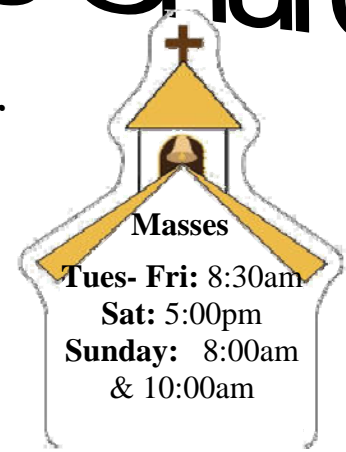


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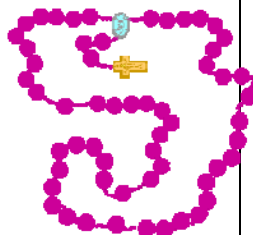
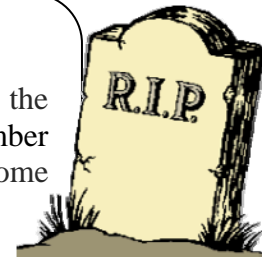


1- Mahrajan 2011 : It was a Great S-U-C-C-E-S-S!!!

The Good news that our Mahrajan of 2011 made \$ 34,000.00! Thank You and congratulations on a job well done! Let us take a moment and offer our praise to Almighty God for His abundant blessings upon our parish family and Maronite community. Words can never express the gratitude, appreciation and joy that we hold in our hearts for all the efforts evident in the dedication and love we have for the Church. All the credit goes to those who worked hard in portraying the unity of our Lebanese Heritage and what it means to us, to our friends and neighbors. I would like to extend our most sincere thanks and gratitude to all the members of our parish family, who gave of their time and talents which made the Mahrajan a great success. The list of those involved is endless. We will never forget the benefactors, workers, volunteers, sponsors, participants, set-up and clean up crews, and those who worked behind the scenes and of course the people who came and joined in on the fun. It was amazing to watch the multitudes of people who came from near and far to support our cause, and yet, to share in the festivities. Without your dedicated hands and hearts, it would not have been possible. We ask God Almighty, through the intercession of St. Anthony, to bless each and every one who made the effort and gave of their time and talents unconditionally. Your contribution and continuous support is greatly appreciated! God bless you all as we continue to rely on your generosity and encouragement. See you at our Next Mahrajan 2012 August 17 and 18.

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Mitchell, Peter, Sadie, Sophie, Jeanette and family on the loss of their Brother Elias Murad who died in Dubois, PA on Thursday September 15th, 2011. We pray that the Lord who has called his servant Elias may welcome him into His kingdom and grant him peace and rest among the saints.



Living Rosary

On **Friday October 7th at 7pm** Kevin and Linda Gaboardi and their music ministry will be at St. Anthony's to lead us in a spiritual and uplifting living rosary celebration as part of our devotional prayers to the Blessed Mother, for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. All are welcome.



Readers

First Reading

Gospel

Oct. 1 – Phyllis Moses
Oct. 8 – Shay Miller
Oct. 15 – Kenneth Ackell
Oct. 22 – Phyllis Moses
Oct. 29- Shay Miller

Oct. 2 – Randy Michael
Oct. 9 – Nada Zarrini
Oct. 16– Gessika Alhayek
Oct. 23 – Theresa Alhayek
Oct.30- George Jabbour

Phil 3: 17- 4/1
1Thes 5: 1-11
Phil 2: 12-18
Gal 6:1-10
Rom 12:9-21

Mt 24: 23-31
Mt 24: 45-51
Mt 25: 1-13
Mt 25: 14-30
Mt 25:31-46

MYA Workshop October 28 - 30, 2011 Los Angeles, CA

Fr Jean will be leading the Maronite Young Adults MYA (Age 18-35) to LA for the Leadership workshop on October 28, 29, and 30. 150 young people from all our Maronite Churches in the USA will be in attendance. Father Ray Petrucci will celebrate Masse on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8 am and 10 am. Please keep Abouna and our MYA in your prayers to have a successful event.

