



*Mary radiating
the Joy of the Gospel*

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH - HARRIS PARK

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Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin

THE GOSPEL

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Lk 1:46-56



Next Sunday's Readings
12th Sunday of Pentecost
Eph 3 : 1 - 13
Mt 15 : 21 - 28

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Never be afraid
of loving the
Blessed Virgin too
much. You can
never love her
more than Jesus
did."*

*Saint Maximilian
Kolbe*

THE EPISTLE

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Rom 12:9-15

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother,
As we celebrate the Feast of your Assumption into Heaven, body and soul, may we always take you as an example of true discipleship. Increase the joy in our hearts and in our lives, so that like you, we may also radiate the joy of Gospel.

May we, in your words of praise also proclaim:
"Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour."

Mother of the Word Incarnate, hear and answer our prayers.
Amen

Parish Feast Week 2014 continues...

Sodality Mass & Dinner
Monday 18 Aug at 6.00pm

Adoration & Procession of Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 Aug at 8.00pm

Parish BBQ & Festival Night with Rides
Saturday 23 Aug at 7.00pm

Family/Fersen Mass & Fun Day
Sunday 24 Aug at 9.30am—2.00pm

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Church - Harris Pk 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth)
Mass Centres 11am St. Joseph the Worker, Auburn (Ar/Eng) / 6pm St Patrick's, Guildford (Ar/Eng)

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7am, 8.45am & 6pm. Wed 7am, 8.45am & 5:30pm; 7pm (English Youth) Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6pm and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary / Divine Mercy: Mon, Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Fri 7:30pm
Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm—9pm **24 Hour Adoration:** First Friday of every month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am

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Light from the Word The Assumption



Today we celebrate our parish feast, the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It reminds us all that we too live for Christ and eternally with Christ.

Our Reading for this Feast is Paul's Letter to the Romans and the passage outlines what a true Christian is about. Mary fits this description perfectly. So let's take a closer look.

Paul writes in verse 9, 'Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.' Mary held fast to the promise that she would be the mother of God, for in saying yes, she knew that good would come into the world.

In verses 10 and 11 we read, 'love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.' Mary's energy is seen when she rushes to the side of Elizabeth to assist her. It reflects a woman who is filled with the Spirit of service.

In verse 12 we read, 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.' Mary rejoiced at the announcement and at the birth of her child. She also suffered at the foot of the Cross. All this she bore patiently as 'she treasured all these things in her heart' (Lk 2:51).

In verses 13-15 Paul writes, 'Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.' Mary was there at Pentecost and continued to be there for the disciples, offering support and encouragement to the ever growing community, despite the opposition around them. Aside from Jesus, Mary is the most popular person in Christianity and rightly so, given her wonderful qualities and her total commitment to God. So it is right we celebrate her feast day with great style! Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf

REFLECTION ON THE ASSUMPTION



Although it was only officially defined in 1950, the Church, filled and inspired by the Holy Spirit has always taught and believed in the Assumption of Mary. In this blessed feast, Mary, as she did in her life, continues to be an example of how the grace of God works in human life and the free gift of God which comes when we cooperate with His grace. Early in her life, when the Angel Gabriel declared on to Mary, that she would conceive a son by the Power of the Holy Spirit, Our Lady was posed with a great test of her faith. Yet her yes to the plan of The Lord for her life, was the beginning of her new life where in all things, she would radiate the joy of the gospel. Her faith filled yes allowed her to literally conceive the word of God in her womb and bring this great word to the entire world. Through participating in the incarnation of Our Lord, it was only fitting that Mary, who through this incarnation became the first tabernacle, be granted the special privilege to share in the Resurrection of the Body which we profess in the creed. Her blessed Assumption into heaven, where she is glorified in body and soul, remains for us an "image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come, so too does she shine forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of sure hope and solace to the people of God during its sojourn on earth". (Lumen Gentium 68) In all these things Mary remains for us the example of a perfect Christian. One who hears the word of God, says yes with faith, conceives this word and bears its fruits to all the world.

Charbel Dib

Shepherd's Corner

'Step up!', Don't let the Joy end.

Dear Parishioners,

We are now into days four and five of our Eleven Day Journey of 19 special Faith and Community Events for our Parish Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

In journeying with the Bishop, Priests, Sisters, our large team of hardworking staff and volunteers, and so many parishioners in these events it has been inspiring to experience the qualities expressed by Pope Francis in this week's Paragraph of His prayer to Mary. These qualities are the "radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor."

