

# SAINT ANTHONY

## MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **First Sunday after Epiphany**

### **7 January 2024**

### **Praises of John the Baptist**

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## **SUNDAY READINGS**

### **Epistle - Corinthians 10:1-144**

1 Now I myself, Paul, urge you through the gentleness and clemency of Christ, I who am humble when face to face with you, but brave toward you when absent,  
2 I beg you that, when present, I may not have to be brave with that confidence with which I intend to act boldly against some who consider us as acting according to the flesh. 3 For, although we are in the flesh, we do not battle according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our battle are not of flesh but are enormously powerful, capable of destroying fortresses. We destroy arguments 5 and every pretension raising itself against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive in obedience to Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish every disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

7 Look at what confronts you. Whoever is confident of belonging to Christ should consider that as he belongs to Christ, so do we. 8 And even if I should boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I shall not be put to shame. 9 May I not seem as one frightening you through letters. 10 For someone will say, "His letters are severe and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible." 11 Such a person must understand that what we are in word through letters when absent, that we also are in action when present.

### **Gospel - John 1:29-34**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. 30 He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' 31 I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." 32 John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. 33 I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.' 34 Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

## PARISH LIFE

**Safro (Morning Prayer)**  
Monday—Friday - 7:30am

**Reconciliation (Confession)**  
Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am  
and by appointment

**Baptism and Chrismation**  
Make arrangements as soon  
after birth as possible

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

**Mystery of Crowning**  
Contact the pastor 6 months  
in advance

**Parish Calendar.** Please see [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) for the parish calendar.

**Liturgical Hours.** Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies

**First Saturday of the Month.** Marian devotions at 9:30am.

**St. Sharbel Devotions.** Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

## POINTS OF INTEREST

**Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation), Saturday, 6 January.** Liturgies are at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm.

**Saturday Arabic Divine Liturgy** at 5:30 pm on 13 January by Father Peter. It will satisfy your Sunday obligation.

**Parish Regional Retreat for the Maronite Youth Organization, 15 - 17 March.** Mark your calendars for teens 13 to 18 to attend our annual retreat. We are hosting the Maronite youth in our region.

**Pilgrimage.** Saint Anthony Church will host a pilgrimage to Rome -Assisi - Florence from 22 Sep - 1 Oct. See the Website for details. - <https://www.206tours.com/cms/chorbishop>

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Thursday, 4 January at 4 pm.** Food Festival Kickoff Meeting in Social Hall

**Sunday, 7 January at 9:30 am.** MCF All Students

**Tuesday, 9 January at 7 pm.** Pastoral Council Meeting

**Saturday, 13 January at 5:30 pm.** Arabic Divine Liturgy followed by St. Anthony Hafli

**Sunday, 14, January at 9:30 am.** MCF Preschool - Eighth Grade

## **LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, 6 January Feast of the Glorious Epiphany**

#### **9 am (Father John)**

In memory of Samir and Warde Abboud, requested by Katia Rustom

In memory of Norma and John Nadder, Sr., requested by Teresa and John Nadder, Jr.

#### **6:30 pm (Father Peter)**

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

### **Sunday, 7 January First Sunday after Epiphany, Praises of St. John the Baptist**

#### **8:30 am (Father John)**

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

#### **11:00 am (Father Peter)**

In memory of FeFe Deeb, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

In memory of Bill Hailey, requested by his nieces and nephews

### **Monday, 8 January St. Carterius the Priest**

In memory of Harry, Margaret and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

### **Tuesday, 9 January St. Eustratius**

### **Wednesday, 10 January St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**

In memory of Augie Bain (day of passing), requested by his Family

### **Thursday, 11 January St. Theodosius of Antioch**

### **Friday, 12 January St. Tatiana**

### **Saturday, 13 January St. Jacob of Nisibis**

#### **9:00 am**

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

#### **5:30 pm (Father Peter)**

For the living and deceased members of St. Anthony Church

### **Sunday, 14 January Second Sunday after Epiphany, St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers**

#### **8:30 am (Father Peter)**

In memory of Anahid Berberian, requested by Rebecca Anthony

In memory of Harry Shaia, Jr., requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia

#### **11:00 am (Father John)**

In memory of Michel Zajur, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

In memory of Bill Hailey, requested by his nieces and nephews

## USHERS SCHEDULE

### Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

7 Jan	Trey Shibley, Ed Shibley, Jr., Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill
14 Jan	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson
21 Jan	Danny Shibley, Sr., Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.

