

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 27 | Sunday 7 May 2023 | Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you" Jn 21: 15-19



THE GOSPEL

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God). After this he said to him, "Follow me." Jn 21: 15-19



**"O mother of God,
wellspring of life,
Pray for us!"**
Blessings for
the Month of May

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we progress through the Season of the Resurrection, the readings of our liturgical calendar guide us to take time to reflect on Jesus' encounters with His disciples after His Resurrection. This Sunday's Gospel is relayed to us by St John and it follows straight after the story of the miraculous catch which we read last Sunday.

In this Sunday's Gospel, every word has fullness of meaning. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter whether he loved Him. In Syriac, which is identical to the Aramaic spoken by Christ, the question is taken to mean: "Do you love me more than everything else?"

Christ was in fact asking Peter to declare the extent of his love. When Peter replied, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you," Our Lord commanded him: "Feed my lambs", give them the Gospel as their spiritual food, and most importantly the Lord said to Peter: "Follow me".

Like Simon Peter, we are also called to say a resounding "Yes!" to Jesus Christ, and prove that we love Him and Him alone. Some of us



are already doing it by living a quiet life, others by marrying and raising children in families of all sizes, others by working to support loved ones, others still in diverse jobs and professions. Others respond to the call of the Lord and follow Him through consecrated life.

Whether we are known or unknown, active or contemplative, rich or poor, we have to actively consider and seek a journey of holiness and openness to make society around us a little holier, a little closer to God. All we need is to reflect more the love of God and the neighbour, and to leave the rest to Him.

The path may not be easy or straightforward. We recognise that we are not perfect, just as Peter was not perfect. We may make mistakes, we may stumble and fall, but we must always be willing to turn back to Jesus and ask for forgiveness.

Golden Jubilee Update

We are also moving forward in the Golden Jubilee of our Maronite Eparchy this year, which is a source of hope and countless blessings. This Sunday, we are very humbled to have, for the first time, the Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Charles Balvo, and 33 Catholic Bishops of Australia joining us for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy according to the Maronite Rite at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Harris Park, where we also welcome the relics of our saints during this Marian month. We are privileged by their presence with us on this unique and historic occasion. What better way to celebrate a Golden Jubilee in the country which has provided Maronites with hope and opportunity for over 170 years, than to continue to come together as one community.

In this Jubilee Year, may God continue to bless our community and may we work together to accomplish our mission to preserve our identity and traditions, and pass on our faith to the new generations of Maronites here in Oceania. Wishing you all a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection

Ezk 34: 11-16, 23-25a

Eph 2: 1-10

Jn 21: 15-19

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

LOLO 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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Follow Me

One of the most commonly repeated phrases by Jesus throughout the Gospels has become known as the universal call to discipleship. "Follow Me"- an invitation to the Ecclesial Priesthood and a reminder of the importance of praying for all vocations, especially that of the Priesthood, the means by which we receive the Sacraments.

A significant part in the discourse between Jesus and Peter in the Gospel of John is the question to Peter "Do you love me?" Jesus asked Peter, knowing the response, but wanting Peter himself to affirm this love with his own words from his own lips. Why? Ponder on this thought: many of us tend to justify our faults by defending our actions, or lack of actions, with "God knows my heart." Yes, He certainly does know our hearts, but perhaps God is also asking us to be more vocal in admitting our faults, and thereby availing of the great Sacrament of Mercy - Confession. No justification could ever compare with the unfathomable forgiveness and love that God has for His people, despite Him knowing our weaknesses and faults, as long as we have that sincere contrition and remorse, acknowledging our love for God. Admitting to one's weaknesses and faults requires much humility, a virtue to which we must always aspire if we wish to be more like Christ in this world. Our Blessed Mother Mary is the prime model of true humility that demands our imitation. "To Jesus through Mary" as St. Louis de Montfort preached, is the ideal path to follow.

There are many messages in this particular Gospel of John, but the most outstanding of all is "Follow Me." If we truly love Jesus, we will love His Church on earth, and we will love those whom He has placed as shepherds for the flock. If we truly love

Jesus, we would follow Him every day by keeping Him in our thoughts and in our actions. Do we honour Him by attending the Sacred Liturgy? Do we take Christ with us everywhere we go? Does our language express Christ in our lives? Do we love others as Christ loved us?

Jesus is asking each of us every day "Do you love Me?" He wants to hear and see our response in action. How will we respond to this calling...to the vocation that God has chosen for us to follow? To answer any of the above, it is simply a matter of choosing to do what Christ would do, and to say what Christ would say. There are four vocations to which we may be called - single blessedness, marriage, religious life, or priesthood. Jesus calls each of us to follow Him according to our state of life. Let us be another Christ to all around us...let us follow Him, so that by our words and actions we may confidently respond "Yes, Lord, I love You."

