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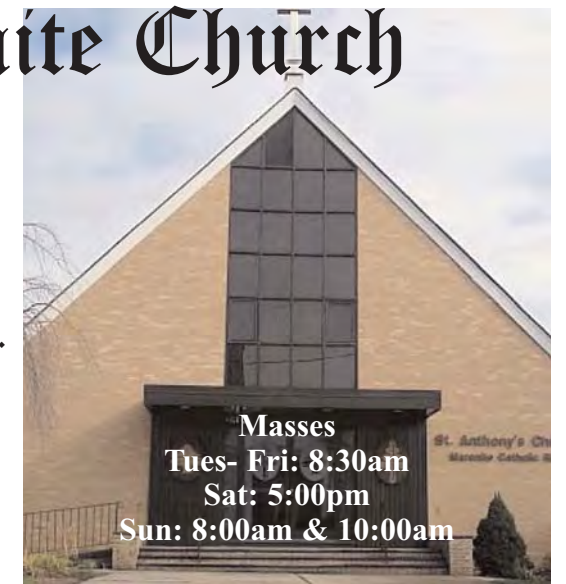
St Anthony Maronite Church



September 2011

Pastor:
Father Jean Dounes M.L.M.

Sub-Deacon:
Georges Jabbour



1-MYA Third Annual Leadership Workshop in Los Angeles, California beginning Friday, October 28th through Sunday, October 30th. The **topic** of this MYA Workshop is: **“A Faith Guided Young Adult Life.”** The goal of the MYA is to assist each young adult to come to a greater appreciation and involvement with his/her faith in God and service for the gospel of Christ and for the needs of others. Registration Fees (including hotel and food): \$ 250.00. Please note registration fees for **active members** of the MYA, who attend regular meetings, volunteer at various fundraisers including our upcoming Mahrajan, and attend mass regularly will be sponsored by the MYA/Church. Any other individuals who would like to attend should contact Fr. Jean for additional details. Furthermore, travel expenses are the responsibility of the individuals attending.

Anyone interested in attending should submit their information to Father Jean or send an email to stanthonyoffice@yahoo.com.

2- MYO will be starting up again!

When a high student is involved with MYO they will be involved with the Sunday coffee and breakfast, and will be involved also within the community. MYO members will also be creating lifelong friendships with their peers! Meetings will be on Wednesdays at 7.

Thank you very much to Lauren Kilcourse for being a wonderful advisor last year! Welcome to Lydia Jabbour who will be a MYO advisor this year. New members please contact Ferris Nasser for more details at (203) 300-1288. Returning members please contact Lydia Jabbour (203) 733-0744.



3-Parish Council

Our first meeting after the summer recess is Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7pm in the Hall. Our Councilors are Shay Miller, Mark Chory, Jim Glynn, Barbara Braguez, Ken Ackell, Jim Glynn III, Sandy Urban, and George Jabbour.



4-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday September 8th, 2011

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated in the Church since at least the 8th Century. The birth of Mary was miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of His Son. **Our Divine Liturgy will be at 8:30 am in our Church.**

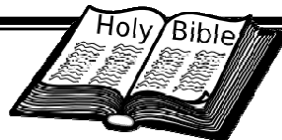


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Readers



Sept. 3 – Ken Ackell
 Sept. 10 – Louis Nejamy
 Sept. 17 – Phyllis Moses
 Sept. 24 – Shay Miller

Sept. 4 – George Jabbour
 Sept. 11 – Nada Zarrini
 Sept. 18 – Theresa Alhayek
 Sept. 25 – Randy Michael

First Reading

1 Cor 3:1-11
 1 Cor 15:18-25
 2 Tim 2:1-10
 1 Cor 15:19-34

Gospel

Lk 8:1-15
 Jn 12:20-32
 Mk 10:35-45
 Mt 24:1-14

5-The Exaltation of the Cross on Wednesday September 14, 2011

The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross has been celebrated in our Maronite Church at least since the 6th Century. You are all invited to come to our Divine Liturgy on Wednesday September 14th at 8:30 am.

6-Club 50 -Dinner



Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 from 6-10 pm when we will hold our Club 50 Dinner with the Grand Prize Drawings in the Church Hall. Thanks to Sandy Urban & all her captains.