### 11:00 Divine Liturgy

Raymond Khoury, Milad Habboush, Freddy Fakher, Mary Habboush
Bill Maust, John Saad, Alex Fabiato, Diana Yaqoo
Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

### Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

7 Jan	Ross Craig, Jack Craig, Jacob Walton, Eli Walton, Lucas BouAbssi
14 Jan	George Oley, Henry and Wilby Craig, Nolan Roberts
21 Jan	Thomas Shaia, Nicholas and Tobias Edwards, Owen Hendrix, Kingston Lewter

### 11:00 Divine Liturgy

Elie Stephan, Sami Sakr, George Chouiefati, Luke Salloum
Matthew Habboush, Ghady Karam, Vincent Carr
Joseph Chaoul, Patrick Savage, Christian and Grayson Funk

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

### Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

7 Jan	Coco Aboutanos, Hannah Roberts, Cooper Sheriff, Emily Carr
14 Jan	Madison Shibley, Anna Grace Shaia, Amina Howard

### 11:00 Divine Liturgy

Ashley Maust, Alyssa Maust, Magdalena Chouiefati, Alexa Haddad
Jenna Chaoul, Leeanne Siefke, Kylie Stephan, Romi Rustom

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

### Dates 8:30 Divine Liturgy

6 Jan	9:00 am Leo Maynes
7 Jan	Margaret Gray
14 Jan	Denise Maurer
21 Jan	John Saad

### 11:00 Divine Liturgy

Leo Maynes
Mary Shaia
Cathy George

## STEWARDSHIP

**31 Dec 2023**

Will be reported next week.

## COLLECTION COUNTERS SCHEDULE

January: Joe George & Anthony Shibley  
February: George Yesbeck  
March: John Zehab  
April: David Walton and Paul Shibley

Please, when you make a contribution to the parish, indicate your envelope number so that we can accurately give you credit. You may want to donate through the parish website [stanthonymaronitechurch.org](http://stanthonymaronitechurch.org) which also provides for automatic giving. Make it easy on yourself.

## **Maronite Formation Program Winter/Spring Schedule 2024**

Sunday	Jan. 7	<b>ALL students</b>	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 14	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 21	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 28	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 4	ALL students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 11	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 18	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 25	Pre-S – 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 3	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar.10	Pre-S - 8th <b>Parent First Communion Class</b>	9:30 am.
Sunday	Mar. 17	Pre-S – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades at the <b>Youth Regional Retreat 15th - 17th</b>	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 24 Palm Sunday, Mar. 31 Easter	Palm Sunday, Easter <b>Easter Egg Party TBA</b>	
Sunday	Apr. 7	PreS - 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 14	PreS – 6 <sup>th</sup> 7th-12th grades—LifeTeen	9:30 am 9:30 - 11:30 am
Sunday	April 21	ALL Students	9:30 am
Tuesday	April 23	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	April 28	<b>First Communion</b>	9:30 am

# **The MYA invites you to the first Saint Anthony's Feast Day**

**Hafle on Saturday, January 13th from 7PM to 2AM**

The party is open to all ages. Tickets are \$50 and include the Dabke workshop, dinner, and party. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$20.

Party-only tickets will be available at the start of January for \$25.

- ❖ **5:30 P.M. - Mass to celebrate Saint Anthony's Feast Day**
- ❖ **7:00 P.M. - Dabke Lessons/Workshop (Optional)**
- ❖ **7:30 P.M.- Guest Check In (In the Dining Hall)**
- ❖ **8:00 P.M.- Traditional Lebanese Dinner**
  - ★ Hummus, Baba Ganoush, Fettoush, Kibbe, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Cheese Pies, Chicken and Rice, Baklava, and Petit Four will be served
- ❖ **9:30 P.M. - Hafle**
  - ★ Alcoholic beverages are not included in the ticket, but will be sold during dinner and the party.
- ❖ Raffle tickets for the Derbake (Lebanese Drum) will be sold at the entrance, and the winner of the raffle will be announced at 9PM.

**Join us for a night of food, dance, music, drinks, and  
community!**

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