



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony 's Community.

We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

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DAILY LITURGIES MON (*Arabic*) / TUE (*English*) / WED (*Arabic*) / THU (*English*) **9 am**

WEEKEND LITURGIES :

SAT 4:00PM(*Eng.*) **SUN** 8:00AM (*Ara*) 9:00AM (*Eng.*) / 11:30AM (*Eng.& Arabic*)

Holy days of obligation: Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS M-TH 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / FRI 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / **SAT** By Appointment

MEET OUR PRIEST: Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087... ..pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

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



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LITURGIES

New Year - Epiphany أحد رأس السنة - الدنح

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year - Feast of Sts Basil & Gregory

4:00pm English

5:30pm Arabic

Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

8:00 am For: +Mtarios, Cecilia, Doumit, & George Hbaiter, *By Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter & Family.*

9:00 am For: +Edward "Scoty" Gabriel & May T. Gabriel, *By their loving Family.*

11:30 am For: +Therese Bou-Mitri, *By her husband, Antoine, her son, Andre, daughter, Anabelle, wife of Robert Owaida, & her granddaughters.*

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00pm For: +Beshara Y. Hashem, *By his son, Saba, & Grandchildren, Cole & Ella.*

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 am For: +Nakhle, Victoria, Jean & Joseph Jabbour, *By Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter & Family.*

9:00 am For: +Jennie & Toufi Ferris, *By their Family.*

11:30 am For: +40 Day Anniversary - Marie El-Tayar, *By her children: Salim El-Achi, & his wife, Suzy, Bassima Geha, wife of Mr. Michel Geha, children & grandchildren.*

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday, January 3

9:00am For: +Maggie Sarji Tawil, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi.*

Tuesday, January 4

9:00am For: In Honor of Huguette & Beshara Sfeir, *By their daughter, Tia Sfeir.*

Wednesday, January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

7:00pm VIGIL LITURGY - Arabic & English

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am FEAST DAY LITURGY - ENGLISH.

Friday, January 7 OFFICE CLOSED

Water Blessing—Epiphany

For your convenience, Blessed Epiphany Holy Water will be available for you to take at the Epiphany & Weekend Liturgies.



Sanctuary Lamps

*In Memory of
Ghandour "Danny" Sarkis,
by his wife, Olga, & Family.*

*For Living & Deceased Family Members,
by Olga Sarkis & Family.*

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Our parish is in the midst of a Spiritual Warfare, initiating a Prayer Mission for all Souls In Purgatory. Save a Soul by offering Liturgies & Sanctuary candles.



NEWLYWEDS
2019-2021

MEET & GREET

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday, January 21, 2022 @ 7PM



Dear Parishioners:

What Good Are New Year's Resolutions? How can you keep them?

As we open a new chapter in our lives with the dawn of this New Year, 2022, we thank Our Lord for this privilege, and we ask Him to send down His diving Light to illumine the pages of this new chapter.

Trust in the Lord

"without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Your strategy for keeping your resolution needs to be total dependence on God, accessing his power through prayer and the Sacraments.

Surrender to God's Will.

"When you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong. You only want what pleases you." (James 4:3).

Much of our problems stem from the lack of attention to our spiritual needs; we often ignore them or at best, they don't rank high on our priority list.

Forgive and Ask to Be Forgiven.

When was it the last time you went to Confession? If you have guilt over your transgressions or bitterness about sin committed against you, make forgiveness your top priority. Receiving forgiveness, or giving forgiveness will help you in every other area of your life.

Stay connected to God and Others.

How will you stay connected to God on a daily basis?

What's your plan for accessing his power? Reading and reflecting together on a small paragraph from the Gospel? Attending one weekday Mass during the week?

Praying the Rosary or an evening prayer, together as a family? Attending the Bible Studies?

My wish and my prayer for all of you in this year of 2022 is to experience this Divine Light that will overcome all the difficulties of the previous years with Faith, Hope, Joy, and Love that are promised by the Divine Good News of Jesus's revelation in our world.

With this I pray that we, individually and collectively as a parish, will all become witnesses to His Truth when He said: ***"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."*** (John 15:11).

Blessed New Year and may your true joy be complete in you, in your children, and in your loved ones.

Your Pastor, Fr. Elie Mikhael

ONLINE OFFERING

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REGISTER ONLINE



Stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

Donate a Stock

If you'd like to gift shares or securities from your Fidelity account to another Fidelity account, or if you want to send a gift outside of Fidelity, there are a few ways to make this happen.

