

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 29 | Sunday 21 May 2023 | Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection "Just as I loved you, you also should love one another" Jn 13: 31-35



THE GOSPEL

Jesus said: "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:31-35



"O mother of God,
wellspring of life,
Pray for us!"

Blessings for
the Month of May

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Thursday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, which holds great significance in our Christian faith. It is the completion of Jesus' earthly mission.

In our Creed, we profess our belief that Jesus "ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." This Ascension is Jesus' triumphant return to the heavenly dwellings and to the Father, where He prepares a place for all the faithful. This is a source of hope, assuring us that we will one day share in His boundless joy and eternal glory.

For forty days following His resurrection, the Risen Lord appeared to His disciples, speaking to them about the Kingdom of God and preparing them for the next phase of their journey. Throughout these forty days of Easter, we have walked alongside the disciples, reflecting on the Lord's apparitions in our weekly Gospel readings.

The Son of God came among us not only to share our life on earth but also to invite us to dwell with Him in the Heavenly



Kingdom. He went ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house (Jn 14:2), so that we may abide with Him and never be left as orphans in this world. As Jesus separates Himself from His disciples, He gives them a roadmap for their earthly lives: "Go, make disciples of all the nations...and teach them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matt 28: 19-20).

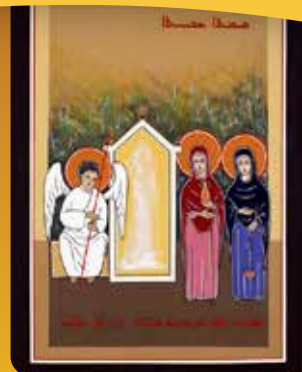
The Feast of the Ascension, occurring forty days after the Resurrection, signifies the completion of Jesus' earthly life. It took place on the Mount of Olives, bearing witness to Jesus' continued presence among us in a renewed way. He transcends the confines of a specific place, entering all space and time, intimately close to each and every individual.

Although Jesus has ascended and fulfilled His mission, He has not left us alone. Soon, the Feast of Pentecost will arrive, when the Holy Spirit will descend upon us, making His dwelling within us and providing us with guidance. Jesus remains with us through the Eucharist, enabling us to experience a profound union with Him even here on earth.

Beloved, the Ascension is a reminder that God introduces us to an incredible hope—the promise of sharing in His glory through the bond of love. And this hope is not a distant dream but a present reality in Christ Jesus, who has gone before us. May our earthly pilgrimage remain always focussed on our eternal home – heaven!

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Seventh Sunday of
the Resurrection

Lev 19: 1-2, 11-18

Eph 1: 15-23

Jn 13: 31-35

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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"As I have loved you"

Can we be honest when asking ourselves: "Are we walking in love, just as Christ loved us and offered Himself to the Father as an oblation for us?" This is a very personal question, especially for us who have dedicated our lives to the service of God and to His Church.

Even though Jesus showed many signs and wonders in his mission on earth, still there were those who did not believe Him. It should be no surprise to us then, in whatever ministry we are involved, when we are faced with the same doubts and rejections. Where does our encouragement and consolation come from, to endure the trials we face today? Our consolation and our model is Jesus, the Christ. We have no other choice but to walk in love, if we are truly to follow his commandment to "love one another."

We do not fear, if we place ourselves at the foot of His Cross, with Mary our Mother. This is how John the Beloved was able to endure the sight of the crucified Christ, even after all the other disciples had deserted Jesus on Calvary. This is how we endure our own crosses every day, standing by the side of Mary, the Mother of God. Our Blessed Mother paid no heed to the praises or to the condemnations of men. She imitated the Son whom she herself taught and nurtured and directed. In her humility, we are made strong. In her obedience, we follow the Will of the Father.