You can see some of this spirit in the photos in the Newsletter and our Facebook page.

Fr Youwakim passed on to me the following story that can inspire us to step up still now, if we have not yet started, to follow in the example of Mary in Radiating the Joy of the Gospel.

There was a talented tightrope walker who decided to put on a special show for the people on the main street of the city by demonstrating how to walk on a tightrope between two high buildings.

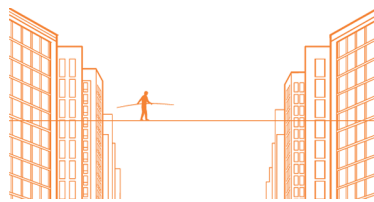
As he was preparing a big crowd of passers-by began to gather. When he started his first crossing they were amazed and could not believe what was happening before their eyes. When he completed the first crossing they were in awe and applauded him with joy.

Seeing the large crowd below, the tightrope walker asked for a volunteer to help with his most important act, namely to get on his shoulders while he walked back across the tightrope. He waited a long time and no one came forward. He was sad no one trusted him to participate and said to the crowd of watchers: "I am sad and sorry that no one has stepped up to bring you greater joy....Therefore the show is over. It is finished".

The moral of the story is that in God's most important 'action' and work of salvation in Christ Jesus his Son, the Lord does not need just watchers, but participants, people who are willing to step up with faith and ready to serve humbly like Mary. So let us continue or be renewed in stepping up to be part of the remaining faith and Community events and radiate the Joy of the Gospel, which reveals God's amazing plan of Salvation. To help us we continue to pray with Pope Francis:

*Mary,
Star of the new evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world. Amen. Alleluia!*

Monsignor Shora Maree PP EV



Article of the Week —How does Mary Radiate the Joy of the Gospel?



In these times of turmoil and suffering, do you often wonder where Jesus Christ is in this mess that we live in? This question has been playing on my mind for the last few weeks. Where is Jesus in all the persecutions that are taking place in his name? Where is Jesus amidst all the hate and evil? Where is he in all the despair that is brought about through addiction? Where is Jesus? And what about Mary, how is she radiating the joy of the Gospel? Where is the joy in all the pain? Where is the joy in war, in illness and

poverty? Where is the Gospel and who has time to proclaim it anymore? Where? Where? Where?

Then I took a closer look at our parish here at Our Lady of Lebanon and this is what I saw:

I saw the face of Jesus in every volunteer, committee member, staff member, parishioner, nun and priest who was preparing for the Feast of the Assumption.

I saw Mary truly radiating the Joy of the Gospel: **through** the ladies that have worked tirelessly baking, preparing and selling food and sweets; **through** the men who have spent their days and nights cleaning, unpacking and setting up; **through** the traffic controllers who always ensure our safety in processions and parking, who often are being abused to protect us; **through** the Fersen, Teen and Youth leaders who are educating our children in their faith and providing them with good role models; **through** the outstanding young men and women who lead us in prayer every night through the Rosary and Novenas; **through** the Media Committee who have gone to outstanding lengths in promoting the Feast in every possible way; **through** the young photographer who captures the most beautiful photos and exposes our Parish through her creative lens; **through** the prayers of the Sodalities and their leader who put all their pains aside and carried their banner with great pride during the procession; **through** the Seniors and Faith & Light committees who ensured that the elderly and disabled were

