

# St. Anthony Maronite Church

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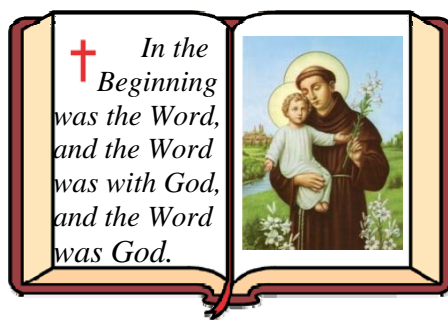
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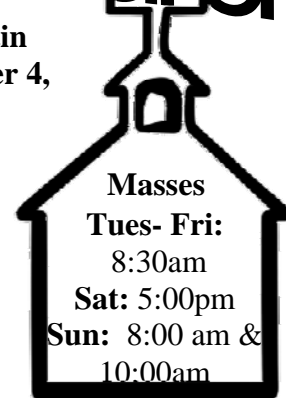
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## Birth of John the Baptist

### 1-December Upcoming Parish Events



1. **MYO** meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall
2. **Ladies Guild** Meeting - On Tuesday, December 6 at 7 pm in the Church Hall... All are welcome
3. **Lebanon American Club Christmas Party** on Saturday December 17. For Reservation please call Dick Jowdy at 203-730-0520.
4. **No weekly Mass** on December from 26-30, 2011 (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)
5. **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday December 13 & 27 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall
6. **Sunday School** December 4,11, at 9 am in the Church Hall
7. **Christmas Novena** will be after weekly mass and weekend masses
8. **Parish Council Dinner** on Thursday December 15 at 6:30 pm
9. **AARP** Meeting on Thursday December 15 from 12 noon to 3 pm in the Church Hall
10. **MYA** meeting on Sunday December 11 at 7pm in the rectory
11. **Maronite Young Adults** (MYA Ages 18 -35) Party January 7th , 2012

### 2-- Masses Schedule for Christmas, New Year and Epiphany 2011-2012

- 1-**Christmas Eve** Mass on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at **5 pm and 10 pm**
- 2-**Christmas Day** Mass on Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> at **10 am** (*No Mass at 8 am*)
- 3-**New Year's Eve** Mass on Saturday December 31<sup>st</sup> at **5 pm**
- 4-**New Year's Day** Mass on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup> at **10 am** (*No Mass at 8 am*)
- 5-**Epiphany Eve** Mass on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> at **5 pm**
- 6- **Epiphany Day** Mass on Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> at **8 am & 10 am**



### 3- Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation for Maronites. Mass will be offered: On Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at **8:30 am** in the Church.

### 4- Living Rosary: On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>



On **Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### **5-BULLETIN ADS FOR 2012**

Time to re-new your Advertisement in our monthly bulletin for next year 2012. Each ad is just \$100 and is mailed 12 times a year to 288 households, for about \$8 each mailing... what a bargain! You will also be helping St. Anthony's Church continue its mission to communicate God's grace and minister to the Maronite community of Danbury by keeping all the parishioners informed about our church's many services and activities in the coming year. Please make your checks out to St. Anthony's Church (Bulletin Ads), and mail it to the following address 17 Granville Ave Danbury, CT 06810. Tax deductible credit will be record on your parish offertory envelope records, or if you are not a parishioner,

### **6- Second Collection for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities on December 3 & 4**

All the proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch in Lebanon for his charitable works



### **7- Poinsettia Donations**

Use the specially marked envelopes in your monthly packet to donate flowers for our Christmas Altar in memory of your deceased loved ones. The envelopes with your loved ones' names will be placed as a memorial on our altar during all the Christmas Masses



### **8-Decorating the Church**

We need volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. The flowers will be delivered that morning, which must be arranged on the altar and watered. The tree must be trimmed, wreaths hung and the manger set up. Please call Marc Chory at 203-778-4268 to sign up.



### **9-Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner**

The Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at Chuck's Steak House at 6:00 P.M. The cost is \$25 per person and is all inclusive. All Ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Further details will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please call Jimmetta at 203-748-6808.

### **10- Bread and Roses Christmas tree**

Our MYO teenagers have put up a Christmas tree in church decorated with ornaments indicating the age and gender of some poor children with the AIDs virus who would like a Christmas present. If you would like to help, please take an ornament off the tree, buy a present them, and place it back under the tree without wrapping by no later than Sunday, December 18th. For more information please call Ferris Nasser 203-300-1288.

### **11- Kaa'ek (Lebanese sweet) for our Christmas Feast:**

Betty Lubus is going to bake the "Kaa'ek" for Christmas Feast. If anyone would like to donate the money to purchase the ingredients like Pillsbury flour or Sweet butter, please put your donation in the basket collection after each Mass and write (Lebanese sweet) and if you like to help in the kitchen contact betty Lubus at 203-744-3256 .