The Word of God reminds us that there is no greater love than the love of God for His people, and that our hearts must not focus on the winning of praises for ourselves, but our hearts must perceive, and believe in the mission that Christ has left for us. We have been called, and we have been chosen to do the Will of the Father in making disciples of all nations. The Church has given us wonderful role models to encourage and to inspire us on this seemingly impossible

path of unconditional love - saints who have walked in the footsteps of Christ, who still walk among us even today, following the footsteps of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

"Love one another, as I have loved you" - this is what He asked of us, and this is the example we must give to others, for they will know that we are Christians by our love. We cannot fear when we love, for God is Love. We are His children, the heirs to His Kingdom. ...let us live lives worthy of such an inheritance. Let us speak with words of love, think with thoughts of love, and act with hearts of love. Let us walk in love, giving glory and thanks to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What did we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

ANSWER

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent



UPCOMING EVENTS



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
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THE DECENNIAL
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Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabochia

MAY 26 | OUR LADY OF LEBANON CATHEDRAL HARRIS PARK | 6 PM

THANKSGIVING MASS
FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT SUPPER IN THE HALL

Gratitude & Openness



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Years 7-9 run every Saturday
4-6pm
Youth Centre
Come Alive
Years 10-12 run fortnightly Wednesday
7-9pm
Seniors room
Contact Rachel 0477276077 for more information



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 to 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 directly. If you have missed their call, please contact them on (02) 6022 5800 or email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au



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

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 21 May:

7th Sunday of the 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

5:00pm Mass for the Eve of the Feast of St Rita including the Rite of Blessing of the Roses, Bread, Oil and Procession

7:00pm the late Ronda Bou Abboud wife of Salem Yaacoub from Tannourine (died in Lebanon)

Monday 22 May:

Feast of St Rita

6:00pm The late Father Bernard Haouchab from Bekaakafra (died in Lebanon)

Tuesday 23 May:

6:00pm One year Mass for the late Hanneh Mtanios Bou Antoun from Imar

Wednesday 24 May:

7:00pm One Year Mass for the late Fred Rafic Essey from Kfarsghab

Friday 26 May:

5:00pm Procession to celebrate the end of the Marian Month of May throughout the Streets of Harris Park

6:00pm Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, commemorating his 10th episcopal anniversary followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 27 May:

Masses 7:30am and 6:00pm

Sunday 28 May:

Pentecost Sunday, Rite of Adoration and Blessing of the Water

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

11:00am One year Mass for the late Malakeh Tannous wife of Antoine Najib Mekary from Zgharta

7:00pm One Year Mass for the late Emile Elias Feghali from Bssous - Aley

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 14/05/2023

Plates: \$12,480 | **Donations:** \$100 | **Candles:** \$189

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



KIDS CORNER



Saint Rita

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FAITH	FRAGRANT	GOD
GRACE	HOLY	IMPOSSIBLE
ITALY	MOTHER	NUN
PATIENT	PEACEMAKER	PRAYER
ROSE	SAINT	STEADFASTNESS
VINE	WIDOW	WIFE

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!

Sodality Mass and Initiation of New Members

Last Sunday we had the joy of welcoming eight new members into our beloved Sodality.

The Mass was a beautiful celebration of faith and unity as we witnessed these individuals commit themselves to a life of service and devotion. It is truly inspiring to see our Sodality family grow, with each new member bringing their unique gifts and talents to enrich our community.

In addition to the initiation ceremony, we also had the pleasure of celebrating Mother's Day with our new members. After Mass, we gathered in the senior's room and enjoyed a delightful morning tea together. It was a heart warming occasion, as we honoured the incredible mothers among us and cherished the role they play in our lives. To mark this special day and the initiation of our new members, each one was presented with a commemorative candle adorned with pictures of the precious relics. These candles symbolize the light of faith and guidance that we strive to share with one another as we continue our spiritual journey

Last Thursday

Many parishioners came together for the first session of "theology of the body" talk led by Simon Carrington. Many found this talk to be an eye opener and will be running over the next 6 weeks

On Tuesday

The Sodality of OLOL were invited to St Nemetallah in Appin to welcome the relics of our saints. A beautiful Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay assisted by Fr Youwakim & Fr Peter. In the evening, the family of the Divine Word held their weekly gospel talk. This week was led by Fr Loubnan on the topic of "the power of now".

