

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 16 | Sunday 19 February 2023 | Cana Sunday: Entrance into the Great Lent

"Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come" Jn 2: 1-11



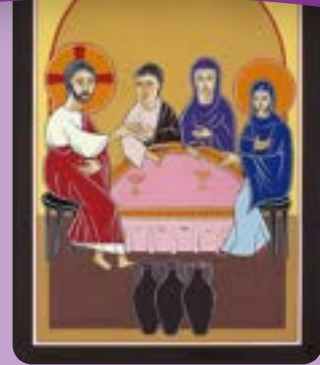
Season of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

Great Lent begins on **Ash Monday 20 Feb 2023** Mass times as followed: **6am, 7am, 9am, 10:45am, 5pm & 7pm**
We need to be ready to spend at least 25 minutes at Church.

Fridays of Lent

There will be no 6pm Mass. Rather, Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayers and Adoration of the Cross in **Arabic at 5:45pm & English at 8pm.**



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Isa 55: 1,6-13

Rom 14: 14-23 | Jn 2: 1-11

Message from the Bishop

Golden Jubilee Year - Cana Sunday

Brothers and Sisters,

With Cana Sunday, we enter into the Season of Great Lent in our Maronite Church, a time for us to pause, reflect on our lives and strengthen our relationship with God and with others.

In his Lenten message for 2023, our Maronite Patriarch, His Eminence and Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, reminds us of the Lord's words that "man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt 4:4) With this answer, the Lord teaches us that we are in need of 2 types of nourishment: one for our physical bodies and another for our spiritual soul. They are both needed to sustain us.

The need for food and physical nourishment is now, more than ever, a necessity for many of our own people in Lebanon and in many parts of the world. The political, economic, and social crises, as well as wars and natural disasters have left many hungry and unable to provide their basic necessities. The Patriarch reminds us that "The time of Great Lent puts each of us in a state of duty to help our brothers and sisters out of justice, solidarity and responsibility. Fasting itself includes charity, which is the sharing of what we have with those who are in need, whether it is a lot or a little."

Our Eparchy is holding an appeal to support families in Lebanon with charitable boxes and envelopes available at the church doors. Aware that families in Australia are also feeling some financial strain due to the rising cost of living, we thank you for any support or donation you can make to families in need in Lebanon.

The second necessary nourishment is "every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). His Holiness Pope Francis speaks about the duty to listen to the word of God, because by hearing it, we repent and change the course of our lives, our actions and our point of view (January 22, 2023). His Holiness affirmed that the word of God is for everyone and it is our duty to make sure that the word of God is shared, proclaimed and put at the centre of our lives.

When Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, he was in a state of

prayer. Fasting necessitates prayer, in order for a person to be open to the word of God and listen to it with their heart. It is by listening to the word of God that we can be filled with love for others and carry out acts of charity. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving go together in our Lenten journey.

Lenten Penitential Practices

In regards to the Lenten penitential practices for the Maronites, and in accordance with the guidelines released by His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, the recommended practices are summarised below:

- Fasting from midnight to midday on all weekdays from Ash Monday to the Saturday of Light (8 April): no food or drink is to be consumed, with the exception of water;
- Abstaining from consuming meat and dairy on the Fridays of Lent; and throughout the first and last week of Lent (Holy Week);
- Fasting and Abstinence on Saturdays and Sundays are not an obligation, with the exception of the Saturday of Light (Easter Saturday), where fasting and abstinence are to be observed;
- In 2023, the following feast days fall within the Lenten Season: St John Maroun (2 March), The Forty Martyrs (9 March), St Joseph (19 March), St Rafqa (23 March), The Annunciation (25 March). We do not fast or abstain on these feast days.

It is important to note that food and water are always permitted when needed to take medicines or in case of illness or old age or school children. A person who cannot fast or abstain may choose another form of penance.