nurtured and looked after spiritually and socially; **through** the Stewardship and Pastoral Councils who ensured that everything was organised and provided as required; **through** the dedicated woman and men who have given up their weekends fixing renovating the Church Hall; **through** the staff members who worked with great commitment in supporting the priests; **through** the faithful witness of the members of the Divine Word Family who continually proclaim with joy the Good News of the Gospel in their gatherings; **through** the support, prayers and encouragement of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family; **through** the Family Committee, Teams and all the Mothers and Fathers who strive to radiate the Joy of the Gospel in their homes; **through** the volunteers who spent their nights preparing, boxing, wrapping and selling the beautiful gifts; **through** the cleaners who ensure that our parish grounds and buildings are always hygienically clean; **through** the ever-persevering lady who sells the raffle tickets at the door of the church; **through** the Sponsors who continually provide their financial support and backing; **through** the choirs and musicians who beautifully elevate us in prayer; **through** the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who never falter in bringing our Lord to his faithful; **through** the altar servers who serve with great love and devotion; **through** the priest who was managing, buying, selling and cooking and ensuring that all the events were appropriately catered for; **through** the elderly priests who sit in the confessional for hours on end and visit the sick bringing the grace of God into the lives of those who need it; **through** the priest who vacuumed and mopped the church floors and worked with great passion and zeal coordinating and organising, not accepting anything below perfect for the Feast of our Lady because simply “*Al3adra byel ba2la*”; **through** our Shepherd and Parish Priest who strives for nothing but the best for his children; **through** every individual that walks through the doors of our wonderful parish and prays for, supports, donates and encourages everything that it is. Wow! I then realised that the answer to my questions were right in front of my eyes. Amidst all the turmoil that is surrounding us, Mary is radiating the joy of the Gospel through each one of us and the best place that we can find Jesus is right here in our Parish. Welcome to Our Lady of Lebanon Parish.

Danny Nouh

Excerpts from the Third Encyclical Letter of Patriarch Rai, Bkerke, March 2014

The Maronite Liturgy is distinctive in the dimensions which crystallized its identity and specified the expanse of its mission, which are:



c. The Marian Dimension

The Marian Dimension takes prominence in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the theological and popular framework simultaneously, and in texts that describe the Blessed Virgin Mary as the “Mother of God,” handmaid of the divine plan for salvation for the human person.

To be continued.....

Parents' Corner

Feast week has begun. With Mary the time to ‘radiate the joy of the Gospel’ is here. Feast week in the Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon is an exciting time for young and old. It is a time of celebrations, socially and spiritually. It is a time of coming together with family and friends, under the watchful gaze of our mother, Patroness of the Parish. When we are here, we immediately notice the joy in people. We can see joy radiating on their faces. The question to ask is: Do we continue to radiate this joy of Christ and His Word to those around us? To our partners? Our Children? Our extended family and friends? Our work colleagues? This is what it means to truly radiate the joy of the Gospel. It is not a one-off thing that happens for a certain number of days on an annual basis. It is not something that comes and goes, like many other things in life. Like ‘Mary, Radiating the joy of the Gospel’ is on-going. It is about believing in hope in times of despair. It is believing in life in times of death. It is trusting in God when there is so much doubt. It is about loving instead of hating, forgiving instead of holding grudges. These are Gospel values that we should be teaching our children. These are the values that make us Disciples of Christ. These values are the fuel that allows us, with ‘Mary, to radiate the joy of the Gospel’.

Children's Corner

Hello my dearest brothers and sisters. Welcome to our Father's house where you are always welcomed with love and open arms.

This week is such a special week for all. In this week, the Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon, is celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of my mother and your mother Mary. I have seen that the Parish has chosen the theme: “Mary, radiating the Joy of the Gospel”. This is such an important theme because Mary did just that. Whilst she was holding me in her womb, during my life, suffering and death and even at my Resurrection and Pentecost, Mary always radiated my message of love and forgiveness.

She is the best example for all people of what it means to be my disciple. It is to always have joy and to spread that joy to all those around you. Pray to her this week so that she may be your guide in ‘radiating the joy of the Gospel’.

Love always

your brother Jesus



Parish Camera in Feast Week



Feast Week Celebrations began on Wednesday with a beautiful procession in the streets surrounding the Church followed by Mass. On Thursday Bishop Antoine-Charbel celebrated the Solemn Mass for the Feast



On Friday, the Seniors together with the Faith & Light committees celebrated Mass followed by a beautiful lunch with the elderly and disabled.



The men & ladies hard at work baking, cooking and preparing for all Feast Week events.



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PARISH NOTICE BOARD



MEMORIAL MASSES & FUNERALS

Sunday 17 August: Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin:

11.00am 1 Year Hanna Bakhous El Khoury Yazbek from Aslout
3.30pm Youssef Boutros Habib from Tannourine (died on Lebanon)
5:00pm Mass for living and departed from Mizziara

St Patrick's Mass Centre, Guildford

6.00pm 1 Year Sobhieh Bazouni widow of Eid Semaan from Hadchit

Tuesday 19th August

6.00pm Georgette Mikael El Shaar wife of Khalil El Shaar from Bkerkasha (died in Lebanon)