What do I need to know?

Receiving shares: If a sender wants to give you shares (stocks, mutual funds, or other securities) from an outside firm, he or she needs to contact that firm to verify delivery instructions. In addition to following the firm's specific instructions, the sender may need to provide the firm with these details:

St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, INC

Fidelity account number: Z40-262821

Type of Ownership: Corporation

Fidelity's Depository Trust Company (DTC) number, which is 0226

Our name and address:

Fidelity Investments

Attn: TOA Receives

PO Box 770001

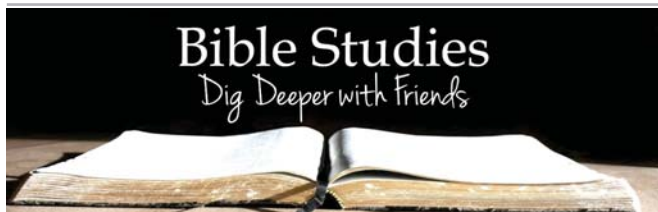
Cincinnati, OH 45277-0036

2021 TAX DOCUMENTS

Moved to a new address? Want to be part of our envelope system? Need a copy of your annual donations?

Please ensure your information is up to date in our database.

COMING SOON !!!
In Person or Thru Zoom



Let us pray,
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: 1 month in advance with the Pastor,

Donations: Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

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.

Knights of Mary

Next Session- January 8, 5-7PM

Maronite Youth Organization-MYO

Next Session- January 9, 5-7PM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 1 :** Henry Abi-Moussa, Mounir Bou-Mitri, Ibrahim Geha, Patrick Hbaiter, Youssef Khoder, Manal Houry, Gretta Merheb, Molly Nader, Christianna Ranson, Elie Safi, Jean Tardiff, Michelle Zaza
- Jan. 2 :** Rita Bejjani, Joseph El Hayek, Nora Fadel Jeanette Maroun, Isabella Ramey, Gaby Ramy, Andrew Sadek, Alfred Yameen
- Jan. 3 :** Christine Abou Jaoude, Cynthia Kazanjian, Della Khoury, Carine Mansour, Hitaf Nammour
- Jan. 4 :** Breanna Ata, Grace Bourouphael, Marie Daou, Antoine Fadel, Robert Issa, Jennifer Kayrouz, Charbel Maroun, Milad Salame
- Jan. 5 :** Sabine Atallah, Ryan Azzi, James Behnam, Huguette Sfeir
- Jan. 6 :** Siham Daher, Abdullah Harb, Joan Kalil, Charbel Kayrouz, Charbel Saouma, Stephen Schultz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jan. 3 :** Timothy & Emily Getchell, Elie & Kathleen Rahme, Wissam & Kristin Tarabay
- Jan. 6 :** Fred & Christelle Abboud

DAILY SAINTS

- Saturday, Jan. 1:** Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church, C
- Sunday, Jan. 2 :** Pope St. Silvester I
- Monday, Jan. 3:** Malachi the Prophet, C
- Tuesday, Jan. 4:** Pope St. Caius, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, C
- Wednesday, Jan. 5:** St. Paul, the 1st Hermit, St. John Neumann, C, Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany
- Thursday, Jan. 6:** Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
- Friday, Jan. 7:** Praises of St. John the Baptist, M

