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First Sunday after the Holy Cross

THE GOSPEL

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with? "They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Mark 10:35-45

Consecration of
Our Lady of Lebanon Church
as a Co Cathedral
Mass & Consecration Ceremony on
Saturday 11 October 2014 at 6pm

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Next Sunday's Readings

1Cor 15:19-34 Mk 24:1-14

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more painful the cross, the greater our advantage"

Saint Paul of the Cross

THE EPISTLE

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops.

Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

2Tim 2: 1-10

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord of Peace,

In a time of anxiousness and fear, we seek Your Peace.

In a time of uncertainty and confusion, we seek Your Truth.

In a time of anger and frustration, we seek Your Serenity.

In a time of isolation and loneliness, we seek Your Companionship.

Guide us Lord, to be messengers of Peace, Love and Forgiveness. Grant us the wisdom to deal with each obstacle and situation. Help us to understand that violence and retaliation is not the answer to the problems of the world. By Your example upon the Holy Cross, teach us to repeat Your words: "Forgive them Father, for they do not know what they do". Amen

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Church - Harris Park 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: Every First Friday of the Month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am

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Light from the Word Soldier On



We are in the Season of the Cross in our Maronite Lectionary and it is accompanied with connotations of suffering. Perhaps this Season suits us best in the current climate of terrorist activity and increasing Christian persecution.

The Reading for this Sunday, taken from the Second Letter to Timothy, reminds us that God's Word is powerful and Christian living requires action and strength, perseverance and will power. The passage has much to say about being Christian in a world of continual threat.

Firstly we read, 'be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus' (v1). These words offer comfort in the

face of suffering but also encouragement and the call for bravery.

Secondly we read, 'what you have heard . . . entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well.' The Christian message is something that should not be silenced, but rather, joyfully given to all.

Thirdly we read, 'Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.' We are not passive victims but called to fight for justice, no matter the pain inflicted on us.

Fourthly the Reading today makes use of the terms soldier (v4), athlete (v5) and farmer (v6), suggesting being a Christian involves effort and commitment, hard work and determination.

Fifthly we read, 'the Lord will give you understanding in all things.' We cannot accept falsehoods and lies, but must pursue truth, even if it is costly to us.

Sixthly we read in verse 9, 'I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal.' The Christian life is not always an easy path.

Seventhly we read in verse 10, 'I endure everything for the sake of the elect.' We may well ask ourselves how far will we commit our lives for the sake of the Gospel?

Finally we read in verse, 'so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.' Christianity is not a personalised choice but a way of being in the world for all people.

Passivity, denial, ignorance and nonchalance, are not the armour of a Christian. Rather it requires deliberate involvement in the affairs of this world, all for the sake of transforming it through Christ's love. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn mshf

Think before you press "ENTER"



SAINT OF WEEK Saint John the Beloved 26TH SEPTEMBER

St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the "beloved disciple' and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Dometian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Patmos for a year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died at Ephesus about the year 100. St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque. John is credited with the authorship of three epistles and one Gospel, he is also known to be the author of the book of Revelation:

Prayer: St John the Beloved, you provided for us an example of faith when you followed our Lord on the way of the cross remaining firm in your faith regardless of the consequence. In these days of persecution and uncertainty we ask your intercession that we may too stand firm in our Christian faith, giving testimony to the joy of life in the Gospel through our faith, hope and love. Amen

Dear Parishioners,

promoting His message.

Shepherd's Corner

Think before you press or speak out. From the happenings of this week I think we can learn something vital. By now I'm sure most would be aware of the single incident of a verbal threat made from a passing motorist to a School Staff member near the School crossing that occurred on Tuesday afternoon. As we know from our Church Press Release the Police were notified and attended swiftly and are fully investigating and this is where the matter should have rested in their very capable hands and resources.

By Wednesday morning a series of texts and posts started circulating through social media. Some of those texts had formulated their own version of the truth and others were fuelling hateful and unnecessary comments and emotions and this contributed to drawing high media attention.

In response I asked Parishioners, as faithful Australian Maronites, to act on the TRUTH only. I asked that our parishioners not respond to or circulate any other version of the truth on social media as it creates unnecessary panic and can fuel hatred and intolerance. This is very important when it comes to media, as media can do more than just report the news, it can also drive it, even when the 'news' is not the truth,

With the help of Mr Joseph Wakim, the College's spokesperson for this matter, and the good management of the Maronite Sisters and Staff at the School and our Parish resources and media committee the truth was explained and some balance and calm restored. Thank the Lord no other incident has occurred since Tuesday afternoon and all School and Parish events including ten parish Masses, a College Mass and three Funeral Services and a wedding were conducted all without any incident.

As Christians, we need to always reflect on how we respond to or circulate news. Once we press enter, what we spread can be very damaging and have wide reaching effects. Catholic author and educator, Matthew Kelly, calls all of us to become the best version of ourselves. He challenges us to be counter-cultural. When so much of the culture around us inspires values in stark contrast to our core Christian values, we need to stand out and be 'revolutionaries' like Christ. Christ did not promote untruths, use violence or spread hate. Christ promoted love, peace, forgiveness, joy and hope. We all have the opportunity to become counter-cultural followers of Christ,

So next time before you hit the "enter" button, ask yourself - am I being a counter cultural follower of Christ? Am I turning my life over to Christ? Is this what Christ would do? Is this Christ's mission for me? There is no time like the present to "enter" change!