I pray that this Lent is filled with spiritual blessings. May the words we hear on Ash Monday "you are dust and to dust you shall return" be our constant reminder over these coming 40 days that this world is passing. Every action we do here on earth is a preparation for eternal life in heaven.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Ar)
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:
Mon - Sat
8:30am (Arabic) | 7pm (English)

Divine Mercy followed by

Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

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Mercy in sacrifice

Lent is the most favorable Liturgical Season of the year, for renewal and conversion of our hearts and minds, for the redirection of our paths back to the original source of our creation and very existence. It's normal to think of Lent as a time of sacrifice and offering, but let's also consider these 40 days as an opportunity to gain and to receive so much more than we give. After all, it is in giving that we receive...and the same applies to "mercy".

When we practice our Lenten fast throughout this Season, let's not forget that it's not what goes into our mouths that causes us to sin, but rather, our words and deeds, or lack of deeds. Sacrifice also consists in 'giving of ourselves' to others – whether it be our time, talent, or possessions. In doing so, it must be with humility of heart and purity of intention. Giving of ourselves without counting the cost, without mentioning the inconvenience, and without reminding our neighbor how little they deserve our mercy or kindness. Jesus reminds us that "freely you have received, and freely you must give." Therefore, the essence of our giving is in itself merciful love.

Our fasting or acts of kindness should not be made in order to gain recognition or praise for ourselves, but with the intention of reparation (offering penances) and showing mercy to our neighbor. Naturally, when we hear the word 'sacrifice' we think of pain and loss. On the contrary, if we truly love the Lord with all our heart and with all our mind, then we would understand that the

true meaning of love IS sacrifice. Keeping this in mind, we no longer complain when confronted with inconvenience, discomfort or frustrations of every kind.

Jesus is the role model of how we must show love and mercy toward our neighbor, with compassion and empathy. To show mercy in sacrificing ourselves for others, we would be wise to follow the gentle words of our Blessed Mother: "Do whatever He tells you."

Before this Season of renewal is over, ask yourself: "Have I shown mercy to one who is seeking forgiveness, or do I harbor grudges? Have I given of myself with purity of intention, or to gain reward?" Each of us will receive the same amount of mercy as we dispense. Let us be generous in giving.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

In what way is God the truth?

ANSWER

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is "light, and in him there is no darkness" (1 John 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world "to bear witness to the Truth" (John 18:37).



UPCOMING EVENTS

BLOOD
donations

FEBRUARY 2023

To book a time that best suits you:
Contact Elana on 0466 283 883

Rosehill Blood Service

Funfact: O negative blood is considered a 'universal blood type, because it can be given to anyone

OLOL Vocations Group

"Come follow Me" - Mt 4:19

Do you feel called to serve the Lord?
Do you feel a calling to the Priesthood?

8PM Stations of the Cross & Evening Prayer
Friday 3rd March 2023

Contact: Joseph Khoury 0405 122 064

First Holy Communion

PREPARATION CLASSES FOR THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 HAVE STARTED EVERY WEDNESDAY

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED
10th of JUNE, 10:00 am / 5:00 pm

Please keep our little children in your prayer

To Register for 2024 Holy Communion, please visit: holysacramentsofola.org.au

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 19 February:

Cana Sunday: Entrance into the Great Lent

9:30am One year Mass for the Late Sam Abraham Saide from Debel

Monday 20 February:

Ash Monday

6:00am Rite of Blessing of the Ashes

7:00am & 9:00am Mass and Rite of Blessing of the Ashes

10:45am MCHF Mass and Rite of Blessing of the Ashes

5:00pm & 7:00pm Mass and Rite of Blessing of the Ashes

Tuesday 21 February:

6:00pm The late Youssef Boulos Abdallah from Ehden Zgharta (died in Lebanon)

Wednesday 22 February:

11:30am Mass followed by Lenten Lunch

Friday 24 February:

Masses 7:00am & 9:00am

5:45pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Procession (Arabic)

8:00pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Procession (English)

Saturday 25 February:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Maryanne Wahib Maroun from Sebel wife of Tony Khoury Samiya from Kfarsghab

Sunday 26 February:

Sunday of the Leper

8:00am One Year Mass for the late Yvette Mikhael Doueichi from Zgharta widow of the late Habib Badwi Zeaiter from Bane

9:30am One Year Mass for the late Salem Wadih Chamoun from Zahle

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Marie Homsy widow of the Late Elias Abi Ragi from Arabet Kozhaya

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Elie Esber from Beirut

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 12/02/2023

Plates: \$13,510 | **Donations:** \$400 | **Candles:** \$247

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,500,048

UNITS: \$1,154,374

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$35,798 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$11,745 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



One day there was a _____ in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started to run out of _____ at the wedding banquet, his mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." She then told the _____ to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There were some water _____ there which held about twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the pots with _____." And they filled them to the brim.

"Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of the banquet," Jesus said.

When the master of the banquet tasted it, the water had been _____ to wine. He was amazed at how good it tasted. "Most people serve the _____ wine first and when the guests have had to much to drink, they bring out the _____ wine; but you have saved the best until last!"

John 2:1-11 (Paraphrased)

best	cheap	servants	wedding
changed	pots	water	wine

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH



What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

Last Friday to Sunday

The youth of OLOL and St Joseph's came together for a pre-Lenten retreat. It was a weekend filled with Mass, spiritual talks and reflections, some fun activities, Adoration and getting to meet new people. It was a beautiful weekend to prepare our hearts in time for the season of Lent

Last Saturday

The Sodality of the Immaculate Conception at OLOL organised a fundraising dinner party to raise funds for the parish's Solar System Project.

A big thank you to all the Organisers, Donors & Sponsors. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the dinner and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

May Our Lady Bless you and your families

Last Sunday

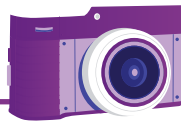
The OLOL Family Committee together with the Maronite Teens committee hosted a family picnic day at a local park in Rydalmere. There was a cool summer breeze, good food, fun activities for the young and old and everyone in between. Such a great turn out and happy faces and smiles everywhere! Such a blessing to have a fun filled Parish Family Day! Thank you to all who made it possible and we thank Our Lord for His abundant graces

On Tuesday

The FDW gathered for their weekly talk. Fr Alain led our talk, and we explored on the topic "keep my commandments in your heart".

We should keep His commandments in our heart and not forget them because they are the key to eternal life that leads us to the heavenly kingdom.

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return"

ASH MONDAY MASSES

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

6 AM RITE OF BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

7 AM, 9 AM MASS & RITE OF BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

10.45 AM MCHM MASS & RITE OF BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

5:00 PM MASS & RITE OF BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES

7:00 PM MASS & RITE OF BLESSING & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ASHES, CELEBRATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP ANTOINE-CHARBEL TARABY

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral | 40 Alice St, Harris Park NSW 2150

A Journey with Jesus towards resurrection
مسيرة مع المسيح نحو القيامة

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

Lenten

Weekly Program

Monday: 9:30 pm | Rosary

Tuesday: 7:30 pm | Arabic Bible Study

Wednesday: 11:30 am | Mass followed by Lenten Lunch
8 pm | English Bible Study

Thursday: 8 pm | Adoration

Friday: 5:45 pm in Arabic & 8 pm in English
Stations for The Cross, Evening Prayer & Ziyeh Al Salib.

Saturday: Fersen Al Adra & Teens Meetings

Sunday: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 5 pm & 7 pm - Divine Liturgy - Mass

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Every Wednesday During Lent
كل يوم أربعاء خلال الصوم

Lenten Lunch

غداء صيامي

ندعوكم أخوية كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان كل يوم أربعاء خلال فترة الصوم الساعة ١١:٣٠ لقداس يليه غداء صيامي متنوع في قاعة الرعية أكثر من ٤٠ صنف مأكولات صيامية وجودكم يفرحنا

\$10 للشخص الواحد يعود ربح هذا العمل لمساعدة عائلات محتاجة في لبنان

The Ladies of the Sodality of Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral invite you to a Lenten Lunch of over 30 dishes every Wednesday during Lent, 11:30am Mass followed by lunch in the Church Hall

\$10 donation per person. All funds raised goes to help poor families in Lebanon

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral - 40 Alice St, Harris Park NSW 2150 - Ph: 02 9689 2099 - www.olo.org.au

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٩ شباط:

أحد مدخل الصوم: آية عرس قانا الجليل
٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم سام إبراهيم صغيد من دبل

الاثنين ٢٠ شباط:

إثنين الرماد

٦:٠٠ صباحاً رتبة تبريك الرماد

٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً قداس ورتبة تبريك الرماد

١٠:٤٥ صباحاً MCHF قداس ورتبة تبريك الرماد

٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً قداس ورتبة تبريك الرماد

الثلاثاء ٢١ شباط:

٦:٠٠ المرحوم الأستاذ يوسف بولس عبدالله من إهدن زغرنا (متوفي في لبنان)

الأربعاء ٢٢ شباط:

١١:٣٠ قداس على نية المرضى والعائلات يليه غداء صيامي

الجمعة ٢٤ شباط:

القداسات ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً

٥:٤٥ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (عربي)

٨:٠٠ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (إنكليزي)

السبت ٢٥ شباط:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة مريان وهيب مارون من سبعل زوجة طوني الخوري سميا من كفر صغاب

الأحد ٢٦ شباط:

أحد شفاء الأبرص

٨:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة إيفات مخايل دويهي من زغرنا أرملة المرحوم حبيب البدوي زعيتر من بان

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم سالم وديع شمعون من زحلة

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ماري حمصي أرملة المرحوم الياس أبي راجي من عربة قزحيا

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم إيلي إسبر من بيروت

قانون الصوم للعام ٢٠٢٣ في الكنيسة المارونية

الصيام

هو الإمتناع عن الطعام من نصف الليل حتى الظهر، مع إمكانية شرب الماء فقط: من إثنين الرماد (٢٠ شباط) حتى سبت النور (٨ نيسان)، باستثناء:

الأعياد التالية: مار يوحنا مارون (٢ آذار)، الأربعون شهيداً (٩ آذار)، مار يوسف (١٩ آذار)، بشارة العذراء (٢٥ آذار)؛ وشفيح الرعية؛ - باستثناء السبت والأحد من كل أسبوع؛ بحسب تعليم القوانين الرسولية (سنة ٣٨٠). ففي السبت تذكّر الخلق، وفي الأحد تذكّر القيامة.

- سبت النور " لأنّ اليوم الذي كان فيه الخالق تحت الشرى، لا يحسن الإبتهاج والعيد، فالخالق يفوق جميع خلأقه في الطبيعة والإكرام."

القطاعة

هي الإمتناع عن أكل اللحم والبيض طيلة الأسبوع الأول من الصوم؛ وأسبوع الآلام، وفي كلّ يوم جمعة على مدار السنة؛ ما عدا الفترة الواقعة بين عيد الفصح والعنصرة، والميلاد والدنح، والأعياد الليتورجية الواجبة فيها المشاركة بالقداس الإلهي مثل: الميلاد، والغطاس، وتقدمة المسيح إلى الهيكل، ومار مارون، ومار يوسف، والصعود، والرسولين بطرس وبولس، وتجلي الرب، وانتقال العذراء إلى السماء، وارتفاع لصليب، وجميع القديسين، والجل بلا دنس، وعيد شفيح الرعية.

الإعفاء

يُعفى من الصوم والقطاعة على وجده عام المرضى والعجزة الذين يفرض عليهم واقعههم الصحي تناول الطعام ليتقووا وخصوصاً أولئك الذين يتناولون الأدوية المرتبطة بأمراضهم المزمنة والذين هم في أوضاع صحية خاصّة ودقيقة، بالإضافة إلى المرضى الذين يخضعون للاستشفاء المؤقت أو الدوري. ومعلوم أن الأولاد يبدأون الصوم في السنة التي تلي قربانهم الأولى؛ مع اعتبار أوضاعهم في أيام الدراسة.

هؤلاء المعفون من شريعة الصوم والقطاعة مدعوون للاكتفاء بفطور قليل كافٍ لتناول الدّواء، أو لمتابعة لدروس إذا كانوا تلامذة وطلاباً. المعفون مدعوون للتعويض بأعمال خير ورحمة ومحبة .

