

OUR PARISH

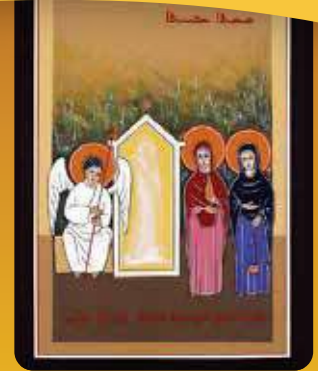
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 28 | Sunday 14 May 2023 | Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" Lk 24: 36-48



THE GOSPEL

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of grilled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Lk 24: 36-48



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Deut 31: 1-3, 6-9

Rom 10: 1-13

Lk 24: 36-48



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

To All Mothers
From the Clergy & Parishioners

HAPPY
Mother's Day



Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 6th Sunday of the Resurrection, we read from the Gospel of Saint Luke (24:36-48) another profound account of the appearance of the resurrected Lord to His disciples. It serves as a reminder of the remarkable transformation that took place in the mode of relationship with the Lord after His Resurrection. No longer bound by earthly constraints, Jesus manifests Himself and then disappears, belonging to a realm beyond our comprehension—the divine world of God Himself.



Saint Luke, the evangelist, shares with us three distinct narratives of the Risen Christ's appearances in His Gospel. These accounts, including the encounters with the disciples of Emmaus and the one described in today's reading, shed light on the significance of Jesus' explanation of the Scriptures to His disciples. Through His teachings, Jesus helps them grasp the profound fulfilment of the promises concerning His death and Resurrection as foretold in the Scriptures.

It is important to note that even those who had followed Jesus closely for extended periods, listening to His teachings and witnessing His miraculous signs and healings, initially struggle to accept His Resurrection. Among them, the two disciples on the road to Emmaus depart from Jerusalem in a state of deep discouragement. However, with the appearance of the resurrected Lord, their lives are forever transformed, and they become His witnesses. They return to the eleven Apostles, sharing the news of their encounter and participating in the appearances of their Master that we read this Sunday. This reveals that the privilege of encountering the Risen Christ is not limited to the select few but is offered to all who seek Him with sincere hearts.

Throughout history, Jesus has opened minds, enabling individuals to grasp profound truths in the Scriptures. The word of God nourishes and transforms us, moulding us into faithful witnesses of the living Christ. Jesus Himself guides our understanding, illuminating the depths of the biblical texts through His Spirit, leading us on the path of wisdom and knowledge.

Christ's life and teachings exemplify God's love and how we should love one another. It is through our actions that we proclaim and radiate this love in our lives. Let us embrace this call, following in the footsteps of our Lord, as living witnesses of His transformative love in the world.

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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Mother's Day

On this special weekend as we celebrate Mother's Day, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all mothers. Your love, sacrifice, and nurturing presence profoundly shape our lives and bring immeasurable joy to our hearts.

May every mother, caregiver, and woman who fulfils the role of a mother be blessed with enduring happiness, unwavering strength, and an abundance of love today and always. May the intercession and prayers of Our Lady, Mother of God, envelop them in grace. Happy Mother's Day!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

"Mother of God, pray for us"

The closer you are to Mary, the closer she will bring you to her Son.

Devotion to the Blessed Mother is not always easy to adopt and can often remain at the surface level. We may be eager to put up a statue of the Virgin Mary or pray the Rosary on occasion, but we forget that Mary takes us closer to her Son, Jesus.

True devotion to Our Lady is interior - it comes from the spirit and the heart. It flows from the love which we have for her, as God's perfect creature 'full of grace'. It is tender - full of confidence in her, like a child's confidence in his loving mother. This confidence gives the soul recourse to her in all its necessities, with much simplicity, trust, and tenderness. It implores the aid of its good Mother - in its doubts, that it may be enlightened; in its wanderings, that it may be brought into the right path; in its temptations, that it may be supported; in its weakness, that it may be strengthened; in its crosses, toils, and disappointments of life, that it may be consoled.

True devotion to Our Lady is holy - it leads the soul to avoid sin, and to imitate the virtues of our Blessed Mother - humility, faith, obedience, prayerfulness, purity, charity, patience, mortification, sweetness, and wisdom. True devotion to our Lady is constant. It confirms the soul in good, and it does not allow the soul to become discouraged or abandon its spiritual exercises. It makes the soul courageous in opposing the world in its fashions and maxims, the flesh in its weariness and passions, and the devil in his temptations. So that a person truly devout to our Blessed Lady is neither changeable, irritable, scrupulous, nor timid. When we fall, we rise again by stretching out our hand to this good Mother. The just and devout soul lives on the faith of Jesus and Mary, and not on sentiments and sensibilities.