Sunday 24th August: 12th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30am 1 Year Daniel George Salame from Hadeth El Jebbi
11.00am 40 Day Jamile Fares wife of Tannous Abboud from Asnoun
5.00pm For the living and departed of Fradiss for Feast of St Roukos

St Joseph the Worker Auburn

11.00am 1 Year Michael Jalil Anjoul from Hadchit

قَدَاسَاتُ الْأَسْبُوعِ

الأحد 17 آب: الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة

11:00 السنة للمرحوم حنا باخوس الخوري يزبك من أسلوط
3:30 المرحوم يوسف بطرس حبيب من تانورين (متوفي في لبنان)
5:00 قداس على نية أحياء وأموات بلدة مزيرة

سان باتريك Guildford

6:00 السنة للمرحومة صبحية البزوني أرملة المرحوم عيد سيمان من حدشيت
الثلاثاء 19 آب:

6:00 المرحومة جورجيت مخايل الشعار زوجة خليل الشعار من بقرقاشا (متوفاة في لبنان)

الأحد 24 آب: الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة

9:30 السنة للمرحوم دانيال جورج سلامة من حدث الجبة
11:00 أريعون المرحومة جميلة يوسف فارس زوجة طنوس عبود من أصنون
5:00 قداس على نية أحياء وأموات الفراديس بمناسبة عيد مار روكز تقدمة الجمعية
مار يوسف العامل Auburn
11:00 السنة للمرحوم مايكل جليل أنجول من حدشيت

Patriarchal Visit of Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Al Rai to Australia—24 Oct to 7 Nov 2014

Commemorating the First visit of
His Eminence Patriarch Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai,
 Patriarch of Antioch and all the East,
 the Maronite Eparchy of Australia invites you to partake in this
 historic visit themed

“One Shepherd, One Flock”,
 through the following events:

- **The Welcoming Dinner** Monday 27 October 7pm at Le Montage, Lilyfield.

- **The Concert** with the As Sawt Al'Atiq Choir from Lebanon performing Melodies of Glory (Koleh d'Shubho) at the Sydney Opera House Thursday 30 October at 8pm.

- **The outdoor Youth Celebration** and Prayer evening with His Beatitude Saturday 1 November 2014 at Our Lady of Lebanon, Harris Park from 5pm.

The Eparchy invites you to participate in all events.
 For tickets, bookings and enquiries, contact the Maronite Chancery on 02 9642 0211.



FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE



Parish Groups and Committees

Pastoral Council Meeting
 TUES 2nd September at 8pm

Family & Adults Events

Arabic Bible Discussion by Family of Divine Word
 Tues 19th August 8.45pm
 Presented by His Excellency Bishop Robert Rabbat

“From Darkness to Radiating Joy” English Faith Testimony
 This Wed 20 August at 8pm after 7pm English Mass
 Presented by George Isaac ALL WELCOME

Free Builders Seminar 24th September 2014 @ 5:00pm CPYC
 A free forum for builders on safe digging, 4 CPD points for licensed builders. Please register at the "Register for an event page" @ www.beforeyoudignswact.com.au/training/upcoming-events/

Childrens Events

Arabic Classes: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm call Antoinette: 0414819663
Fersan Al-Adra: Saturdays 1pm -3pm
Children's Playgroup Tues & Wed 9:30am - 11:30am in CPYC

Teens Events

Teens Faith Discussion & Activities: Saturdays 4pm-6pm

Youth Events

Blood Donation TBC contact Myrna 0421677998
Nursing Home Visit 31 AUG 2014 contact Josette 0447777703

MaroniteCare Services

Youth Services & Facilities
Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study Centre open 10am – 10pm for Youth 18 & over
Under 18s only with adult supervision
Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues 3:30pm - 6pm
 Bookings essential call Anthony Chidiac 0417 426 103

Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

Nada Coorey-Psychologist provides confidential counselling to the Community at her Private Practice. Areas of Specialisation include Depression and Anxiety/Panic Attacks, Relationships and Family/Parenting. Mobile: 0434642509 or PH: 88981526

MaroniteCare Counselling Service

For young people 12-18 years and their families.