ليس بالخير وحده يحيا الإنسان (متى ٤: ٤)

رسالة الصوم الثالثة عشرة - لصاحب الغبطة والنيافة الكردينال مار بشارة بطرس الراعي بطريرك انطاكية وسائر المشرق - بركي ٢٠٢٣

الصوم ليس موضة قديمة



زمن الصوم هو زمن توبة واستعداد لعيد الفصح في آن.

وطوال اسابيع الصوم، وقبل الدخول في اسبوع الآلام، تتوالى المحطات فتتوقف الآحاد على اهم الآيات: قانا الجليل والابرس والنازمة والابن الضال والمخلع والاعمى ... وتتألق الاسابيع بالصوم والصلاة واعمال التوبة:

فيبدأ الصوم يوم الاثنين برتبة المسامحة والرماد وينتهي بسبت لعازر، وتتوالى صلوات الصليب في دروب وزياحات وسجديات وفي الدعوة لحمل الصليب واتباع المعلم.

هل تعرف اننا لسنا معفيين من الصوم؟

وهل تعرف ان القطاعة ما زالت دارجة؟

وهل تعرف ان القداس ليسوا افضل منا في العبادة ومحبة الله وفي القداسة اذا اردنا؟

وهل تعرف ان كل شيء عادة حتى العبادة وان هذه العادة لا يجوز ان تُدفن، لأنها وسيلة رائعة للمحافظة الدائمة على الاخلاق والبر والاستقامة وطريق اكيد نحو الله؟ وهل تعرف انه بالرغم من اشغالك يمكنك ان تخصص الوقت الكافي لعلاقتك الشخصية مع الله؟

من هنا، تتغير الموضة ويتقدّم العلم والطب والتكنولوجيا ولكن حاجة الانسان الى الله واحدة منذ الإزل والى الابد. الصوم ليس موضة قديمة فنحن اليوم ايضا بحاجة الى الله، بحاجة الى تنقية ذواتنا ومصالحة اخوتنا والاتحاد بربنا. الصوم ما زال فريضة وإن غير ملزمة.

وزمن الصوم هو فرحتنا، والترتب والصلوات التي تقدّمها لنا الكنيسة خلال هذه الفترة هي وسائل فعّالة لمساعدتنا على عيش جوهر الصوم. "بالصوم يُفتح باب السماء ... من صام يُمنح ملك العلاء"



صلاة

في أحد آية عرس قانا الجليل، أظهر الربّ مجده وآمن به تلاميذه.

في مطلع هذا الصيام المبارك، أعطنا يا ربّ أن نؤمن بك إيمان التلاميذ منتبّهين ونسير معك وإن شئت فنموت معك ولك وبك، عن كلّ شهواتنا وميولنا، لأننا نؤمن بأننا سنقوم معك وبهذا نردد مع بولس: "لأنّكم نمات النهار كله".

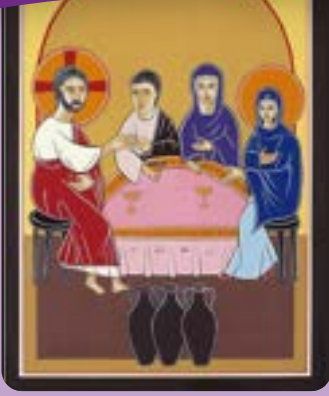
إجعل ياربّ هذا الزمن، زمن الصوم، أن يحزّرنّا من كلّ الأرضيات، حتى نستطيع إعلان إيماننا وثقتنا بك وتضامنا كجماعة متحدة بك.

أمين!

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ١٦ | الأحد ١٩ شباط ٢٠٢٣ | أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير: أحد آية عرس قانا "عَمَّا لِي وَلَيْك، يَا أَمْرَأَةً؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدًا" يو ١:٢-١١



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الصوم الكبير

أبناء الرعية الأحباء،
يبدأ زمن الصوم يوم **إثنين الرماد ٢٠ شباط**، أوقات القداس ورتبة تبريك الرماد في رعية سيدة لبنان: رتبة تبريك الرماد ٦:٠٠ صباحاً، القداسات ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً و ١٠:٤٥ قداس مدرسة MCHF، و ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً. لمشاركة روحية فعالة في الرتبة علينا أن نهيب أنفسنا في الصلاة.

