

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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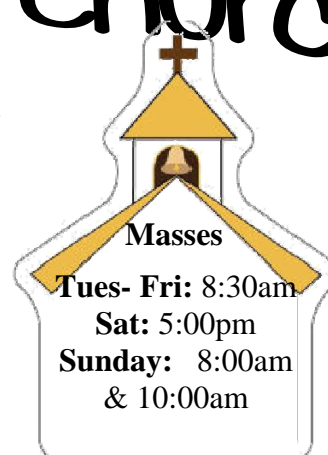
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January
2011



Masses

Tues- Fri: 8:30am

Sat: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am
& 10:00am

Epiphany: Thursday Jan.6th

Epiphany Mass on Thursday, Jan.6th
is a Holy day of Obligation for Maronites.

Mass will be offered at 7 pm.



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*

Blessing of homes on epiphany

Epiphany means to make known or manifest. So for the Maronites, Epiphany is about the revelation (the making known) that God is a Trinity of Person (Father, Son & Holy Spirit), which occurs at the Baptism of Jesus. So on the Epiphany, Thursday Jan. 6th at 7 pm; in commemoration of Christ's Baptism we will bless water, which is to be used to bless your homes, cars or religious objects during the year. Please bring a container to carry some Holy Water home this weekend, and then before your Sunday dinner say the prayer below together and sprinkle the Holy Water about your house blessing it for the New Year.

Prayer of Blessing

Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. + O Lord and mighty God, hear us and send from heaven your holy angel to bless and protect those who dwell in this house, through Christ our Lord, to whom is due glory and praise. May His mercy be upon us all, now and forever? Amen.

(Sprinkling the Holy Water about the house)

Sprinkle me with hyssop that I may be purified.

Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

***“O Lord, save your people, and bless + your inheritance.
Feed them, and carry them forever.”***

(Psalm 28:9)





Readers

Jan 1 – Shay Miller
 Jan 8 – Kenneth Ackel
 Jan 15 – Phyllis Moses
 Jan 22 – Shay Miller
 Jan 29 - Phyllis Moses

Jan 2 – Nada Zarrini
 Jan 9 – Randy Michael
 Jan 16 –Gessika Al Hayek
 Jan 23– George Jabbour
 Jan 30- Lauren Kilcourse

First Reading

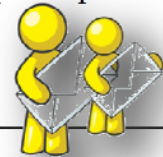
Heb 7:11-19
 2Cor 10:1-11
 2Cor 4:5-15
 Gal 3:23-29
 Rom 7:1-6

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52
 Jn 1:29-34
 Jn 1:35-42
 Jn 3:1-16
 Jn 4:5-7, 9-26

Yearly Envelopes + Help us to update our roster

As we approach the 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 stanthonyoffice@yahoo.com .



Second Collection

The Second Collection will be on January 22 & 23, 2011 for the United States Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities.



Fr. Jean's Special Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and best wishes this Christmas. It is truly an honor for me to serve as your pastor here at St. Anthony's and the greatest treasure for me has been your friendship.



Sincerely your pastor Fr Jean Younes M.L.M

Special thank you

I would like to thank Dennis Ramey our CPA and John Jowdy Our Lawyer for all the work they did for St Anthony Church last year. May God Bless you



Your Offerings to your Parish:
Offering Envelopes

November: 28, 2010: \$ 2,964.00

December 5th, 2010: \$ 3,080.00

December 12, 2010: \$ 4,550.00



**Notice: No Mass at 8 am on Sunday
January 16, 2011**

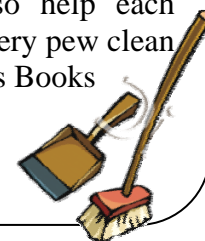
There is no Mass on Sunday January 16, 2011 at 8 am. Fr Ray Petrucci will say Masses on Saturday January 15 at 5pm and Sunday January 16 at 10 am



Cleaning the Church

We will be cleaning the church and taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 8 starting at 9am. Volunteers are needed to help us keep our church nice and clean. You can also help each Sunday by keeping the book racks in every pew clean of old bulletins, and by placing the Mass Books or Hymnals back in good order.

Everyone must do their part.
Thank You...



**Notice: Father Jean will attend the
Annual Retreat in FL
From Jan 10 to Jan 17**

Fr Jean Younes will be with all the Maronite Priests of the Eparchy of St Maron in West Palm Beach FL for their annual Retreat with Bishop Gregory Mansour from Jan 10 to Jan 17, 2011. For Any emergency please call Fr Jean Younes at his cell phone 718-344-2744 or Sub-Deacon George Jabbour 203-482-3569.

Parish Council Meeting

The Council will meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 7pm in the hall.



Pasta Dinner

Come to our next Pasta Dinner on Saturday, January 8th and every second Saturday of the month from 6-8pm. We will serve a plate of unlimited pasta, two meatballs, salad, dinner rolls, butter, coffee and dessert for just \$7... It's a great deal for the whole family!



