

# OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 30 | Sunday 28 May 2023 | Pentecost Sunday

"On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." Jn 14: 15-20



## THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Jn 14: 15-20



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

Blessings for  
the Month of May

## Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, we celebrate the joyous feast of Pentecost, marking fifty days since Easter and the end of the Season of the Resurrection. During the past weeks, we rejoiced in the triumph of the Risen Christ over death and sin. Just ten days ago, on Ascension Thursday, He appeared for the final time to His disciples. Today, His promise to send them an advocate is fulfilled.

The Epistle reading recounts the account of the Jewish celebration of Pentecost, where people from all corners had gathered to renew their covenant with God. Unfamiliar with Jesus of Nazareth, they witnessed a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Saint Luke describes the descent of tongues of fire and a sound resembling a violent wind. These manifestations signify the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the apostles experience a transformation within their hearts. No longer confined by fear, they boldly proclaim the wonders of God to those responsible for Christ's crucifixion. Their proclamation transcends language barriers, as everyone hears them in their own language. This highlights the universal nature of the gospel, meant for all people, regardless of their nationality. The diversity within our Church is indeed a precious gift. It is through the Holy Spirit that we are able to embrace unity in the midst of our differences and diversity.



Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit, who has renewed the Church for twenty centuries. We are called to welcome this same Spirit into our lives, opening our hearts to God's abundant gifts.

To truly embody the essence of Pentecost, let us consider three important actions: First, let us renew our love for Jesus through repentance and reconciliation. Second, filled with His love and mercy, let us faithfully live out our faith by following God's commandments and the teachings of Jesus. This distinction is significant, as acting out of love compels us to go above and beyond, investing our hearts and souls into our actions. Lastly, let us emulate the apostles and bear witness to Jesus Christ, making disciples of all nations. Our mission is to bring Jesus to those we encounter and bring those we meet to Jesus.

### 10th Episcopal Anniversary

It was providential that the 10th anniversary of my episcopal ordination on May 25 was only days before the Feast of Pentecost. I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your well wishes. I humbly ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may continue to inspire and guide me in my service to our Church.

Serving the Lord is a tremendous privilege, made possible only through His love and mercy. I am eternally grateful for your unwavering support and prayers, especially over the past decade. Let us persist in serving one another with love and compassion, leading with courage and humility, working together to build the kingdom of God on earth, and extending His love and mercy to all whom we encounter.

May the Holy Spirit remain with us always, granting us unwavering zeal and love as we proclaim the Good News.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



**Pentecost Sunday**

Gen 11: 1-9

Acts 2: 1-21

Jn 14: 15-20

### 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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# "The Spirit of Truth"

I have often heard it said that "promises are made to be broken" but I didn't believe this, until I was old enough to realise that some promises are made just for the sake of achieving a particular goal. Many trusting hearts have been broken as a result, in both personal relationships and business. Families are divided and nations are at war, because of broken promises and the loss of trust. If only we would keep the promises we have made, and not make promises we cannot keep.

Jesus - the Way, the Truth, and the Life - never made a promise that He did not fulfil. His only mandate: "keep my commandments". He promised to rise from the dead, and He did. He promised to be with us always, so He left us His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist, where He remains with us physically and spiritually. He promised to send us a "helper" the Holy Spirit of Truth, our advocate...and He did.

If we live as Jesus has commanded us to live, then we can be sure of His promises. We are assured in the Divine Liturgy that He has united our humanity with His Divinity, and His Divinity with our humanity - "You have assumed what is ours, and You have given us what is Yours." How many more reassurances do we need to be sure that His promises to us will be fulfilled?

When difficult situations arise in our daily lives, we can easily get caught up with worrying about these problems, becoming distressed and anxious when we fail to find solutions. We sometimes carry the world on our own shoulders, and turn to vices for temporary comfort

and relief. All the while, Jesus is calling out to each one of us "Trust in Me!" Anguish and fear are our worst enemies, but Jesus has many times comforted and consoled us for He has overcome the world, knowing that we will not find our comfort here. Our 'comforter' is the Holy Spirit, the promised advocate who waits patiently to be called upon. Vices and earthly pleasures are only fleeting consolations that generally leave us feeling worse than when we sought their relief. Saint Theresa of Avila encourages me always when I find myself surrounded with troubles and burdened by concerns of life, out of my control. One of her famous prayers is a source of courage for all in need of hope: "Let nothing disturb you; all things are passing; he who has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

Salwa Elias

## QUESTION

What does the Church mean when she confesses: "I believe in the Holy Spirit"?

