

# OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 24 | Sunday 16 April 2023 | New Sunday & Feast of Divine Mercy



## THE GOSPEL

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name Jn 20: 26-31

## Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This first Sunday after Resurrection is called New Sunday in our Maronite liturgical tradition, and it is the Sunday of the Divine Mercy, in the tradition of the Universal Catholic Church.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear the story of how the disciples were filled with fear and gathered in a locked room after the death and Resurrection of Christ. It also tells the story of Thomas who doubted that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thomas insisted that he needed to see the wounds on Jesus' hands and side in order to believe that He was truly alive. In response, Jesus appeared to Thomas and showed him his wounds, saying, "Do not doubt, but believe" (John 20:27).

The Church offers us this Gospel reading on this Sunday to help us in our own journey, to strengthen our faith in the Resurrection. Our faith in the Risen Christ is based on the experience of the apostles who saw and touched the Risen Jesus. In new ways but with the same essential characteristics, each Christian generation has been able to experience the living and active presence of the Risen Jesus at the heart of our personal lives as well as the life of the Church. For 2000 years, from the group of 11 to our Church today, Christians have shared

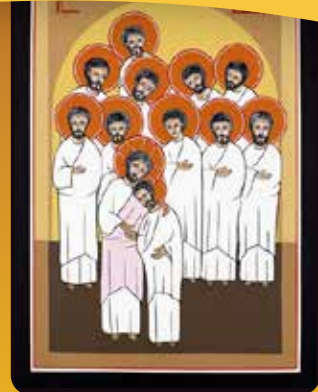


the same experience of faith which expresses the permanence of the presence of the Lord in our midst.

As believers, we know that faith is not always easy, and doubts can arise. The story of Thomas reminds us that doubt is a natural part of the human experience, but it is not the opposite of faith. With Thomas, the Risen Jesus puts us at ease very quickly after this mystery of the Resurrection. He challenges us to move beyond our doubts and to embrace faith. It is necessary to decide to believe what is beyond us. Jesus proposes a path of Life. Let us choose together and personally to become a believer today and every day and to exclaim with Thomas: "My Lord and my God!"

Unlike Thomas, we are fortunate to have 3 pillars to support our faith: the testimony and experience of the apostles, our own spiritual experience lived in the Church, and the light of the Gospel. Let us always lean on these pillars to strengthen our faith in the Resurrection.

Today, like yesterday, Jesus is alive, He is risen, and He gives new meaning to our lives. He gives us to share His divine life and to live the fullness of life with Him. This is the good news of Easter!



## New Sunday & Feast of Divine Mercy

Isa 52: 7-12

2Cor 5: 11-21

Jn 20: 26-31

### 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

### CONTACT

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Saturday  
9am - 1pm

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Email: [info@olol.org.au](mailto:info@olol.org.au)

Website: [www.olol.org.au](http://www.olol.org.au)

## Hosanna Sunday Collection

Our Eparchy with all its parishes held a special collection for Caritas Lebanon on Hosanna Sunday weekend. The appeal raised just over \$66,200. I am immensely grateful for your generosity and I thank all our volunteers who gave up their time and efforts. Your donations make a difference in the lives of many families in Lebanon.

May the joy of the Resurrection fill our hearts and inspire us to live with faith and hope.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

## QUESTION

How will Christ judge the living & the dead?

## ANSWER

Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbour. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, "the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which "God will be all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28)

## "Help my unbelief"

God never ceases to remind me that His ways are not man's ways, and His plans are far better than our own. God is always with us, whether or not we believe it, just as Jesus was with the 'good thief' in his last hours on the cross.

The timeless conversation that took place on Calvary, amidst the 7 Last Words of Christ - "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom" - is one of the greatest examples of Divine Mercy, witnessed by all, when Jesus responded: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." I hope and pray that these are the words of Christ to every repentant sinner who calls upon His Name with true contrition at the hour of death. For that intention, I have prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary every day for as long as I can remember, for all the members of my family, and I trust that God hears the prayers of a wounded heart. Only God knows the heart of a repentant sinner and in confidence I have entrusted souls into the merciful Heart of God, the Fountain of Divine Mercy and Infinite Love.

