

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Great Sunday of the Resurrection

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

April 4 & 5

Great Saturday of the Light

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil: 4 pm (Eng)

Easter Midnight Vigil (Ar / Eng)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

Easter Liturgy:

9:30 am (Eng)

11:00 am (Ar / Eng)

*He is risen;
he is not here. MARK 16:6*

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 11

*St. Antipas
Col 2:8-15/Jn 20:19-25*

4:00 pm + Melvin, Rosanna & Phillip Gallant

By Agnes Zappala & Family.

Sunday, April 12

Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 pm + Stephanie Ota, By her parents, Michael & Vivian Ota, & her sister, Samantha

11:00 am +Mary, Farid, Elizabeth, Nafsa & Nakhle Ata, *By Mr. & Mrs Tony Ata & Family*

40 Day Memorial +Amelia Bou Saada, *By Mr. & Mrs. George Bou Saada & Family*

Daily Liturgies Bright Week

Monday, April - OFFICE CLOSED

Felicitations to the Virgin Mary

*St. Marcellinus of Carthage
1 Cor 15:1-11/Mk 16:9-14*

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, April 7

*St. John the Baptist de la Salle
Rom 6:3-11/Jn 21:1-14*

9:00 am Private Intention

Wednesday, April 8

*The Second Council of Nicaea/St. Barlaam
Col 3:1-11/Jn 21:15-25*

9:00 am In Honor of Rana Ata, *By Deacon & Mrs. Nadim Daou & Family*

Thursday, April 9

*St. Hermas
Eph 2:1-10/Mk 16:15-18*

9:00 am Private Intention

Friday, April 10 - NO LITURGY

*The Miracle of the Icon of Christ in Beirut
Rom 10:4-12/Lk 24:36-45*

OFFICE CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE

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

WELCOME TO SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

If you are new or would like to register at St. Anthony Maronite Church, please scan the QR code to complete our parish information form.

Takes less than 2 minutes to complete.

We look forward to welcoming you!





PASTOR'S CORNER

Risen... Now What?

Dear Parishioners,

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice in it! Christ is risen!

That's the reality we are celebrating today, as one family, one faith and one mission. But I want to reflect on something different today: what's next? What comes after the Resurrection? Too often, we celebrate Easter as a moment, a beautiful and joyful day... and then we return to life as it was before. But the Resurrection is not only an event to remember—it is a life to live. The Resurrection is not the end of the story; it is the beginning. When Christ rose from the dead, He did not simply leave the tomb behind—He opened a new path for us. A new way of living. A new identity. From that moment on, nothing is meant to be the same.

So, what comes after the Resurrection? A new life.

A life no longer ruled by fear, but by hope. A life no longer trapped in sin, but renewed by grace. A life no longer centered on self, but transformed by love.

The disciples themselves struggled to understand this. Even after seeing the empty tomb, they were still afraid, still hiding, still uncertain. The Resurrection had happened—but it took time for the Resurrection to happen *within them*. And this is our journey as well.

Easter is not only about believing that Jesus rose from the dead—it is about allowing Him to raise *us*. To raise our hearts from indifference, our souls from sin, our lives from routine and spiritual complacency.

What comes after the Resurrection is a mission.

“Go and announce.” “Do not be afraid.” “Peace be with you.”

These are not just words spoken to the disciples—they are spoken to us. We are called to carry the light of the Resurrection into a world that still experiences darkness. We are called to be witnesses—not only by words, but by the way we live: with hope, with joy, with courage, and with love.

Easter is not the conclusion of Lent—it is the transformation of our lives. If Christ is truly risen, then something in us must rise as well: A stronger faith. A deeper love. A renewed commitment to live as children of God.

Let us not leave the Resurrection at the tomb. Let us carry it into our homes, our families, our community, and our hearts.

Because the true question of Easter is not only: *Did Christ rise?*

But also: *Have I risen with Him?*

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 PRIEST:

Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy

pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers

& David Leard

Sub-Deacons: *Antoine Nammour & George Merheb*

MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF:

Marie Azzi

Executive Assistant

Christine Ryan

Administrative Assistant

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.