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

ANSWER

In the course of his hidden life in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work and family love. His obedience to Mary to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it



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 (Incl. dinner, refreshments and consultations):
Price: \$80 for the full 6-week program
Registrations: George @ 0423451722



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21 May 2023
Parish Hall

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral
from 8:30am

Entry:
• \$30PP
• \$10 5-12yrs
• Under 5 is free

Raffle, Food & Activities for Kids!

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Be Transformed:
The Power of Knowing and Following Christ

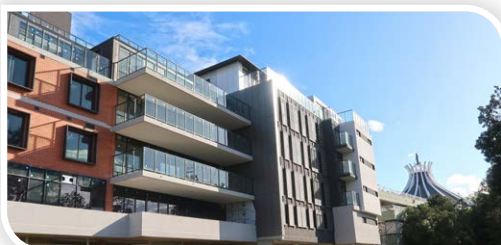
A Retreat Day For Women

(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



Scan to check all the Parish's our Social Media platforms and contact details.



NEW AGED CARE HOME OUR LADY MERCY PLACE HARRIS PARK

We have wonderful news to share with our community; we are getting closer to the opening of the new Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park, aged care home. As a member of our Maronite community, you still have an opportunity to secure a place at the new home. In pride of place adjoining the Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, this new home will offer beautiful accommodation right in the heart of the community. You and your loved one will be assured of the highest quality accommodation and care.

By joining the list before the home opens, you will also have the opportunity also have exclusive access to the first Open Day. If you are already on the waiting list a member of the team at Mercy Health will have reached out to you direct. If you have missed their call, please contact them on (02) 6022 5800 or email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 7 May:

5th Sunday of Resurrection – The Visit of the Saints' Relics

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00am and 7:00pm

10:45am Arrival and procession of the Relics

11:00am Solemn Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel and the Catholic Bishops of Australia

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Said Chamel Antonios from Mazraat Al Teffah

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Souad Nakhle Bou Nassif from Hasroun widow of the late Khalil Youssef Aflak from Bazoun

Monday 8 May:

5:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

5:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

6:00pm Mass with the Rite of Anointing of the Sick (Anointing with the Blessed Oil)

Tuesday 9 May:

5:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

5:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

6:00pm Mothers' Day Mass for the Living and Departed.

7:30pm Talk led by Deacon Ghassan Nakhoul on the topic of: "How can I be a Saint." Organised by Family of Divine Word

Wednesday 10 May:

6:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

6:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

7:00pm Solemn Mass for the Newly Married couples in our Parish, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel followed by Tea and Coffee

Thursday 11 May:

10:00am Prayers of the Holy Rosary

10:30am Seniors Mass followed by lunch.

5:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

5:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

6:00pm Mass for the Homeless in Australia, organised by Heaven on Earth

8:00pm Adoration with the intention of an increase in sanctity and holiness among all people

Friday 12 May:

9:00am MCHF Mothers' Day Mass

10:00am – 1:00pm MCHF Students visit to the Relics.

5:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

5:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

6:00pm Mass for the Sodality Committees in the Eparchy followed by cocktail.

Saturday 13 May:

10:30am Prayers of the Holy Rosary followed by Mass for Peace in the World

5:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

5:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

6:00pm Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Sunday 14 May:

6th Sunday of Resurrection – Mothers' Day

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00am and 7:00pm

9:30am Mass for Fersen Al Adra, Teens, 1st Holy Communion Children, Families of the Parish

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Samira Moussa widow of the late Antonios Haddad from Kfarsghab

6:15pm Prayers of the Holy Rosary

6:45pm Prayers of veneration of the relics

7:00pm Youth Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, Farewell procession of the Relics.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 30/04/2023

Plates: \$13,285 | **Donations:** \$100 | **Candles:** \$165

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

When I think of Mary

May is the month of Mary.

What do you think of when you think of Mary?