Upcoming events



- 1 -**Ladies guild** meeting Tuesday October 4th at 7 pm in the Hall
- 2- **Parish Council** meeting on Thursday October 6th at 7pm in the Church Hall
- 4- **AARP meeting** on Thursday October at 20 Noon-3p m in the Church Hall
- 5- **MYO meeting** on Wednesday October 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 2010 at 7: 00 pm in the Church Hall
- 6- **Sunday School:** on October 2, 16, 23 & 30 from 9 to 9:45 am
- 9- **Knights of Columbus** on Tuesday October 11 & 25 at 7:30 pm

Children’s Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 29 after 5 pm Mass -from 6 to 7:30 pm -all St. Anthony’s children are invited to a free costume Halloween Party. There will be pizza, candy treats, games and fun for all. Parents who would like to bake cookies, brownies and other sweets, or help decorate and prepare Trick or Treat Bags for the children should contact Barbara Stuart (203-730-2960).



Change of time: Daylight Saving Time ends

Please, note that the time will change on Sunday November 6th at 12 a.m. You need to set your clock an hour back.



Your Offerings to your Parish:

Sunday September 4th, 2011: \$ 5,726.00

Sunday September 11th, 2011: \$ 3,613.65

Sunday September 18th, 2011: \$3,620.00



Second Collection

Per directive of the Eparchy there will be a Second Collection taken on October Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 For "World Mission Propagation of Faith". This collection is taken by every Catholic Church in the entire World. Monies are sent by the Holy See to missionaries in need wherever they may be. We thank you in advance for your contribution

Sunday school

I would like to remind the parents that our Religious Education Program began last Sunday September. For those who have not had the opportunity to register their children, please contact Mrs. Barbara **Stuart** at 203-730-2960 and Mrs. Nancy Michael at 203-798-1192. This program will enrich our children with spirituality and understanding of our faith. I encourage all parents to please make sure that your children are enrolled and here on time every week. I find it only proper and important to those who received first Holy Communion last year to continue their spiritual education and growth.



Awareness training sessions: Protecting God's Children for Adults

As you all know, VIRTUS certification is part of our Church life. It is designed to make aware parents and parishioners of any misconduct towards children.

For this reason, we are obligated to obtain a VIRTUS certification before volunteering or participating in any programs involving children under the age of 18 years. Such programs include: Religious Education, Altar Boys children Choirs, MYO, Passion Play etc... For those who still need certification you need to register for the awareness training: please go to <http://www.virtusonline.org> and select Registration. Then select Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT. You will be directed to the most current schedule of upcoming sessions in your area. All participants who attend this training will receive a card as proof of attendance. In Addition each volunteer is required to have successfully completed a criminal background check and signed a Commitment to Ethical Conduct (Contact Father JeanYounes).

Your volunteer time and talents will always be greatly appreciated.

Check it out!

You are all invited to go online to

www.stanthonydanbury.com

To see the pictures of the

2011 Mahrajan



Mass Intentions

TIME		BY WHOM
Oct. 1 (5pm)	✦ John F. O'Dell ✦ Fred & Mollie Nassif+ daughter Patricia Ferrito	➤ by his Children ➤ by their family
Oct. 2 – (8am)	✦ Rahja Saba & Victoria Norman	➤ by John Deep
Oct. 2 – (10am)	✦ Fannie & Louis Abdo Rishdan ✦ Antoine & Claire Issa	➤ by their Family ➤ by the family
Oct. 8 – (5pm)	✦ Carol & Norman & Nellie Basher ✦ Abdelnoor & Philomenia Hajjar + AA Hajjar Jr ✦ Joseph & Ann Howard & Andrea Polowitz ✦ Angela, Roy & Richard Kalil ✦ Bert Tahan	➤ by the Family ➤ by the Family ➤ by the Family ➤ by Nick & Shay Miller ➤ by Linda Tahan-Stein
Oct. 9–(8am)	✦ Alex, Mary & Edward Deep	➤ by John Deep
Oct. 9–(10am)	✦ Anton Chory ✦ William Samaha	➤ by Evelyn Chory & Family ➤ by his Family
Oct. 15 – (5pm)	✦ No Intention	➤ by their Family
Oct. 16 – (8am)	✦ For the Souls in Purgatory	➤
Oct. 16 – (10am)	✦ Toufick Bouab, Francis Canan & Family ✦ Antoine & Claire Issa	➤ by the Bouab Family ➤ by their Family
Oct. 22-- (5pm)	✦ Jeanne Ackell ✦ Theresa Vitarelli ✦ Louise Esposito ✦ Mary Deep	➤ by her Children ➤ by M/M Robert Joseph ➤ by her Children ➤ by Her Husband and Children
Oct. 23 – (8am)	✦ Intention available at this time	➤
Oct. 23 – (10am)	✦ Kater & Sultana Ramey & Family ✦ Helen, Emil, Massoud & Mary George	➤ by the Family ➤ by M/M Joseph Buzaid
Oct. 29—(5:PM)	✦ Marie Rotty ✦ Marsha & Nimey Kalil + Children	➤ by her family ➤ by Marcia Merck-Christiano
Oct.30 (8am)	✦ No intention	➤
Oct. 30 (10 am)	✦ No intention	➤

