



**SAINT ANTHONY**  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

22 April 2024

Dear Parish Family,

We trust this letter finds you in good health and high spirits.

In accordance with the statutes of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, it is with pleasure that we present to you the 2023 Financial Statements of Saint Anthony Church. Additionally, recognizing the significance of the Lebanese Food Festival to our financial stability, we are including a detailed report on its finances for the same year.

We are pleased to report that our parish's financial position is healthy, boasting a notable surplus by year's end. Nonetheless, our reliance on revenue from the food festival introduces an element of uncertainty, subject to factors such as weather conditions, equipment failure or the lack of volunteers. **The regular weekly contributions from the members of the parish family represent the most reliable source of support.**

The responsible stewardship of our funds involves the diligent efforts of numerous individuals and groups. From the ushers and counters who meticulously collect and tally the funds, to Shelley Farrell who records and deposits them, and Charles Blati who compiles quarterly financial statements, each plays a vital role. Moreover, the Finance Council diligently reviews these statements, offering recommendations as needed. Special acknowledgment is due to David Walton, who compiles the financial statements for the Eparchy, and our compliance officer, Anthony Budway, entrusted with auditing the reports on behalf of Bishop Gregory and the Eparchy. The collective dedication of these parties instills confidence that our parish funds are managed with transparency and integrity.

**We extend heartfelt gratitude to all who have generously contributed their time, talents, and resources to Saint Anthony Church.** Your selfless commitment is a testament to your deep-rooted love for God, His Church, and our parish family.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for any further explanation or clarification.

With warm regards, we remain

Paul Shibley  
Chair, Finance Council

Chorbishop John D. Faris  
Pastor