More than ever, today I rejoice in the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, and most especially in God's Mercy. He has truly shown me that our prayers and offerings are never in vain, for

His Mercy can never be outdone. In situations where I have been afraid and unsure of the consequences or outcomes, when it's difficult to surrender completely to the Will of God without question, I simply pray "Lord, I do believe...help my unbelief." I think it's safe to say that there is a "doubting Thomas" in all of us at one time or another in our lives, but even the doubts will be dispelled when we ask the Holy Spirit to help us in those times of unbelief. Lord, I do believe, help my unbelief.

Is it imprudent to trust in Divine Providence and Divine Mercy, to "let go and let God" as I do? Certainly not. It would be careless, however, to expect God to throw me a lifesaver when I know very well how to swim. God's Mercy has carried me through so many trials in life and given me the strength to endure much suffering, which I have united to His Passion for the salvation of souls and for the reparation of my own sins. To overcome anxieties and burdens when feeling overwhelmed or helpless, I surrender all to Jesus, as I continue to lay them at His Feet with my tears and heartfelt prayer of total surrender: "Jesus, I trust in You." His Mercy has never failed me, and I know He never will. God is so Good...all the time!

Salwa Elias



## UPCOMING EVENTS

6-WEEK COURSE  
SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS  
**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**  
Awaken Your Desire  
Weekly from 7pm to 10pm  
Thur 11th May - Thur 15th Jun 2023  
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral  
40 Alice St, Harris Park NSW 2150  
Cost (includes refreshments and consultations):  
Early Bird: \$70pp (Until April 17th)  
Registrations: George @ 0423451722

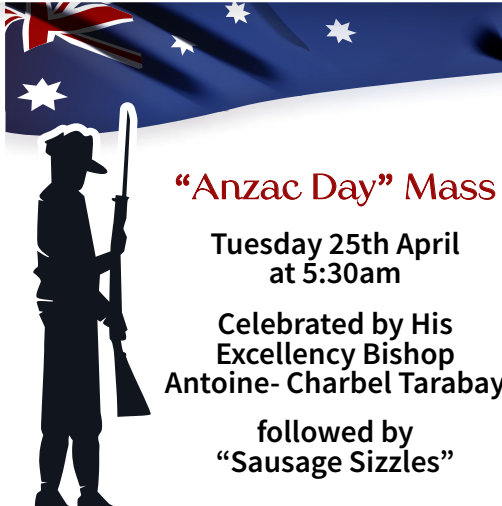


**A Retreat Day For Women**  
(English)  
Sunday 18 June 2023  
8:30am-4:30pm  
St Joseph's Baulkham Hills  
Speaker: Mrs Houda Jilwan  
For ages 25 and over  
Cost: \$80  
SMS Juliette 0403 133 502 to register  
Registrations close Sunday the 4th of June  
Organised by OLOL Family Committee



Cancer Council  
**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**  
21 May 2023  
Parish Hall  
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral  
from 8:30am  
Entry:  
• \$30PP  
• \$10 5-12yrs  
• Under 5 is free  
Donate Via the Link on Parish and MYO Socials  
Raffle, Food & Activities for Kids!

**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?  
Prayer Fellowship  
Our Next Event: 6 May 2023  
10AM | OLOL  
Contact: Joseph Khoury 0405 122 064



**"Anzac Day" Mass**  
Tuesday 25th April  
at 5:30am  
Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay  
followed by "Sausage Sizzles"



# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## Sunday 16 April:

New Sunday – Divine Mercy

**9:30am** 40 Day Mass for the late Mikhael Licha Saba from Bazoun

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Asmahan Eid Semaan wife of Hamid Tansa Kraissa from Hadchit