أيام الجمعة في زمن الصوم المبارك

لا قداس الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً، يستبدل بتأملات درب الصليب
٥:٤٥ مراحل درب الصليب، صلاة المساء مع الواعظ وزياح الصليب (عربي)
٨:٠٠ مراحل درب الصليب، صلاة المساء مع الواعظ وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)



عرس قانا استباق لعرس يسوع الخلاص

صُغْفَاء مُتَنَابِسِينَ كَلَامَ مَار بُولُس "أَنَا قَوِي بِالَّذِي يُقَوِّبُنِي" (فيلبي ١٣/٤).

- تَذَكُّلٌ مَرِيَمَ وَدَوْرَهَا الْمَحَوْرِيّ فِي عُرْسِ قَانَا فَلَا نَبْخَلْ عَلَيْهَا الدَّعْوَةَ إِلَى صَوْمِ حَيَاتِنَا وَطَلِبْ شَفَاعَتَهَا لِكَيْ نَسْمَعَ صَوْتَهَا يَقُولُ لَنَا دَائِمًا "مَهْمَا قَال لَكُمْ فافعلوه" (يوحنا ١٣/٣٤).

وَمَاذَا يَطْلُبُ مِنَّا ابْنُهَا يَسُوعُ سِوَى "أَنْ نُحِبَّ نَعْصًا بَعْضًا كَمَا هُوَ أَحَدُنَا" وَيُعْطِيَنَا الْقَاعِدَةَ الْفُتْلَى "فَكُلْ مَا أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ يَفْعَلَهُ النَّاسُ لَكُمْ افعلوه أَنْتُمْ لَهُمْ" (متى ١٢/٧).

فَلَنَدْخُلْ إِلَى صَوْمِنَا دُخُولًا إِلَى عُرْسِ مُتَدَكِّرِينَ قَوْلَ الرَّبِّ: "أُرِيدُ رَحْمَةً لَا ذَبِيحَةً" (هوشع ٦/٦). فَلَنَرْخَمْ نَفُوسَنَا وَنُقَوِّدَهَا إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ "الشَّاطِرِ يَلِي بِخِلَاصِ نَفْسُو" وَلَنَرْخَمْ الْآخَرِينَ "إِرْحَمُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ، يَرْحَمُكُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ".

أذكر يا انسان
أنك من التراب
والك التراب تعود



يَسُوعُ يَشَارِكُ فِي عُرْسِ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ فَيَفِدُ بِوُجُودِهِ فَرَحَةَ الْعُرْسِ مُحَوَّلًا الْمَاءَ خَمْرًا جَيِّدَةً مُؤْمِنِينَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذِهِ.

هَذَا الْإِنْجِيلُ نَقَرَهُ فِي أَكْثَرِ الْأَحْيَانِ فِي أَمْرَاجِنَا عِنْدَمَا نُرَافِقُ الْعَزُوسِينَ فِي رُتْبَةِ الْإِكْلِيلِ لِنَقُولَ لَهُمَا الْكِيسَةُ أَنَّهُ بِدُونِ وُجُودِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعُ فِي حَيَاتِنَا نَبْقَى مُرَحْنًا نَاقِصَةً أَوْ مُعْزِزَةً لِحَظَرِ الْوُقُوعِ فِي الْفِرَاقِ وَالْضَيَاعِ فَيَتَحَوَّلُ فَرَحُنَا حُزْنًا. أَمَّا إِذَا دَعَوْنَا الرَّبَّ إِلَى فَرْحِ حَيَاتِنَا يَكْتُمِلُ فَرَحُنَا وَإِنْ نَقُصَّ شَيْءٌ فَالرَّبُّ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يَكْمِلَهُ. تَوَقَّفْ عِنْدَ.