## ANSWER

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and "is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son". The Spirit is "sent into our hearts" (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God



## 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  
Cost: \$80  
SMS Juliette 0403 133 502 to register  
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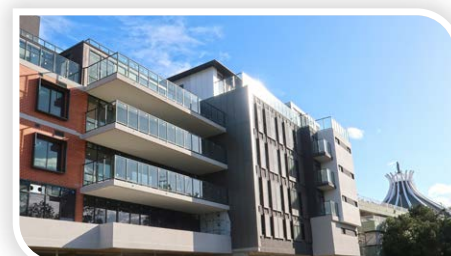
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Contact Rachel 0477276077 for more information

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## 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 [OLMHPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au](mailto:OLMHPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au)



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



# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## 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

## Saturday 3 June:

**6:00pm** One Year Mass for the late Tunsie Tannous Maroon from Kfarsghab

## Sunday 4 June:

Trinity Sunday

**9:30am** One Year Mass for the late Georgette Obeid wife of Michael Lahoud from Toula

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Saide Tansa Draybi wife of George Saab from Hadchit

**5:00pm** 40 Day Mass for the late Matthew Sam Azar from Baabda

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** For week ending: 21/05/2023

**Plates:** \$16,428 | **Donations:** \$150 | **Candles:** \$2,171

### 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



### Feast of Corpus Christi

**Thursday 8 June 2023**

Mass at 6pm followed by Adoration & Outdoor Procession

## Petition to save Calvary Hospital Canberra

The ACT Government is attempting to strip the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital in Canberra away from Calvary Health Care, and give the ownership to the government-run Canberra Health Services instead.

Calvary Health Care operates hospitals and aged care facilities across the country and has been serving Canberra residents of all faiths and none, for almost 50 years.

The government's compulsory acquisition of Calvary Public Hospital will have far-reaching ramifications for freedom of religion and freedom of conscience in Australia and will allow it to push an anti-life agenda right through the hospital.

This is more than just about Calvary Hospital; if the ACT Government can do this to a Catholic hospital, it can also do it to other institutions such as schools and aged care facilities run by faith groups.

If the government is successful in this radical action in Canberra, it could serve as a precedent for other governments in other states as well.

Please sign the petition on [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au) to help save Calvary Hospital

## 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!

### Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea

Last Sunday in a combined effort by the Youth, Family Committee, Teens & Fersen, the parish successfully organised Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea event!

We are beyond thrilled to have hosted this significant event, which aimed to raise funds and awareness for cancer research, support services, and prevention programs. It's crucial for us to come together and make a positive impact on the lives of those affected by cancer. Although the event has concluded, the opportunity to contribute is not over! We warmly invite you to show your support by making a generous donation to help us reach our fundraising goal. Every single donation matters and can truly make a difference. You can still donate by going to the following link: <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fun.../ololcocathedral/>

By donating, you are directly assisting Cancer Council in their relentless efforts to improve treatments, provide support to patients and their families, and work towards a future where cancer is no longer a threat. Let's unite against cancer, ignite hope, and build a brighter future together. We are immensely grateful for your support and sincerely appreciate your contributions.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

### Last Sunday

We celebrated the Feast of Saint Rita at 5pm Mass. Mass was celebrated by Fr Robert-Pio and included the Rite of blessings of the roses, bread, oil and procession. St Rita teaches us to be patient, faithful and most importantly forgiving. St Rita, pray for us!

### On Tuesday

Family of the Divine Word gathered for their weekly bible study, this week's speaker was Deacon Ghassan Nakhoul. We explored further on the topic of Ephesians 6:10-20 "It's a War! Take Up All God's Armour".

### On Friday

To conclude the month of May many parishioners joined in honouring Our Blessed Mother with a procession around the streets of Harris Park. Afterwards we came together for Mass with His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay to celebrate his 10th Episcopal Anniversary. We celebrated this milestone with Sayedna after Mass in the parish hall with a cocktail celebration. We thank you for your hard work over the years and pray for you as you continue to do so.

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.







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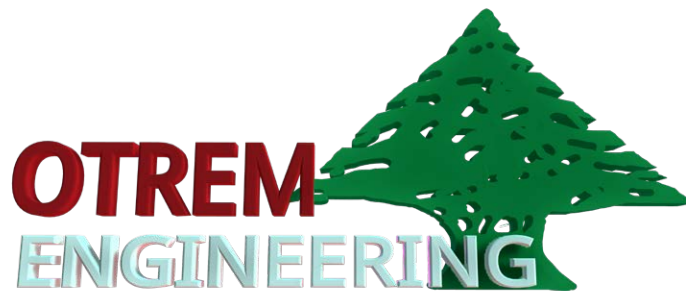
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



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 7:00 and 8:00pm on Monday 19 and 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.**



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## Month of May Mary home visits

start time at 7:15pm

### Group 1

<b>Sunday 28 May</b>	<b>Kfarsghab Association</b>	<b>15 Old Prospect Rd, South Wentworthville</b>
<b>Monday 29 May</b>	<b>Faraj Bayssari</b>	<b>19 Otto St, Merrylands West</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 May</b>	<b>Rhonda Wehbe</b>	<b>18 Ritchie St, Granville</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b>	<b>Gladiss Hawach</b>	<b>51 Prospect St, Rosehill</b>