**3:00pm** Feast of the Divine Mercy, Station of the Cross, Confession and celebration of the Feast

**5:00pm** Divine Mercy Mass and 40 Day Mass for the late Sayed Sarkis Ndaira from Zgharta

## Monday 17 April:

**6:00pm** The late Antanios Mikhael Abou Melhem from Imar (died in Lebanon)

## Tuesday 18 April:

**6:00pm** The late Laudy Elias widow of the late Bassil Bassil from Azour (died in Lebanon)

## Saturday 22 April:

**6:00pm** 40 Day Mass for the late Mehzen Hanna Abdow from Bane

## Sunday 23 April:

3rd Sunday of Resurrection – St George

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Hanna Doumit Katrib from Karem Al Mohr

**5:00pm** All living and departed of Zghartaghine for the Feast of St George

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** For week ending: 09/04/2023

**Plates:** - | **Donations:** - | **Candles:** -

### PARISH LOANS

**CYPC:** \$3,470,255

**UNITS:** \$1,143,047

### MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

**CYPC:** \$36,268 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

**UNITS:** \$11,899 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

## KIDS CORNER

**Because Jesus died for me, I can be resurrected**  
(Matthew 27:11-66; John 19)

Read the scriptures and draw lines to match the people with what they did during Jesus's last hours on earth



Pilate  
Matthew 27:1-2, 11-24

Buried Jesus



Simon  
Matthew 27:32

Comforted Mary



Soldiers  
Matthew 27:27-35

Were Crucified



Two Thieves  
Matthew 27:44

Judged Jesus



Mary, Jesus's Mother  
John 19:25

Mourned



John  
John 19:25-27

Crucified Jesus



Joseph of Arimathea  
Matthew 27:57-60

Carried Jesus's Cross



## 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 Saturday evening

His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay celebrated the Rite of Peace and Solemn Liturgy of the Resurrection along with all the clergy of OLOL. It was beautiful to see our parish overflowing with many parishioners to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen and we are witnesses to that!

### On Easter Monday

the MYDC held their annual Maronite Sports Day for all the parishes. It was a fun, interactive and competitive day. Team OLOL came fourth place, well done to all our team members!

### On Thursday

In celebration for the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, our parish came together to pray the Rosary and celebrate Mass alongside with the Seniors committee. Afterwards lunch was held in the Church hall for the seniors and parishioners

### On Easter Sunday

Many parishioners attended the many Masses offered to celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord. May the light of Christ shine within all your hearts and homes