Call Amanda Nassif: 0433 217 063

Adults and Youth Debbie Draybi 0435 407 911

Email: counselling@maronitecare.org.au

Women's Well-being Office – Nelly—9689 2899

Natural Fertility Services We offer daytime and evening appointments. For further info., please contact Nelly Azize 9689 2899

Ladies Fitness & Wellbeing contact Abir 0410122999

Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am –11:30am

Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months before wedding: 9642 0211

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على عكس ابنها يسوع : مريم "لم ترتفع الى السماء بقوتها الخاصة"، لذلك الكنيسة لا تتحدث عن "صعود" مريم إنما "انتقالها" بفعل سلطة و نعمة المسيح ابنها وربها ... ولكن "فصح مريم" هذا: يبقى أيقونة مجد و فرح بيسوع المسيح تنتظر كل فرد منا قَبْلُ الخلاص وعمل له.



بالحقيقة أن سر إنتقال العذراء يذكرنا أن قيامة المسيح ليست غاية في حد ذاتها. فالرب لم يقيم لمجرد إثبات أن الله يستطيع أن يغلب الموت، إنما بالأكثر حتى يتسنى لنا، كبشر، أن نقوم معه مكتملي الإنسانية و متمعي بأمجاد الآباد !!

نعمة مريم اليوم هي نعمة كل مؤمن عندما يحين الوقت. انها تكمل لنا صورة الفداء : فالألم السماوية هي الرابط الأكمل بين الله الذي يعطي النعمة والمخلوق الذي يتلقاها !!

في قيامة يسوع، مريم تلقت وعد انتصارها على الموت. ولكن طبعاً هذا الانتصار لن تختبره بالكامل إلا عندما ينصرها الرب على موتها و ينقلها الى سماه. و في مقاربة مشابهة، نحن نعيش ما يسميه البعض ب "الآن وليس بعد:"

فالرب قام ومريم إختبرت قيامته و يمكننا أن نلمس من خلالها نعمة الرب في حياة التلميذ.... و لكن: علينا انتظار موتنا الشخصي لكي نخبر هذا النصر الرباني. وهنا التحدي الذي يواجهنا و كثيراً ما ندعه يهزمنا : إنه الخوف !!! فتأتي مريم تشددنا: نراها وقد وثقت بالله، ليكون انتقالها تنويجاً لحالة الثقة هذه التي غلبت كل ألم عانتها في حياتها على الأرض.

وها هي تقول لقلوبنا الخائفة التي تنن تحت نير أنواع الموت و الإضطهاد: أن انتقالها يمكن أن يكون انتقالنا نحن أيضاً، حين ندخل بطاعة "نعم" ها الشهيرة. وستأتي اللحظة التي سننظر فيها إلى الوراء بفرح نقي و سوف نضحك على الموت فيما ننتقل من مجد الى آخر في ملكوت الحب الأبدي. يُقال أن كثيرين من المشككين في عقيدة الإنتقال ، جهدوا بالبحث عن ما قد يكون دليلاً على وجود بقايا عظام للعذراء ... من دون جدوى طبعاً !! اليوم، نقول لهم بكثير من المحبة: توقفوا عن البحث عن مريم، فقد تم العثور عليها كاملة :

إنها في قلب الكنيسة الأم!!!

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ست (6) معانٍ عملية لانتقال مريم العذراء بالنفس والجسد إلى السماء



1- انتقال مريم بالنفس والجسد هو استباق للمستقبل فهو يبين لنا "مسيرنا المستقبلي كأبناء الله بالتبني وكأعضاء في جسد المسيح". انتقال مريم هو دعوة وحافز للانتصار على الخطيئة: "مثل مريم أمنا، نحن مدعوون للمشاركة

بشكل كامل بظفر الرب على الخطيئة وعلى الموت ولكي نملك معه في ملكوته الأبدي".

2- انتقال مريم يدعونا لكي لا نغرق في الحاضر، بل أن نعيشه ونقيم على وقع المستقبل هذا المستقبل الذي "ما زال الرب القائم من الموت يفتحه أمامنا".

3- انتقال مريم يكلل حياة قداسة عاشتها أم الله وهو يبين لنا عن معنى الحرية. الحرية الحقّة تكمن في القبول المُحب لإرادة الأب. من مريم، الممتلئة نعمة، نتعلم أن الحرية المسيحية هي أمر أكبر من مجرد التحرر من الخطيئة. إنها حرية تفتح على شكل روحي جديد لاعتبار الوقائع الأرضية، هي حرية محبة الله والإخوة والأخوات بقلب نقي وعيش الرجاء الفرح بملكوت المسيح الآتي".

