

St. Anthony Maronite Church

Pastor: Father Jean Younes

Sub-Deacon in training: Georges Jabbour

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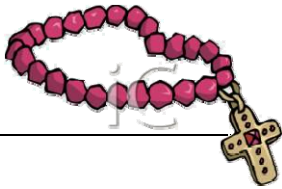
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Living Rosary

Join the Music Ministry to pray a Living Rosary. Holy Scripture and reflective Lenten music will help you reflect on the Glorious Mysteries. Bring a friend! Wednesday May 18 at 7 PM at St. Anthony Church

OUR LADY OF ILIGE PAINT Syro-Maronite - TENTH CENTURY HISTORY AND ICONOGRAPHY

The original composition of Notre Dame d' **ILIGE** reveals Hodigitria type syrique, a venerable antiquity. The laboratory study using various radiations, analysis of pigments as well as investigations in binocular helped reconstruct the morphology of the iconographic work and its technology: it is a Syriac mural Antiochene theological tradition that played a role in the statement of the dogmas of the Incarnation and the Divine Motherhood, drew the first performances of Conductive Hodigitria or Virgin, "painted by St. Luke the Evangelist." The Origin of Our Lady of Illige be sought in the Syro-édessien influences Assyrian Babylonian and Persian, far from being the Hellenization in major Mediterranean cities of the time. This representation of the Mother of God in the great arm blessing was also inspired by the ancient myth of the goddess Mother Earth.

The Mother of God blessing is already in the Annunciation of the Codex Rabbulensis and that of Syriac Manuscript of Paris 33.

This type Hodigitria syrique was released in Italy by colonies Syrian defectors. In Rome there are two famous performances: - Sancta Maria Antiqua (fifth - seventh century).

Transition of the Mother of God of Sinai to Hodigitria blessing.

- Salus Populi Romani, St. Mary Major.

The visible layer is dated the ninth century. This icon was spread throughout the Christian world, to China and Ethiopia, by Jesuit missionaries.

In Lebanon, we have several representations from the sixteenth century and Saïdet Talleh-Deir El-Qamar; Saïdet el-Hosn in Akkar, al-Bawaba Saïdet Jbeil, El Saïdet Abrage in Ghazir. A copy of small size is the Holy Spirit University Kaslik, ect ... The composition of Notre-Dame d' **ILIGE** has been altered over the ages to try to comply with the Salus Populi Romani.

The discovery of various paint layers - including the original - on the canvas of Our Lady of **ILIGE** is a crucial event in the history of the iconography of the Syro-Maronite. Data provided by the successive alterations of Table illuminate a period iconography remained in the shadows for lack of documents. Now, Our Lady of **ILIGE** Codex Rabulensis can relay (sixth century) in his role as "witness" cultural-historical origins. By itself, the mother of God **ILIGE** summarizes a period ranging iconography of the tenth century to the present.





**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Father's Day and Graduation Celebration Breakfast

Please plan to join together as a parish family to honor all the fathers, godfathers, and all who are regarded as fathers, and to congratulate our St. Anthony secondary school graduates on Sunday, June 19, 2010 after 10:00 am liturgy. We will celebrate with a buffet breakfast catered by the MYO. Tickets are only \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth and children under five years free.



**ST. ANTHONY'S HAS SELECTED VIRIDIAN,
A CONNECTICUT ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER**



Last year, in April, St. Anthony's selected Viridian Energy as their electrical supplier to help lower the electricity bills. St. Anthony also joined the Viridian Energy Residual Fundraising Program to offer the same electricity savings to parishioners as well as to family and friends. This letter is written to give you an update on the success of Viridian Energy. If you joined as a customer last year, the average savings compared to the utility was over 10%. St. Anthony's has to date 67 customers enrolled. Viridian has paid St. Anthony's a total of \$ 2,150.00. St. Anthony's has the opportunity of receiving cash bonuses as more customers enroll. The monthly variable rate for active customers for the month of March is .0939 per kilowatt (kwh). The New Customer Enrollment Rate is an additional 10% off the first month at a rate of .0845 per kilowatt (kwh). It is FREE to switch. There are NO long term contracts, NO fees, or NO cancellation fees. I encourage you to switch for FREE, support St. Anthony's Church and save money on your electric bill. You may sign up on the church website from the following states CT, NJ, PA, MD, and NY (Con ED Utility Market only) www.viridian.com/stanthony click on become a customer, select Rate: Everyday Green. It will take 1 to 2 billing cycles to switch over. For questions call Viridian Independent Associate Mary Shakro at (203) 792 4077. Also visit the church website: www.stanthonydanbury.com click on the Viridian video. Thank you for your support and May God Bless You.