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'S

# A Grand Salute

GALA DINNER

*Date & Time*

Saturday, 27th May 2023 | 7pm

*Venue*

Doltone House | 121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

*Dress Code*

Formal

*Price*

\$175pp

Tickets to be pre-sold

*Cause*

To Support Parish Pastoral Activities & Development

*Special Guest Star*

Rob Shehadie

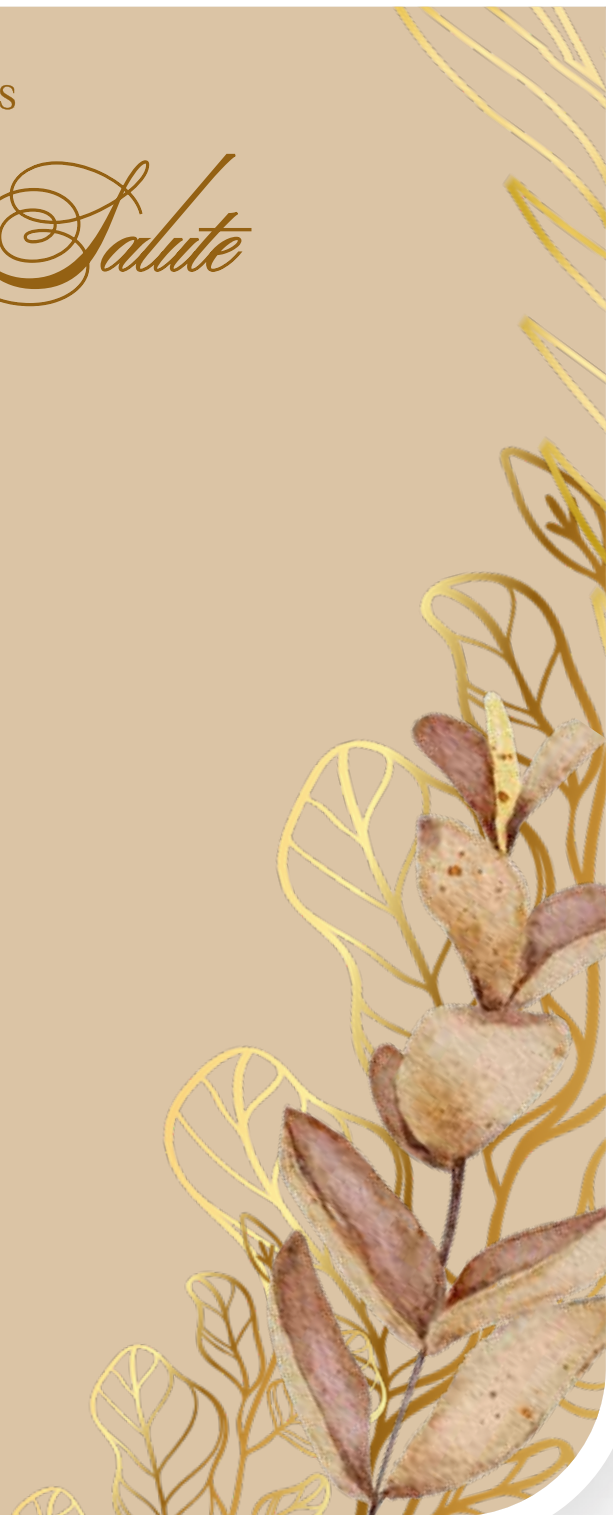
*Contacts for Tickets/Tables*

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Peter Semaan | 0411 300 891

Tina Salame | 0448 247 336

Church Reception | 9689 2899



Presenting  
Partner



Major Prize  
Partners



## A Grand Salute Gala Dinner

### *Presenting Partner (1 only) at \$22,000*

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website and Newsletter for April/May/June
- Company Logo to appear on Official Facebook page for April/May/June
- 2x Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with company logo, valued at \$3,850 each
- Recognised as Presenting Partner in Official Program for the night
- Entitled to a full-colour page on inside front cover of Official Program
- Recognised on the Powerpoint Presentation as Presenting Partner for the Night
- Officially acknowledged by MC as Presenting Partner
- Acknowledged in any press-related and marketing material for the event

### *Diamond Sponsors at \$11,000*

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website & Newsletter for April/May/June
- Company Logo to appear on Official Facebook Page for April/May/June
- Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with Company Logo, valued at \$3,850
- Recognised as Diamond Sponsor in Official Program for the Night
- Entitled to half-colour page in Official Program
- Recognised on Powerpoint Presentation as Diamond Sponsor
- Officially acknowledged by MC
- Thanked as part of Main Address

### *Gold Sponsors at \$5,500*

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website for April/May
- Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with Company Logo, valued at \$3,850
- Recognised as Gold Sponsor in Official Program for the Night
- Entitled to quarter-colour page in Official Program
- Recognised on Powerpoint Presentation as Gold Sponsor
- Officially acknowledged by MC
- Thanked as part of Main Address

### *Corporate Tables at \$3,850*

- 1x Table of 10
- Company Name and Logo on Powerpoint Presentation
- Recognised as Corporate Sponsor in Official Program
- Company Logo to appear on Facebook Page for May