4- انتقال مريم يبين لنا واقعية الرجاء الذي لا يلمس الروح وحسب بل أيضاً بعدنا الجسدي، التاريخي والاجتماعية.

"بتكاملها في المجد، تبين لنا مريم أن الرجاء أمر واقعي؛ ومنذ الآن هذا الرجاء يتجلى كـ "مرساة أمان ثابتة لحياتنا" (عبر 6، 19) حيث المسيح جالس بالمجد".

5- انتقال مريم، كنتيجة للنقطة السابقة هو حافز روحي للتغلب على "سرطان اليأس". فبهذا الشأن يقول البابا: "هذا الرجاء، الرجاء الذي يقيمه الإنجيل، يناهض روح اليأس الذي يبدو وكأنه ينمي مثل سلطان خبيث في وسط مجتمع غني ظاهرياً، ولكنه يختبر غالباً فراغاً ومرارة باطنية. كم من الشباب دفعوا ثمن هذا اليأس!!"

البابا فرنسيس

IN OUR PRAYERS



Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) Michael Anjou, Fr Elias Ayoub, Antoun Azar (B) Kamil, Amira and Joseph Boutros, Martha Budway (C) Salha Chayia and Youssef Chayia, Elias Abou Chedid & his departed (D) Roumanos Daher (E) Azar Youssef Estephan, (F) (G) Youssef Salim Coorey Gebrael, Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George, Youssef Gittany & his wife, daughter & her husband & all their departed (H) Anis Haddad, Maurice Jamil Haddad, Youssef and Amineh El Hallal, Tannous & Chmounie El Hesen, Youssef & Hanne El Hessen and family, Hanna & Farwa Hawash, Tony Hawash & his departed, Mickael Habib & his departed (I) Tansa & Souraya Ishac & family (K) Nakiyi and Wadih Karam, Bishop Abdo Khalife, Naim Khattar & George Khattar, (J) Kamel Antonios Jabbour and his wife (L) Boulos Laoulach, Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa (M) Elichaa and Youssef Malkoun, Youssef Maroun and his wife Ghosoun, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Fransess Moussa, Boutros & Zahra Moussa, Tansa Moussa & his wife and parents & all departed of the Moses family, Badwi Mawad & his departed, Anthony Mamah Moses & Moses Family, John Toufic Merhi (N) Evelyn & Boutros Naoum (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Badwi Antoun Reaiche & his faithful departed, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos & son Joseph, Merched & Marin Raad & their son Youssef (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Emille Nabih Saad, Naseem Saad and Family, Hanna Saba and his wife and their departed, Boutros Khoury Shalhoub & his wife Asma & their son Youssef, Souls in Purgatory (W) Jamil Wehbe & Barbara Wehbe, (Z) Maroun John Zaouk and all faithful departed Zaouk family.

مريم ممجدة من ابنها



تُعَدُّ اليوم لمريم الممجة من ابنها لأنها: أول من آمنت وقبلت بأن تحلّ فيها ملء الألوهة؛ والأمر الثاني، ولأنها قبلت أن تتحمل وزر وألم هذا الإيمان.

1- آمنت وقبلت: كانت قضية مريم الأولى ابنها يسوع. حَمَلَتْ به في فكرها وكيانها أولاً ومن ثم في أحشائها. حَمَتُهُ من قساوة الحياة، وقساوة قلوب المستبدين والخائفين على عروشهم وتيجانهم وممالكهم ومناصبهم. حفظت كلامه وأطاعته، وكانت أول من طبقت كلامه على حياتها فشح منها.

2- قبلت وتألمت: يقول القديس يعقوب: "الإيمان بدون أعمال باطل". والإيمان بدون ألم الإيمان باطل. حُلُو الإيمان، أن المؤمن يتألم ليلد؛ يتألم من الشر المحيط به ومن أدواته، ولكنه لا يستسلم للشر وإنما يسعى لمواجهة بروح المسيح فيلذ الحب والخير والحق والعدالة والسلام. ومريم أيضاً تألمت من هذا الشر الذي حَقَّرَ ابنها وسفَّهه واتهمه زوراً، وحَكَمَ عليه ظلماً في محكمة الطغاة. ولم ينتهي الأمر به إلا مُعلَقاً على صليب العار، صليب المجرمين واللصوص. هناك في زمن الصلب وبلد الصالبيين، لم يجرء أحدٌ على الكلام حول هذا المعلق على الصليب زوراً وظلماً، ومن فاه بكلمة ألسوه تهمة الخيانة واللصوصية والعمالة والتآمر على السلطات ومحاولة قلب النظام. ومريم تألمت مع جماعة الرسل، تألمت عندما شاهدت أبناء ابنها، الذين ولدوا من الإيمان به ومن جرن المعمودية يُضطهدون ويقتلون بسبب إيمانهم وانتمائهم... ولكن مريم لم تضعف، ولم تستسلم وإنما بقيت حازة بإيمانها قوية بمواقفها ثابتة برجائها وبتقنتها أن الذي حمل العالم على الصليب يستطيع أن يحمل ويحمي أبناء كنيسته التي أحبها وافتداها أينما كانوا.