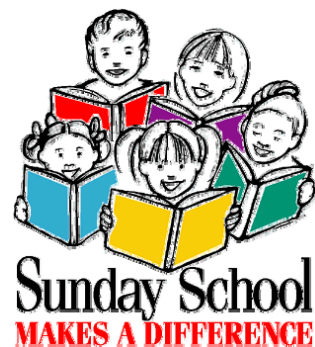
7-Parish and community Upcoming events



- 1 -Ladies guild meeting Tuesday September 6th at 7 pm in the Hall
- 2- Lobster Supper at St Ann Melkite Church on Saturday September 3, 2011 at 6pm
- 3- "An Evening of Music - Rat Pack Style".
 At St. Ann Melkite Church on Saturday September 10th at 8pm. For reservation please call 203-798-0693
- 4-Taste of Lebanon 12th Annual Festival at Our Lady of Lebanon Church In Waterbury on September 16,17 and 18, 2011
- 5- The Ladies Auxiliary: The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Wine Tasting Event at the Lebanon-American Club to benefit local charities and the Beit-Habbak orphanage in Lebanon on September 24th from 6pm to 9pm. A donation of \$25 is appreciated. Appetizers will be served.

8-Sunday School Begins Soon!

Religious education classes will begin on Sunday, September 11 from 9:00 to 9:45 in the church hall. All children entering kindergarten through eighth grade should register. Forms can be found in the back of the church and will also be available to fill out on the first day of class. We are also looking for some more teachers and substitutes. If you are interested in helping out please call Barbra Stuart at 203-730-2960 or e-mail at stuarb@danbury.k12.ct.us



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9-Your Offerings to your Parish:

July 3, 2011: \$ 2,683.00
July 10, 2011: \$ 2,284.00
July 17, 2011: \$ 2,998.00
July 24, 2011: \$ 2,517.00
July 31, 2011: \$ 3,192.00
August 7th, 2011: \$ 3,687.00
August 14, 2011: \$ 2,378.00



10- Second Collection:
Second collection on September 10 & 11, 2011 for the Catholic University of America

11- Second Collection
Second collection for our Religious Education on September 17 & 18, 2011

12- Ladies Guild:


Attention all crafters and bakers: Do you knit, crochet or quilt, make jewelry or have another talent that you would like to share to help the ladies guild? As you know we are holding our first vendor craft fair on October 15 and we could use your help. Please consider donating one of your specialty items to St. Anthony's table. We will be selling handmade items on our table to raise money for the ladies guild. We are looking for handmade scarves, hats, blankets, baby items or any other item that you like to make, even Christmas ornaments. Please call Martha Palanzo (203-792-6698) to let her know what type of item you would like to donate.

We will also be selling homemade pastries and would appreciate donations of cakes, cookies, etc. Please let Marsha Filimon (203-743-9391) know what kind of goodies you would like to donate. All items are appreciated and you will be helping to make our first vendor craft fair a success. Thank you!


13-Thanks for a great Festival Mahrajan 2011

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone old and young who helped make this year's Mahrajan such a great success. Your hard work, donations and above all your hospitality to our guests, gave life and witness to our Maronite traditions and faith in an inspiring and joyful manner pleasing to all. All our guests admired how our young people worked hand in hand with our oldest parishioners, carrying on the faith of their forefathers in the ministry and mission of our church to love God through service to our neighbors. Special thanks, once again, to Bob and Janet Hudak who really brought order out of chaos. They brought the whole event together like a most pleasant and harmonious symphony. Thank you and May God bless you all.

14 -Bulletin Notes



- The Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 8:00am** will resume after Labor Day on September 11th
- The religious education classes** will begin again after Labor Day on Sunday September 11 at 9:00 am-9:45 am. Please register your child for First Holy Communion as soon as possible by calling Nancy Michael at 203-798-1192. You can also send her an email at: nancyjomichael@comcast.net.
- The Coffee hour** will resume after 10 am mass on September 11th.

