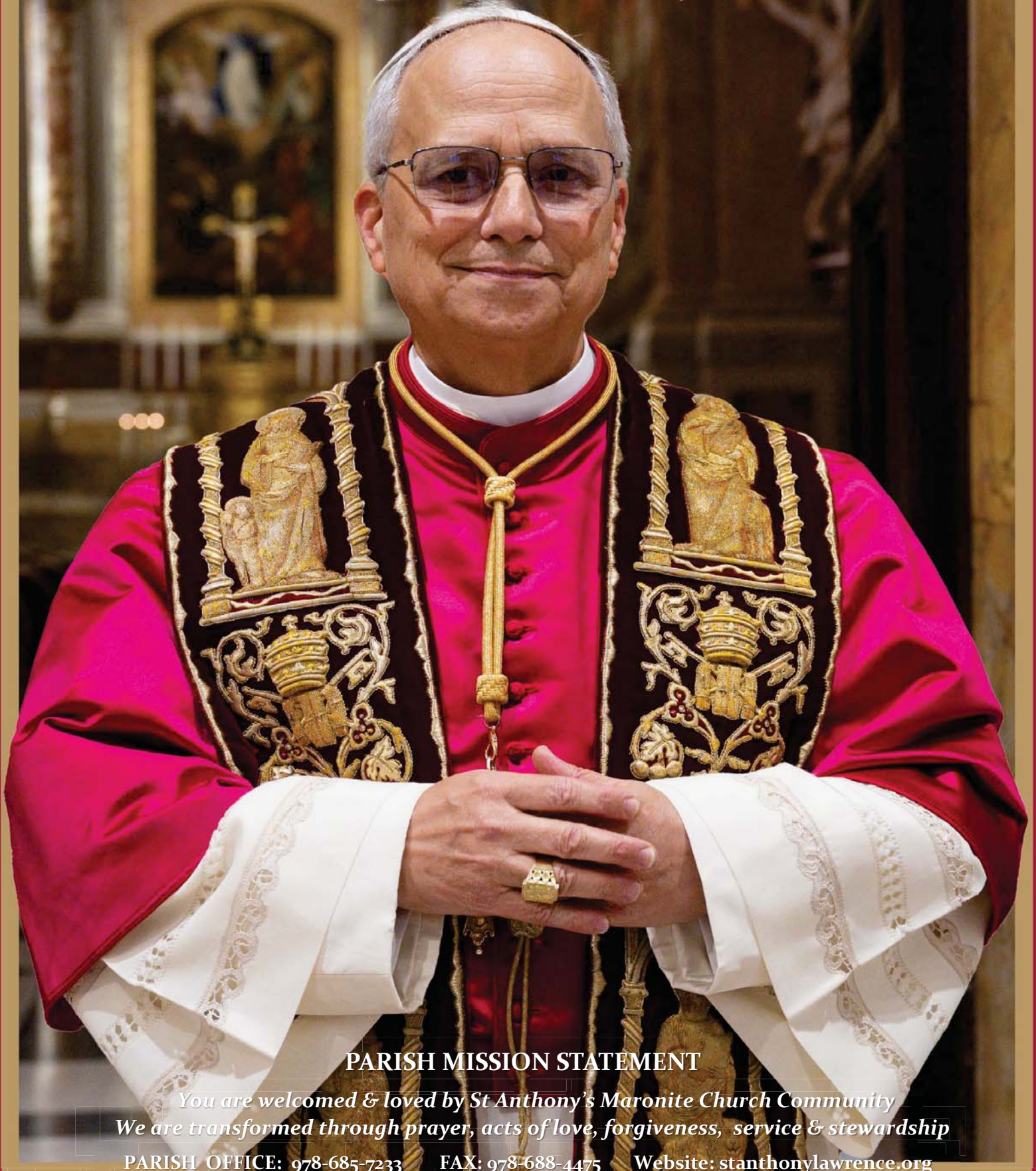


His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Robert Francis Prevost

Elected Supreme Pontiff on May 8, 2025



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*You are welcomed & loved by St Anthony's Maronite Church Community
We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship*

