

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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Masses

Tues- Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

& 10:00am



Lord GOD

You called your chosen one, Saint Maroun to the monastic life, Perfected him in divine virtues, and guided him along the difficult road to the heavenly Kingdom. During this Jubilee year, Commemorating 1600 years since the death of your chosen one, Saint Maroun, when he was called to the house of your heavenly Father; We ask you, through his intercession, to immerse us in your love that we may walk in your path, heed your commandments, and follow in his footsteps. May his holy example resonate throughout our lives. With your love, may we achieve that final destination reached by our father, Saint Maroun, and carry your Gospel throughout the world. Through his intercession, may we attain the glory of the resurrection and everlasting life in you. Glory and thanks are due to you, to your blessed Father, and to your living Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

Saint Maroun, born in the middle of the 4th century was a priest who latter became a hermit, retiring to a mountain of Taurus near Antioch. His holiness and miracles attracted many followers, and drew attention throughout the empire. St John of Chrysostom sent him a letter around 405 AD expressing his great love and respect asking St Maroun to pray for him.

St Maroun is considered the Father of the spiritual and monastic movement now called the Maronite Church. This movement had a profound influence on Northern Syria and Lebanon. Saint Maroun spent all of his life on a mountain in the region of Cyrrhus in Syria. It is believed that the place was called "Kefar-Nabo" on the mountain of Ol-Yambos, making it the cradle of the Maronite movement.

The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when St Maroun's first disciple Abraham of Cyrrhus who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that paganism was thriving in Lebanon, so he set out to convert the pagans to Christians by introducing them to the way of St Maroun. The followers of St Maroun, both monks and laity, always remained faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.

St Maroun's way was deeply monastic with emphasis on the spiritual and ascetic aspects of living. For Saint Maroun, all was connected to God and God was connected to all. He did not separate the physical and spiritual world and actually used the physical world to deepen his faith and spiritual experience with God.

St Maroun embraced the quiet solitude of the mountain life. He lived his life in open air exposed to the forces of nature such as sun, rain, hail and snow. His extraordinary desire to come to know Gods presence in all things, allowed St Maroun to transcend such forces and discover that intimate union with God. He was able to free himself from the physical world by his passion and fervor for prayer and enter into a mystical relationship of love with God

St Maron Jubilee Year Saturday Feb. 12, 2011

We are so close to celebrate the 1600 Jubilee year of Saint Maron (350-410) on February 12, 2011. It will consist of a Divine Liturgy at St. Anthony Church at 5 pm and a banquet to be held at the Amber Room. The dinner at the Amber Room will be an exciting event. We have already received confirmation that Bishops Gregory Mansour, Robert Shaheen and William Lori will be in attendance and other local distinguished guests. Hope to see many of you.

2010 Offering Statement

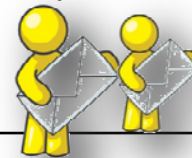
You will find your individual Offering Record for 2010 enclosed in this mailing. Please save this record for your income tax filing.

Check it out!

You are all invited to go online to Hwww.stanthonydanbury.comH To get all the information and the activities of our Church

Yearly Envelopes + Help us to update our roster

In the beginning of this New Year I take a moment to remind and encourage all parishioners to obtain a box of weekly envelopes for the upcoming year. Those who currently do not use envelopes for our Sunday collection, please take a moment and think of the benefit you may have at the end of the year by claiming your donations to your church on your tax return. We welcome new parishioners into the envelope system as we ask the Lord to reward you for all you do and give to your spiritual Home. Also, many have moved or changed an address that we are unaware of and before we finalize our last year's envelope list please call the rectory at 203-744-3372 or leave a note in the basket collection or via e-mail at Hstanthonyoffice@yahoo.comH .



Club 50

The 2011 Club 50 will begin in January. The cost is \$50 for the year. There are four drawings a month that take place during the monthly Pasta Dinner. Again, I look forward to the continued support of the current members and look forward to the support of new members. All interested in Club 50 please contact your captain or Sandy Urban (203)743-1911. The captains are as follows: Pat Cypher, Elaine Lahoud and Carole Pettibone. Thank you, Sandy Urban

Readers

Feb 5 – Kenneth Ackel
Feb 12 – Shay Miller
Feb 19 – Phyllis Moses
Feb 26 – Shay Miller

Feb 6 – Nada Zarrini
Feb 13 – Randy Michael
Feb 20 – Gessika Al Hayek
Feb 27 – George Jabbour

First Reading

Gal 1/11-17
1Tim 4/6-16
Heb 12/18-24
1Thes 5/1-11

Gospel

Jn 4/46-54
Lk12/42-48
Mk 25/31-46
Jn 16/19-31



Your Offerings to your Parish:

**Offering
Envelopes**

December 12th, 2010: \$ 4,550.00

December 18th, 2010: \$ 5,010.00

December 24th, 2010: \$ 5,689.00

January 1 & 2, 2011: \$ 3,066.00



Ash Monday Begins Lent on March 7, 2011

On Monday March 7, 2011 we will have Mass & the Blessing of Ashes at 8:30am and 7pm with the distribution of ashes at the end of liturgy.

