

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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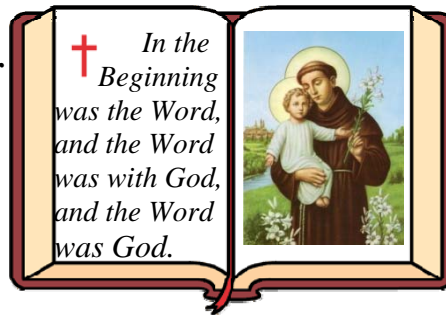
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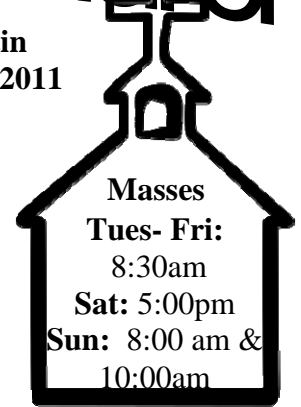
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Sunday Cana of Galilee

Election of a New Maronite Patriarch

As you know, Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of our Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, last Saturday, and February 26, 2011. Since that day, in accord with the norms of law, Archbishop Roland Aboujaoude has become the Administrator of our Church, seeing that he is the senior bishop according to Episcopal ordination.

Archbishop Aboujaoude has convoked the Synod for the election of a patriarch to begin on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. All members of the Synod of Bishops have an active vote in this election process. In order to elect a patriarch, a 2/3 majority of votes is required for the first three ballots. After that, votes are cast for only those two candidates who received the greatest number of votes in the third ballot, and at that point, an absolute majority of votes suffices. If the election is not successful within 15 days from the opening of the Synod, the matter then lies with the Holy Father.

After the election of the new patriarch, the Synod of Bishop proceeds with his proclamation and enthronement. The newly elected patriarch cannot exercise his office until after his enthronement. The new patriarch must then request ecclesiastical communion from the Pope, and he cannot convoke a Synod or ordain bishops until he receives that ecclesiastical communion from the Pope.

Bishop Gregory Mansour and Bishop Robert Shaheen will leave for Lebanon on Sunday to take part in this important event in the life of our Church. We wish him a safe trip and assure him of a remembrance in our prayers.

In the midst of these important upcoming decisions, the Church calls upon all her sons and daughters to pray.

Readers

Mar. 5 – Phyllis Moses
Mar. 12 – Shay Miller

First Reading

Mar. 6 – Nada Zarrini
Mar. 13 – Gessika Alhayek

Rom 14:14-2
Rom 6:12-23

Gospel

Jn 2:1-11
Mk 1:35-45



Lebanese language Class

Want to learn how to speak Lebanese with Fr Jean Younes? Come join us on Thursday March 10 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

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.

Change of time: Daylight Saving Time ends On March 13, 2011

Please, note that the time will change on Sunday March 13th 2011 at 12 a.m. You need to move your clocks one hour ahead.

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)

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, March 14 at 7pm in the hall.

Your Offerings to your Parish:

Feb: 20, 2011: \$ 3,425.00

Feb: 27, 2011: \$ 2,536.00

Offering
Envelopes



Ladies Guild

Just in time for mother's day! (special cakes and pies) ladies guild fundraiser; taking orders after liturgy

Ash Monday on March 7, 2011

On Monday March 7, 2011 we will have Mass & the Blessing of Ashes at 8:30am and 7:00pm with the distribution of ashes at the end of liturgy. Everyone please remember to fast on Ash Monday.

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.

Pasta Dinner

Come to our next Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 12 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!

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Edward Howard Sr, Mary Ann Jaquith, Mark Howard and family on the loss of their father Joseph Howard Sr (91) who died in Florida on Feb 18. The Liturgy of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, March 8th, 2011 at 7PM in St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, 17 Granville Ave., Danbury with the Rev. Jean Younes, officiating. Interment will take place in St. Peter Cemetery at the direction of the family. The family will receive friends at St. Anthony Church on Tuesday after 6:30PM and following the Liturgy in St. Anthony's Church Hall. Contributions in Joe's memory and honor may be made to St. Anthony's Church Scholarship Fund, 17 Granville Ave., Danbury 06810. We pray that the Lord who has called his servant Joseph and may welcome him into his kingdom and grant him peace and rest among the saints.