PARISH OFFICE: 978-685-7233 FAX: 978-688-4475 Website: stanthonylawrence.org

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 17 (Eng)

St. Serapion

4:00 pm +Christine Kattar, *By Janet Nahill Lurie*

+ Georges Abi Awad & Raymond
Gebrael, *By their family*

Sunday, May 18 *St. Theodotos & the 7 Virgin Martyrs*

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am + Tanos Sadek, *By his wife, Nouhad, his children, & their families*

+ Baby Leo Alexander Maroun, *By his parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun, & brother, Lucas*

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 24 (Eng)

St. Simeon the Stylite

4:00 pm + Larry Kalil, *By his wife, Linda Kalil, & family*

Sunday, May 25

St. Eleutherius and His Mother

8:00 am Private Intentions

9:30 am + Charles Tarness, *By his wife, Georgette, children, & grandchildren*

11:00 am + Najib & Handouma Maroun, and Deceased Family Members, *By Mr. & Mrs. Gaby Maroun & family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 19

St. Philoterus / Phil 1:1-11 / Lk 22:28-34

9:00 am + Boutros Daou, *By Samir & Leila Daou*

Tuesday, May 20

St. Thalaleus of Lebanon/ Phil 1:12-20 / Jn 1:35-42

9:00 am + Geryes & Berthe Cherfane, *By their children*

Wednesday, May 21

St. Constantine the Emperor & His Mother St. Helen

Phil 1:21-30/ Mt 16:21-28

9:00 am + Sonia Abou-Ezzi, *By Mr. & Mrs. Bechara Sfeir*

9:30 am **LOL Sodality Rosary Prayers**

Thursday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia / Phil 2:1-11 / Mt 16:11-20

9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, *By Dora Pereira*

9:30 am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 23 — OFFICE CLOSED

St. Tobit / Phil 2:12-18 / Mt 18:18-22

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Communications Campaign:

May 31 & June 1

PLEASE NOTE

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

In Illlo uno unum. "In the One, we are one"

As we enter with the Church in a new beginning, we celebrate our first American Pope Leo XIV who has chosen the above motto taken from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127 to emphasize the unity of Christians in Christ. This motto is a deeply philosophical and even mystical statement that invites reflection on unity, transcendence, and collective identity. It expresses a profound metaphysical and moral truth: that the multiplicity of existence — all persons, beings, and things — are, at the deepest level, united through a singular, transcendent source. It is a motto of peace, of unity, of humility, and of shared destiny.

Unity of Christians: In the Christ the One

The desire for unity begins with Christ himself who prayed: "That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you" (John 17:21). This verse is one of the most profound and theologically rich statements in the New Testament. It comes from what is often called Christ's High Priestly Prayer, where Jesus prays to the Father shortly before his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus prays for all believers — across time, place, denomination, and culture — to be one. This is not merely about agreeing with one another, but about being united in essence, in love, purpose, and truth. This unity is not something humans manufacture; it is something given and called forth through God. Unity is not an erasure of identity, it is a communion, like the many branches of a vine rooted in the same source. It is a shared participation in the divine life of the One.

Pope Leo XIV places Christian unity at the core of his mission. He prays and invites all of us for oneness. This unity is not something we achieve by diplomacy or compromise. It is a grace that flows from being "in Christ" and being drawn, through Him, into the life of the Father.

The One as Transcendence: Unity grounded in the Divine

The word "One" points beyond all divisions and categories. In theology and philosophy (e.g., Plotinus, Augustine), the One refers to the source of all being, beyond multiplicity, beyond comprehension. God is not just one being among others. God is Being, or even beyond being. Thus, in the One means in God, the transcendent, our scattered lives find coherence.

Pope Leo XIV invites Christians to transcend to the level of divinity through the One who united his divinity with our humanity, and his divinity with our mortality. When we turn toward the Transcendent, we rediscover our shared origin and destiny. We are made by and for the One.

Peace and humility: fruits and conditions of unity

Peace is not mere stillness or lack of conflict. It is reconciliation, harmony, and interior rest that flows from being rightly related to God, self, and others. In the One, we are one declares that true peace is only found when we are united in God. True unity and peace cannot exist without humility. Pride builds walls, but humility opens the heart to others.