Lastly, true devotion to our Blessed Lady is disinterested; that is to say, it inspires the soul not to seek itself but only to seek God. A true servant of Mary does not serve from a spirit of self-interest, whether temporal, corporal, or spiritual; but exclusively because she merits to be served, and God alone is served through her.

These are taken from the teachings of the great apostle of Marian devotion, St. Louis de Montfort - an 18th century priest who dedicated his whole life to leading souls to Jesus through Mary. In this blessed month as we also celebrate "Mothers' Day" let us remember to pray for all mothers, living and departed, through the intercession of Mary, the wellspring of life. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

Why did Jesus receive from John the "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3)?

ANSWER

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the "Baptism" of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). The Father proclaimed him to be "his beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon him. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism



UPCOMING EVENTS

5 WEEK COURSE
SIMON CARRINGTON PRESENTS
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
Awaken Your Desire
Weekly from 7pm to 10pm
From 11th May - 14th Jun 2023
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral
40 Alton St, Warring Park NSW 2150
Cost: \$88 for the full 5-week program
Registrations: George @ 0423461722

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Career Council
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
21 May 2023
Parish Hall
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral
from 8:30am
Refreshments, Food & Activities for Kids!

Be Transformed: The Power of Knowing and Following Christ
A Retreat Day For Women
(FREE)
Sunday 18 June 2023
8:30am - 4:30pm
St Joseph's Baulkham Hills
Speaker: Mrs Rosalee Ilwan
For ages 25 and over
Cost: \$80
SMS Adults 6023 188 502 to register
Registration cost, Sunday the 17th June
Organized by St. Joseph's 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 14 May:

6th Sunday of Resurrection – Mother's Day

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

8:00am Sodality Mass

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.

Monday 15 May:

Our Lady of the Harvest

6:00pm The late Laudy Hanna Chidiac widow of the late Youssef Mehsen Khawaja from Rachine (died in Lebanon)

Tuesday 16 May:

6:00pm The late Noura Elias El Badawi wife of Semaan Aajaltouni from Batroun (died in Lebanon)

Wednesday 17 May:

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Amira Youssef Hachem from Hasbaya Al Maten widow of the late Youssef Chaaya from Ammik

Thursday 18 May:

Ascension Thursday

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:00pm

Friday 19 May:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Youssef Bakhos Sabat from Hadchit

Saturday 20 May:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Therese Mansour Bahri widow of the late Antonios Coorey Antonios from Kfarsghab

Sunday 21 May:

7th Sunday of Resurrection

8:00am One Year Mass for the late Fayza Younan widow of the late Nabih Dib Younan from Wadi Qannoubine

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late George Habib Eshoo from Egypt husband of Nadia Geres Hanna Maroun from Karem Al Mohr

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Marie Elias Frangi widow of the late Tansa Mikhael Sabat from Hadchit

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 07/05/2023

Plates: \$14,691 | **Donations:** \$150 | **Candles:** \$1,801

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,456,518

UNITS: \$1,137,859

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$36,725 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,047 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING EVENTS



End of Month of May

To celebrate the end of May, our annual procession with the statue of Mary will take place on Friday 26 May 2023, at 5pm. Followed by Mass at 6pm celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, commemorating his 10th Episcopal anniversary. Cocktail will be served after Mass in the Cathedral's Hall.

ختم الشهر المريحي

بمناسبة ختم الشهر المريحي تنظم رعية سيدة لبنان تطوافاً في شوارع هاريس برك وذلك يوم الجمعة ٢٦ أيار الساعة ٥:٠٠ مساءً. يلي التطواف عند الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً، قداساً بتراسه صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه الساهي الإحترام بمناسبة ذكرى مرور ١٠ سنوات على سيامته الأسقفية، يليه كوكتيل في هول الكاتدرائية.