 **Mass Intentions**

TIME		BY WHOM
Sept 3 – (5pm)	✦ Albert Ackell ✦ Abraham Louis + Amelia Louis ✦ Carol Ann & Norman Sr & Nelly Basher	➤ by his Wife Doreen & family ➤ by the Family ➤ by Norman Basher and family
Sept. 4 – (10am)	✦ Aboud & Mary Jowdy ✦ Emil and Isabel Kalil ✦ Lilian Ramey	➤ by Daniel Jowdy ➤ by the family ➤ By her Husband Namen Ramey
Sept 10 – (5pm)	✦ Joseph & Catherine Woycik ✦ Carol Ann Basher ✦ Thomas Mannion	➤ by Dr & Mrs Edward Kuczko ➤ by Ted & Jean Haddad ➤ by his family
Sept. 11 – (8am)	✦ Anna Knapp ✦ Elias Aghnation	➤ by her Family ➤ by M/M Roland Issa
Sept. 11 – (10am)	✦ Claire Issa ✦ George, Laura & Michael Samaha	➤ by her Children ➤ by their Family
Sept. 17– (5pm)	✦ Mabel Lahoud –Raya ✦ Albert Jowdy ✦ Mary Abdella	➤ by her Family ➤ by the Family ➤ by her Family
Sept. 18 -- (8am)	✦ Tom & Mary Asmer and their daughter Judy	➤ by their family
Sept. 18 -- (10am)	✦ Judith Asmer Pickel Pimental ✦ Antoine & Claire Issa ✦ Wadad Anthony ✦ William & Julie Samaha	➤ by her family ➤ by their Children ➤ by her Family ➤ by their family
Sept. 24 – (5pm)	✦ (No intention at this time)	➤
Sept 25 – (8am)	✦ Mayme Lataif	➤ by Helen Moses & family
Sept 25 – (10am)	✦ Lorraine Ramey ✦ Peter, Lucy, Abe, Charlie, Joseph & George Najjar ✦ Louis & Alice Bingel & Patricia Faulkner ✦ Sadie, Nassif & George Dewan & Azalie Daides	➤ by her Family ➤ by the Family ➤ by Edie Warren ➤ by the Family

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 To see the pictures of the
 2011 Mahrajan*

15- Our Lady of Mercy Hafli in Worcester, MA

Our Lady of Mercy Hafli- On Saturday, October 8, 2011 OLM Church will hold its annual Middles Eastern Dinner Dance in Grand Union Station at 2 Washington Square in Worcester, MA , From 7pm to 12 midnight. Adults \$ 50 and kids \$20... For tickets call 508-328-3622

16-Gold event fundraising

Dear Parishioners

Last April, my good friend Bob and his company, Liberty Gold Inc., ran a fundraiser for us here at St. Anthony's. It was the "Cash-In Your Old Gold For Good" Fundraiser. Honestly, I didn't expect too much because, as I told Bob, we are a small parish. However, even though only 13 members of the parish participated, they took home a total of \$6,800 and our Church received a check for \$4,250.



(I still can't help smiling every time I think about it.)

I have been asked if we had any plans to do this again, and the answer is YES!!

On Saturday September 24th from 9 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday September 25th from 8 AM to 4 PM, we will host the "Cash-In Your Old Gold For Good" fundraiser here at St. Anthony Maronite Church in the Social Hall.

Once again, for this fundraiser, **you leave your checkbook at home and this time, you get to take home the money.**

Please take a moment to look through your jewelry boxes at home...find those **old broken chains, single earrings, dented jewelry, old boyfriend/girlfriend gifts, the jewelry you never wear, and yes, even that dental gold.** Please bring it to the Social Hall on the dates above and we will buy it there. Bob will be buying not just gold, but also platinum, palladium and sterling silver. (eg. flatware, candlesticks, tea sets, as well as jewelry etc.) If you are not sure what you have, bring it in and Bob will look at it for you.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Fr. Jean Younes, PhD

17-St. Anthony's has teamed up with Viridian, a Connecticut Electrical Supplier

Dear Parishioners:

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 Fundraising Program to offer the same electricity savings to parishioners as well 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 69 customers enrolled. Viridian has paid St. Anthony's a total of \$2,429.96. St. Anthony's has the opportunity of receiving another \$250 for enrolling another 6 customers. It is FREE to switch. There are NO 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, 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 Independent Associate Mary Shakro at (203) 792- 4077.