St Rita Novena

Mon 15 May	7:30 pm
Tue 16 May	7:30 pm
Wed 17 May	8:00 pm
Thu 18 May	8:00 pm
Fri 19 May	7:30 pm
Sat 20 May	7:30 pm

**Feast Mass Sunday 21 May 2023 at 5pm
including the Rite of Blessing of the
Roses, Bread, Oil & Procession**

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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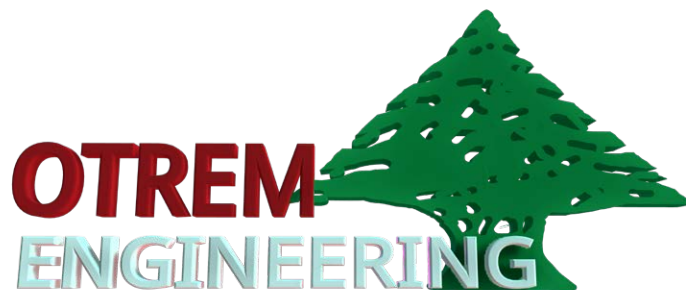
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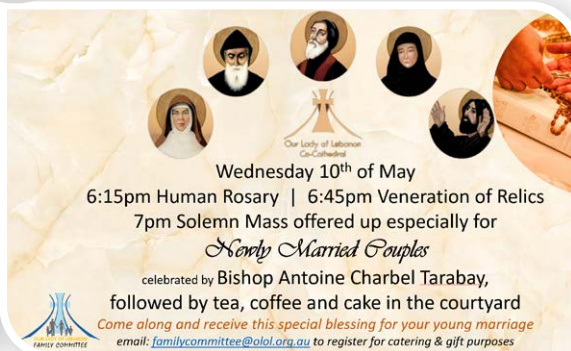
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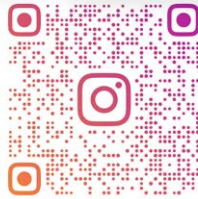


Wednesday 10th of May
6:15pm Human Rosary | 6:45pm Veneration of Relics
7pm Solemn Mass offered up especially for
Shortly Married Couples
celebrated by Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay,
followed by tea, coffee and cake in the courtyard
Come along and receive this special blessing for your young marriage
email: familycommittee@olol.org.au to register for catering & gift purposes



HUMAN ROSARY

Wednesday
10th of May
6:15pm
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral
40/46 Alice St, Harris Park 2150

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The Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania is now on Instagram.

Make sure you're following to keep up to date on news and for inspiration, and please spread the word by sharing.



Month of May Mary home visits

start time at 7:15pm

Group 1

Monday 8 May	Jinane Semaan	12 Verlie St, South Wentworthville
Tuesday 9 May	Meray Boumina	14 Vincent St, Merrylands
Wednesday 10 May	Jessica Taouk	6A Chelsea St, Merrylands
Thursday 11 May	Tamra Hanna	174 Railway St, Parramatta

Group 2

Helaina Yacoub	27 Mary St, Merrylands
Jack Lahoud	6 Cullis Place, Woodpark
Remonda Chahine	92 Albert St East, North Parramatta
Marlene Dagher	59 Beechwood Ave, Greystanes

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Mercy Health, the operators of the brand-new aged care home at Harris Park is pleased to provide an update on the progress of construction and the anticipated opening of Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park.

In pride of place adjoining our wonderful Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, this new home will offer beautiful accommodation right in the heart of our community.

Mercy Health is currently working towards holding open days and tours in July and at this stage are anticipating welcoming the first residents to live at Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park in August 2023. Both local and global events had resulted in supply chain disruptions, some of which delaying the building of the new home to opening slightly later than expected.

For those members of the community who are seeking further details relating to the home, Mercy Health can be contacted on (02) 6022 5800 or via email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au.

Mercy Health looks forward to bringing their healthy ageing approach to the local Harris Park community and honouring the local Maronite Catholic community's vision to deliver better living for people as they age.

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 or visit our website mercyhealth.com.au

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الخميس ١١ أيار:

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً صلاة المسبحة
١٠:٣٠ صباحاً قُدّاس على نيّة كبارنا من تنظيم لجنة المسنّين
يليه غداء
٥:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٥:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٦:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة المشرّدين في أستراليا من
تنظيم Heaven on Earth
٨:٠٠ مساءً ساعة سجود على نيّة إزدياد القداسة والقديسين

الجمعة ١٢ أيار:

٩:٠٠ صباحاً قُدّاس معهد العائلة المقدسة المارونية MCHF
بمناسبة عيد الأم
١٠:٠٠ صباحاً - ١٠:٣٠ ب.ظ. زيارة طلاب المعهد للتبرّك من الذّائر
٥:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٥:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٦:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة الأخويات في الأبرشية يليه
كوكتل

السبت ١٣ أيار:

١٠:٣٠ صباحاً صلاة المسبحة يليه قداس على نيّة السلام في
العالم
٥:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٥:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٦:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة الدّعوات الكهنوتية والرهبانية