On Monday

We began our novena to St Rita. We pray for her intercession and may we always follow in her example of living a patient and faithful life. Rose of Cascia, pray 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

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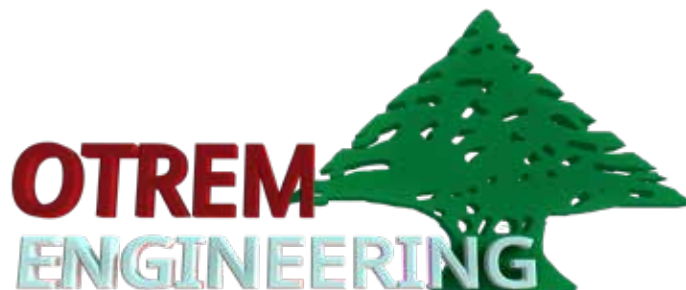
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UPCOMING EVENTS



MaroniteCare is presenting three seminars on the topic of The Trouble with Electronic Media. We shall examine the problems associated with electronic media and how to deal with them, especially with addiction. The seminars are for those of or over the age of 18 years, only.

It will be taken by Fr Yuhanna Azize with the assistance of some volunteers, in the Chancery Board Room, level 2, OLOL Community Centre, between 7:00pm and 8:00pm on Monday 19 & 26 June and 3 July.

MaroniteCare also seeks volunteers to assist with the experiment of an "accessible church," suitable for people such as those on the autism spectrum who would prefer to attend a specially constituted liturgy.

**Please direct enquiries to
Fr Yuhanna on 0435 764 924 between 9:00am and 9:00pm.**



Month of May Mary home visits

start time at 7:15pm

Group 1

Monday 22 May	Adele & Laura Derjani	15 Churchil Street, Guildford
Tuesday 23 May	Nemr & Rima Rostom	11 Brussels Street, Granville
Wednesday 24 May	Therese Sakr	57 Ross Street, North Parramatta
Thursday 25 May	Rita Khoury	4 Henry Street, Guildford

Group 2

Fawzi Raffoul	34 Alfred Street, Granville
May Massoud	76 Coleman Street, Merrylands
Gebran Raffoul	168A Fairfield Street, Fairfield East
Layla Saliba	16 Verlie Street, South Wentworthville



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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

الأحد ٢١ أيار:

الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة

٨٠٠ السنة للمرحومة فائزة يونان أرملة المرحوم نبيه ديب يونان من وادي قنوبين
٩٠٣٠ أربعون المرحوم جورج حبيب إبسو من مصر زوج ناديا جرس حنا مارون من كرم المهر
١١٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ماري الياس فرنجي أرملة المرحوم طنسا مخايل صابات من حدشيت
٥٠٠٠ قداس إحتفالي بمناسبة عيد القديسة ريتا مع تبريك الورد، الزيت والخبز
٧٠٠٠ المرحومة روندا بو عيود زوجة سالم يعقوب من تتورين (متوفاة في لبنان)

الإثنين ٢٢ أيار:

عيد القديسة ريتا

٦٠٠٠ المرحوم الأب برنارد حوشب الكرمل من بقاعكرا (متوفي في لبنان)

الثلاثاء ٢٣ أيار:

٦٠٠٠ السنة للمرحومة حنة مطانيوس بو أنطون من عيمار

الأربعاء ٢٤ أيار:

٧٠٠٠ السنة للمرحوم Fred رفيق Essey من كفرصباغ

الجمعة ٢٦ أيار:

٥٠٠٠ مساءً تطواف وزياح في شوارع هاريس بارك بمناسبة ختام الشهر المريمي
٦٠٠٠ قداس يترأسه صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طرييه السامي الإحترام بمناسبة ذكرى مرور ١٠ سنوات على سيامته الأسقفية، يليه كوكتيل في هول الكاتدرائية

السبت ٢٧ أيار:

القداسات ٧:٣٠ صباحاً و٦:٠٠ مساءً

الأحد ٢٨ أيار:

أحد العنصرة، رتبة سجدة العنصرة وتبريك المياه

القداسات: ٨:٣٠ و ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً و ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
١١٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ملكة طنوس زوجة أنطوان نجيب المكارى من زغرتا
٧٠٠٠ السنة للمرحوم إميل الياس فغالي من بسوس - عاليه



شفيعات الأمور المستحيلات القديسة ريتا

ولدت القديسة ريتا سنة ١٣٨١، في إيطاليا. أرغمت على الزواج من رجل عذبها كثيراً في حياتها ورزقت منه بولدين. صلت كثيراً لتوبته، فتاب ولكن أصدقاءه قتلوه لما تخلى عنهم. لما علمت بقرار ولديها في الانتقام لأبيهما، صلت لكي يأخذهما الله إليه فلا يرتكبان خطيئة القتل. واستجاب الله لصلاتها. عندها، قررت الدخول إلى دير راهبات مار أغوستينوس. قضت حياتها الرهبانية بالصلاة والصوم وشاركت المسيح في آلامه إذ غرزت شوكة خفية في جبينها. توفيت سنة ١٤٥٧ في كاسيا، وظهرت الشوكة على جبينها بشكل جوهرة. ونظراً لكثرة العجائب التي أفضها الله على طالبي شفاعتها نادى بها الشعب قديسة قبل أن تثبت الكنيسة قداستها وفي العام ١٩٠٠ على يد قداسة البابا لاون الثالث عشر. وعين ١٢ من شهر أيار في كل سنة عيداً لها. فلنكن شفاعتها معنا دائماً.



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.

ختام الشهر المريمي

بمناسبة ختام الشهر المريمي تنظم رعية سيدة لبنان تطوافاً في شوارع هاريس بارك وذلك يوم الجمعة ٢٦ أيار ٥:٠٠ مساءً. يلي التطواف عند الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً، يترأسه صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طرييه السامي الإحترام بمناسبة ذكرى سنوات على سيامته الأسقفية، يليه كوكتيل في هول



هكذا نغير العالم

كيف يمكننا أن نوثر بالعالم ونغيّره طالما يزداد ظلمة والخطيئة تكبر والمؤمنون قلة؟

كثيرون أضاعوا البوصلة وأضاعوا معها الحب فأخذت المآسي بالازدياد: حالات طلاق، خلافات بين الأخوة، خيانات زوجية، إدمان، قمار، شتائم، أولاد يغيرون جنسهم، زواج مثليين. في الماضي، كانت الورود في كل مكان، نشمها ونسبح الله. اليوم المخدرات في كل مكان، نشمها وننسى الله! المشكلة فينا نحن لأننا خرجنا من حشى المعمودية أولاداً لله لكننا عدنا إلى حياة الجسد. نخاف ظلمة العالم لأننا لا نؤمن بالنور الذي فينا! مهما كانت ظلمة العالم حالحة، لن نستطيع أن تنزع حبّ الله منا. خلفنا الله من العدم وخلصنا من اللامعنى لنكون كل المعنى ونحمل قوة الخلاص بقوة الخلق التي فينا. أندرك معنى ذلك؟

لا تقولوا "نحن قلة، كيف نغيّر العالم؟". الخميرة ترفع العجينة كلها. نحن الروح في الجسد! نحن نور العالم، هكذا قال الرب. نُشبهه الله بجماله لأنه خلقنا على صورته ومثاله، حتى ولو لم تصدّقوا ذلك! تقولون: "الخطيئة جعلتنا قبيحين!" لكن ماذا عن التوبة؟ بسرّ التوبة يتوقف الله عن كل شيء ليهتم بك! فرحة الله بتوبة خاطئ واحد لا تحدد. تذكروا الابن الضال، زكّا العشار، المرأة الزانية، السامرية ولص اليمين، جميعهم شهود على حبّ الله وفرحه بالتائبين.