Easter Flowers

*The Easter Flowers placed on our sanctuary are provided by the following donors
In Memory Of their Loved Ones:*

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Teta Sonia Abou-Ezzi	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Teta Akle Abi Sleiman Mikhael	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Bechara Rizkallah	His Godson, Marc Abou-Ezzi
Our beloved parents: Fred & Carmela Corey, Dr. Edward & Mary Moore and our sister Gina	Fred & Lori Corey
Mark Alliegro, Allan & Alice Ramey	The Alliegro Family
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Teta Salwa Ramey
 Our Grandchildren: Antoine, Zayn & Laylana Aboujaoude
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 Monsignor Peter Azar & Chorbishop Elie Mikhael
 Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality
 Phyllis Thomas
 Our Son, Marc & his wife, Dr. Brigitte Kazzi
 Our Son, Mikey
 Our Daughters, Monica & Mia
 Our Grandfather, Joseph Nasr
 My Godfather, Chorbishop Elie Mikhael
 Family Members
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 Michael Ota
 Our Parents: Mounir & Najat Rizkallah, Samih & Hoda Hasbany
 Our Sons: Christopher, Matthew & Anthony
 My Grandchildren: Raegan & Bennett Daher
 Bassima Aboujaoude
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SANCTUARY LAMPS

**In Memory of Maurice & Maryann
 Hatem
 By The Solomon Family**

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

03/29/2026

Candles	\$233.00
Sunday Collection	\$7,816.50
Fuel	\$125.00
Lenten Raffle	\$850.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00
Bake Sale	\$8,434.00

\$17,493.50

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the heat on in the Winter, and the air conditioning in the Summer.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

◆ **Easter Sunday - Pastor's Collection**

BIRTHDAY WISHES

April 4: Mitchel Alghoul, Charbel Bou Jabbour, Celia Ephrem, Vivian Hunnfeld, Roger Kasbo, Krista Salem

April 5: Carole Abou Khalil, Jennyfer Andoun, Kimberly Azzi, Marie Haddad, Livia Kellan, Camryn Khoury, George Saad, Marisa Safi, Gianna Tjionas, Rita Touma,

April 6: Ibrahim Ata, Maya Bou-Chaaya, Charbel Maroun, Meghan Rizk, Theresa Solomon

April 7: Elaine Azzi, Terry Habib, Nicholas Napoli

April 8: Stacy Gabriel, Antoinette Moussa

April 9: Pamela Alghoul, Jessica Matar, Elise McMinn

April 10: Jeremy Hashem, Abdo Iskandar, Charbel Merheb, Marita Merheb, Elon Pehl, Bryan Rembis, Tania Sfeir, Kevin Vincent

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

April 5: Elie & Samera Ata

April 9: Kevin & Kara Rembis

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

UPCOMING SESSION

Friday, April 10 @ 6:30 pm
Movie Night in the Church Hall



ARABIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING SESSIONS

For those who signed up for Friday classes:

Friday, April 10 @ 6:30pm-8pm

For those who signed up for Saturday classes:

Saturday, April 11 @ 11:30am - 1pm

KNIGHTS OF MARY

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, April 11 @ 5 - 7pm

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

"The Oldest Organization of St. Anthony's Church"

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, April 13 @ 12:00 in the Parish Hall

Call either Elaine Ferris 978-273-9772 or Christine Hassan 978-996-0556 if you are coming so we can be adequately prepared.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS St. Anthony Council 16204

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 14 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



**Thursday, April 16: 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>

For more information email:
communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FINAL SESSION

Saturday, April 18 @ 5 - 7pm

The 2026 Dabke Season is Officially Here!

Registration Deadline: April 13th

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per member

Full attendance at all practice sessions and participation on all days of the Mahrajan (September 4th, 5th & 6th) are **mandatory**.

For questions, please contact:

Carla (Ages 13-20): 978-697-1725

Reine (Ages 7-12): 978-902-1234



Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/NfPdywYUe3PHeYYN9>



The DCG Scholarships

The Dorothy C Gabriel Foundation is offering the **DCG scholarship** to any St Anthony parishioner who will be attending Central Catholic High School in fall 2026. For more information or to apply, text the students full name, grade and contact number to Ken Gabriel at 508-633-0704.

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2026.