Something wonderful is the supportive messages the College and Church has received from our fellow Australians from different ethnic Communities including a Moslem father who went to the trouble to PERSONALLY bring a card and arrangement and flowers to the Church saying how very upset, embarrassed and disgusted he and his family felt at the behavior of these individuals who do not reflect the attitude of the overwhelming majority of their community.

We pray for all communities at this time experiencing any form of persecution and hardship and we also pray that we can under all circumstances always respond to difficulties according to our Christian faith values.



Mons Shora Maree PP EV

Article of the Week With an 88 percent approval rating, he must be doing something right



We have come across a very interesting article about Pope Francis' approval rating in America. The article which is written by a business author Jeffrey A. Krames talks about some practices that make Pope Francis so effective. We are always accustomed to reading about his spirituality, however the following provides an interesting twist for those of us who are business minded and provides some great tips for any business leader to use. They are:

Reach out to non-customers

Peter Drucker famously noted that every organization has more non-customers than customers, and that you can learn more from the people who aren't buying your product than from those who are. At 1.2 billion adherents, the Catholic Church has what you might call a huge customer base, but Francis makes sure to reach out to non-Catholics as well, for instance by declaring that God has redeemed all of us, not just Catholics. "That simple leadership tenet may be the best way to increase market share, Krames says

2. Embracé risk.

When Francis was young, he became very ill, and the nun who tended him disobeyed the doctor's instructions and tripled his dose of antibiotics, because she knew from experience that without that higher dose he would die. "He uses that as an example of living on the frontier," Krames says. "You can't be an effective leader if you're always playing it safe, he adds. "Living on the frontier is something the pope has to do every day.

3. Reinvent your organization."Don't change--reinvent!" Krames advises. "Pope Francis is a fearless reformer. He has taken on just about every faction of the Catholic Church in order to make it a more inclusive religion."
The best leaders do the same, he adds. "They do not fear change-they know when changing a few things is not enough. They contitude in the continuous changing a lead to the same was changing global markets less." vent their organizations in an ever-changing global marketplace." 4. Be patient.

Though reinvention is essential, "Authentic change doesn't take weeks or months, it takes years," Krames says. Francis has shown by his timing that he understands this, Krames adds. "For example, it was almost his one-year anniversary before he reportedly commented that divorced and remarried people could receive Holy Communion." He knows that such paradigm changes can happen only over the long term, Krames says.

5. Get in the field.
"Francis hates any members of the clergy who sit in offices and push paper," Krames says. As a bishop in Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio (as he was then), would dress as a plain priest and go out at night to talk with people. "When he became pope he told one of his archbishops, "I can't do that anymore, so you're going to do it for me." He doesn't want a pristine church, he

wants a church that's going out in the streets to find people and help them." Likewise, Francis famously chose not to move into the papal apartments but to remain in a guest suite at the Vatican, "to live in community with others," according to a Vatican representative.

In the same way, the most effective business leaders are those who keep in touch with as many constituents as they can. Delegating is a necessary part of leadership, but don't hand off all contact with lower-level employees or customers. Otherwise, you may find yourself isolated and out of touch.

6. Listen to diverse voices.

It's much too easy for business leaders to surround themselves with like-minded advisors and leave it at that, Krames says. While that can be comfortable and efficient, it will tend to reinforce the That can be comfortable and efficient, it will tend to reinforce the status quo, which is not good for any organization over time. "What the pope has done to avoid being insular is create the Vatican Eight [V8]," Krames says. That's a group of advisors including cardinals from the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Australia, as well as Europe, plus one Vatican official. "To me, it's his board of directors," Krames says. "They're from all over the world, and they consult with him to help him make decisions. He wants to get other people's opinions." get other people's opinions.

Put the organization's goals above your own.

7. Put the organization's goals above your own.
"The qualities that help send people to the top of organizations fly in the face of humility," Krames says. "They're full of confidence and bravado, and these are not terms Pope Francis appearance of the setting your organization of the least time though setting your organization." proves of in a leader." In the long run, though, setting your organization's goals above your own will build a more powerful organization and benefit you as its leader. Krames says that's what Bergoglio did in 2005, when he was the only strong contender against Joseph Ratzinger to become pope after the death of John Paul II. Through the successive ballots papal elections often require, Bergoglio reportedly encouraged his supporters to vote for Ratzinger instead of fighting it out. "He decided that would be bad, because it would have taken extra days to decide, and he didn't think that was good for the church," Krames says.

8. Lead by example.

As Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Bergoglio recruited priests to go into the city's most dangerous slums, the villas miserias. In these places, the collar does not offer much protection; priests have been kidnapped, tortured and murdered. Still, Bergoglio often showed up unannounced to drink tea with parishioners and to support local priests. And in 2009, when one of his priests received a death threat for having spoken out against drugs in one of the villas, Bergoglio walked the streets, providing himself as a target and a dare for anyone wanting to retaliate. "They were never bothered again," Krames says.