<i>Offered By</i>	<i>Poinsettias In Memory of...</i>
Velma Faunt	IMO: Raymond J Faunt, Sr, - IMO: Rahhal-Jesser Families
Barbara Kramer	IMO: Bomar "Bo" Kramer
Mary & Rodney Pica	IMO: Henry Solomon
Habouba Mouawad	IMO: Maroun Mouawad
Anonymous	IMO: Akle Abi Sleiman
Victor Azzi	IMO: Mr & Mrs Khalil Shakir Azzi
Therese Jbeily	IMO: Elias Jbeily
The Solomon Family	IMO: Mr. Thomas Solomon - IMO: Mr & Mrs Fred & Mary Faris IMO: Mr & Mrs Edmond Solomon IMO: The deceased members of the Solomon & Hatem Families
Elaine Daher & family	IMO: Gayle M Touma
Pauline Jesionowski & family	IMO: Charles Tarness
Jean Foley	IMO: Peter & Nelly Ackarey - IMO: Edward Foley
Christopher George	IMO: Donald A George
Gladys George	IMO: Donald A George
Love, Beverly & Bob	IMO: Stephanie & Fred Schiripo - IMO: Rose & Peter Lucchesi IMO: Mary Shadeed
Robert & Joanne Comtois	IMO: Janet Maroun
Noreen Murphy (wife)	IMO: Denis J Murphy
Michael Faris	IMO: George & Elsie Faris
Chaniel & Chloe Abou Ezzi	IMO: Antoine Abou Ezzi, Jeannette Lahoud Nasr
Mr. & Mrs. Ghassan Raad & Family	IMO: Elias El-Khoury
Sub-Deacon & Mrs. Antoine Nammour	IMO: Romanos Nammour & Joseph Bou Sanaye
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Roy	IMO: Albert & Lorraine Hatem IMO: Gary Hatem & William Torla
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Corey	IMO: Fred & Carmela Corey - Dr. Edward & Mary Moore
Phyllis Thomas	IMO: John Thomas
Bill, Christine & Maddi Ryan	IMO: John Thomas
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi	IMO: Teta Akle Mikhael
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi	IMO: Teta Jeanette Lahoud Nasr
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi	IMO: Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi
Her Husband, Antoine BouMitri, & Son, Andre	IMO: Therese BouMitri
Her Daughter, Anabelle, & son-in-law, Robert Owaida	IMO: Therese BouMitri
Her Grandchildren: Grace, Maya, & Jackie Owaida	IMO: Therese BouMitri
Robert Owaida & Family	IMO: Elias Owaida
Jeanine & Abdo Abou Raad	IMO: Deceased Family Members of the Abou Raad Family
Jeanine & Abdo Abou Raad	IMO: Deceased Family Members of the Azzi Family
Al & Jean Khoury	IMO: Deceased Members of the Khoury Family
Al & Jean Khoury, brothers, Michael & Kevin, & her daughter, Brooke Bellmore	IMO: Robyn Bellmore Khoury
Al & Jean Khoury	IMO: Deceased Members of the Harmon Family
Amal Feghali	IMO: Raymond Feghali—IMO: Gebran Najem

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

DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint
Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque
will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten
years.

Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque
will be displayed by the tree for the period of
five years.

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 : Kousa Dogwood

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/

Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

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.

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.

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

New Year - World Day of Peace: Epistle & Gospel

Letter to the Ephesians 11:2-22

Therefore, remember that at one time you, Gentiles in the flesh, called the un-circumcision by those called the circumcision, which is done in the flesh by human hands, were at that time without Christ, alienated from the community of Israel* and strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Luke 2,22

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

أفسس 11:2-22

يا إِخْوَتِي، تَذَكَّرُوا، أَنْتُمْ الْوَتْنِيِّينَ فِي الْجَسَدِ سَابِقًا، أَلْمَدْعُورِينَ أَهْلَ عَدَمِ الْخِتَانَةِ عِنْدَ الْمَدْعُورِينَ أَهْلَ الْخِتَانَةِ، بِفِعْلِ الْيَدِ فِي الْجَسَدِ، تَذَكَّرُوا أَنْكُمْ كُنْتُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ بِدُونِ مَسِيحٍ، مُبْعَدِينَ عَنِ رَعِيَّةِ إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَغُرَبَاءَ عَنِ عُهُودِ الْوَعْدِ، لَا رَجَاءَ لَكُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ وَلَا إِلَهًا؛ أَمَّا الْآنَ فَفِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ بَعِيدِينَ، صِرْتُمْ بِدَمِ الْمَسِيحِ قَرِيبِينَ. فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ سَلَامُنَا، هُوَ جَعَلَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَاحِدًا، وَفِي جَسَدِهِ نَقَضَ الْجِدَارَ الْفَاصِلَ بَيْنَهُمَا، أَيِ الْعَدَاوَةِ، وَأَبْطَلَ شَرِيعَةَ الْوَصَايَا بِمَا فِيهَا مِنْ فَرَائِضَ، لِيَخْلُقَ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي شَخْصِهِ إِنْسَانًا وَاحِدًا جَدِيدًا، بِإِحْلَالِهِ السَّلَامَ بَيْنَهُمَا، وَيُصَالِحَهُمَا مَعَ اللَّهِ، كِلَيْهِمَا فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ، بِالصَّلِيبِ، قَاتِلًا فِيهِ الْعَدَاوَةَ بَيْنَهُمَا. فَلَمَّا جَاءَ بَشَرَكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَرَ السَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّنا بِهِ نَلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزْلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيْتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِغَةِ. فِيهِ يَنْمَسِكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنُونَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

القديس لوقا 2:22

لَمَّا تَمَّتْ ثَمَانِيَةٌ أَيَّامٍ لِيُخْتَنَ الصَّبِيُّ، سَمِّيَ «يَسُوعَ»، كَمَا سَمَّاهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُحْبَلَ بِهِ فِي الْبَطْنِ.

