etc. are not allowed.

4.No bed covering, such as mulch or stones, etc. may be added to the planting bed.

5. Upkeep of the planted materials is the sole responsibility of the person who has planted the flowers.

6.St. Anthony Cemetery bears no responsibility for upkeep nor does it assume liability for damage, theft, or vandalism with regard to the plantings or the planting bed.

7.If plantings and planting bed are not maintained, or if inappropriate materials appear in the bed, St. Anthony Cemetery reserves the right to remove any dead plants or inappropriate materials.

8.On occasion, the cemetery maintenance staff may remove plantings to accommodate a burial or other activity. Cemetery staff cannot replace plantings.

Note that plantings cannot be placed on a Flat Marker Lot, but only on an upright Monument Lot.

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

We ask that you share this information with your family members and friends, especially those who do not have access to our website.

Grave Purchase and Burial at St Anthony

Grave Purchase—*For Active Parishioners

• Grave Purchase–Double Depth: \$1900 (one time fee)

- Perpetual Care: \$200 (one time fee)
- Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100

• Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (one time fee paid upon installation)

Burial Costs (Itemized)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend (Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150

• Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$ \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

*Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

- 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.

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 rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

By visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/





Join us for the Twelfth Annual Benefit Event for The Eparchy of Saint Maron

Details to follow

OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

Frances Fram, her children Thomas and Timothy, and their families for the loss of the husband and the father, Anthony "Tom" Fram.

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

We are Excited to be BACK!! MYO 2021-2022 Registration now open for all High School Youth!

Registration Form can be found in the foyer and online:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YR68GQR

*Stay tuned for information

BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES Register Now!

Religious Education

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

Maronite Youth Organization – MYO

https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/ registration-form-2/

Maronite Young Adults - MYA

Please email the Parish to add your name to the MYA Group rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

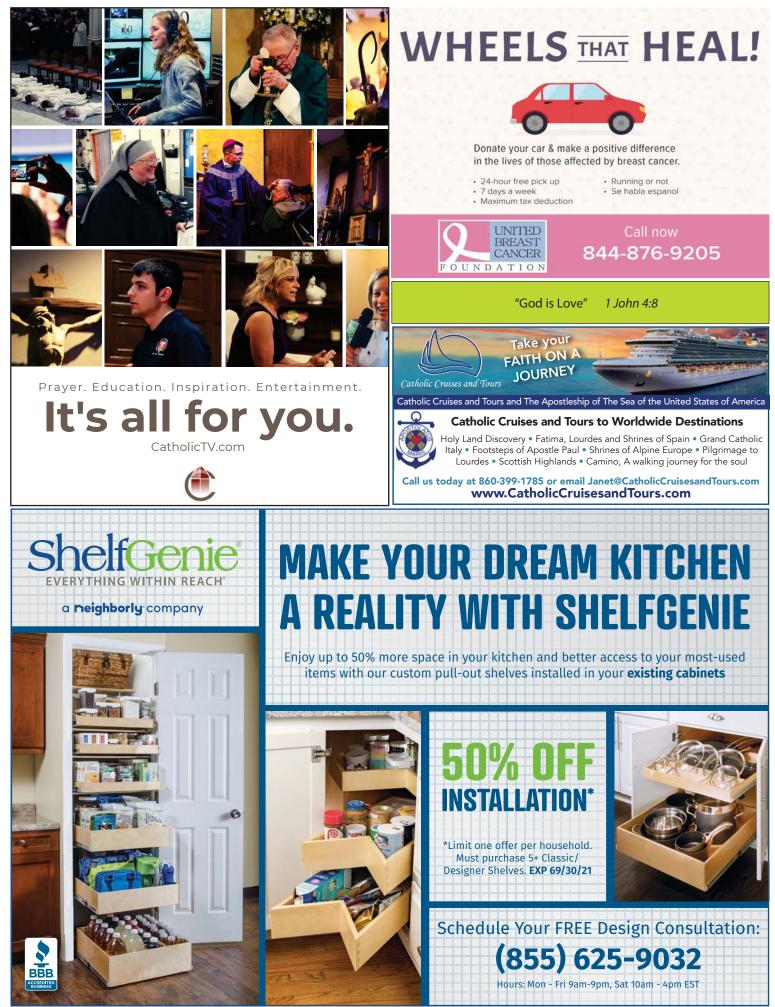
Knights of Mary -KOM

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Knights of the Altars https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/ application/

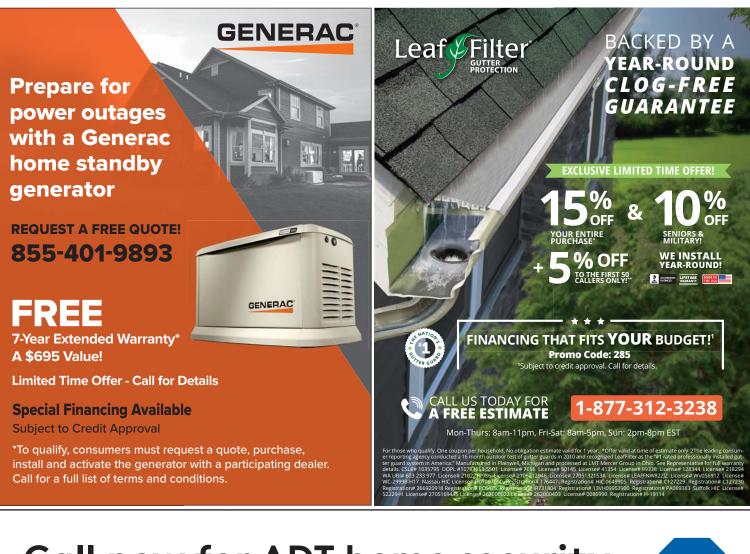
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- Daughters of St Anthony
- Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality
- Sunshine Committee
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