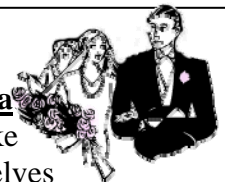
Father Jean Younes Graduation on Saturday May 21st, 2011

Please reserve the date of Saturday May 21st, 2011 at 6pm to celebrate the graduation of father Jean Younes after he got his PhD in educational Leadership from Fordham University - Graduate school of Education.



Banns of Marriage

The **Third Banns** of Marriage is announced for **Jack Madkour and Amanda Novella**. Anyone who knows of any impediment to this marriage has a moral obligation to make it known to the pastor. Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare themselves for this great Mystery.





George Jabbour Ordination June 4th, 2011

Your fellow Georges Jabbour is being ordained by Chorbishop Michael Thomas to the Order of Cantor, Lector and Subdeacon , at St. Anthony's on Saturday June 4 , 2011 at the 5:00 pm Mass.A reception to follow right after in the church hall.Please join us in prayer and support as Georges is preparing to serve God and His Church in his new mission as Subdeacon at St. Anthony.

Please Consider Contributions to St. Anthony Scholarship Fund

Please consider honoring the memory of the death of a loved one by requesting that contributions be made in their name to St. Anthony Scholarship Fund. The generosity of your family and friends will be acknowledged at our annual award breakfast in June. Donations made to this worthy cause help our parish to continue to support and encourage our graduating seniors in their future endeavors. This is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and help our youth.

Ladies Guild (Fall Craft Fair October 15th, 2011)

On October 15th, 2011, the guild will be hosting a vendor craft fair in our church hall. Vendors will be solicited to rent a table or space for \$30 and the guild will also have a table with food and other handmade items to sell. If you or someone you know has a creative hobby and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Shay Miller at 203-792-7444 to save a space and to let her know what you will be featuring at your table in order to avoid too much duplication. As always, thank you for your support!

Please reserve the Date: July 6 to July 10 for the 48th Annual Maronite Convention (NAM)

Be sure to mark your calendar, July 6th to July 10th, 2011, to join all our Maronite brothers and sisters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Once Again, NAM registration is available online or you may get the application form from the Church's office. Remember, NAM members receive registration discounts. For more information about NAM, NAM membership and NAM Travel, visit www.namnews.org.

Gold Buying Fundraiser Result

I am sure you are all wondering how we did on last weekend's "Gold Buying Fundraiser". Well, on Thursday night, Bob stopped by and gave me a check for **\$4,375.00**. It was a lot more than I expected and it put a smile on my face. I would like to thank the 14 people who took part in this fundraiser. That's right...just 14 people and we made over \$4,000!! Some people have already come to me and said they were not able to make it last weekend. They wanted to know if we would ever do this again. I spoke to Bob and he said just to let him know when. He thoroughly enjoyed talking to everyone he dealt with. He also said that next time; he wants to try some kibbie. Once again, thank you to everyone.



Personal Note

Thanks everyone for the warmth of your friendship, the sincerity of your loyalty, the kindness of your hearts, and the enthusiasm of your co-operation in working together with me to accomplish all that we have here at St. Anthony's. A special thanks to those who helped in decorating the Church, the choir, the ushers, the altar boys, the MYO, the MYA, the parish Council, the Passion Play group and all the faithful who came from near and far to make our celebration a joyful one, not only on Sunday but throughout Lent and most specially during Holy Week.