Everyone please remember to fast on Ash Monday.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday starting on March 11 , 18, 25 and on April 1,8,15 during the Season of Lent we will walk in prayer with Christ tracing the steps leading up to His Passion and death on the Cross. We invite all of you to come to the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm following by Lenten dinner at 7 :40 pm sponsored by our Maronite Young Adults -MYA group and at 8:20 we will have 30 minutes Bible Study with Fr jean Younes.

Maronite Fasting

Means having nothing to eat from midnight till noon on Ash Monday and Good Friday, and no meat (beef or poultry) on these days, as well as, every Friday during Lent. Anyone in good health between the ages of 14 and 60 should observe these fast days.

Passion play Rehearsals

Rehearsals for the Passion Play will begin on Sunday March 13 at 6pm in the church. Chip Jowdy will call everyone with the details, or if you would like you can reach him at his phone (203-948-3307) or his e-mail HChip.Jowdy@macerich.com



MYO Scholarship Dinner Saturday March 26, 2011

In celebration of our St. Joseph we will hold a scholarship Dinner here at St. Anthony's Church Hall on Saturday, March 26, 2011 following the 5pm Mass from 6pm to Midnight. Snow date: Sunday March 27 at 12 pm after 10 am mass. Tickets will be \$20 per person and all the proceeds will be used for our Scholarship Fund to benefit St. Anthony's graduating MYO seniors who will be going on to college. The MYA members will get a special discount .For more information contact Ferris Nasser 203-300-1288.

Eparchial Charities Appeal 2011

To support the ministries and charities of our diocese like the religious education program, the seminary or support for Lebanon, our Beloved Bishop Mansour has asked us to raise \$ 6,000. To meet this goal each family in our parish is asked to contribute \$35 to this appeal. You can help by placing your check made out to St Anthony's Church and marked "Bishop Appeal" in your regular Sunday envelop during lent. (Divided as follows: 30% priests Retirement fund, 25% Seminary, 15% Endowment fund, 15 % Patriarchal liturgical commission & text, 15% Lebanon)

Upcoming Parish Events

1. **MYO** meeting on Tuesday Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the rectory
2. **Parish council** meeting on Thursday Feb. 3 at 7 pm in the parish hall
3. **No Ladies Guild Meeting** - On Tuesday, Feb.1
4. **AARP** Meeting on Thursday Feb. 17 from 12 noon to 3 pm in the Church Hall
5. **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday Feb. 8, 22 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall
6. **Girls Scouts** meeting on Wednesday Feb. 9, 23 at 6 pm
7. **No Pasta Dinner** on Saturday Feb. 12
8. **Sunday School** on Sunday Feb. 6, 13, 17 from 9:00 to 9 :45 am
9. **Happy St Maron's day** on Wednesday Feb.9, 2011
10. **World Day of the Sick** on Friday Feb.11, 2011
11. **Happy Presidents' day** on Monday Feb. 21, 2011





Mass Intentions

TIME		BY WHOM
Feb. 5 – (5pm)	✠Emily Lahoud ✠George Abdallah ✠John Corona ✠Mary, Edward & Eva Joseph and Lillian Kalled + Cleo Joseph	→ by her Children & Family → by his Family → by Marie Petrucci → by the Family
Feb. 6 – (8am)	✠Michael Moses ✠Elias Aghnatiou ✠Adele Farmer	→ by his Wife & Family → by His Family → Dennis & Michelle Ramey
Feb. 6 – (10am)	✠Marion Simon ✠Sousanne Merhi ✠Philomenia Asmar & Jean Simon ✠Irbahim & Rachide Rizkallah ✠Edward Elking	→ by her Children & Family → by M/M Youssef Merhi → by Daniel Jowdy → by their Son & Family → by M/M William Shaheen
Feb. 12 – (5pm)	✠St Maron Jubilee Year MASS	→ All the Parishioners of St Anthony Church
Feb. 13 – (8am)	✠	
Feb. 13 – (10am)	✠Bert Tahan ✠Faye Ramey ✠Delina Donofrio	→ by George Assad → by her Family → by Betty McGran
Feb. 19 – (5pm)	✠Jack Haddad ✠Bert Tahan ✠Barbara Ackell ✠Cleo Joseph	→ by his Family → by her Family → by her Family → by his wife and family
Feb. 20 – (8am)	✠	→
Feb. 20 – (10am)	✠George & Bruce George ✠Antoine & Claire Issa ✠Katherine Cramer ✠George Hayek	→ by their Family → by their Children → by her Husband → by Jeannette Chartouni
Feb. 26– (5pm)	✠The Shawool Family	→ by Victoria Shawool & Lahoud family
Feb. 27– (8am)	✠For the Parishioners of St. Anthonys	→
Feb. 27– (10am)	✠Abdon Asmar ✠John Corona ✠George Sr. & Julia Nimer	→ by his Family → by his Wife & Family → by Ted & Jean Haddad & Family