### *Table of 10 at \$1,750*

All prices are inclusive of GST

## Diamond Sponsor



## Gold Sponsors







## PARISH CAMERA



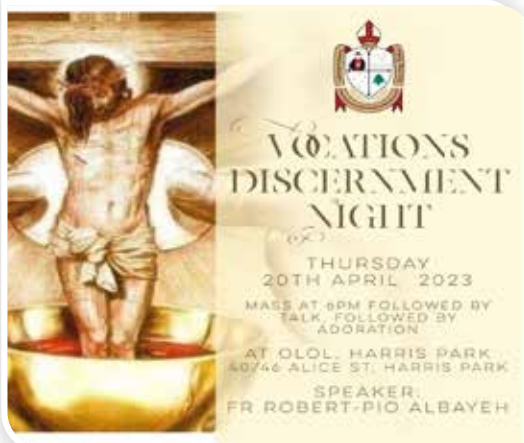
## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Relics of our saints

will be visiting Our Lady of Lebanon Co Cathedral **from 7-14 May 2023.**

Let's us welcome our holy saints with an **opening Mass at 11am on 7 May 2023.**



## COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

### Mercy Health brings healthy ageing to Harris Park



Mercy Health is a trusted, leading Catholic provider of health, aged and community services with 30 residential aged care homes in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

In collaboration with the Maronite Catholic community, we are excited to announce the opening of our newest home, Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park.

This 85-bed purpose-built facility, with an on-site wellness centre, café and hairdresser, offers quality aged care with a focus on family, friendship and community.

To find out more, call us on 6022 5800, email [OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au](mailto:OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au) or visit our website [mercyhealth.com.au](http://mercyhealth.com.au)

# لوحة إعلانات الرعية

## الأحد ١٦ نيسان:

الأحد الجديد - عيد الرحمة الإلهية

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم مخايل ليشع سابا من بزعون  
١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة أسمهان عيد سمعان زوجة حميد  
طنسا الكريسا من حدشيت  
٣:٠٠ عيد الرحمة الإلهية، درب الصليب، إعرافات وإحتفال  
بالعيد

٥:٠٠ قداس الرحمة الإلهية وأربعون المرحوم سايد سركيس  
نضيرة من زغرتا

## الاثنين ١٧ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ المرحوم الأديب والشاعر أنطانيوس مخايل أبو ملحم من  
عيما (متوفي في لبنان)

## الثلاثاء ١٨ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ المرحومة لودي الياس أرملة المرحوم باسيل باسيل من  
عازور (متوفاة في لبنان)

## السبت ٢٢ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم محسن حنا عبدو من بان

## الأحد ٢٣ نيسان:

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة - مار جرجس

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم حنا ضوميط قطريب من كرم المهر  
٥:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات زغرتين بمناسبة عيد مار  
جرجس

## وأين شيء جديد؟



## عيد الرحمة الإلهية

من معاني الأحد الجديد أنه يذكّرنا بكلّ ما صار لنا جديداً  
بالمسيح، جديداً بسرّ قيامته المجيدة:

- الإنسان الجديد: إنساننا القديم سليل آدم وحواء  
الخطيئة، أمّا إنساننا الجديد فسليل مسيح القيامة.
- الحياة الجديدة: كنّا في حياتنا القديمة أبناء المعصية، أمّا  
الآن فمع القائم من الموت صارت لنا الحياة جديدة بمولد  
العماد.
- الغفران الجديد: حيث تبدّل معنى الغفران إلى سيّد  
يسامح عبده ومصلوب يغفر لصلابه، وكبير يخدم خادمه.
- القربان الجديد: ذبائح قديمة تموت إلى غير رجعة، أمّا  
قرباننا فخبز سماوي خميره يتجدد ويخمر النفوس بخميرة  
الملكوت.
- الميرون الجديد: زيت الميرون يكرّس جديداً كلّ سنة  
ليكون لنا مقدّساً جهاد العماد وعبير الميرون ولبسم  
الشفاء.
- الإيمان الجديد: ألأنك تؤمن ترى؟ طوبى لمن لم يروا  
وأمّنوا، وهنا كلّ مفهوم الأحد الجديد ورسالته.
- الموت الجديد: لم يعد الموت نهاية بل صار بداية،  
فالمقابر معابر إلى السماء، وباب القبر يفتح على دارة  
النعم الأبدية.