Pope Leo XIV invites us with his motto to renounce ego, spiritual superiority, and self-sufficiency. Only then can we embrace the "other" as brother or sister in Christ. A Church that lives by this motto is not triumphalist or self-righteous. It is a Church that humbly and peacefully listens, forgives, serves, and seeks unity with courage and tenderness.

History shows that unity based on ideology, politics, language, or common interest is fragile. Such unity often leads to coercion, exclusion, or collapse. Unity is not based on sameness or destroyed by differences or limited by time or culture. Unity is rooted in the Transcendent source of all being and is based on peace and humility. Let us embrace Pope Leo XIV motto that will become our new normal aiming at being one family deepening our love for one another, bringing us close to the One who makes us one.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy

OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm

FRI OFFICE CLOSED

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am

MON & WED (Ar)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8am(Ar) 9:30 am (Eng)

11 am (Eng.& Ar)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

(305) 807-9087

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy

(857)390-4838

pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,

& David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr. Neemtallah: Fridays

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor,

Donations: Church: \$200

Priest: Free Will

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples 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

Last Session: **Saturday, May 31, 2025**
Liturgy Celebration @ 4pm,
followed by the Installation and Initiation:

- ♦ 6th-8th graders knights will be officially installed, recognizing their growth and commitment.
- ♦ Younger children will take part in the initiation ritual, marking their entry into the group.

We kindly ask all parents to attend this special Mass, led by our newly installed Knights, which will be concluded with an outdoor procession to the Virgin Mary statue in the Saints Garden.

for more information please visit our website
www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -St. Anthony Council 16204

*"In Service To One,
 In Service To All"*



Next meeting:
Tuesday June 10, 2025 @ 7 pm, Church Hall
 Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.
 For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

ST ANTHONY PARISHIONERS MILITARY VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be honoring our St Anthony Parishioner Veterans with a memorial at the 4pm liturgy on June 7, 2025. This memorial will honor the names of 440 parish veterans, past and present, who served in all branches of the United States Military. Please join us in prayer during this liturgy, with members of your family for their sacrifice and commitment to moving beyond their comfort zone and doing work that was greater than themselves. Join us in remembering not only their contributions and sacrifice to our parish and nation, but that of their families also. May we always be reminded of their selflessness, honor, heroism and sacrifice. Blessings to all.

SANCTUARY LAMPS



**In Memory of Joseph Getchell's
 Birthday Remembrance, By his loving
 aunts & uncles**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:
www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild



Thursday, June 19, 2024

*Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by
 The Liturgy & procession*

Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 8pm
Zoom ID: 335616991 Passcode: 816342

Or you can join by clicking this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting: **Saturday, June 7, 2025,**
11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 6 - 7:30 pm
www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Stay tuned for 2025-2026 registration info
Lawrencereligious@gmail.com



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting:
Monday, May 19, 2025 7pm @ Church hall



**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
SHAWARMA LUNCH**
A fundraising effort for the MYO retreat in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025
10:30AM-2:00PM
145 AMESBURY ST. LAWRENCE, MA

Chicken Shawarma
Garlic, pickles, French fries

- Sandwich \$12
- Plate (includes soda) \$15
- Family platter \$45 (serves 4, includes bread)

Beef Shawarma
Tahini sauce, parsley, tomato, onion, pickles

- Sandwich \$14
- Plate (includes soda) \$17
- Family platter \$55 (serves 4, includes bread)

Sides
Tabouli, Hummus, Rice or French fries \$5
Soda or Water \$2

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their time, dedication and support hosting!

CASH OR VENMO

PRE-ORDER, CONTACT:
WISSAM MERHEB
(978) 853-5145
ROBERT OWAIDA
(978) 423-9407

ST ANTHONY ANNUAL CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Weather Permitting, St. Anthony's Golf Tournament has been scheduled for:

Monday, June 30, 2025
at the Atkinson Country Club

*Individuals who are interested must register by MAY 25, 2025, which is the drop dead date.

-There are 36 opportunities to sponsor a hole. The sponsorship is \$1,500 per hole.

-The sponsoring foursome, or company, will have two signs displayed at the tournament. One sign at the sponsored hole and one sign at the club where the dinner event will be held.

