

# Sunday Bulletin

August 4, 2024



**ST. ANTONIOS  
ANTIOCHIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**6th Sunday of Matthew  
Our Holy Father Niphonus, Patriarch of  
Constantinople**

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will not be allowed  
within the Church at any  
time.**



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# Parish News Highlights

**Fr. Maximos Saikali is away  
for assistance call:**

**Fr. Georges Esber: 902-210-1000  
Dn. Paisios Makhoul: 902-333-8300**

**29 Jul - 4 Aug 24**   St. Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church  
2480 Windsor St, Halifax, NS

<b>Monday Jul, 29</b>	<b>Tuesday Jul, 30</b>	<b>Wednesday Jul, 31</b>	<b>Thursday Aug, 1</b> The Holy Seven Maccabee Children Matins 8 AM Divine Liturgy 9 AM  <b>Paraklesis 6 PM</b> YAM Meeting 7 PM
<b>Friday Aug, 2</b>	<b>Saturday Aug, 3</b> Theoctistus the Wonderworker  Matins 8 AM Divine Liturgy 9 AM  Paraklesis 6 PM  Vespers 6 PM		
<b>Sunday Aug, 4</b> 6th Sunday of Matthew  Midnight 8 AM Matins 8:50 AM Divine Liturgy 10AM			

## THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS

### LIVING

**Monday Aug 5 (Holy Transfiguration Feast):**  
Simon El-Jakl & Family

### REST OF SOUL

### TRISAGION SERVICE



### Weekly Message

A person can become a saint anywhere... At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love. Make a new start every day, with new resolution, enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence.

St. Porphyrios

# SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

## St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans 12:6-14



Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW 9:1-8



At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.



# CHURCH INFORMATION

## Weekly Services



### Divine Liturgy

Thursday & Saturday:

8AM - 10AM

Sunday:

Midnight 8AM, Matins 8h50 AM

Divine Liturgy: 10AM



### Paraklesis

Friday, 6PM



### Vespers

Saturday, 6PM

## Church Cemetery

Plots are available for church members only and can be purchased in advance by emailing [info@saintantonios.ca](mailto:info@saintantonios.ca)



## Tithing

Donations can be made through the donation candle box or via **cheque** and **e-transfer** to:

**St. Antonios Antiochian Orthodox Church**  
[accounting@saintantonios.ca](mailto:accounting@saintantonios.ca)



## Contacts

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**Elie Hage**

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Parish Council Treasurer

# CHURCH ORGANIZATION NEWS

## PARISH MESSAGE

We are looking to gather footage of our community members together in the past festival weekends and preparations. If you have anything you'd like to share with us to possibly include in a short video that will be played at the festival opening ceremonies this year, please send along to [joellezhouril@gmail.com](mailto:joellezhouril@gmail.com).

Thank you and hope you have a wonderful summer!

## YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY

YAM Bible Study every Thursday at 6:30 pm

We are looking for family sponsors to support a YAM Gala in the fall (e.g food entertainment). Please contact Celine Ayoub (9028092099) or Deacon Païsius (9023338300) if interested

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

## ARCHDIOCESE NEWS & MESSAGES

This week's teaching from Metropolitan Saba, in English and Arabic, titled "Service of Entering the Newborn into the Church after Forty Days." is available [online](#).

# ST. ANTONIOS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH


## DONATION AMOUNTS FOR CHURCH SERVICES



### PRESENTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. ANTONIOS - JULY 1, 2024

This list provides the recommended donation amounts for Church Services and accompanies the ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DONATION form for active members:

- 1 Tithing Members donate ten percent of their annual household income.
- 2 Members in Good Standing donate a recommended household amount (ie, \$300 per baptised soul).
- 3 Non-members are not active members in good standing and do not donate an annual amount.

ST. ANTONIOS CHURCH SERVICES 	Tithing Member <sup>1</sup>	Member in Good Standing <sup>2</sup>	Non-Member <sup>3</sup>
Bread Offering (ie, Good Health, Name Day, etc)	\$0	\$100	\$200
Coffee Hour (Antiochian Ladies)	\$0	\$200	\$400
Memorial Service (ie, 9 days, 40 days, 1 year)	\$0	\$250	\$500
Baptism	\$0	\$400	\$800
Funeral	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
Wedding	\$0	\$1,500	\$3,000
Church Hall Rental	\$600		\$1,000
Cemetery Plot	\$3,000		N/A

- Services will not be denied to anyone who is unable to financially contribute
- Payment is respectfully requested prior to date of service
- Cost of bread for memorial services is not included within the recommended donation amounts
- Your donation to the clergy is not included within the recommended donation amounts

DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AND CAN BE MADE VIA  
 eTransfer: [accounting@saintantonios.ca](mailto:accounting@saintantonios.ca)  
 Cash, Cheque, or Pre-Authorized Debit

We thank you for your love, generosity, prayers, and continued support.