- تَلْبِيَةُ يَسُوعَ الدَّعْوَةَ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ وَبِوُجُودِهِ أَكْمَلَ الْفَرَحَةَ مِنْ جِلَالِ الْمَاءِ الْمُحَوَّلِ خَمْرًا. أَمَّا الْيَوْمَ، فَهُوَ يَدْعُونَا إِلَى عُرْسِ مَلَكُوتِهِ "طُوبَى لِلْمَدْعُوبِينَ إِلَى وَلِيْمَةِ عُرْسِ الْحَقْلِ" (رؤ ١٩/٩)، يَدْعُونَا يَسُوعُ فِي الْقُدَّاسِ لِتَأْكُلَ جَسَدَهُ وَنَشْرَبَ دَمَهُ عَرِيقًا لِمَلَكُوتِهِ. فَهَلْ لُبَّيْ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةَ لِنَشْهَدَ عَلَى أَعْجُوبَةِ تَحْوِيلِ الْخُبْزِ وَالْخَمْرِ إِلَى جَسَدِهِ وَدَمِهِ وَنَشَارِكُ فِي عُرْسِ مَلَكُوتِهِ؟

- دَوْرُ الْخَدَمِ: لَوْلَا الْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوا كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ وَفَعَلُوا كَمَا طَلَبَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَا كَانَتْ الْأَعْجُوبَةُ لِنَحْصُلَ طَبْعًا الرَّبِّ قَادِرًا عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَلَكِنْ هُوَ يُرِيدُ إِشْرَاقَنَا بِكُلِّ تَدْبِيرِهِ الْخَلَّاصِ. مِنْ هُنَا نَقُولُ أَنَّ الرَّبَّ بِحَاجَةٍ إِلَى طُوعَائِنَا وَإِلَى أَنْ نَسْمَعَ كَلَامَهُ لِكَيْ يَكُونَ قَادِرًا عَلَى صُنْعِ الْأَعْجُوبَةِ فِي حَيَاتِنَا "طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ وَيَعْمَلُونَ بِهَا" (لوقا ١١/٢٧)

الْخَدَمُ مَلَأُوا الْأَجْزَانَ مَاءً إِلَى فَوْقِ. لَمْ يَتْرَكُوا شَيْئًا نَاقِصًا. فَهَلْ نَسْعَى نَحْنُ إِلَى طَاعَةِ الْكَمَالِ "كُونُوا كَامِلِينَ كَمَا أَنَّ آبَاكُمْ السَّمَاوِيَّ كَامِلٌ هُوَ" (متى ٥/٤٨) أَمْ أَنَا نَتْرَكُ النِّقْصَ يَنْهَشُ حَيَاتِنَا الْيَوْمِيَّةَ مُسْتَسْلِمِينَ لِلْقَوْلِ أَنَّنَا بَشَرٌ

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) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them, Hanna & Wahib & Samira & Michael Andari (B) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros, Zatil Boutros (C) (D) Antoun Chehade Doumit & His wife Saide (E) Matthew Essey, Taniou Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family, Roumanos & Chemouni & Toni Elhessen, Gerges & Josephine & Marroun Elias, Azar Estephan (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George, Karam Hanna Gerges & his wife Labibe & their son Majid, Gabriel Gabriel, Daniel Gabriel, Bob Gabriel (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) Khalil Youssef Issa & His wife Marina, Youssef & Ibrahim & Antonios & Alia & Wadad Ibrahim, Ayoub & Miryana Ibrahim, Rimou & Sarah Ibrahim (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph, Jose & Miryana Jallis (K) Sarkis Chucric Khoudair, Ibrahim Khodeir & his wife Layla, Bakhous Khodeir, John Kaawi, Wadih Khodeir (L) (M) Youssef Maroun & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa, John & Adele Monof, Hesne Malkoun, Francis Moussa, Youssef Moussa & his parents & his son & his sister (N) (O) (P) (Q) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanos and all the deceased from their family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Najidi Eid Semaan, Antoun & George Safi, Mary & Diana Safi & their parents, Maroun & Madeleine Maroun Saad & their parents, Elias Said & parents, Georges Shammas, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna, Kemil & Gorah Tanna, Nicholas Tohme (U) (V) (W) Karen Wehbe & Mona Wehbe (X) (Y) (Z)