These a just a few points that have been articulated about our Pope through the lens of a business author and are points that we can all learn from

http://www.inc.com/minda-zetlin/why-pope-francis-is-soeffective-8-lessons-for-every-leader.html

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



All this richness present in our Maronite Liturgy was uncovered by the liturgical reform started by the late Patriarch Elias Boutros Al-Hoayek (1899-1931) and completed by his successor, the late Patriarch Antoun Boutros Arida (1932-1955). This richness increased in brilliance and splendor after the convening of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), in accordance with the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (On the Sacred Liturgy), which laid the foundations for liturgical reform. Foremost among these foundations is that every sound renewal should emanate from traditional constants at the theological, ecclesial and liturgical levels, and should be open to every advancement and organic development; provided this evolution stem from a solid origin of a specific nature and is harmonious with the contemporary condition that the believing community is living "here and now."

To be continued...

Important Diocesan Events and Announcements

Patriarchal Visit to Australia 24 Oct to 7 Nov—"One Shepherd, One Flock": The Diocesan Events include:

- Arrival Night at St Maroun's Cathedral, Redfern Friday Night 24 October,
- A Welcoming Dinner: Monday 27 October at 7pm
- A Concert at the Opera House by "As Sawt Al'Atiq" Choir from Lebanon: Thurs 30 October at 8pm
- A Day Visit to the White Stone Land: Saturday 1 November
- A Youth Celebration Night: Saturday 1 November 5pm at OLOL Co Cathedral Grounds.

Maronites on Mission

Maronites on Mission will be sending a container to the Philippines in preparation for their next mission trip there in January 2015. A list of the needed items can be found on the noticeboards outside the church and includes educational, construction, medical and dental items. Any donations are welcome and can be dropped off to your local parish.



Parish Camera



Couples in group discussion during the Marriage Preparation Classes







Divine Word Family Bible Discussion on the "Cup of Life" Tuesday night presented by Mons Shora



Our Seniors enjoying the day together on Thursday prepared by the Seniors Committee

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Sunday 21st September: 1st Sunday after Holy Cross

11.00am The living and departed of Karm El Mohr for the Feast of Saint Moura

5.00pm Antonious Youssef Amine from Ardeh (died in Lebanon)

St Patrick's Mass Centre, Guildford

6.00pm 40 Day Samir Hanna Sahyoun from Kfarfou

Tuesday 22nd September:

10.00am Funeral Jamilee Barhoum Maroun wife of Samir Youssef El Laban from Kfarsghab

1.00pm Funeral Fares Salim Makhoul from El Hawch-Rachaia

6.00pm Therese Gerges Estephan from Bcharre (died in Lebanon)

Wednesday 24th September:

7.00pm 40 Day Maroun Assad Aboud from Kfarsghab

Sunday 28th September: 2nd Sunday after the Holy Cross:

11.00am 1 Year Nayfeh Gerges Assad Gerges from Karm El Mohr

5.00pm 1 Year Hanneh Youssef Ibrahim Baysarri - Beit Mellat

St Joseph the Worker Mass Centre, Auburn

11.00am 1 Year George Shahid Ghattas from Hadchit and his nephew Anthony Khalil from Blouza

قدّاسيات الأسبوع

الأحد 21 أيلول: الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

11:00 قداس على نية أحياء وأموات كرم المهر بمناسبة عيد القديسة مورا 5:00

المرحوم أنطونيوس يوسف أمين من أرده والد يولا زوجة مارون مارون من بلوزا (متوفى في لبنان)

سان باتریك Guildford 6:00أربعون المرحوم سمیر حنا صهیون من كفرفو

10.00 المرحومة جميله برهوم مارون زوجة سمير يوسف اللبن من كفرصغاب

المرحوم فارس سليم مَخُول من الحَوش راشيًا - البقاع الغربي 1.00

المرحومة تريز جرجس اسطفان من بشرّي (متوفاة في لبنان) 6.00

<u>الأربعاء 24 أبلول:</u>

أربعون المرحوم مارون أسعد عبود من كفرصغاب 7:00

28 أبلول: الأحد الثاني بعد عبد الصليب

11:00 السنة للمرحومة نايفة منصور بطرس أرملة المرحوم جرجس أسعد جرجس من

السنة للمرحومة حنة الياس البيسري زوجة يوسف إبراهيم البيسري من بيت ملات 5:00 مار يوسف العامل Auburn 11:00السنة للمرحوم جورج شهيد غطاس من حدشيت وحفيده أنطوني خليل من بلوزا



FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE



Parish Groups and Committees

Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 2 October at 8pm

Family & Adults Events

"The Life of St Padre Pio"

Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Mr Samir Bayeh Organised by Family of Divine Word Tues 23 Sept 7.30pm

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/

"What the Bible says about

false messiahs and the True Messiah" English Faith Discussion Wed 24 September at 8pm after 7pm Mass at CYPC Presented by Fr Yuhanna Azize ALL WELCOME