# ST. ANTONIOS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DONATION



### ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP: A COMMITMENT OF LOVE AND APPRECIATION ✝

Each year we invite every individual and family to register their church membership by filling out this form. Your generous donations enable us to continue serving our community and deliver a variety of spiritual, social, and humanitarian programs that enrich the lives of many.

**"Let each of you give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" - 2 Corinthians, 9:7**

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Ensure your eligibility to schedule ceremonies and receive membership rates for baptisms, weddings, funerals, hall bookings, and other church services.

#### ORGANIZATIONS

Help sustain and expand our many many activities for all ages, including Sunday School, Teen SOYO, Youth Adult Ministry, Camps, Retreats, Conferences, Bible Study, and more.

#### MAILING LIST

Receive important weekly updates and communications on behalf of our parish, community churches, Archdiocese, and the greater Halifax and Lebanese community.

## 1 MEMBER INFORMATION

Contact Name  Date

Mailing Address

Phone #  City / Postal Code

E-Mail

## 2 ANNUAL DONATION

**DONATION AMOUNT**

Calculation: \$  AMOUNT X  FAMILY SIZE = \$  TOTAL

Please note the minimum recommended amount is \$300 per baptised soul

Example: [\$300] X [4 Person Family] = \$1200

Other Amount: \$  TOTAL X

**DONATION TYPE**

Please select one of the following donation types. All donations receive an annual tax receipt. Direct Deposit Authorization is preferred.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT AUTHORIZATION** Alternatively, please email or deliver a void cheque with this form to the church.

Withdrawal Frequency:  ANNUALLY  MONTHLY  QUARTERLY

Banking Information:  INSTITUTION # (3 DIGITS)  TRANSIT # (5 DIGITS)  ACCOUNT # (7 DIGITS)

**CASH** Please include this form with payment in an envelope and return to the church

**CHEQUE** Payable to: ST. ANTONIOS CHURCH

**E-TRANSFER** Email to: ACCOUNTING@SAINTANTONIOS.CA



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# **Volunteer Opportunities**

**SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2024**

**Join our team of enthusiastic  
volunteers! Please email  
[volunteer@lebanesefestival.ca](mailto:volunteer@lebanesefestival.ca)  
OR text our volunteer coordinator  
902-830-1888**

# ST. ANTONIOS SCHOLARSHIP



## \$2,000

2 scholarships (\$2,000 each) will be awarded to eligible high school graduates or current university/college students.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be 16 years of age or older.
- Must be in their last year of high school (grade 12) and pursuing post-secondary studies (university, college, or other post-secondary studies) in the upcoming year.
- Or must be enrolled to complete their diploma. Must be an active member of Saint Antonios Orthodox Church. Being an active member entails regular Sunday School attendance and involvement in Teen SOYO or YAM.

### **Required Documents.**

- Proof of enrolment into a post-secondary institution;
- Resume;
- Two (2) references, with at least one (1) being another member of St. Antonios[1];
- A Word or PDF file containing responses to the Essay Questions below.

### **Essay Questions:**

Applicants must provide detailed responses in essay format (150-300 words) to each of the following four (4) prompts:

1. Describe how you have been involved in the St. Antonios Community[2] (i.e. through participation in Teen SOYO, YAM, Sunday School, Dabke, Choir, Altar, the Lebanese Festival, the Parish Life Conference, including Creative Arts, Bible Bowl, or Oratorical, etc).
2. Provide an example of when you have taken pride in your studies and/or work. Describe why.
3. Provide an example of how you have cared for others in your community – in other words, how you have been a good “neighbour” to those in need.
4. Please share why you believe you should be awarded this scholarship.

### **Other Considerations:**

Note that in assessing applications, the Scholarship Committee will be reviewing social media profiles. Any applicants displaying content which is not in line with the values of the Orthodox Christian faith will immediately be disqualified.

[1] The St. Antonios member acting as a reference could be a Sunday School teacher, Dabke teacher, SOYO advisor, Lebanese Festival Committee member, or anyone else that could speak to the applicant’s involvement in St. Antonios.

[2] If you are new to St. Antonios, we encourage you to speak on your involvement in your previous congregation, and how you would like to get involved at St. Antonios.

**Submit your application with all necessary requirements to  
this email address:  
scholarship@saintantonios.ca**

**Deadline August 10**