Lebanese language Class

Want to learn how to speak Lebanese with Fr Jean Younes? Come join us on Monday January 3 and Thursday January 27 at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall. If you are interested please contact Lauren Kilcourse to get more information about our first session at (203-241-0448) or laurenkilcourse@sbcglobal.net



**Ladies Guild
Meeting**

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4th, 2010 at 7pm in our Hall.

St Maron Jubilee Year: Saturday February 12, 2011

As you know, we will celebrate the Jubilee of St, Maron on February 12, 2011 at the Amber Room. Since it is still early in the planning stages, the committee is busy working out all the details for this gala event. Members have received flyers in the monthly bulletin. Please keep these as a reminder but formal invitations will be coming to you early in the New Year. A response card will be included with the invitation and these should be used to indicate your dinner selections. Thank you very much for your support of this upcoming event. For any question please contact Jimmetta Samaha, Sandy Urban or Barbara Bragues

Maronite Young Adults (MYA Ages 18 -35) Party January 8th , 2011

All Young Adults are invited to our Party on Saturday January 8th, 2011 (9 pm) at the Lebanon American Club in Danbury. \$ 10 Admission [ages 20 and under] \$ 15 Admission [ages 21 +] Arguili \$ 10. Food and drink included in the cost of Admission. Beer and Wine provided for those 21 + / Feel free to bring your friends. Reserve your tickets in advance with Gessika Al-Hayek/ gessika2007@hotmail.com ; Eddy Essa/ ejessa@mail.uri.edu ; Lauren Kilcourse/ laurenkilcourse@sbcglobal.net ; ElizabethMichael/ elizabeth.a.michael@gmail.com ; Lorrie Najam/ lnajam@gmail.com; David Glynn / dtvd9@yahoo.com

{ You must be 18 to attend; 21 to drink }



Special Recognition during the Jubilee Year of St Maron

In anticipation of the celebration of the Jubilee of St. Maron, please provide your name and the names of your family and friends who are parishioners of St. Anthony's and who have reached the age of 70 and above. They will receive special recognition for those only attending the banquet which will be held at the Amber Room on February 12, 2011. Please submit these names by January 10, 2011 to Pamela Saba at 203-792-1078 Or 203-743-2355

Upcoming Parish Events

1. **MYO** meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Rectory basement
2. **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday January 11 & 25 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall
3. **No weekly Mass** From January 10 to 14 , 2011
4. **AARP** meeting on Thursday January 20th , 2011 at 12 pm to 3 pm
5. **Girls Scouts** meeting on Wednesday January 12 & 26 at 6 pm
6. **Sunday School** January 9, 23, 30 , 2011 at 9 am in the Church Hall



Trip To Lebanon

St. Anthony's chartered plane trip to Lebanon, tentatively planned for the Spring 2011 will be changed to October 2011. The Fall will be a more beautiful time of the year to visit with cooler and refreshing weather. You will enjoy along with wonderful scenery the fresh fruits and vegetables picked and served at the height of their season. It is hoped you will join us in this group adventure to what is called "The Taste of Lebanon". More information pending





Mass Intentions

TIME		BY WHOM
Jan. 1 (5pm)	✦ Assad Bailey	→ by his Family
Jan. 2 – (8am)	✦ Vincent & Anne Kost	→ by the Family
Jan. 2 – (10am)	✦ Georgianna Smith ✦ Salma Morey & Luigi DePietro & Sally Nash (Yearly Mass)	→ by Effie Smith → by Ann DePietro
Jan. 8 – (5:PM)	✦ Oscar, Melvin, Angelina, Cindy, Christa, Anthony Jr + Eva & Joseph Sacowitz	→ by the Taylor family
Jan. 9– (8am)	✦ Jimmy Higgins III	→ by his Mother
Jan. 9– (10am)	✦ Rose Jowdy ✦ Najim & Badder Malcoon ✦ Rose Cartiglia	→ by her Family → by the Family → by the Family
Jan. 15 – (5pm)	✦ Thomas Lahoud ✦ Eva Haddad	→ by His Wife, Bobbie & Family → by Ted & Jean Haddad
Jan. 16– (8am)	✦ No Mass at 8 am	→
Jan. 16– (10am)	✦ Albert & Richard Shaheen ✦ Claire & Antoine Issa ✦ John Bailey	→ by their Family → by their Children → by his Wife & Children
Jan. 22 – (5pm)	✦ Zahia Sam ✦ Edward Lubus ✦ Matthew Esposito	→ by the Family → by his Wife & Children → by his Family
Jan. 23 – (8am)	✦ Melvina Higgins ✦ Noah Pickel	→ by a Friend → By his wife and Daughters
Jan. 23 – (10am)	✦ Louis & Genevieve Coury ✦ Amelia Simon	→ by their Family → by husband, Charles
Jan. 29 – (5pm)	✦ available for Mass intention	→
Jan. 30 – (8am)	✦ available for Mass intention	→
Jan. 30 – (10am)	✦ Joseph F. Smith	→ by his Wife, Effie