"How to live a happy life in a broken world" Faith Talk by International **Speaker Bill Donaghy**Sun 28th Sept 2014 8pm after 7pm Youth Mass in Church Hall

"Authentic Love & Desire"
Faith talk Presented by Guest speaker Sr. Miriam James from America for Youth, Adults & Married Couples
Tues 30 Sep at 7:30pm

Children's 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

Teens Day Out Tues 30 September at 2.30 to 9.30pm For teens are from all our Maronite Parishes. \$25 /person incl. Activities, faith talk by guest speaker **Sr. Miriam** from America on "Ch followed by dinner & dance. Tony Mattar for details on 0401 364 335

Youth Events

Blood Donation Mon 29 Sep at 5.45pm contact Myrna 0421677998 **Nursing Home Visit 28 Sept 2014** contact Josette 0447777703 **Monthly Youth Meeting: 7 Oct 14** contact Maroun 0410656099

Youth Spring Dinner Dance—Fri 26 Sep at 7:30pm Grand Royale, Granville. \$70 incl: Mezza, Dinner, Drinks and Entertainment by AMW. Sid Daher:

0403336223 Veronica El-Khoury: 0449952774

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

Email: counselling@maronitecare.org.au

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

Natural Fertility Services We offer evening appointments. For further info., please contact Nelly Azize 0430 332 888 **Ladies Fitness & Wellbeing** conact Abir 0410122999 Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am -11:30am

Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months before wedding: 9642 0211 OLOL St Vincent De Paul Conference call Kim Moussa 0424658190

Respite for Carers of People with Mental Health Issues Afife Sfeir 0449 902 314 Customer Service 1800 225 474.

Activities for Seniors

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Activities for Seniors will take place every fortnight and will include board games, knitting, painting, cooking, watching movies, etc. If you wish to bring a parent or grandparent, please call Elias Doro on 0414 495 955 or the parish office 9689-2899.

2015 OLOL Parish Pilgrimage 20th April to 8th May 2015

Commemorating the 1st anniversary of the Canonisation of Popes John XXIII & John Paul II, our parish is organising a pilgrimage to the Cathedrals and Churches of Europe. The pilgrimage includes Rome, Cascia, Padua, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Turin, Nice, Cannes, Lordes, Paris and more with option to Beirut (extra). Cost \$7,550 pp. First information meeting on 29 Sept at 7.30pm in Seniors Room. If you are interested, send an e-mail to Fr Pierre or Tina Salame at frpierre@hotmail.com or tinasalame@hotmail.com

بيان صادر عن المكتب الإعلامي في أبرشية أستراليا المارونية

بعد الحادث المؤسف الذي حصل إنهار الثلاثاء الواقع فيه ١٦ أيلول ٢٠١٤ في الشارع العام أمام كنيسة سيدة لبنان ومدرسة راهبات العائلة المقدّسة المارونيات في منطقة هاريس بارك والذي ترافق مع ضجة إعلامية كبيرة ومنعاً لردّات فعل في غير محلّها ولتوضيح ما حصل، صدر عن أبرشية أستراليا المارونية البيان الآتى:

أولاً: تدين أبرشية أستراليا المارونية وتستنكر بشدة التهديد الذي وجّهه أحد الأشخاص في سيارة مشبوهة تحمل رايةً سوداء ضد طلاب المدرسة وأبناء كنيسة سيدة لبنان.

ا**ثانياً**: لقد أصبح الحادث في عهدة السلطات الرسمية والأمنية الأسترالية التي تعمل على كشف هوية الأشخاص الذين قاموا بذلك من أجل مقاضاتهم بحسب القوانين المدنية.

ثالثاً: نطمئن الجميع في أستراليا والخارج بأنَّ الوضع لا يدعو إلى القلق أو الخوف لأن السلطات الأمنية تعمل على معالجة إ الموضوع بصورة سليمة وجدّية وحاسمة.

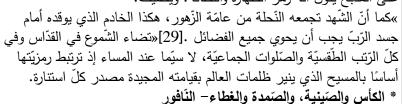
رابعاً: ندعو الجميع الى الصلاة من أجل السلام كما ندعو كل المؤمنين بلغة العنف والعدائية إلى العودة إلى لغة الحوار واللقاء من أجل بناء مجتمع إنساني أفضل. ونشدد على ضرورة احترام القوانين وعدم الانجرار الى ردّات فعل لا تخدم أحداً.

كما تشكر أبرشية أستراليا المارونيّة جميع المتصلين والمتضامنين من داخل أستراليا وخارجها ونتمنى ان يعم السلام وتنتصر لغة الحوار وأن تبقى أستراليا آمنة وأن يعود الهدوء الى مناطق النزاع في الشرق الأوسط.

لمزيد من المعلومات، الرجاء الإتصال بالمكتب الإعلامي في أبرشية أستراليا المارونية على الرقم 0210 029642 .