-Sponsoring company logo or text must be sent by June 1st.





-Provide Polo Shirt Sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL)

-A hole can be sponsored by up to two entities.

The Tournament fee is projected to be \$175.00+ per player. The fee will include golf, cart, lunch, and dinner meals, and prizes. The format will be a friendly scramble. We are looking for a minimum participation of 90 players.

For more information, to Register for, or to Sponsor this event, reach out to George Kassas at georgekassas@comcast.net, or email the rectory@stanthonylawrence.org.

10 THINGS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION

Marriage	Priesthood	Religious Life	Single Life
			
Do you spend time in silence everyday?	Do you ask God what his will is for your life?	What fills you with passion, joy, and peace?	Do you have a spiritual companion or mentor to walk with you while discerning?
Are you listening, praying, and daring?	Are you challenging yourself to do more in prayer-daily Mass, adoration, or read more scripture?	Are you talking and questioning those who have already said yes to a vocation?	Are you listening to what others might see in you that you don't see in yourself?
Are you considering all your options? Visiting different communities, seminaries, or homes?	Are you being mindful or what you are most grateful for and least grateful for to see what gives you the most life?		

Catholic-Link

Information taken from: <https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/10-things-know-discerning-vocation/>

LIGHT OF LIFE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP:

"ANCHORED IN HOPE"

JUNE 18-20TH

Saint Anthony Maronite Church
145 Amesbury St
Lawrence MA

Presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
MARONITESERVANTS.ORG

To Register
Scan the barcode



OBSERVANCES

- ♦ Our Lady of Lebanon Women's Guild will be praying the **Rosary every Wednesday** following the 9 AM Liturgy throughout May.
- ♦ **Memorial Day:** Monday, May 26, 2025- **Office will be closed** — *Divine Liturgy will be celebrated @ 10 AM at the Ground of St. Anthony's Cemetery. Liturgy will be offered for the rest of the Souls of all our beloved faithful departed.*
- ♦ **Ascension Thursday:**
Vigil Liturgy- Wed. May 28 @ 7PM
Feast Day Liturgy- Thurs. May 29 @ 9AM

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 17 - 4 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am - Subdeacon Antoine Nammour

9:30 am - Sharbel Bou Sanayeh

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Sassine Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 24 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am - Roula Ghossein

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**05/11/2025**

Candles	\$121.50
Sunday Collection	\$4,080.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$520.00
Donations	\$3,195.00
Total	\$ 7,916.50

Thank you for your generous support to our parish. Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!

THIRD & FINAL BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Nathalie Abi Nader & George Aoude

Pascal Moussa & Christopher Azzi

SECOND BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Nathalie Perez & Charbel Korbani

BIRTHDAY WISHES

May 17: Walid Awad, Michelle Martino, Cameron Pratt

May 18: Nicholas Abdilmasih, Gabrielle Dagher, Diane Feghali, Rita Geha, Mona Khoder, Michael Naddif, Lara Ramey

May 19: Marwan Dahbour, Jenny El-Helou, Peter El Hachem, Stephen El Tabchi, Elisha Farris, Caleb Hassan, Jesse Plouffe, Irah Rodriguez

May 20: Rami Daher, Danielle Forristall, Beau Luebcke, Peter Mouawad, Amal Najjar, Katheryn Saade, Waroujian Yeremian

May 21: Antoine Bassil II

May 22: Abdo Bouraphael, Lauren Corey, Elaine Daher, Ronald Ead, Ralph El-Hayek, Giovanna Lalo, Bob Mason, Jacquelyn Ann Nassar

May 23: Habib Chaaya, Alexander Lahood, Aquilina Saliba, Tamara Tannoury

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

May 17: Kamal & Mireille Azzi

May 18: Brian & Karri Khoury

May 19: Moussa & Minerva Haddad

May 20: Edgard & Joumana Feghali
Jesse & Jennifer Plouffe

May 21: Richard & Terry Habib

May 22: Charbel & Freicy Bourouphael
William & Christine Ryan

May 23: Rabih & Amira Imad
Mark & Nancy Shepherd



NAM 2025 CONVENTION
 FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED
 60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION

SAVE THE DATE
July 3-6, 2025
 Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church
Raleigh - NC
 Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills

Logos: St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope, 80th Anniversary, The Massabie Brothers

NAMConvention



Melkite Catholic Church

MIDDLE EASTERN MAHRAJAN

SATURDAY, MAY 31
 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
 &
SUNDAY, JUNE 1
 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Live Music by Andre Ibrahim and Dj Ray
 Raffles, kid's games, St. Anthony's Dabke Troup
 Middle Eastern Food, Sweets, Full bar & much more.

