

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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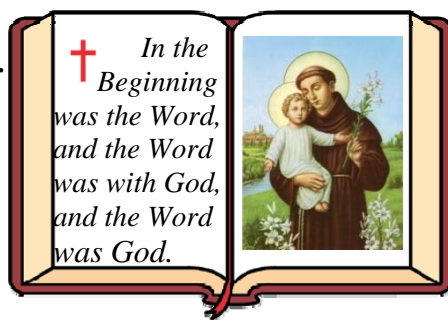
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Sunday of the Healing of the Hemorrhaging woman



Bishop Bechara Rai of Jbeil (Byblos) **The Patriarch 77 of the Maronite Church**

Tuesday March 15, 2011 at 10: 30 am Church bells rang, horns blasted and firecrackers echoed throughout Lebanon as it was announced that, Lebanon, had been elected the new patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

Patriarch Rai, 71, known for his courage to speak the truth, is seen as someone who can unite Maronite Catholics, who have been divided among political party lines.

The patriarch's election was announced March 15. Elections began March 11, after the Maronite synod spent two days in spiritual retreat and reflection. He replaces Cardinal Nasrallah P. Sfeir, 90, who retired because of age.

The new patriarch has served as president of the Lebanese bishops' communications committee and hosted a weekly program on Telumiere, Lebanon's Christian television station. The program, "Boushra al Rahi," which means "Good News of the Shepherd," provided commentary and teaching on that Sunday's Gospel, and the patriarch encouraged listeners to live the Scriptures in a practical way.

Our prayers and thoughts for him to lead and guide the Maronite Church worldwide in the spirit of unity and love of God. We congratulate ourselves on this historic event in our church.

Eparchial Charities Appeal 2011

Please take the time to think about the Bishop appeal. Your generosity has never failed us in the past and we are confident enough that you will support this important eparchial mission. We hope that you will respond positively and let us come together once again to meet our quota for this year. For your information, we are obligated to forward the amount of \$6,500.00 by April 10th. I am very confident that through your commitment and generosity we will raise this required amount without dipping into our general parish account. If every individual participates in this 2011 Appeal, and sacrifices the amount of **\$35.00**, we will meet our quota with no difficulty, however, like the widow's might, any contribution, whether large or small, will be greatly appreciated. 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.

Readers

Mar. 19 – Louis Najamy

Mar. 26 – Ken Ackell

Mar. 20 – George Jabbour

Mar. 27 – Randy Michael

First Reading

2Cor 7:4-11

2Cor 13:5-13

Gospel

Lk 8:40-56

Lk 15:11-32



Stations of the Cross

We have started our season of Lent; hence every Friday until April 15th, Fr Jean will be ready to hear your confession from 6:30 to 7:00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. We invite everyone to join in sharing a 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.



Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Audrienne Lahoud and Susan Shields for the loss of their Aunt Victoria Shawool, and to Milan David and family on the loss of his beloved wife Celia David Basher and we pray that the Lord who has called his servants Victoria and Celia may welcome them into his kingdom and grant them peace and rest among the saints.

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.

Your Offerings to your Parish:

March 13, 2011: \$ 4,244.00



“Cash-In Your Old Gold for Good”

Dear Parishioners

Before Christmas last year, I met with a man who has been doing a unique fundraiser for the local Churches. In fact, one of our members attended one of those fundraisers and was so impressed; she put me in touch with him. His name is Bob and his company is Liberty Gold Inc. He explained the fundraiser by telling me “you have gotten the flyers, you have seen it in the newspaper, heard about it on the radio and been bombarded with it on television.... **“SELL YOUR OLD GOLD FOR CASH!!!”** Maybe you even thought about doing it but did not know where to go, or, more importantly, who to trust.

Bob has been doing this **“Cash-In Your Old Gold for Good”** fundraiser for the past year. He has done it three times for St. Mary Church and School in Bethel and given them a total of \$34,000. He has done it twice for St. Peter Church and School in Danbury and given them \$25,000. He has done it twice for St. Joseph Church and School in Danbury and given them \$22,500.