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 Sunday

We welcomed the relics of St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nemetallah & St Mary Mackillop to our parish. The welcoming Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay in the presence of 34 Australian Bishops. This was a special occasion as the Mass was also held in celebration of the 50th Jubilee for the Eparchy of St Maroun in Sydney. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in this momentous occasion and to witness the beauty of our faith. Let us continue to pray for the intercession of these saints and seek their guidance in our daily lives

On Wednesday

The youth gathered for a night in prayer forming a human rosary in the presence of the relics. It was a beautiful night spent in prayer with our Saints. Afterwards, the 7pm Mass was dedicated for newly married couples, one of the highlights of the evening was the rare opportunity to have the relics of saints present among us. Throughout the Mass, we reflected upon the profound importance of attending Mass as married couples and as families. It is not just a religious duty but a chance for us to strengthen our bonds, deepen our commitment, and invite God's grace into our lives.

A week spent with the relics of saints

As we come to an end of having our precious saints relics here at our parish. It was a beautiful week spent in prayer with daily rosaries, veneration prayers and Masses offered for many different intentions. We pray that St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nemetallah & St Mary Mackillop will continue to intercede for us

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

Anthony Yacoub | 0405 717 163

Peter Semaan | 0411 300 891

Tina Salame | 0448 247 336

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PARISH CAMERA



We would like to give a big shout-out to our OLOL Traffic Control team! These amazing volunteers recently completed their Traffic Management Implementer and Traffic Controller course, and their hard work did not go unnoticed. Last Sunday, they braved the rain to help keep everyone safe during our event, and we cannot thank them enough.

We ask that all our parishioners show their respect and gratitude to these men who selflessly volunteer their time to ensure the safety of everyone. Let's all give them a big thank you and show them how much we appreciate their efforts



Month of May Mary home visits

start time at 7:15pm

Group 1

Monday 15	Nawal Taouk	33 Hinchin St, Guildford
Tuesday 16	Ghada Taouk	17A Villiers St, Merrylands
Wednesday 17	Mary Taouk	83 Hampden Rd, South Wentworthville
Thursday 18	Marcella Farah	12 Stacey Street, Fairfield West
Friday 19	Paulette Maroon	54A Warwick Rd, Merrylands

Group 2

Jimmy Hawach	125 The Avenue, Granville
Jossianne Rahme	430A Merrylands Rd, Merrylands
Paulette Sader	17 Coolibah Street, Merrylands West
Christine Ibrahim	3A Holroyd Rd, Merrylands 2160

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
Care first



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

الأحد ١٤ أيار:

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة - عيد الأم

القداسات ٨:٠٠ ، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً ، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

٨:٠٠ صباحاً قداس على نية أبناء الأخوة أحياء ومرضى وأموات
٩:٣٠ صباحاً قداس على نية الفرسان والطلّاع والعائلات والأطفال
في الرعية

٥:٠٠ مساءً السنة للمرحومة سميرة موسى أرملة المرحوم

أنطونيوس حداد من كفرصغاب

٦:١٥ مساءً صلاة المسبحة

٦:٤٥ مساءً صلاة تكريم الذخائر

٧:٠٠ مساءً قداس على نية الشبيبة يرأسه صاحب السيادة المطران
أنطوان- شربل طريه راعي الأبرشية وختام زيارة الذخائر

الاثنين ١٥ أيار:

سيده الحصاد

٦:٠٠ المرحومة لودي حنا الشدياق أرملة المرحوم يوسف محسن
الخواجة من رشعين (متوفاة في لبنان)

الثلاثاء ١٦ أيار:

٦:٠٠ المرحومة نورا الياس البديوي زوجة سمعان عجلتوني من
البترون (متوفاة في لبنان)

الأربعاء ١٧ أيار:

٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة أميرة يوسف هاشم من حاصبيا - المتن أرملة
المرحوم يوسف شعيا من عميق - البقاع الغربي

الخميس ١٨ أيار:

خميس الصعود

القداسات ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

الجمعة ١٩ أيار:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم يوسف باخوس صابات من حدشيت

السبت ٢٠ أيار:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة تيريز منصور البحري أرملة المرحوم أنطونيوس
الخوري أنطونيوس من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٢١ أيار:

الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة

٨:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة فايضة يونان أرملة المرحوم نبيه ديب يونان من
وادي قنوبين

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم جورج حبيب إيشو من مصر زوج ناديا جرس

حنا مارون من كرم المهر

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ماري الياس فرنجي أرملة المرحوم طنسا

مخايل صابات من حدشيت

أبونا يعقوب:

ما فعله الأُمّ لابنها، كيف لا تفعله
مرمّم نحو كلِّ منّا؟؟؟

مريم أمنا... نلتجئ إليك... أصغيت إلى كلام ابنك، عندما قال للجموع: "تعالوا إليّ يا ثقيلي الأحمال... إني وديع ومتواضع القلب... هكذا أخذت اللطف، والوداعة من ابنك يسوع... أنت أم الرّافة، والرّحمة..."