*الشموع والأنوار





"الليتورجيا المارونية ليتورجية الكنز الح

34.الكأس والصينيّة عنصران أساسيّان في خدمة الذبيحة الإلهيّة. من رموز الكأس أنها تدلّ على القبر والصينيّة على الحجر الذي وُضع على بابه؛ كما يُشار بالكأس إلى الصخرة التي تفجّرت منها ينابيع الخلاص فأروت الشعب العطشان، والصينيّة إلى السَّلُ التي وضع فيها موسى خبز الحياة الذي أعطاه الله لشعبه في البرية[30]. ترمز »الصمدة «التي تُهيّأ عليها القرابين إلى الكفن الذي لُفّ به جسد الرّبّ في القبر ،والنافوران الصّغيران لتغطية الكأس والصّينية، يرمزان إلى المنديل الذي لُفُّ به رأس الرّبِّ. والنّافور الكبير الذي يُغطيّ الكلّ يرمز إلى مجد الرّبّ وإلى احتجابه تحت شكلًى الخبز والخمر [31].

35. يرمز البخور إلى المسيح الذي »بذل نفسَه لأجلنا قربانًا وذبيحةً لله طيّبةَ الرّائحة «(أف5: 2). فصار تعبيرًا عن الصّلاة التي نرفعُها لله:»التُّقَم صلاتي كالبخور أمامك «(مز 140: 2)، وعن صلوات القدّيسين، كما جاء في رؤيا يوحنًا: »رأيت الأربعة والعشرين شيخًا يقدِّمون جاماتِ من ذهب ممتلئةً بخورًا وهي صلواتُ القدّيسين «(رؤيا 5: 8).

يُقدَّم البخور لله إكرامًا وصلاة. لذلك يقولُ الكاهن عند وضع البخور في المبخرة مباركًا: »لمجد الثَّالوث الأقدس واكرامه«؛ وعندما يُبخِّر المؤمنين، فليحنوا رؤوسهم، ويرفعوا بقلوبهم صلاة تمجيد وشكر لله لأنَّه، بصلاة الغفران، نقَّاهم من خطاياهم وقدَّسهم له. فلا يجوز ، في أي حالة، عدم استعمال البخور ، حسب ما يقتضيه الاحتفال الليتورجيّ، وتجنّب ما يخالف ذلك.

يُشار بالمبخرة إلى السيّدة العذراء التي قبلته في حشاها البريء من الدّنس ولم تحترقْ من حرارة لاهوته. وبسلاسل المبخرة يُشار إلى الأقانيم الثلاثة المتساوية في الجوهر والقدرة والجودة. وبالحلقة التي تجتمع بها السلاسل، إلى الطّبيعة الإلهيّة الواحدة بثلاثة أقانيم. أمّا في كيفيّة التبخيرخلال الإحتفالات الليتورجيّة، يجب، توحيدًا للعمل اللّيتورجي في كلّ كنائسنا المارونيّة، التقيّد بإرشادات الكتب الطُّقسيَّة، محافظةً على الرّمزيّة والمشاركة الواعية.

البطريرك مار بشاره بطرس الراعى الكلى الطوبي

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) Fr Elias Ayoub, Antoun Azar, Chafika Raymond Anjoul(B)<u>Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni</u>, Hanane, Wahibe & Mounir El Bazouni, Youssef & Laure Barakat (C) (D) (E) (F)(G) <u>Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George</u>, (H) Sara George Hawi, Tansa, Diab & Diby Hawi, Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph, Anis Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil <u>Haddad</u>, Wadiaa Youssef Hadi (I) (K) <u>Naim Khattar & George Khattar</u>, Charbel & Bassem Khoury, Nehme & Eugene Khattar, May Khattar (]) (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Zahra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Lichaa & Youssef Malkoun (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira, (R) Milia Bou Raidan,

<u>Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos & son Joseph, (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, George Sakr,</u>

Souls in Purgatory (T) Boutros Tartak and his wife and children, Christophe Tartak (W) Jamil Wehbe & Barbara <u>Wehbe, (Y)</u> (Z) Mantoura El Zaouk

استودع ما سمعته مِنّى أناساً أمناع



يكتبُ بولس الرسول بقلبٍ عَيورٍ على البشارة بإنجيل يسوع المسيح، فيحُثَّ طيموتاوس على الشهادةِ لها بالرغم من التحدّيات الكثيرة والألم والمشقّات. فطيموتاوسَ جُندي بَطل، والأبطال وحدهُم ينالون إكليل الظّفَر، من الله ضامن الإنتصار.

الله البنين، وهكذا دوالَيك حتّى "يصيرَ اللهُ الكُلَّ في الكُلَ". | 2- تسلَّمتُ ما سلَّمتُهُ البِكُم: التسلَّم والتسليم هُما القبولُ والعطاء.

2<u>- تسلَّمتُ ما سلَّمتُهُ البكُم</u>: التسلُّم والتسليم هُما القبولُ والعطاء. فالمؤمِن يَقبَلُ الإيمان ويُعطيه، ولا يَفعَلُ بِه كصاحِب الوزنة الواحدة الذي دفَنَ العطيَّة في الأرض، مُهمِلاً ما قدَّمهُ إليه سيِّدُه. مِمَّن يَقبل وإلى مَن يُعطي؟ مِن الكنيسة المؤتمنة على الإنجيل، وإلى الكنيسة المدعوَّة إلى عيشِ الإنجبل والعالم.

