

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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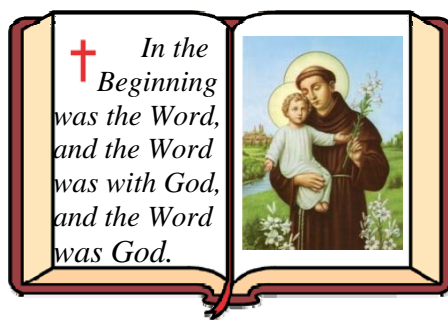
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Renewal & Consecration of the Church

1- Pre-Halloween Snowstorm

It's hard to believe that we had a snowstorm in October and that it ruined many people's plans for the Halloween weekend! People went without power for days and some are still without power and it closed many schools as well as businesses. I know in times like this there are feelings of frustration not knowing when your power will come back on etc. but we need to thank God that no was killed or injured. Also we need to pray for those who still do not have power and do not have a place to go for a warm shower or meal. God Bless the workers who came from all over the United States for their long hours they put in to give us our power back!

2-National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) 2010 Vocations Awareness Contest

I am so happy to announce that our parish participated in the 2010 Vocations Awareness Contest sponsored by National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) education department. Our parish's religious education department submitted 11 posters with different themes. **Matthew Ledney** won first place using the theme "Families Grow Vocations", Congratulations Matthew for winning \$50.00. **Joy Jowdy** came in 3rd place using the theme "Priest, Deacon, Subdeacon, Religion and having fun", Congratulations Joy for receiving the Icon of Saint Sharbel our Maronite Saint. I am so proud of our winners and I also would like to congratulate Matthew and Joy's parents as well as religion teachers. I hope we will have more participants for the 2011 Vocations Awareness Contest.

3- Your Offerings to your Church:

October 22, 23, 2011: \$ 3,190.00

October 29, 30, 2011: \$ Masses cancelled
because of the storm



4-Children's Christmas Play

Rehearsals will begin for the Children's Nativity Play on Saturday December 3 from 10 am to 11 am and Sunday December 4 from 11 am to 12 am in the Church. The play will be performed during our Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday December 24th at 5 pm. For more information please call Diane DeBonis 203-791-9874 or Donna Hart 203-794-9559.

5-Thanksgiving: Food Cards for the Poor

Our MYO teens are collecting food cards from local supermarkets to help feed needy families during the Holidays. Instead of asking for a lot of prepared or canned foods as in the past, your gift of a food card will help provide needy families with the flexibility to feed their children healthier foods like fresh vegetables, dairy, meats and even baby formula. If you would like to help our teens, please purchase a card at your local supermarket and drop the card with your offering into the basket on any Sunday. For more information please call Nancy Michael 203-798-1192

6-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.

7-Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

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

8-Review: MYA Workshop Los Angeles CA October 28, 29, 30, 2011

The MYA had a great weekend in Los Angeles, California. Nine Maronite Young Adults went to Los Angeles from October 29 to October 31 for a leadership workshop! The weekend started on Saturday with a special guest lecturer, Dr. John Rothchild from Loyola Marymount University; discuss with us Sexuality and the Catholic Church in two separate sections. His lecture sparked debates and many intriguing questions from our Young Adults who proved that they not only could ask challenging questions but are also capable of thinking critically proving the future of the Catholic Church to be bright. In addition, we assembled as a group and shared in a Divine Liturgy in the Conference Room of the Hotel. After our day, we had a Reconciliation portion in which many of the Young Adults took part. This proved to be useful; especially for our Church as our MYA board has repeatedly discussed how many members feel uncomfortable confessing to a Priest they see on a weekly basis. After our busy day, we again explored L.A., this time in the Santa Barbara area.

On Sunday, Our Lady of Mount Lebanon Church hosted a knefeh breakfast for us followed by a traditional Maronite Mass. Overall, we had an extremely successful weekend and are already looking forward to and have begun planning for next year's workshop. We wish to play host in New York City along with Brooklyn MYA and Westchester MYA next year. We are so blessed to be offered the opportunity to not only be able to communicate and build friendships with fellow Maronites across the country, but to get together yearly, share ideas, and be able to be enlightened together. It is truly a special experience for us all.

9-The Lebanon American Club - Persons of the Year Awards & Dinner - Nov 17th

The Lebanon American Club proudly announces the awarding of the 1st Annual Persons of the year Award to Edward Jowdy, James Jowdy, Sr. Taffy Jowdy and Lila Shaker. These individuals will be honored at a dinner to be held on Thursday November 17th at 6PM at the Amber Room in Danbury. All are invited to attend to pay tribute to the honorees. For tickets (\$50 per person) please contact Tom Saadi at 203-797-1797, Gary Gonclaves at 203-570-3003 or Ghassan Najm at: 860-488-0074. To place and ad/greetings in the program book please contact Tom Saadi at 203-797-1797 or Niddal Khoury at: 203-796-0247. RSVP Deadline is Nov 3rd.

10-St. Ann Melkite Catholic Church holiday bazaar nov 11 and 12, 2011

Our Sister Church, *ST. ANN MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH* in Danbury, CT will hold their annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR *At the PARISH HALL On FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 5 PM – 9 PM SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 11 AM – 7 PM. DELICIOUS FOODS* Kibbee ~ Tabbouli ~ Stuffed Grape Leaves Hummus ~ Spinach Pies ~ Meat Pies Stuffed Cabbage ~ Chicken Wraps ~ Kafta Wraps *HOME BAKED SWEETS* Baklawa ~ Date & Apricot Fingers ~ Makaroon Ma'amoul ~ Ka'ak ~ Graybee ~ Knaffee *CRAFTS, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE, RELIGIOUS ITEMS AND MORE*

11- 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.