## صلاة

أيها الرب يسوع، القائم من بين الأموات، يا من ظهرت  
على تلاميذك و"نزعت الشكّ من قلب توما"، إنزع الشكّ  
من قلوبنا ونفوسنا فنقبل إلى محبتك وحنانك وغفرانك  
بتجرّد وأمانة، فتسقط الغشاوة عن عيوننا و قلوبنا  
فننظر بحبّ إلى كلّ مجروح ومتألّم، ونساهم بذلك في  
زرع بذور حبّك في العالم، يا من تحيا وتملك مع الآب  
والروح القدس، إلى الأبد، آمين

يرتبط عيد الرّحمة الإلهيّة باسم الرّاهبة القديسة  
ماريا فوستينا للقربان الأقدس البولونيّة التي وُلدت  
سنة ١٩٠٥، ودخلت رهبانيّة سيّدة الرّحمة في فرسوفيا سنة  
١٩٢٣، وماتت سنة ١٩٣٨ بعمر المسيح ٣٣ سنة.  
ظهر لها المسيح في ٢٨ شباط ١٩٣١ بكامل قامته، وبمجد  
القائم من الموت، ويخرج من قلبه شعاعان أبيض وأحمر يدلّان  
إلى الماء والدّم اللّذين جريا من صدره، عندما طعنه أحد الجنود  
بحربة وهو ميت على الصّليب. فطلب إليها قائلاً: "أرسمي  
لوحة بما ترين، واكتبي في أسفلها: "يا يسوع، أنا أثق بك".  
وأرغب أن تُكرّم هذه الصّورة في كنيسةك أولاً ثمّ في العالم  
أجمع".

- الماء علامة المعموديّة التي منها نولد كمسيحيّين، أبناء لله  
وإخوة لبعضنا البعض بالمسيح

- والدّم، علامة الإفخارستيا، هو دمّ الرّبّ الذي يغسل خطايانا  
ويروي نفوسنا بالحياة الجديدة. إنّنا من رحمة الله ومحبّته  
وُلدنا، وبدم المسيح افتدينا، وبجسده ودمه نتناول الحياة  
الإلهيّة.

عيد الرحمة الإلهية: في الأحد الذي يلي عيد الفصح.

أولاً: الأباثا ثم السلام وقانون الإيمان.

على الحبّات الكبيرة: أيها الآب الأزلي، أقدم لك جسد ابنك  
الحبيب ربّنا يسوع المسيح، ودمه ونفسه ولاهوته  
تعويضاً عن خطايانا وخطايا العالم أجمع.

على الحبّات الصغيرة: بحقّ آلام يسوع الموجهة

إرحمنا وارحم العالم أجمع.

وفي النهاية: أيها الآب القدوس، أله القوي، الإله الذي لا  
يموت، إرحمنا وارحم العالم أجمع.

أرحم، لكنّ الله يريد أن يعرف العالم كلّ ذلك، ويريد من  
النفوس أن تتعرّف عليه كملاك الرّحمة، قبل مجيئه الثاني  
كملاك ديان. فيا وجه رحمة الآب، افتح قلوبنا على الرّحمة  
الإلهيّة، لكي نعود إليها بالتوبة، وننعم بثمارها، وننشرها من  
حولنا، مدرّكين أنّ العالم لا يستطيع أن يعيش بسلام وفرح من  
دون اختبار الرّحمة في القلوب. أدخل الرّحمة إلى العائلات  
وجماعات المؤمنين، إلى المجتمع والوطن. أهّلنا أن نرفع  
بأعمالنا الرّحمة نشيد المجد والتّسبيح للآب والابن والروح  
القدس، الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين.



# عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٤ | الأحد ١٦ نيسان ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد الجديد و عيد الرحمة الإلهية " طوبى لمن لم يروا وآمنوا! " يو ٢٠: ٢٦ - ٣١

الإنجيل



بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تِلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي الْبَيْتِ، وَتُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مَغْلَقَةٌ، فَوَقَّفَ فِي الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِتُومًا: "هَاتِ اضْبَعَكَ إِلَى هُنَا، وَانْظُرْ يَدَيَّ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ تُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَإِلَهِي!". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي أَمْنَتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَآمَنُوا!". وَضَعَّ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تِلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ فِي هَذَا الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دَوَّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُوْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونُوا لَكُمْ، إِذَا أَمْنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِاسْمِهِ يُو ٢٠: ٢٦ - ٣١



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و عيد الرحمة الإلهية  
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٢ قو ٥: ١١ - ٢١  
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## "طوبى للذين آمنوا ولم يروا" (يو: ٢٠ - ٢٩)

المسيح ساوى نفسه بنا ثم أدخلنا بيته، ألبسنا ثوبه وقَدَّسنا، لنحمل مشعل البشارة الخلاصية ونكمل المسيرة بعده برفقة وعمل روحه القدوس فينا.

إننا مدعوون إلى شقِّ صُفْتِ السَّكِّ الَّذِي نَعِيشُهُ بِصِرْخَةِ إِيمَانٍ "رَبِّي وَإِلَهِي" كما صرَّخَ توما، فنستحقُّ الطُّوبَى الَّتِي وَعَدَنَا بِهَا الْمَسِيحُ، نحنُ الَّذِينَ "آمَنَّا وَلَمْ نَرِ".



### صلاة

يا رَبِّ، لا تجعل من شكِّنا عنادًا ولا تدع هذا العناد يتحوَّل إلى أسلوب حياة. بل اجعل منه شكًّا يجعلنا نفثس عن العثرات أمام إيماننا لنزليها بقوة قيامتك، طالبين معونة روحك القدوس كي يساعدنا، فننال طوبى من لم يرَ وآمن، آمين

كلمتان كانتا كافيتان لتُعَبِّرَا عن صرخة إيمان توما الآتية من بعدِ اليوم الثالث لموت معلّمه، وحقيقة قيامته بحضوره الإلهي. كلمتان نابعتان من إنتهاء عذاب النَّيِّهِ الداخلي الَّذِي شَلَّعَ إِسْتِقْرَارَهُ. كلمتان عكستا روعة اللقاء بين الأب وابنه الَّذِي عرف صوته حين ناداه، وكان سروره عظيمًا أن أباه ما زال هو هو، يعرفه، يهتمُّ لأمره، ويسمح له بالتثبُّت من الحقيقة.

وكما هو توما كذلك نحن. ففي وسط ظلمات الدُّنْيَا القائمة التي تتمثَّلُ بمشاكل الحياة اليومية والمصاعب الماديّة والمصائب الصّديّة والكوارث الطّبيعيّة والأوبئة ووسط الخوف من اللحظة والمجهول التي تكتنفنا في مشقّة مسيرتنا الإيمانيّة، يتجلّى نور المسيح القائم من بين الأموات، يشقِّ عتمة القلوب التي تنتظر علامةً منه لتتقوى. ثم، يتهاذى صوته الرقيق الرحوم ليكسر حيرة "توما" الَّذِي فينا فنصدّق صارخين: "رَبِّي وَإِلَهِي!", "حقًا أَنتَ لعظيم"، "تبارك الله"، "يتجدّد اسم الرَّبِّ". يا لجمال هذا الحبِّ وعمق هذا الإيمان. إنّه يبدأ لحظة ندرك أن

### 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 (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) Linda & Boutros Draybi, Elias & Rosette Dib (E) Matthew Essey, Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family, Chemouni & Tannous Elhesn (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) Youssef Ishak & Sayde Bazouni & Elias Zahra & Hesni & Souraya & Bakhos & Julia Ishak (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph, Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour, Tannous & Jamilie Joseph (K) Sarkis Chucric Khoudair, Genevieve Khoury and all departed of Khoury & ElZahoul Families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanos and all the deceased from their family, Rizk Family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Saba Family (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna, Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