م المسالة الأولى إلى قورنش، يُشيرُ بولس ويُفسِّر مسألَة التسَلُّم والتسليم في مكانَين: ألأوَّل في الفصل الحادي عشر حيث يقول في موضوع الإفخارستيّا: "فأَنا تسلَّمتُ مِنَ الربِّ ما سلَّمتُهُ اليكُم..." والثاني في الفصل الخامس عشر، حيثُ يَقول: "إنّي سَلَّمتُ اللِّيكُم أَوَّلاً ما أَنا تسلَّمتُهُ، وهوَ أَنَّ المسيحَ ماتَ مِن أَجلِ خطايانا كما جاءَ في الكُتُب".

تسلَّم بولُس وديعة الإِفخارستيَّا والإِنجيل من الرّب، لا مِن مصدر آخر، ولا مِن أَفواهِ كاذِبَة، وسلَّمها إلى الكنيسة لتشهد لها. ومع وديعة الإفخارستيًّا والإِنجيل من الرّب، لا مِن مصدر آخر، ولا مِن أَفواهِ كاذِبَة، وسلَّمها إلى فيلِبِّي: وما تعلَّمتموه وبَلَقيتموه وسمَعتموه والإِنجيل، سلَّم الكنيسة سيرة حياتِه مِثالاً. فسيرة حياة بولُس، هي للكنيسة مثالٌ يُحتذى،على ما كتبَه إلى فيلِبِّي: وما تعلَّمتموه وبَلَقيتموه وسمَعتموه مِنِّي، ورأيتموه فيَّ، فإيّاه اعملوا".

3- جِهادُ الجندي الأمين: إنَّ قبول الإيمان وتسليمه، أَمرٌ بِحاجَةٍ إلى جِهادٍ متواصِلٍ وتَعَبٍ وكَدّ. إلى جِهاد الجندي الصالِح الأَمين والمُصارِع البَطل والمَارِث الصَبور، وليسَ كُلُ مسيحيٍّ مؤمِن. فالجنديُ الصالِح هو الذي والحارِث الصَبور، وليسَ كُلُ مسيحيٍّ مؤمِن. فالجنديُ الصالِح هو الذي يكونُ أَميناً في خدمتهِ لِما تُمليهِ عليهِ القيادة، والمُصارِعُ البَطلُ هو الذي " يُصارِع بِحَسَبِ الأُصولِ"، والحارِثُ الأَمين هو الذي، لا يزرَعُ وحسب، وإنمّا يصبرُ على الزرع كي يَنموَ ويكبُرَ وينضئمُ فَينالُ النصيبَ الأَوَّلَ مِنَ النَّمر والتهنئة، لا مِنَ النَّاس بل من الله؛ فالنَّاسُ يَميلونَ إلى هذا وذاك بِحسَبِ حُكاكِ آذانِهم ومصالِحهُم الشّخصية ومنافعهم الخاصّة، أمَّا الله، ضامِنُ الإنتصار، فهوَ "لا يُحابي الوجوه".

إذاً، علَى مَن يُجاهِد أَن يُجاهِد بحسبِ الأَصول التي أَمرَ بِها الربّ، واستودَعها كنيستهُ. ففي الكنيسة نحنُ خاضعونَ لإلهامات الروح القُدُس الذي يُحرِّكُ فينا القولَ والفِعلَ والفِكر لِما فيه خيرنا الشخصي وخير الجماعة-الكنيسة وخير البشرية جمعاء.

ُ هُنَاكُ اليوم، ميلٌ لَجعلُ الإيمانِ مسْأَلَة شُخصية تخصُّ الفُرد وحده ولا علاَقَةَ للكَنيسَةِ بِها. ولقد شهدنا في الآونة الأخيرة اتَّجاهاً يُقلِّلُ من شأن الكنيسة، ويتمثَّلُ في مقولَة:" نَعَم ليسوع –لا للكنيسة". وقد برَزَ هذا الأمر في موقف العديد من المسيحيين الذي يعتبرون أنَّ الصلاة الفردية وحدها كافية للخلاص، وذلك دون الحاجة إلى الإشتراك في الإفخارستيا التي ربط بها يسوع الخلاص، مُتخطّين بذلك تعليم الربِّ نفسه الذي أسَّسَ الكنيسة وجعلها "عمود الحقّ ورُكِنه".

الإيمان الحقيقي هو ذاك المبنيِّ "على أساسِ الرُسُئِلِ والأنبياءِ، والمَسيحُ يَسوعُ نَفسُهُ هوَ حجَرُ الزَّاوِيَةِ"،"وما مِنْ أحدٍ يُمكِنُه أَنْ يَضعَ أساسًا آخَرَ غيرَ الأساسِ الموضوع، وهو يَسوعُ المَسيح". إذا مَن يُجاهِد فليُجاهِد بِحسَبِ قانون الجهاد، لا بحسبِ قانونِه الخاصّ، وليبني حياتَهُ وإيمانه على هذا الأساس الموضوع، لكي ينال الغلَبة و إكليل الظَفَر.