3- إلى الذين يتألمون: فيا أيها الذين يُضطهدون ويتألمون اليوم بسبب إيمانهم وانتمائهم ولباسهم الذين يلبسونه، وبسبب افكارهم وآرائهم ومواقفهم. يا أيها الذين يُضطهدون ويتألمون ويُشردون، اثبتوا فالإيمان الأصيل هو الإيمان المعلق على خشبة والموضوع على المحك، محك الخائفين على سلطاتهم ومراكزهم وممالكهم. محك الصالبيين والظالمين والديكتاتوريين وهم كثر، يعيشون معنا ويقاسموننا العيش. اثبتوا على الإيمان فالإيمان ليس إيماناً بالله وحسب وإنما هو إيمانٌ بمثل الله وبقضية الله وقضية الله هي أن يحيا كل البشر بكرامة واحترام وسلام. اثبتوا في الحق فالحق يحرككم ولو كنتم في أضيق السجون.

صلاة: في يوم انتقالك يا مريم، أنعمي علينا بنعم السماء لكي نتخطى ضعف الأرض ونجد السعادة حيث ابنك. آمين
الخوري بيار الخوري

يا سلطنة مريم



إن مريم أرفع من كل مخلوقات الأرض في مقامها وعظم حياها وقوة غيرتها. إنها سلطنة الملائكة وهي أقرب المخلوقات إلى الله وسلطنة الآباء من إبراهيم واسحق ويعقوب مع الإيمان الذي دفعهم في طريق الرب. إنها سلطنة الأنبياء الذين حملوا كلام الله لأنها حملت المسيح الكلمة. إنها سلطنة الرسل وقد رافقتهم في انطلاقهم الرسولية يوم صلت معهم في العنصرة وقبلت الروح القدس. إنها سلطنة الشهداء وقد تألمت مع المسيح وحباً بالمسيح فراقته في آلامه حتى موته على الصليب. إنها سلطنة المعترفين أي

الممجدين في السماء من الملائكة وكهنة ورهبان وعلمانيين. إنها سلطنة العذاري وهي عذراء العذاري. إنها سلطنة جميع القديسين وهي أرفعهم قداسة. فيا سلطنة الوردية المقدسة كما أعلنت اسمك للفتاة لوسيا في فاطمية وطلبت أن نصلي لك مسبحة الوردية. يا سلطنة الحب بلا دنس كما أعلنت عن اسمك لبرناديت في مغارة لورد. يا سلطنة الانتقال كما أعلنت الكنيسة أنك تعيشين صعبة ابنك في مجد لا يزول. يا سلطنة السلام أبعد الحروب والفتن، لاشي الاضطرابات وأعطينا السلام الحقيقي الذي يصلحنا مع الله ومع ضميرنا ومع القريب لا سلام الدول المبني على توازن القوى بل سلام المسيح الذي ينبع من المحبة.

الخوري طوني سركيس

الملكة والدّة الله العذراء



نَحْنُ أيضاً اليوم، نَقِفُ أمامك، أيُّها الملكة، أجل، الملكة، والدّة الله العذراء، نُعَلِّقُ عَلَيْكَ رَجَاءَنَا كَمَا عَلَى مِرْسَاةٍ أَمِينَةٍ وَرَاسِخَةٍ. نَكْرُسُ لِكَ عَقْلَنَا وَنَفْسَنَا وَجَسَدَنَا، بِجَمَلَتِهِ نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَكْرَمَكَ "بِمَزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحٍ وَأَغَانِ رُوحِيَّةٍ" بِقَدْرٍ مَا نَسْتَطِيعُ، لِأَنَّ تَكْرِيمَكَ بِحَسَبِ مَقَامِكَ يَفُوقُ اسْتِطَاعَتَنَا. إِذَا صَحَّ، بِحَسَبِ الْقَوْلِ الْمَأْثُورِ، أَنَّ مَا يُقَدَّمُ مِنْ إِكْرَامٍ إِلَى سَائِرِ الْخِدَمِ