Readers

April 30- Shay Miller
 May 7– Phyllis Moses
 May 14– Ken Ackell
 May 21 – Phyllis Moses
 May 28 – Louis Nejamy

May 1- First Communion
 May 8- Randy Michael
 May 15- George Jabbour
 May 22- Gessika Alhayek
 May 29- Nada Zarrini

First Reading

2Cor 5: 11-21
 2 Tim 2: 8-13
 Heb 13: 18-25
 Eph 2: 1-10
 Rom 10: 1-13

Gospel

John 20: 26-31
 Luke 24: 13-35
 John 21:1-14
 John 21: 15-19
 Luke 24: 36-48

Upcoming Parish and Community Events

1. **Parish council** meeting on Thursday May 12 at 7 pm in the Parish hall
2. **Ladies Guild** Meeting - On Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall... All are welcome
3. **MYO** meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm in the Parish hall
4. **AARP** Meeting on Thursday May 19th from 12 noon to 3 pm in the Church Hall
5. **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday May 10th, 24th at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall
6. **Girls Scouts** meeting on Wednesday May 11th & 25th at 6 pm
7. **First Penance** on Saturday April 30th, 2011 at 10 am in the Church following by a nice lunch for our kids and teachers at Trellis
8. **First Communion** on Sunday May 1st, 2011 at 10 am
9. **Lebanon American Club Scholarship dinner** on Tuesday June 14th, 2011
10. **Lebanon Day** at Danbury City hall on Sunday June 26th, 2011



Second Collection

Per directive of the Eparchy there will be a Second Collection taken on **Saturday April 30th & Sunday May 1st For “National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon”**. All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. Also a second collection will be taken on **May Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th for “Catholic Communications Campaign”**. Following the norms established by the USCCB, 50% of this collection is sent to them for national Catholic television, radio and other media, and 50% is retained by our Eparchy for the Maronite Voice and any other communication needs we may have.

Check it out!

*You are all invited to go online to
www.stanthonydanbury.com
 To get all the information and the
 activities of our Church*





Mother's Day May 8th, 2011
To a special Mother

Of all the gifts that God has given both here on earth and up above The gift more precious and dear is the gift of a mother's love. Thank you for all the love you have given her.

Prayer Heavenly Father, Bless all those you have entrusted with motherhood. Inspire them to follow the example of Mary, Mother of our Lord and follow in her fidelity, humility and selfless love. May all mothers receive your grace abundantly in this life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in Heaven. Amen

Ladies Guild

There will be no Ladies Guild Meetings for the months of July and August and also that the June Meeting of the Ladies Guild will be a potluck dinner and bingo and everyone is invited. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Sandra Urban if you would like to attend. Everyone is welcome.



Deepest Sympathy:

Our condolences go to Major Donald J. McGran & Christopher G. McGran and families on the loss of their Mother Elizabeth "Betty Ann" (Geary) McGran (84) and to Samir Zarinni on the loss of his father Hani who died in Lebanon and to Gaby and Tony Al Hayek for the loss of their nephew Michel Al Hayek who died in Lebanon too. We pray that the Lord who has called his servants "Betty Ann", Hani and Michel may welcome them into his kingdom and grant them peace and rest among the saints.

Your offering to Your Parish

- **Sunday March 20th, 2011: \$ 3,578.00**
- **Sunday March 27, 2011: \$ 3,478.00**
- **Sunday April 3rd, 2011: \$ 3,335.00**
- **Sunday April 10, 2011:**
Collection: \$ 3,559.00
- **Gold Event Profit: \$ 4,368.00**
- **Sunday April 17th, 2011: \$ 3,347.00**

Summer Party June 25th, 2011

The Maronite Young Adults will be hosting a Summer Party on Saturday, June 25th at the Lebanon American Club in Danbury. Admission is \$15 for 21+, which includes three free alcoholic beverages, (\$10 admission for 18-21, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages). Arguili/Hookah will also be available for \$10. Beer and Wine will only be served to those 21+. Invite your friends. You may contact the following people for additional information: Johny AlHayek- johny.alhayek@gmail.com, Claire Jabbour- claire.jabbour@gmail.com, Theresa AlHayek- theresa.alhayek@gmail.com, Boo Simone- dsimone@comcast.net, Rawan Hage- hage002@connect.wcsu.edu, and Amanda Goncalves <goncalvesa4@gmail.com. {You must be 18 to attend; 21 to drink! Bring your ID!}



MYA NEXT MEETING MAY 1st

Our monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 8:00 PM in the church rectory. Food/refreshments will be provided. All young adults ages 18-35 are encouraged to attend. We will be planning our summer party and discussing other upcoming events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following board members: Johny AlHayek- johny.alhayek@gmail.com, Claire Jabbour- claire.jabbour@gmail.com, Theresa AlHayek- theresa.alhayek@gmail.com, Boo Simone- dsimone@comcast.net, Rawan Hage- hage002@connect.wcsu.edu, and Amanda Goncalves <goncalvesa4@gmail.com>. Hope to see you there!