Club 50 Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 at 6 pm when we will hold our Club 50 Dinner with the Grand Prize Drawings. A dinner will be served in our hall for all of the members of Club 50. If there are any guests who you would like to invite, it will be \$15 for each guest. Everyone planning to attend the Club 50 Dinner (members & guests alike) must list each of their names in an envelope with any guest dinner money and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church by October 10th. Please, no walk-ins... notify us by this deadline so we can prepare enough food. Special thanks to Sandy Urban, Pamela Saba, Debbie Urban, Elaine Lahoud and Pat Cypher for their entire fine work and all the volunteers who are going to help.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

To our dear Mgr Ronald Beshara

I am sorry to inform you that our brother in Christ, Monsignor Ronald Beshara, passed away on September 5, 2011. He was predeceased by his father, Nasry, and is survived by his mother, Imelda; his sister, Donna Marie Harrison; his brother, Paul Methot; and his nephews, Ben and Ronald Harrison, and Luke and Peter Methot. Monsignor Ron was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on March 25, 1945. He attended Saint Mary's College Seminary in Saint Mary, Kentucky, and Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in Washington, DC. He earned a Licentiate in theology from the Catholic University of America in 1971 and was ordained a priest that same year, on May 29, in Fall River. After his ordination, he pursued graduate studies in Canon law at the Catholic University of America, and in 1974 he earned his Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. He was appointed as Secretary to the Eparchial Tribunal in 1974 and served as Pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Flint from 1974 - 1978. He was the Chancellor of, the Eparchy in Brooklyn from 1978 - 1980, Vicar at Our Lady of Lebanon Church in Los Angeles from 1980 - 1981, and **Pastor of Saint Anthony Church in Danbury from 1981 - 1989**. Subsequently, he founded Mary, Mother of the Light Mission and served as its Administrator until 2011. He served on various Commissions in the Eparchy. He also ministered in many capacities at health care facilities. in the Palm Beach area since 1995. Monsignor Ron was the author of several informational sources with regard to the Maronite Church, such as: *Mary, Ship of Treasures; Being Maronite Catholic; and Mary, Mother of the Light*. He was appointed Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor in 1988. His funeral was celebrated at on Friday, September 9, at Saint Juliana Catholic Church FL. Contributions in Mgr Ronald Beshara's memory and honor may be made to Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary, 7164 Alaska Ave NW Washington, DC 20012. We extend our profound condolences to the family of Mgr Beshara, and to all who loved him, and assure them of our prayers.

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

AND JOIN US FOR THE

SECOND ANNUAL
BENEFIT DINNER FOR

**THE EPARCHY OF
SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN**

As we welcome our new shepherd,

Patriarch Bechara Peter Rai

on his first pastoral visit to the United States

Roosevelt Hotel, New York City

Details to follow

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church – Altar Boys

The primary purpose of the program is to address the obvious need for altar servers. However, a secondary and significant purpose of the program is to be a tool for our youth — to encourage personal growth in the areas of faith, service, devotion, social awareness, family relationships, prayer and knowledge of the Catholic faith. For more information please contact Sub-Deacon George Jabour at 203-482-3569.

Altar Boys: Application Form

Please Print:

Date: _____ Grade in Sunday School: _____

Name: _____

Parent (s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: -----

Mass Time Preference: *(Please circle only one)*

Saturday 5:00pm / Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Permission:

I am happy to assist my son in becoming an Altar Boy. I agree to encourage and motivate him through my own active stewardship & faith, especially in the areas of daily prayer, Sunday Mass, and living out my daily activities knowing they are being done in service to God. As a parent of an Altar Boy, I will support my son in needed transportation and time commitment to ensure proper training & reverence in his service to God.

Signature of Parent (s): _____

Notice: Training will be held in the church, and you will be notified of the date and time.