نعيش في عالم من الإرهاق، نسير خلف ما لا يوصلنا إلى الأمان، والرّاحة... نغرق في لجة الهمّ... بحر عالمنا مليء بالنزاعات التي تضرب وعينا، لتغرقنا في عالم الضباب، والشّواد... لأجل ذلك دعاك أبونا يعقوب، أمنا مريم، سيّدة البحر، ونجمته، بحر هذا العالم المملوء شروازا... أحبّك الكبوشي وكزّمك... دعانا إلى صلاة المسبحة، قائلاً: "أمك عظيمة... كرمها، وصلّ مسبحتها... أمن أنك سيّدة الكون... وسلطانة الملائكة... لأنك أم ملك الملائكة..."

مريم الملكة، أم الرّحمة... إنك أم الخطاة التّائبين... إنك البتول النّقيّة، معينة المنازعين... مريم الشّفيعة، والمسعفة في الوصول إلى الخلاص الأبديّ... أنت نجمة الصّباح، تشرق علينا أنوار فرحك، وحكمتك، وسلامك..."

أنت كرسيّ الحكمة... "إنها أبهى من الشّمس، وأسمى من الأفلاك. ولا تتقدّم على نور النّهار، لأنّ النّهار يتبعه الليل، أمّا الحكمة فلا يغلبها الشّرّ. (الحكمة ٧: ٢٩)"

علينا أن نثق بك كلّ التّقة، فالربّ العظيم، صنع بك العظام... علينا أن نحبك، ونقتدي بك، لأنّ الولد يتبع خطوات أمه. أنت أمنا الحلوة، أنت أمنا الظاهرة والقديسة، نرتمي بين أحضانك، ونطلب منك أن تغمرينا بطهر وشاحك... نعمة كبرى أن نتمسك بسبحة مريم، لنحيا السلام، والفرح، والرّجاء

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

خميس الصعود



في خميس الصعود نعبّد صعود ربنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح إلى السّماء، وذلك بعد أربعين يوماً من قيامته وظهوره للتلاميذ

"فيسوع هذا الذي رفع عنكم إلى السّماء سيأتي كما رأيتموه ذاهباً إلى السّماء" (اعمال ١: ١١). صعد يسوع إلى السّماء وعاد إلى ملكوته (يوحنا ١٨: ٣٦) بعد أن أتم عمل الفداء وأكمل خطة الخلاص. هو خميس الصعود، صعود الربّ إلى السّماء وجلوسه في المجد عن يمين الله الأب.

نفرح ونبتهج لأنّ الربّ بقيامته أقامنا، وبصعوده يدعونا إلى مشاركته مجد ملكوت السماوات.

في هذا العيد نكتشف دعوتنا الحقيقيّة: أن نكون في مسيرة دائمة نحو الملكوت، لا نكلّ ولا نتعب رغم صعوبة الطريق، وضيق الباب. نسقط أحياناً ونحن نسير، نقوم بنعمة الله تائبين ونكمل المسيرة. وجودنا البشريّ لا ينتهي في هذا العالم، نحن لم نقم مع المسيح لنعود ونموت وندفن، فقيامتنا التي تتمّ بالربّ تأخذ كمال صورتها في حدث الصعود إلى السّماء، وجودنا البشريّ يأخذ قوّة معناه في حدث الصعود.

نحن لسنا مجرد مخلوقات بين مخلوقات أخرى تتميز عنها بالكيان أو بالشكل، بل نحن كائن فريد دعاه الربّ إلى مشاركته مجد وجوده، دعاه ليصبح إلهاً من خلال مشاركته الحياة الإلهية.