Well, on Saturday April 2nd from 10AM to 7 PM and on Sunday April 3rd from 8AM to 4PM, we will be hosting a **“Cash-In Your Old Gold for Good”** fundraiser here at St. Anthony Maronite Church in the Social Hall. And for this fundraiser, **please leave your checkbook at home; this time you take home the money.** And the best news yet...not only will you get a fair price for your gold, but **60% of the profits** will be donated back to our church.

I am asking you to please take a minute to look through your jewelry boxes at home. Find your old broken chains, single earrings, dented jewelry, old boyfriend/girlfriend jewelry, the jewelry you never wear, and yes, even dental gold. Please bring it to the Social Hall on the dates above and we will buy it there.

And, yes, I already have my little “baggie” of gold ready to sell.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

God bless.

Fr. Jean Younes M. L.

Mass of the Holy Oils At Our Lady Of Lebanon Brooklyn

Each year Bishop Gregory Mansour consecrates the Holy Oils that will be used in our Parishes. On Monday April 4, 2011 at 12 noon at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral in Brooklyn, Bishop Mansour will celebrate the Mass of the Oils. Immediately following the 12:00 noon Divine Liturgy a luncheon will be held in the Cathedral Social hall for everyone in attendance. If you plan on attending and I encourage you to do so, I ask you to leave your name in the Basket collection no later than Sunday, March 27, 2011, Or you may either call the rectory at 203-744-3372 or email me at stanthonyoffice@yahoo.com.

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

Vocation Discernment Weekend on April 8-10 2011

The office of Vocation in our Maronite Church in the USA will be holding a Vocation Discernment Weekend on April 8, 9,10,2011 at the Maronite Seminary of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington, D.C. This weekend is opened to all men, college age and older, who might have a vocation to the priesthood. If anyone in our community is interested to go please you need to call Abouna Jean Younes as soon as possible no later than April 5, 2011.

Ladies Guild

Ashley Farms is the #1 Cheesecake fundraiser in the country. Ashley Farms started the cheesecake craze 25 years ago, long before anyone else thought it could be done. Since then, they have helped non-profit organizations from coast-to-coast achieve their financial goals.

Although their cheesecakes are the best there is, they also offer award winning Gourmet Cookie Dough, Fruit Pies, Pizza, Pretzels, Stromboli, Coffee Cakes and much more.

All Guild members have been given both the brochure for the items noted above, as well as Ashley Farms Gourmet Pie brochure.

The Ladies Guild will be taking orders for many different varieties of pies and cakes just in time for Mother's Day. Members will be taking orders after each Mass for the next several weeks or you may contact any Guild Member who will be happy to take your orders, or call Jimmetta Samaha at 203-748-6808, or Shay Miller at 203-792-7444. All orders MUST BE processed before April 20th to ensure our anticipated delivery date of Mother's Day weekend. All checks should be made payable to St. Anthony's Ladies Guild.

Announcement!

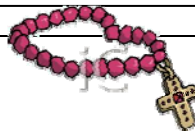
Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

- Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
- Stay in Church until the final Blessing of the Mass is given
- Turn your cell phones to silent mode
- Refrain from chewing gum & personal conversations

Lebanese language Class

Want to learn how to speak Lebanese with Fr Jean Younes? Come join us on Thursday March 24 and Thursday March 24 at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church Hall. If you are interested please contact Lauren Kilcourse to get more information at (203-241-0448) or laurenkilcourse@sbcglobal.net



Living Rosary

Join the Revelation12 Music Ministry to pray a Living Rosary for Lent. Holy Scripture and reflective Lenten music will help you reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries. Bring a friend!

Wednesday April 6 at 7 PM at St. Anthony Church.

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. We will hold our initial meeting on April 30th at 2:00pm in the Church hall.



St Anthony's Scholarship Committee Meeting

Scholarship Committee Meeting (Fr Jean Younes+ Phyllis Moses + Shay Miller+ Ferris Nasser+ Louis Najamy+ + Jim Glynn) will be on Wednesday April 6th, 2011 at 5pm at the Rectory. Interviews with the graduate students will be on Wednesday May 25 from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Rectory.