أنجيل ورسالة: وجود الرب يسوع في الهيكل

العبرانيين 11:7-19

يا إخوتي، لو كان الكمال قد تحقق بالكهوت اللاوي، وهو أساس الشريعة التي أُعطيت للشعب، فأني حاجة بعد إلى أن يقوم كاهن آخر على «رُتبة ملكيصادق»، ولا يُقال «على رُتبة هارون»؟ فمتى تغيّر الكهوت، لا بد من تغيير الشريعة أيضًا. فالذي يُقال هذا في شأنه، أي المسيح، جاء من سبط آخر، لم يلازم أحد منه خدمة المذبح، ومن الواضح أن ربنا أشرق من يهوذا، من سبط لم يصفه موسى بشيء من الكهوت. ويزيد الأمر وضوحًا أن الكاهن الآخر الذي يقوم على مثال ملكيصادق، لم يقم وفق شريعة وصية بشرية، بل وفق قوة حياة لا تزول. ويشهد له: «أنت كاهن إلى الأبد، على رُتبة ملكيصادق!». وهكذا يتم إبطال وصية الكهوت السابقة، بسبب ضعفها وعدم نفعها، لأن الشريعة لم تبلغ شيئًا إلى الكمال، ويتم أيضًا إدخال رجاء أفضل، به نقرب من الله.

لوقا 2:41-52

كان أبوا يسوع يذهبان كل سنة في عيد الفصح إلى اورشليم ولما بلغ يسوع اثنتي عشرة سنة، صعدوا معًا كما هي العادة في العيد. وبعد انقضاء أيام العيد، عاد الأبوان، وبقي الصبي يسوع في اورشليم، وهما لا يدريان. وإذ كانا يظنان أنه في القافلة، سارا مسيرة يوم، ثم أخذًا يطلبانه بين الأقراب والمعارف. ولم يجداه، فعادا إلى اورشليم يبحثان عنه. وبعد ثلاثة أيام، وجداه في الهيكل جالسًا بين العلماء، يسمعون ويسألهم. وكان جميع الذين يسمعون منذ هليلن بذكائه وأجوبته. ولما رآه أبواه بهتًا، وقالت له أمه: «يا ابني، لماذا فعلت بنا هكذا؟ فما أنا وأبوك كنا نبحث عنك متوجعين!». «فقال لهم: «لماذا تطلبانني؟ ألا تعلمان أنه ينبغي أن أكون في ما هو لأبي؟». «أما هما فلم يفهما الكلام الذي كلمهما به. ثم نزل معهما، وعادا إلى الناصرة، وكان خاضعًا لهما. وكانت أمه تحفظ كل هذه الأمور في قلبها. وكان يسوع ينمو في الحكمة والقامة والنعمة عند الله والناس.

Offered By:	Poinsettias In Honor...
Therese Jbeily	IHO: Marie Jbeily
Loretta Perkins	For Kattoum Elias & family
Michael Faris	IHO: Andrea, Addison & Olivia Leavitt
Chaniel & Chloe Abou Ezzi	IHO: Sonia Abou Ezzi, Gisele Nasr Wakim
Chaniel & Chloe Abou Ezzi	IHO: Joseph Nasr
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi	IHO: our son, Marc
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi	IHO: our daughter, Monica
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi	IHO: our son, Mikey
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi	IHO: our daughter, Mia
Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah	IHO: our parents, Samih & Hoda Hasbani
Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah	IHO: our parents, Mounir & Najat Rizkallah
Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah	IHO: our Family

Finding of the Lord in the temple: Epistle & Gospel

Hebrews 7:11-19.

Brothers and sisters, If, then, perfection came through the Levitical priesthood, on the basis of which the people received the law, what need would there still have been for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not reckoned according to the order of Aaron? When there is a change of priesthood, there is necessarily a change of law as well. Now he of whom these things are said* belonged to a different tribe, of which no member ever officiated at the altar. It is clear that our Lord arose from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so, not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. For it is testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." On the one hand, a former commandment is annulled because of its weakness and uselessness, for the law brought nothing to perfection; on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man

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