الأحد ١٤ أيار:

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة - عيد الأم
القداست ٨:٠٠ ، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً ، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
٩:٣٠ صباحاً قُدّاس على نيّة الفرسان والطلّاع والعائلات
والأطفال في الرعية
٥:٠٠ مساءً السنة للمرحومة سميرة موسى أرملّة المرحوم
أنطونيوس حداد من كفرصغاب
٦:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٦:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٧:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة الشبيبة يترأسه صاحب السّيادة
المطران أنطوان- شربل طريه راعي الأبرشية وختام زيارة
الذّائر

الأحد ٧ أيار:

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة - زيارة ذّائر القديسين
القداست ٨:٠٠ ، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً ، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
١٠:٤٥ إستقبال الذّائر
١١:٠٠ قُدّاس إحتفال يترأسه صاحب السّيادة المطران أنطوان
- شربل طريه راعي الأبرشية يعاونه لفيف من أساقفة
أستراليا الكاثوليك
٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم سعيد شامل أنطونيوس من مزرعة
التفاح
٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة سعاد نخله بو ناصيف من حصرون
أرملّة المرحوم خليل يوسف عفلق من بزعون

الاثنين ٨ أيار:

٥:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٥:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٦:٠٠ مساءً إحتفال برتبة مسحة المرضى وقُدّاس على نيّة
المرضى مع الدهن بالزيت المقدّس

الثلاثاء ٩ أيار:

٥:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة
٥:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٦:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة الأمّهات في الرعية الأحياء منهم
والأموات بمناسبة عيد الأم
٧:٣٠ مساءً لقاء مع الشّقّاس غسان نحّول بعنوان: كيف
أصبح قديساً من تنظيم عائلة الكلمة الإلهية

الأربعاء ١٠ أيار:

٦:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة باللغة الإنكليزية
٦:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذّائر
٧:٠٠ مساءً قُدّاس على نيّة المتزوجين الجُدد من أبناء الرعية
يترأسه صاحب السّيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه
راعي الأبرشية، من تنظيم لجنة العائلة. يليه لقاء وضيافة
قهوة- شاي



إنّ المسيحيّين ربّما هم كنور للآخرين،
للشّعب أجمعين. ورذا كنّا مسيحيّين، يجب
أنّ نتشبه بالمسيح. إن أردتم أن تتعلّموا
فنّ الخدمة، سيّجعلكم ذلك تشبّهون أكثر
فأكثر بيسوع المسيح، لأنّ قلبه كان
متواضعاً، وكان دائم الانتباه إلى حاجات البشر. هكذا تبدأ طريق
القداسة، من هذا الحرص على الإعتناء بالآخرين؛ لتبدو دعوتنا
جميلة، يجب أن تكون ممثلة من هذا الإعتناء. حيث كان يمرّ
يسوع، كان يزرع الخير. المسيحيّ هو هيكّل لئله الحيّ. لقد خلقني،
واختارني، وسكن فيّ، لأنّه كان بحاجة إليّ. الآن وقد علمتم بأنّ الله
يحبّكم، أليس من الطبيعيّ أن تمضوا الفترة المتبقية من حياتكم
وأنتم تشعّون بهذا الحبّ؟ أن تكون مسيحيّين حقيقيّين يعني أن
نستقبل المسيح حقاً وأن نتحوّل إلى مسيح آخر. يعني أن نحبّ كما
نحن محبوبون، كما أحبنا المسيح على الصليب.

القديسة تيرزا ديج كاللوتا



صلاة

اجعلينا يا مريم أن نسلك طرق الربّ القويمة وكوني شفيعتنا رغم
تناسينا لك، لأننا ضعفاء، قوينا بقوة الروح القدس الذي حلّ عليك،
فنكون رسلاً وشهوداً لكلمة الله القدوس نحملها في قلوبنا
وتكون الوحيدة على ألسنتنا لأنّ لا شيء أرفع وأسمى وأقدس
منها. آمين

هلمّوا، جسملّوا الأنفوس الأطهر
يا بتول أم الله، إختار فيه سكنا
مبع الكون الأكبر

الليتورجيا المارونية

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس برك

عدد ٧٢ | الأحد ٧ أيار ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة "أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا" يو ١٥: ١٩

الإنجيل



بَعْدَ الْغَدَا، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسَمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟". قَالَ لَهُ: "نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أَحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ خُمْلَانِي". قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ نَعَاجِي!". قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أَحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ خَزَائِي! أَلْحَقْ الْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتُ شَابًّا، كُنْتُ تَشُدُّ حِزَامَكَ بِتَدْنِكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى خَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَنْبَسِطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ حِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى خَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ". قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمَيْتَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمُجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسَ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: "إِتَّبِعْنِي!". يو ١٥: ١٩

