



Giglio Society of East Harlem
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine Church
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As we celebrate our 110th anniversary, The Giglio Society of East Harlem Board of Directors, Capo's, Lieutenants and all of its members wish to extend our best wishes to everyone in Brusciano on your 143rd edition of your Festa Di Gigli in honor of Sant' Antonio Di Padua, August 22nd - August 28th.

The origin of the Giglio Di Sant' Antonio feast in America can be traced back to immigrants from Brusciano who migrated to East 106th Street in East Harlem and the surrounding streets in the early 1900's. History states that at one time the East Harlem section of Manhattan had the largest Italian American community in America.

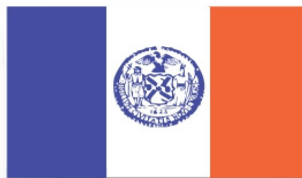
East Harlem had its 1st Giglio feast in honor of Sant' Antonio in 1908. Gioacchino Vivolo who migrated to New York from Brusciano in December of 1907 is credited with being the 1st Capo Paranza for the 106th Street feast. He and his brother Rocco Vivolo formed "The Bruscianese Society" which ran the feast for many years.

Descendents of these immigrants still participate in the feast today. They are the force behind this wonderful festival. Our devotion to Sant' Antonio as we dance the Giglio is the same as our ancestors from Brusciano who instilled the devotion, pride, passion we have for our Festa Di Sant' Antonio today in East Harlem!

We extend our warmest wishes to all members of the City Council, The Mayor of Brusciano Giuseppe "Peppe" Montanile, The Municipal Councilor Antonio DiPalma, Assessor for Culture Dr. Giovanni Negri, The President of the Feast of the Gigli of Brusciano Dr. Antonio Cerciello, Senior Advisor Nicola Di Maio, Junior Adv. Salvatore Travaglino, Artist Painter Pietro Mingione, Graduate in Philosophy Carmine Maritato and Sociologist Antonio Castaldo and all the Capo Paranza and Paranza and associations of the Gigli of Brusciano, Giglio Croce Passo Veloce, Giglio Gioventu', Giglio Ortolano and the Giglio Passo Veloce and all the wonderful citizens of Brusciano. Hopefully one year we will meet at the East Harlem Festa Del Giglio!

The East Harlem Board of Directors, 2018 Capo Paranza Gerard Madio and all of our members wish you Buona Festa!

Viva Sant' Antonio!
Viva La Festa Dei Gigli!
Viva Brusciano!
Viva East Harlem!



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