هُوَ دَلِيلٌ مَحَبَّةٍ لِسَيِّدِ الْكُلِّ، فَهَلْ يُمَكِّنُ أَهْمَالُ إِكْرَامِكَ، أَنْتِ والدّة سَيِّدِكَ؟ أَلَا يَجِبُ أَنْ نَتَطَلَّبَهُ بِرَغْبَةٍ؟ بِهِذَا نُثَبِّتُ بِالْأُخْرَى تَعَلُّقَنَا بِرَبِّنَا. وَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَكْفِي مَنْ يَحْفَظُونَ تَذَكُّارَكَ بِتَقْوَى، أَنْ يَبَالُوا مَوْهَبَةَ ذِكْرِكَ الَّتِي لَا تُقَدَّرُ: فَهَوَ لَهُمْ دُرُوءُ الْفَرَحِ الدَّائِمِ.

أَيُّهُ غِنَطَةٌ وَأَيُّ خَيْرٍ لَا يَمْلَأُ مَنْ يَجْعَلُ مِنْ عَقْلِهِ الْمَقَرَّ الْخَفِيِّ لِذِكْرِكَ الْمُقَدَّسِ؟ آمِينَ

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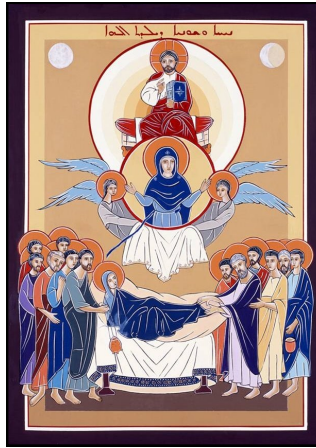
الإنجيل

الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة

الرسالة

قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: "تُعْظَمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللّهِ مُخَلِّصِي، لِأَنَّهُ نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ تَوَاضِعَ أَمَتِهِ. فَهَا مُنْذُ الْآنَ تُطَوِّبُنِي جَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَاسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَهُ. صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاعِدِهِ، وَشَتَّتَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ بِأَفْكَارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ. أَنْزَلَ الْمُفْتَدِرِينَ عَنِ الْعُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ. أَشْبَعَ الْجِيَاعَ خَيْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفَ الْأَغْنِيَاءَ فَارِغِينَ. عَضَدَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ بُرَاهِيمَ وَنَسْلَهُ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا".

(لو 1/46-56)



قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن
العنصرة

أف ٣ : ١ - ١٣

متى ١٥ : ٢١ - ٢٨

لِتَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ بِلَا رِيَاءٍ: تَجَنَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، وَلَا زِمُوا الْخَيْرَ. أَجْبُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا مَحَبَّةً أَخَوِيَّةً، وَبَادِرُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا بِالْإِكْرَامِ. كُونُوا فِي الْاجْتِهَادِ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ، وَبِالرُّوحِ حَارِّينَ، وَلِلرَّبِّ عَابِدِينَ، وَبِالرَّجَاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وَفِي الضِّيقِ ثَابِتِينَ، وَعَلَى الصَّلَاةِ مُوَظِّبِينَ، وَفِي حَاجَاتِ الْقَدِّيسِينَ مُشَارِكِينَ، وَإِلَى ضِيَافَةِ الْغُرَبَاءِ سَاعِينَ. بَارِكُوا الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بَارِكُوا وَلَا تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الْفَرِحِينَ، وَابْكُوا مَعَ الْبَاكِينَ.

(روم 12/9-21)

صلاة الأسبوع

من أقوالهم...

"تَمَّ قَوْلُ الْمُزْنَمِ فِي الْأُمِّ الْعَذْرَا مَرْيَمَ، إِرْفَعُوا الْبَابَ تَدْخُلْ أُمُّ الْمَلِكِ الْأَعْظَمُ!"

الليتورجيا المارونية

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