صلاة ربّي، سلَّمتنا إنجيلَك! فماذا فعلنا بإنجيلِكَ؟!. أعطِنا النِّعمة والجَلَدَ لنكونَ كما تُريدُ مِنّا أن نكون: جنوداً صالحين، وأبطالاً أمناء في جِهاد الشهادة لبشارتِك الخلاصية حتّى الرّمَقِ الأخير. آمين

"إن الشجاعة باعترافنا بأننا خطأة تمكننا من أننال المغفرة"



"إن الشجاعة باعترافنا بأننا خطأة تمكننا من أننال المغفرة" هذا ما شدد عليه البابا فرنسيس في عظته الصباحية من دار القديسة مارتا في الفاتيكان. تمحورت عظة الأب الأقدس حول إنجيل اليوم عن المرأة الخاطئة التي غسلت رجلي يسوع بدموعها ومسحتهما بالطيب بشعرها. "دعي يسوع الى منزل الفريسي وحين اقترب المرأة من يسوع قال الفريسي في نفسه "لو كانَ هذا الرَّجُلُ نَبِيًّا، لَعَلِمَ مَن هِيَ المَرأَةُ الَّتي تَلْمِسُه وما حالُها: إِنَّها خاطِئَة" فهو لم يعي أهمية ما كانت من هي المَرأة التي تَلْمِسُه وما حالُها: إِنَّها خاطِئَة" فهو لم يعي أهمية ما كانت

برأي البابا، وبحسب نمط الحياة الذي كان يعيشه ذاك الفريسي نسي كيف تحنو المرأة على طفلها أم كيف تحنو الجدة على أحفادها وتلاطفهم، ففي عقليته وأفكاره وحياته، بحيث كان مستشار الفريسيين، نسي الحركات الأولوية للحياة، تلك الملاطفات التي أغدقها علينا أهلنا عندما ولدنا. تتبه يسوع للأمر ووبخ الفريسي بتواضع، وحبًا منه خلاص الجميع شرح له ما قامت به المرأة وما لم يفعله هو من أجله من باب

اللياقة، ثم نظر الى المرأة وقال لها: "مغفورة لك خطاياك، إيمانك خلصك فاذهبي بسلام."

هذا ووضح الأب الأقدس أن يسوع تلفظ بتلك الكلمات للمرأة الخاطئة لأنها استطاعت أن تبكي خطاياها وتعترف بأنها خاطئة وكأنها قالت له: أنا خاطئة!" هو لم يقل الأمر نفسه لأولئك الذين لا يعتبرون أنفسهم خطأة بل يقول "أنت مخلص، أنت بأمان" فقط للذين يفتحون قلوبهم ويعترفون بأنهم خطأة، فالخلاص يدخل قلوبنا فقط حين نفتحها على حقيقة خطايانا.

عاد البابا وأكد أن المكان الأنسب للقائنا بيسوع هو في خطيئتنا وهنا ذكّر بما قاله القديس بولس أنه يفتخر بخطاياه وبالمسيح القائم من الموت الذي خلصه. لهذا السبب فإن تمكنا من الاعتراف بخطيئتنا والبؤس الذي نعيش فيه سيفتح أمامنا الباب الذي يقودنا لننال مغفرة الرب وحنوّه فيقول لنا" إذهب بسلام إيمانك خلصك لأنك كنت شجاعًا بما يكفي إنفتح قلبك للوحيد الذي بإماكنه أن يخلصك."

خُتم الحبر الْأَعظم عظته بكلمات يسوع للمرائين: "الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الْعَشَّارِينَ وَالزَّوَانِيَ يَسْبِقُونَكُمْ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ"، إنها لكلمات قوية لأن الذي يشعرون بأنهم خطأة، يفتحون قلبهم ويعترفون بخطاياهم ليلتقوا يسوع الذي بذل نفسه عنا جميعًا. www.zenit.com

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يا إِخوتي، أَنتَ يا ابْنِي، تَشَدَدْ بِالنَّعْمَةِ الَّتي في المَسِيحِ يَسُوع. ومَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي بِحُضُورِ شُهُودٍ كَيْرِين، إِسْتَقودِعْهُ أَناسًا أُمَنَاء، جَدِيرِينَ هُم أَيْضًا بِأَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا غَيْرَهُم. شَارِكْنِي في احْتِمَالِ المَشْقَاتِ كَجُنْدِيٍّ صَالِحٍ لِلمَسِيحِ يَسُوع. ومَا مِنْ جُنْدِيٍّ يَنْهَمِكُ في الأُمُورِ المَعِيشِيَّة، إِذَا أَرادَ أَنْ يُرْضِيَ مَنْ جَنَّدَهُ. ومَنْ يُصَارِعُ لا يَنَالُ إِكْلِيلاً إِلاَّ إِذَا صَارَعَ بِحَسَبِ ومَنْ يُصَارِعُ لا يَنَالُ إِكْلِيلاً إِلاَّ إِذَا صَارَعَ بِحَسَبِ الأَصُول. والحَارِثُ الَّذي يَتْعَبُ لَهُ الحَقُ بالنَّصِيبِ الْأُولِ مِنَ النَّمَر. تأمَّلُ في مَا أَقُول: والرَّبُ سَيُعْطِيكَ الْأَوْل: والرَّبُ سَيُعْطِيكَ فَهُمَا في كُلِّ شَيْء! تَذَكَّرْ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ الَّذِي قَامَ مِنْ بَينِ الأَمُوات، وهُوَ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُد، بِحَسَبِ

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صلاة الأسبوع

انجيلِي.