Thank you Isabelle and Emil kalil

Isabelle and Emil Kalil have, through their wills, bequeathed to St. Anthony's Maronite Church *a gift of \$25,000.00*. It was Isabelle and Emil's wish that they not be forgotten in the parish. The Church was the center of their lives.

Norma Osta, their daughter and her fiancé, Carl Rohde, met with Father Jean recently. It was agreed upon that these monies would be put into a newly established Building Fund in memory of Isabelle and Emil. The Building Fund will be used as needed for the maintenance and preservation of our church.

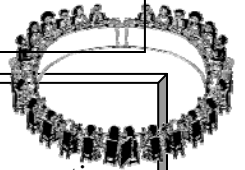
Isabelle Kalil deceased November 13, 2010

Emil Kalil deceased November 5, 1995



Mahrajan Meeting Wednesday May 25th at 7:30 pm

Time to start planning our annual Mahrajan for August 19, 20 2011. We will hold a start-up meeting on **Wednesday May 25th, at 7:30 pm** in our Parish Hall. Bob & Janet Hudak have done such an outstanding job with the Lebanese Festivals we are so happy that they have graciously agreed to serve as Chairpersons of this year's Mahrajan too



Looking for Dabke Participants - for the annual Mahrajan (August 19th & 20th)

Please contact Nada Zarrini if your children over 12 are interested in learning how to dance the Dabke and are willing to perform at the Mahrajan! Nada can be reached at (203) 797-0745 or via email at nzarrini@gmail.com.

Lebanese Festival Mahrajan August 19th and 20th 2011

We are fast approaching the date for our Annual Mahrajan! This is a fun, busy and exciting time as we prepare for this wonderful weekend of great food, family fun and our parish community coming together as a team! The dates for this year's Mahrajan are Friday, 8/19 and Saturday, 8/20 from 12 noon to 12 midnight. There will be subsequent announcements in upcoming bulletins, but please mark your calendars early so you can be part of the festival.

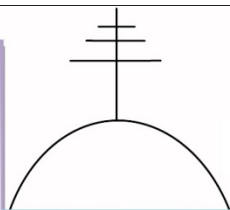
Each year our wonderful parishioners have been so generous in donating to the Mahrajan by giving of your time and helping to defray costs with your financial support. If you are interested in contributing to the 2011 Mahrajan, please take a look at the list below and submit a check in any amount made out to St. Anthony Church, with a memo "Mahrajan Food". Any contribution you can make is welcome and greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Bob Hudak at 203-240-8781. Thank you!

BENEFACTOR	FOOD	DONATION	TOTAL COST
	KIBBEE	100\$	500\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	LAMB	200\$	1000\$
		200\$	
		200\$	
		200\$	
		200\$	
	BEEF	150\$	750\$
		150\$	
		150\$	
		150\$	
		150\$	
	CHICKEN	100\$	500\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	GRAPE LEAVES	125\$	250\$
		125\$	
	FALAFEL	125\$	125\$
	HOT DOGS	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	RICE	100\$	100\$
	CABBAGE	100\$	100\$
	ARABIC BREAD	100\$	500\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	HUMMUS/CHICK PEAS	125\$	250\$
		125\$	
	KAFTA	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	MEAT PIES	100\$	500\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	SPINACH PIES	100\$	400\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	TOMATOES	125\$	125\$

	LETTUCE	125\$	125\$
	FRENCH FRIES	100\$	100\$
	PINE NUTS	125\$	125\$
	KAAK	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	ONIONS	100\$	100\$
	BUTTER	75\$	75\$
	LEMON JUICE	75\$	75\$
	CRUSHED TOMATOES	125\$	125\$
	PLASTIC UTENSILS	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	PAPER GOODS	125\$	250\$
		125\$	
	HOT DOG AND HAMBURGER ROLLS	50\$	50\$
	HAMBURGERS	150\$	150\$
	LEBANESE SWEETS	150\$	600\$
		150\$	
		150\$	
		150\$	
	COFFEE	50\$	50\$
	CONDIMENTS (ketchup, mustard, salt pepper)	100\$	100\$
DONAR NAME	BAR	DONATION	TOTAL COST
	ALMAZZA BEER	125\$	600\$
		125\$	
		125\$	
		125\$	
	LIQUOR	100\$	400\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
		100\$	
	SODA	100\$	300\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
	WATER	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	CIGARS	100\$	200\$
		100\$	
	TURKISH COFFEE	100\$	100\$