مع ذلك، لا أستطيع تغيير عائلي وأولادي وبلدي، لماذا؟ لأنني بحاجة إلى أن أغير ذاتي أولاً. لو نعرف حقاً قيمة وصيّته "أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً كما أنا أحببتكم" لغيّرنا وجه الأرض. اثنا عشر تلميذاً نشروا البشرى السارة في كل الأرض، سلاحهم حبّ الله وكلمته وروحه. طالما أنك تصلي، تشارك في القداس وتصوم، فلماذا أنت غضوب ولسانك يسبق تفكيرك؟ ما أن تخرج من الكنيسة حتى يستفزك أقل شيء وكأنك لم تعرف المسيح. أنت خاصة يسوع! أنتم الذين تعمّدتم، لبستم المسيح، فهل تتحلون بأخلاقه؟

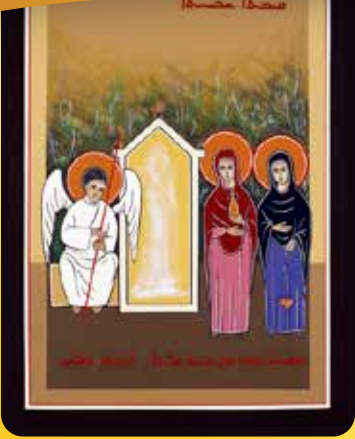
الشر كله نتيجة البغض وبُعدنا عن الرحمة. بيوتنا جحيم بسبب حقننا. الحب هو الحل. أحبوا الخاطئ فيتوب ويصبح قنبلة حبّ تنفجر في بيته وتملاً كل من حولها حباً. عيشوا حبّ الله ولطفه تصبح عائلاتكم مقدّسة مثل عائلة الناصرة. عندها تستطيعون تغيير العالم



عَيْتِنَا

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الإِنْجِيل



قال يُوحَنَّا الرُّسُول: لَمَّا خَرَجَ يَهُوذَا الاسخريوطي قَالَ يَسُوع: "أَلَا نَ مُجَدِّدُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ وَمُجَدِّدُ اللَّهِ فِيهِ، إِنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ قَدْ مُجَدِّدَ فِيهِ، فَاللَّهُ سَيُمَجِّدُهُ فِي ذَاتِهِ، وَخَالَا يُمَجِّدُهُ، يَا أَوْلَادِي، أَنَا مَعَكُمْ بَعْدَ زَمَنًا قَلِيلًا. سَتُظَلُّونِي، وَلَكِنْ مَا قُلْتُمْ لِلْيَهُودِ أَقْوَلُهُ لَكُمْ الْآنَ: حَيْثُ أَنَا أَمْضِي لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَأْتُوا. وَصِيَّةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ أُعْطِيكُمْ، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا. أَجَل، أَنْ تُحِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحْبَبْتُكُمْ. بِهَذَا يَعْرِفُ الْجَمِيعُ أَنَّكُمْ تَلَامِيذِي، إِنْ كَانَ فِيكُمْ حُبٌّ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ." يو ١٣: ٣١ - ٣٥

"أَنْتَ الْفَضِيحُ أَكْثَرُ"
عند ابْنِك يَا مَرْيَمُ
شهر مريمي مبارك



المسيحي". محبة الله تفاجئنا دائما والله أبانا يحبنا كثيرًا وهو جاهر لمسامحتنا دائما ٧ مرة سبع مرات، نعم هو ينتظرنا دائما ممثلًا بالمحبة وعلمنا أن نمارس أعمال الخير والمحبة تجاه الآخرين، فلنساله أن يساعدنا اليوم كي نعرف طريق المحبة.