ربي وإلهي ... يا مَن تعبتَ لِتُعلَّمنا، يا ليتنا نُريحك ونُمجّدك بأن نغسل أرجل بعضنا البعض، نتعب مِن أجلهم وأجل خلاصهم: نحمل همومهم ويحملون همومنا، نساعد المحتاج/المُتعبين بكل ما أوتي لنا مِن النعم المادية والروحية والمعنوية، نخفف مِن حِدة التجارب، نغفر ونُحب ... يا رب، أنت وحدك غايتنا. أعطنا يا رب قلوبًا تُشابه قلبك الأقدس مُحب ووديع ومتواضع وخدوم غير مكترث للتعب الجسدي والمعنوي، ولك الشكر على الدوام،



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من أقوالهم...

"لا سماءً إلاّ بالصليب، روحي وقلبي في الصليب ."

الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب

قَالَ مَرْقُسُ الْبَشِيرِ: دَنَا مِنْ يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا، البنا زَبدَى ، وقَالا لَهُ: "يَا مُعَلِّم، نُريدُ أَنْ تَصنعَ لَنَا كُلَّ ما نَسْأَلُكَ". فقَالَ لَهُمَا: "مَاذَا تُرِيدَان أَنْ أَصْنَعَ لَكُمَا؟". قالا لَهُ: "أَعْطِنَا أَنْ نَجْلِسَ في مَجْدِكَ، واحِدٌ عَن يَمِينِكَ، ووَاحِدٌ عَنْ يسَاركَ". فقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوع: "إنَّكُمَا لا تَعْلَمَان مَا تَطْلُبَان: هَلْ إِنَّسْنَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُها أَنَا؟ أَو أَنْ تَتَعَمَّدَا أبالمَعْمُوديَّةِ الَّتِي أَتَعَمَّدُ بِهَا أَنَا؟". قالا لَهُ: "نَسْتَطِيع". فَقَالَ ً لَهُمَا يَسُوع: "أَلْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَشْرَبُها سَتَشْرَبَانِها، والمَعْمُودِيَّةُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَنَعَمَّدُ بِهَا ستَتَعَمَّدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الجُلُوسُ عَنْ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فلَيْسَ لِي أَنْ أَمْنَحَهُ إِلاَّ لِلَّذِينَ أُعِدَّ لَهُم". ولَمَّا سَمِعَ العَشَرَةُ الآخَرُونِ، بَدَأُوا يَغْتَاظُونَ مِنْ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا. فدَعَاهُم يَسُوعُ إِلَيْهِ وقَالَ لَهُم: "تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذينَ ا يُعْتَبَرُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الأُمَمِ يَسُودُونَهُم، وَعُظَمَاءَ هُم يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِم. أَمَّا أَنْتُم فَلَيْسَ الأَمْرُ بَيْنَكُم هَكَذا، بَلْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُم عَظِيمًا، فلْيَكُنْ لَكُم خَادِمًا. ومَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الأَوَّلَ بِيْنَكُم، فَلْيَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِلْجَمِيع؛ لأَنَّ ابْنَ الإِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَأْتِ لِيُخْدَم، بَلْ لِيَخْدُم، ويَيْذُلَ نَفْسَهُ فِداءً عَنْ كَثِيرين". وقالَ لَهُم يَسُوع: "أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ القَائِمِينَ هُنا لَنْ يَذُوقُوا المَوْت، حَتَّى يَرَوا مَلَكُوتَ اللهِ وقَدْ أَتَى بقُوَّة". (مر 45-10/35)

قدّاسات يوم الأحد

كنيسة سيدة لبنان – هاريس بارك 8:00 (عربي)، 9:30 (إنكليزي)، 9:30 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 9:30 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 9:30 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 9:30 بنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفور9:30 بالكليزي) مراكز قداس 9:30 بنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفور9:30 بالكليزي) مراكز قداس 9:30 بالكليزي، الكليزي، الكلي، الكلي، ا

الإِتْتين – الجمعة 7:00، 8.45، صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً، الأربعاء 8.45،7:00 صباحاً و 5:30؛ 7:00 مساءً (انكليزي) السبت 7:30 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً **الإعترافات**

مؤمنّة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة 6:00 مساءً وقدّاسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع ساعات السجود : كل يوم خميس 8:00 - 9:00 مساءً 24 ساعة سجود أمام القربان: كل أول جمعة من الشهر من الساعة 9:30 صباحاً لغاية السبت 7:30 صباحاً