Great Sunday of the Resurrection

Book of Jonah 2:1b-3,4b,5,7-11

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, 'I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?" The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!' Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

From the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 15:12-26

Brothers and Sisters, If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

LECTORS SCHEDULE EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday, April 4

4:00 pm - Susan Kalil

Midnight - (Eng) Mounira Daher
(Ar) Sassine Merheb

Sunday, April 5

9:30 am - Stephen Pellerin

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb
(Ar) Gretta Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11

4:00 pm - Christine Ryan

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - August Sfeir

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Ata
(Ar) Ajia Bou Saada

سفر يونان 11-7.5.4b.3-1b:2

كَانَ يُونَانُ فِي جَوْفِ الْحَوْتِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ وَثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ. فَصَلَّى يُونَانُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِهِ مِنْ جَوْفِ الْحَوْتِ، وَقَالَ: «إِلَى الرَّبِّ صَرَخْتُ فِي ضَيْقِي فَأَجَابَنِي مِنْ جَوْفِ مَثْوَى الْأَمْوَاتِ أَسْتَعْنُثُ فَسَمِعْتَ صَوْتِي جَمِيعُ مِيَاهِكَ وَأَمْوَاجِكَ جازت عليَّ. فقلت: إِنِّي طردتُ مِنْ أَمَامِ عَيْنَيْكَ لِكِنِّي سَاعِدُ أَنْظُرُ هَيْكَلَ قُدْسِكَ. نَزَلْتُ إِلَى أُصُولِ الْجِبَالِ إِلَى أَرْضٍ أُغْلَقَتْ عَلَيَّ مِزَالِجُهَا لِأَبَدٍ لِكِنَّاكَ أَصَعَدْتَ حَيَاتِي مِنْ الْهُوَّةِ أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهِي عِنْدَمَا غَشِيَّ عَلَى نَفْسِي تَذَكَّرْتُ الرَّبَّ فَبَلَّغْتَ إِلَيْكَ صَلَاتِي إِلَى هَيْكَلِ قُدْسِكَ. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَعْبُدُونَ أَوْثَانَ الْبَاطِلِ فَلْيَكْفُوا عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِمْ. أَمَّا أَنَا فَبِصَوْتِ شُكْرٍ أذْبَحُ لَكَ وَمَا نَذَرْتُهُ أُوفِي بِهِ. مِنَ الرَّبِّ الْخَلَاصُ! «فَأَمَرَ الرَّبُّ الْحَوْتِ، فَقَذَفَ يُونَانَ إِلَى الْيَابِسَةِ.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 26-12:15

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ يُبَشِّرُ بِهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَبَاطِلٌ تَبَشِيرُنَا وَبَاطِلٌ إِيمَانُكُمْ، وَنَكُونُ نَحْنُ شُهُودَ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنا شَهِدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنَّ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَبَاطِلٌ إِيمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدُ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ. إِذَا فَالَّذِينَ رَقَدُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فِيمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سِيخِيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النَّهَائِيَّةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِنَاسَةِ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَأَخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 8-1:16

لَمَّا أَنْقَضَى السَّبْتَ، أَشْتَرَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ، وَمَرْيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةَ، طُيُوبًا لِيَائِتِينَ وَيُطِيبِينَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَاكِرًا جِدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ يُدْخِرُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنْ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟» وَتَفَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُحِرَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جِدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَابًّا جَالِسًا عَنِ الْيَمِينِ، مُتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بَيْضَاءَ، فَأَنْذَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْذَهَلْنَ! أَنْتُنَّ تَطْلُبْنَ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهَا هُوَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ فِيهِ. أَلَا أَدْهَبُنَّ وَقُلْنَ لِتِلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ.» فَخَرَجْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرِّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا...

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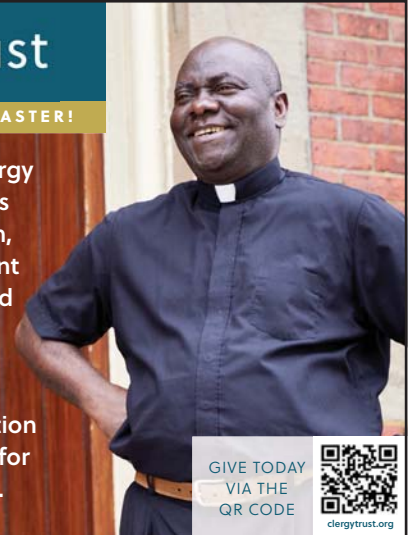
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