في النهاية تبقى المحبة فضيلة سامية بسمو الله لأن الله محبة وفي مساء الحياة، سنحاسب كلنا على هذه المحبة (متى ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦).



صلاة

نشكرك أيها المسيح،
لأنه كما تمجدت بالقيامة، أنت اليوم مجدتنا بتناولنا جسدك
المقدس، ووددتنا بك ومع بعضنا،
نشكرك لأنك أحببتنا، وبهدبتك لنا
علمتنا كيف نحبت بعضنا بعضًا،
نشكرك على وجودك الذي أوجدنا وأعطى معنى لوجودنا،
نشكرك على حكمتك التي ترفع البرقع عن عيوننا والغشاوة عن
قلوبنا، فنعرف رجاء دعوتك وغنى مجد ميراثك،
نشكرك على كنيستك، التي أنت رأسها وبرحمتك جعلتنا أعضاء بها،
لك الشكر أيها الآب والابن والروح القدس،
من الآن وإلى الأبد. آمين

"المحبة" هوية المسيحيين

إخوتي الأحباء وكأن يسوع يختم تعاليمه بتعليم خاص و وصية جديدة هي "المحبة".

على الرغم أن وصية المحبة قديمة موجودة في العهد القديم: "أحب الرب الهك بكل قلبك وبكل نفسك وبكل قوتك. وأحب قريبك حبك لنفسك" (تثنية ٦: ٥؛ متى ٢٢: ٣٧-٤٠). إلا أن الجديد الذي أعطاه يسوع في تعليمه عن المحبة: "...أن تحبوا بعضكم بعضًا كما أنا أحببتكم" هذا هو الجديد وهذه هي المفارقة. كما أنا أحببتكم أي الحب حتى الصليب، الحب حتى الفداء. كُت بلا حدود وبلا شروط. إنه ملء الحب الإلهي، "لأنه هكذا أحب الله العالم..." تأتي هذه الوصية في معرض كلام الرب عن تمجيد الله، وفي مناسبة تأسيس سرّي القربان والكنهوت، كسرّي المحبة الظاهرة في ذبيحته ووليمة جسده ودمه، والمطلوبة في محبة خدمة الكاهن ورسالته. وكما يمجّد المسيح الآب بواسطة الصليب، هكذا يمجّد المسيحي الله والمسيح بواسطة المحبة.

وهنا لا بد أن نتذكر قول يوحنا في رسالته الأولى: "إذا قال أحد إني أحب الله وهو يبغض أخاه كان كاذبًا لأن الذي لا يحب أخاه وهو يراه لا يستطيع أن يحب الله وهو لا يراه." (١ يوح ٢: ٢٠) ويقول القديس يوحنا الصليب "أن من لا يحب قريبه، فهو يكره الله" إذا ثبت القريب في العهد الجديد هو جوهر الإيمان. ويؤكد يسوع على هذا بقوله: "بهذا يعرف الجميع أنكم تلاميذي إن كان فيكم حب بعضكم لبعض". من هنا تصبح هذه المحبة "هوية" الإنسان المسيحي، فبالمحبة نعرف وبدونها لسنا بمسيحيين. فالمسيحيون مؤمنون على حضارة المحبة، بحكم المعمودية والميرون والقربان. ولذا تسمى "أسرار التكوين

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 Azar (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros, May Barakat (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Tanius Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Sarkis Chucir Khoudair, Nehme Khattar, Rimone Khattar, Eugenia Khattar, Ramona Khattar, Genevieve Khoury & Departed souls of Khoury & El-Zahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroun & his wife Ghsoun, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa, Hesneh Malkoun & family (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Saba & Mariam & Rafic Saba, George Sakr (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Karma Yammine (Z)