الأحد الخامس
من زمن القيامة
حز ٣٤: ١١ - ١٦، ٢٣ - ٢٥
أف ٢: ١ - ١٠
يو ١٥: ١٩

"أَنْتِ التَّفِيعُ الْكَرِيمُ"
عند ابنك يا مريم
شهر مريمي مبارك



أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ إِرْعَ خَزَائِي

والدولة، وعلي كل من يُطلب منه قبول السلطة والمسؤولية، يطرح السؤال: "أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". وهو بحسب اللفظة اليونانية الأصل "Agapée"، يعني الخروج من الذات وهبة القلب والعقل والإمكانيات لمحبة المسيح، ومحبة كل إنسان. وخاصة في إطعام الجائع ومداواة المريض وتعزية الحزين وتقوية الضعيف... إنها المحبة "لا بالكلام بل بالعمل والحق" (١يو ٣: ١٨). كل مسيحي رسولٌ بحكم معموديته ومسحة الميرون. إنه مسؤول تجاه أخيه الإنسان، عن الشهادة لمحبة المسيح الظاهرة في الأعمال والمبادرات والمواقف وإشاعة الفرح. لأننا من المسيح دُعينا لنكون رعاةً لقطيع الرب الصغير.

"أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟"، ما علنا نجيب اليوم؟ هل نستطيع أن نقول: "أنت تعلم أنني أحبك" ونكراننا له يتم كل يوم ثلاث مرات؟ هل نجرؤ على الدخول في مسؤولية الحب هذه؟ هل نقبل أن نكون له رسلاً ننشر تعليمه في عالم اليوم؟ هل نحب المسيح فوق أي شخص أو كائن آخر؟ أين هو المسيح في حياتي؟ فكل واحد منا هو بطرس، وكل يوم، يسألنا يسوع السؤال ذاته: "هل تحبني؟" وأنا وحدي لدي الجواب.

فإذا كنت أحبه مثل بطرس، هذا الحب يجعل الرب:

- يغفر خطايي وضعفي ويخلقني من جديد
- يسلمني مسؤوليات عظيمة، تنجح وتستمر مثل الزواج، العائلة، الكهنوت، الكرسي... ولا مسؤولية تنجح وتستمر إذا لم تكن مبنية على الحب
- يدعوني لأتبعه، وهو يساعدني لأكون تلميذاً، فأصبح مثله، بالحب والتضحية والموت والقيامة...
- وأخيراً مع بطرس دعونا نقول ليسوع: "نعم يا رب أنا أحبك". آمين.

في ختام لقاء المحبة القرباني الذي أجراه يسوع مع التلاميذ على شاطئ بحيرة طبرية الأحد السابق، وقد أتم الصيد العجيب، وهياً المائدة، وكسر الخبز وناولهم وكذلك السمك، سلم الرب يسوع في إنجيل هذا الأحد، سلطة رعاية الكنيسة إلى سمعان بطرس. وحدد مفهوم سلطته بأنها خدمة محبة المسيح للخراف وهي النفوس التي افتداهما بدمه الثمين على الصليب.

المحبة التي يحملها بطرس ليست مجرد محبة خارجية، بل هي محبة الشخصية ليسوع التي يرضى بها الكنيسة. هذه المحبة الشخصية هي الشرط لقبول مسؤولية الرعاية في الكنيسة. "أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟ - إِرْعَ خَزَائِي". لأن مصدر السلطة في الكنيسة وقوتها وممارستها الحسنة، إنما هي المحبة الشخصية للمسيح. لهذا السبب سأله يسوع ثلاث مرات: "أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟ وكان إسناد السلطة ثلاثاً: "إِرْعَ خَزَائِي"، على أساس الجواب المثلث: "نعم يا رب، أنت تعلم أنني أحبك".

وجه يسوع سؤاله إلى بطرس: "أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟" لكنّه يوجّهه إلى كل واحد منا، ولا سيما إلى صاحب أية مسؤولية، في العائلة والمجتمع والكنيسة

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, Badaoui Antoun, Estephan & Dibe Aboud, Tannous Aboud & His wife Lulu (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Genevieve Khoury and all departed of Khoury & ElZahoul Families, Genevieve Khouri, Mkhael Khouri and his wife Hanneh & his sister Afife (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, Philomena Reaiche (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