241 Hampshire St Lawrence, MA 01841
 Ample Parking At Central Catholic High School
 CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

Grave Purchase & Burial

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

By Phone (During Office Hours) **978-685-7233**

Email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

or Visit: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website:
stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/.

Please note:

Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

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.

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 displayed for ten years.

Plant-A-Tree B—For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

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

TREE OF LIFE

BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection: Peter Receives his Ministry

Book of Ezekiel 34, 11-16; 23-25a

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely.

Letter to the Ephesians 2, 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 21, 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة : يسوع يسلم الرعاية لبطرس

سفر حزقيال 34: 11-16 . 23-25a

هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ: «هَاءَنْذَا أَنشُدُ خِرَافِي وَأَفْتَقِدُهَا أَنَا. كَمَا يَفْتَقِدُ الرَّاعِي قَطِيعَهُ يَوْمَ يَكُونُ فِي وَسْطِ خِرَافِهِ الْمُنْتَشِرَةِ، كَذَلِكَ أَفْتَقِدُ أَنَا خِرَافِي وَأُنْقِذُهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْمَوَاضِعِ الَّتِي شَتَّتَتْ فِيهَا يَوْمَ الْغَيْمِ وَالْغَمَامِ الْمُظْلَمِ. وَأُخْرِجُهَا مِنْ بَيْنِ الشُّعُوبِ، وَأَجْمَعُهَا مِنَ الْأَرَاضِي وَآتِي بِهَا إِلَى أَرْضِهَا وَأَرْعَاهَا عَلَى جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَفِي الْأَوْدِيَةِ وَفِي جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِنِ الْأَرْضِ. وَفِي مَرْعَى صَالِحٍ أَرْعَاهَا، وَفِي جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْعَالِيَةِ يَكُونُ مَرَعَاهَا. هُنَالِكَ تَرْبُضُ فِي حَظِيرَةٍ صَالِحَةٍ، وَتَرْعَى وَفِي مَرْعَى دَسِيمٍ عَلَى جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَنَا أَرْعَى خِرَافِي وَأَنَا أُرْبِضُهَا، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. فَأَبْحَثُ عَنْ الضَّالَّةِ، وَأَرُدُّ الشَّارِدَةَ، وَأَجْبُرُ الْمَكْسُورَةَ، وَأُقَوِّي الضَّعِيفَةَ وَأُهْلِكُ السَّمِينَةَ وَالْقَوِيَّةَ، وَأَرْعَاهَا بِعَدْلٍ. وَأَقِيمُ عَلَيْهَا رَاعِيًا آخَرَ لِيَرْعَاهَا، عَبْدِي دَاوُدُ، فَهُوَ يَرْعَاهَا وَهُوَ يَكُونُ رَاعِيَهَا. وَأَنَا الرَّبُّ أَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا، وَعَبْدِي دَاوُدُ يَكُونُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ رَئِيسًا. أَنَا الرَّبُّ تَكَلَّمْتُ. وَأَقْطَعُ لَهُمْ عَهْدَ سَلَامٍ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2: 1-10

يَا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلَهٍ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيْ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، غَامِلِينَ بِرَغْبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْغَضَبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجْلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَحَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّنَا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَاعَدَهَا لِكِي نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21: 15-19

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟». «قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي». «قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». «قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ نَعَاجِي!». «قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». «فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! أَلْحَقَّ الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: جِئِ كُنْتَ سَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ جِزَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ جِئِ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ جِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». «قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمِيَّةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتَّبِعْنِي!»

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