	WINE	100\$	300\$
		100\$	
		100\$	
	ARAK	100\$	200\$
		100\$	

TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY WHOM
April 30 – (5pm)	✠ George Nimer ✠	→ by his Children →
May 1 – (8am)	✠ Elias Aghnatio ✠ Abraham & Mary Saba	→ by M/M Roland Issa → by John Deep
May 1 – (10am)	✠ Hannah & Youssef Shoushani, Kecklee, Joseph & Helena Haddad ✠ Emil Kalil ✠ Hani Zarinni	→ by their Children → by his Family → by M/M Ghassan Najm
May 7 – (5 pm)	✠ Reema Joseph Samaha ✠ Helen Nimer Jowdy	→ by the Samaha Family → by Ted & Jean Haddad
May 8 – (8am)	✠ Roger Checrallah	→ by his Family
May 8 – (10am)	✠ All Our Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers Madeline, Joseph, Frances, James, Helen & William Najam ✠ Marcia Taylor & Emily Merck ✠ Michel Al Hayek	→ by the Family → by Marcia Christiano → by M/M Ghassan Najm
May 14 (5 pm)	✠ Joseph Ramey ✠ Karime Richa, Almaza Haddad and Abraha & Rachide Rizkallah	→ by his Children → by the Family
May 15 – (8am)	✠ Joseph Massoud + Joseph Ellis	→ by Helen Moses & family
May 15 – (10am)	✠ Edmund & Vacelia Dimyan ✠ Deeb & Charles Yammine ✠ Charles Lubus Jr ✠ Antoine & Claire Issa ✠ Sharbel Touma	→ by the Family → by the Family → by Viola Dorr & Family → their Children → by his family
May 21 - (5pm)	✠ Helen Nimer Jowdy & George P. Jowdy Sr ✠ Joseph Ledney	→ by their family → by his Family
May 22 – (8am)	✠ Hlayel Atwi	→ by father jean younes
May 22 – (10am)	✠ Carmine Menichini ✠ Louise Dimyan ✠ Lorraine Aberisk ✠ Ann Nimer	→ by Barbara Mannion → by the Family → (1st Ani) by her daughter → By Sophia and Manuel Lopez
May 28 –(5 pm)	✠ Louis Lahoud Sr	→ by his Children
May 29 – (8am)	✠ Alexander & Mary Deep	→ by John Deep
May 29 – (10am)	✠ Michel Al Hayek ✠ Elias B. Jabbour & Feghali & Daccahe Family	by Gaby & Tony Al Hayek and their families by his Wife & Children



Bishop Robert Shaheen would like to invite all the Maronite Priests and Parishioners to the Dedication of the Maronite Heritage Institute (MHI) Center at St Louis, MO on May 19, 20, 21, 22 at St Raymond Church (1021 South 10th street St. Louis, MO 63104)

Below the schedule of the celebration:

Thursday May 19th **Clergy Day**

6:00pm	Divine Liturgy-St. Raymond's Cathedral
7:00pm	Reception-Pastoral Center

Friday May 20th

9:30am	Pick-up from hotel
10-11:30am	Conference/Meeting MHI
12:00pm	Lunch
1-4pm	Free Time
4:15pm	Pick-up from hotel
5:00pm	Liturgy and Blessing of MHI
6-7:30 pm	Reception-MHI

Saturday May 21st. Free Day to enjoy the City of St. Louis

5:00pm	Liturgy- for those leaving early Sunday morning
6:00pm	Cocktail Hour-Cedars Banquet Center
7:00pm	Grand Hafli - \$40.00 per person – Cash Bar

Sunday May 22nd

11am	Closing Divine Liturgy
12:00pm	Light lunch –Cedars Banquet Center Nam Spring Drawing

Hotel: Drury Plaza at the Arch 314-231-3003, 1-800-378-7946
www.druryhotels.com Group #2113791. Reservation must be made no later than **May 3, 2011**. Room rate is \$99.00 per night single through quad. Free breakfast, 5:30-7:00pm hot food and cold beverages, 3:00-10:00pm soda, popcorn, free WiFi.