صعود الربّ هو دعوة إلى الرّجاء، نرجو على هذه الأرض ما سبق وحضره لنا الربّ يسوع، نحيا في العالم مترقبين ساعة اللّقاء، ساعة ملاقاته وجه الربّ الحبيب، عندها فقط يصل الإنسان إلى غاية وجوده ويحيا السعادة الحقّة. حين يعلم أن الأرض هذه في مجرّد محطة على طريق الأبد، نحلّ فيها حيناً ونتوق إلى بيت الأب الأبديّ حيث نتحدّ إلى الأبد بالله خالقنا في رباط من حبّ لا ينتهي



صلاة

نشكرك يا ربّ، لأنّ ما إن نجتمع حولك، نسأل عنك، ونبتهل إليك، تظهر في وسطنا، تحت شكلي الخبز والخمر، وتأتي أن تتركنا وحدنا، بل تتوق كي نتناولك بأموهنا، ونستقبلك بقلوبنا، فتدخل صلب حياتنا، وتحولها لتضحي حياتك، نشكرك، لأنك تسعى دوماً لبثّ السلام في قلوبنا، لك الشكر أيّها الأب والابن والروح القدس، من الآن وإلى الأبد. أمين

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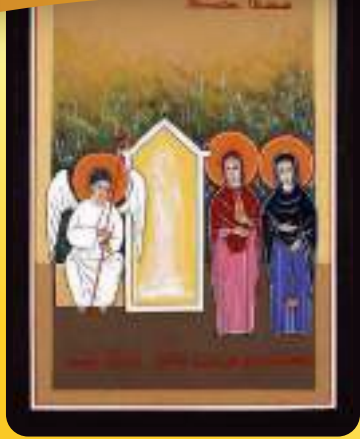
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عدد ٢٨ | الأحد ١٤ أيار ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة "أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا" لو ٢٤:٣٦-٤٨

الإِنْجِيل



وَفِيمَا التَّلَامِيذُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بَعْدًا، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَسَلَامٌ لَكُمْ!". فَارْتَاعُوا، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "مَا بَالُكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جَسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدِيهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الفَرَحِ، وَمَتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَزَايٍ مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدَ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَاةِ مُوسَى، وَالأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالمَزَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: "هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ المَسِيحَ يَأْتِي، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ فِي اليَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَيَاسْمُهُ بِكُرْزٍ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِلمَغْفِرَةِ الخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الأُمَمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ". لو ٢٤:٣٦-٤٨



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"أَنْتِ الضَّعِيفُ الأَكْرَمُ"
عِنْدَ ابْنِكَ يَا مَرْيَمُ
شهر مريمي مبارك



لم يتجلى إلا في وسط الجماعة. كي تكون نواة الكنيسة الأولى، جماعة المؤمنين، حيث تكمن أهمية العمل معًا في حقل البشارة وتعاضد أعضائها ومساندتهم بعضهم لبعض، في حالة الضعف كما في القوة. المغفرة، حياة جديدة

ذاك اليوم كان يوم خلق جديد، لإنسان جديد، في عالم تجدد. فابن الله يسوع، بكر موليد القيامة، افتتح لنا درب خلاص جديد، مغتد بالإيمان، مغروس بالمحبة ومزهر بالرجاء. وهبنا حياة قادرة، بقدرته الروح، أن تنطلق للبشرى الحسنة، منذ المغارة مروزا بالصليب حتى القيامة، وتعلن خلاص الخاطئين التائبين المشتري بدم الحمل.

ولذنا لحياة تقدر على كل شيء وتؤمن بكل ما هو من الله وترجي كل شيء وتحمل كل شيء، وتقاوم الغريم والفتن والكدب والمفارقة... هذه الحياة لا تخشى معارك العالم بل تدخلها بشجاعة وثقة، فتستبدل اسلحتها المميته بأخرى، ذخيرتها الغفران والمسامحة، وقائدها طفل صغير في مزود مفضول لا حول له ولا قوة، غلب جفايل الشر والموت، وما زال، في كسرة خبز قديسية وكأس خمرة فصحية أضحية إفاخرسيًا قوت محيي للنفوس المؤمنة.

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يا أبناء القيامة والرجاء، سلامًا ترك لنا، ليس كالأذي يعطيه العالم القادي الآذي، بل ذلك الذي يبدد الخوف والتردد. إلى تلك الغرفة من على الجبل حيث توقع الرسل خوفًا من التكليل والمصير المجهول، دخل يسوع القائم من الموت وحل منتصرًا في وسط تلك الجماعة الرسولية كي يعضدهم ويحزر نفوسهم من الخوف والقلق، ويعتق عقولهم من الشك والحيرة.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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