

# SAINT ANTHONY

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### Sunday of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

#### 24 November 2024

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## SUNDAY READINGS

### EPISTLE - GAL 3:15-22

15 Brothers, in human terms I say that no one can annul or amend even a human will once ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his descendant. It does not say, "And to descendants," as referring to many, but as referring to one, "And to your descendant," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came four hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to cancel the promise. 18 For if the inheritance comes from the law, it is no longer from a promise; but God bestowed it on Abraham through a promise.

19 Why, then, the law? It was added for transgressions, until the descendant came to whom the promise had been made; it was promulgated by angels at the hand of a mediator. 20 Now there is no mediator when only one party is involved, and God is one. 21 Is the law then opposed to the promises [of God]? Of course not! For if a law had been given that could bring life, then righteousness would in reality come from the law. 22 But scripture confined all things under the power of sin, that through faith in Jesus Christ the promise might be given to those who believe.

### GOSPEL - LUKE 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,[a] and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, 33 and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" 35 And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. 36 And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; 37 for nothing will be impossible for God." 38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## PARISH LIFE

**Safro (Morning Prayer)**

Monday–Friday - 7:30am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday –9:30am - 10:30am

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am  
and by appointment

**Baptism and Chrismation**

Make arrangements as soon  
after birth as possible

**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. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

**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

**Congratulations.** We offer congratulations to Jack Heinecke and Rana Haboush, who were married on 9 November 2024. May God bless them with long life and happiness together.

**Benefit Dinner.** The tickets for the Benefit Dinner are officially sold out! Thank you to everyone who is supporting this event for such an important cause. We regret that we're unable to accommodate take-out orders, but you can still make a meaningful contribution to help the poor in Lebanon—the very purpose of this event. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**End-of-Year Appeal.** As we approach the holiday season, I wanted to follow up on the update I previously shared about the life of our parish and my earlier request for contributions to help close our budget gap. Your past generosity has enabled us to do so much good for our parish family, and we are deeply grateful. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please consider making a contribution to support our continued efforts. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our parish community.

**St. Joseph the Provider Society** is accepting adult and children's coats on Sundays, 17 and 24 November in the church vestibule. The Salvation Army has a new location: 1900 Chamberlayne Ave. We need people to serve the evening meals there at 5 pm on Mondays, 2 Dec., 6 Jan., and 3 Feb. Please contact Kathy Hobbie.

**Christmas Star Program begins on 23 November.** Take a star from the tree in the vestibule. **Put your name and phone number next to the number of the star on the signup sheet on the table.** Wrap new items only and attach the star securely to the package. Deadline for return is **15 December.** Gifts will be distributed by the Comboni Sisters to needy families in the area.

**Christmas Flowers.** Donate flowers in memory of a loved one, \$25 each, by 17 December:  
<https://forms.gle/hPuByj4byQQHG3eg6>

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Sunday, 24 November at 9:30.** MCF Preschool through Eighth Grades

**Sunday, 24 November at noon.** Annual Benefit Dinner

**Tuesday, 26 November at 7 pm.** Pastoral Council Meeting

**Sunday, 1 December.** No MCF Classes

**Monday, 2 December at 5 pm.** Serving the evening meal at the Salvation Army

**Sunday, 8 December at 9:30.** MCF All Students

**Thursday, 12 December at 6 pm.** Maronite Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

**Sunday, 24 November Annunciation to the Virgin Mary, St. Catherine of Alexandria**  
**8:30 am**

In memory of Najieb and Sadie Sanyour and Theresa Sharmen, requested by Adel Cumber  
In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Sam and Maral Haboush

**11:00 am**

In memory of Harry, Margaret, and Christopher Shaia, requested by Harry and Melissa Shaia  
In memory of Jacob and Annie Fahed and children, especially Donny and Jacob Fahed, Jr.,  
requested in honor of George Junior Mehfoud

**Monday, 25 November Pope St. Clement I**

No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, 26 November St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria**

In memory of Vickie Beasley Bailey, requested by the Beasley Family

**Wednesday, 27 November St. James Intercissus**

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

**Thursday, 28 November St. Stephen the Younger**

In memory of Goldie Faris, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

**Friday, 29 November Sts. Saturninus and Sicinius**

In memory of Peter Canas Tran, requested by the Tran Family

**Saturday, 30 November St. Andrew**

For the intention of David Lemelin (birthday), requested by Barbara Belsky

**Sunday, 1 December Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth, Nahum the Prophet**  
**8:30 am**

In memory of Eddie Yesbeck, Sr., requested by Edward and Nancy Yesbeck  
In memory of Fred and Ethel Shibley, requested by Danny and Theresa Shibley

**11:00 am**

In memory of Gina Marie Loehr, Joseph and Julia Shaar and deceased family members,  
requested by Regina Shaar Loehr  
For the intentions of our parishioners, living and deceased

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## USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
24 Nov	Danny Shibley, Anthony Shibley, Dennis Shibley, Joseph Shibley, Jr., Stephen Shibley, Jr.	Peter George, Duane Peppel, Daniel Dailey, Sam LaNeave
1 Dec	Tom Dailey, Ed Yesbeck, Jr., John Zeheb, Harry McIvor	John Nadder, Jr., Justin Shulleeta, Anthony Shulleeta, Clarke Sawyer

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
24 Nov	Ben and Nathan Wright, Miko Aboutanos	Sami Sakr Matthew Habboush, Luke Salloum
1 Dec	Nicholas and Tobias Edwards, Owen Hendrix, Kingston Lewter, Bryson Howard	Vincent Carr, George Choueifati, Elie Stephan

## TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
24 Nov	Sadie Gill, Amina Howard, Magdalena Choueifati	Madison Shibley, Isabella Shibley, Alexa Haddad
1 Dec	Stella McIvor, Rosie and Lili Boykin, Amina Howard, Emily Carr	Jenna Chaoul, Kylie Stephan, Helena Haddad, Ana Haddad

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
24 Nov	Margaret Gray	Denise Maurer
1 Dec	John Saad	Leo Maynes

## STEWARDSHIP

### 17 November

Collections: \$2429

Contributions: \$520

End of Year Contribution: \$10,050

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

November: John Zeheb

December: David Walton & 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.

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