### Group 2

<b>Jana Boulos</b>	<b>11 Commissioners Rd, Denistone</b>
<b>Priscilla Bouari</b>	<b>80 Condoine Lane, Pemulwuy</b>
<b>Salim and Lina Zeait</b>	<b>70 Chetwind Rd, Merrylands</b>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au) or visit our website [mercyhealth.com.au](http://mercyhealth.com.au)**

# لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٨ أيار:

أحد العنصرة، رتبة سجدة العنصرة وتبريك المياه

القداست: ٨:٣٠ و ٩:٣٠ صباحاً - ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ملكة طنوس زوجة أنطوان نجيب المكارى من زغرنا

٧:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم إميل الياس فغالي من بسوس - عاليه

السبت ٣ حزيران:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم طنسي طنوس مارون من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٤ حزيران:

أحد الثلاث

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحومة جورجيت عبيد زوجة مخايل لحود من تولا

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة سيدة طنسا الدريبي زوجة جورج صعب من حدشيت

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم الشاب ماثيو سام عازار من بعيدا



## مريم، أم المسيح، أم الكنيسة

ذاك الذي هو ثمرة عذراء قديسة واحدة يُعتبر مجد وشرف العذاري القديسات الأخريات كلهن؛ فإنهن، مثل مريم، أمهات المسيح، إن عملن بمشيئة أبيه. يظهر مجد وفرح مريم بصفاتها والدة يسوع المسيح خاصة في كلام الرب: "لأن من يعمل بمشيئة أبي الذي في السموات هو أخي وأختي وأمي" (متى ١٢ / ٥٠).

هكذا، يشير إلى القرابة الروحية التي تربطه بالشعب الذي كان قد افتداه. إخوته وأخواته هم الرجال القديسون والنساء القديسات الذين يشاركونه في الميراث السماوي. أمه هي الكنيسة جمعاء، لأنها ولدت أعضاء يسوع المسيح، بنعمة الله، أي الذين هم أمناء له. تبقى أمه تلك الروح القديسة التي تعمل بمشيئة أبيه والتي تظهر رحمته المثمرة في "أولئك الذين تتوجع بهم مرة أخرى في مثل وجع الولادة حتى تتكون فيهم صورة المسيح" (غل ٤ / ١٩)...

مريم هي بالتأكيد أم أعضاء جسد المسيح، أي أمنا نحن، لأنها ساهمت، برحمتها، في ولادة المؤمنين في الكنيسة، الذين هم أعضاء هذا المعلم الإلهي، الذي هي حقا أمه بحسب الجسد. من القديس أوغسطينس (٣٥٤ - ٤٣٠)

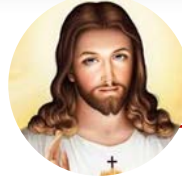
لنلتمس شفاعتها ونسألها ان تسهر علينا من سماها في بحر هذا العالم في قلب الامواج والرياح العاتية وقلب كل المصاعب مريم لا يجب ان ننساها فهي نجمة الصبح ورفيقة الدرب لتوصلنا الى الميناء الامين".



## صلاة الى الروح القدس

هلم أيها الروح القدس وأرسل من السماء شعاع نورك. هلم يا أبا المساكين، هلم يا معطي المواهب، هلم يا ضياء القلوب. أيها المعزي الجليل، يا ساكن القلوب العذب، أيتها الاستراحة اللذيذة. أنت في التعب راحة وفي الحر اعتدال وفي البكاء تعزية. أيها النور الطوباوي، إملأ باطن قلوب مؤمنيك، لأنه بدون قدرتك لا شيء في الإنسان ولا شيء ظاهر. طهر ما كان دنساً، أسقي ما كان يابساً، إشف ما كان معولاً. لين ما كان صلباً، أضرم ما كان بارداً، دبر ما كان حائداً. أعط مؤمنيك المتكئين عليك المواهب السبع، لمنحهم ثواب الفضيلة، هب لهم غاية الخلاص، أعظمهم السرور الأبدي،

أمين



## وبدا شهر قلبه يسوع الأقدس

في مستهل شهر حزيران نفتح أعيننا وقلب يسوع يغمرننا، وينفخ فينا وداعته وتواضعه، طارحاً أمامنا قلب مريم الحلو ليقودنا إلى الخلاص

هو انطلاقة لعبادة قلب يسوع الأقدس يتلو خلالها المؤمنون مسبحة الخاصة تأملاً بجراحات المسيح الخمسة، فيرتقون من خلالها إلى الكمال ملتسمين الحب الإلهي الذي يضيء فيهم حياة وخيراً، مضمناً القلوب بلهيب محبة مشبعة من روح الله.

هي رياضة روحية تنقي القلوب من الرؤا وتفتريشها ببذور الطهر والنفاء وترشد إلى قلب المسيح الوديع والمتواضع "قلب الكنيسة"، كما يصفه البابا القديس يوحنا پولس الثاني، "هو الذي يدعونا إلى الاهتداء والمصالحة. هو الذي يرشد القلوب النقية والمتعظشة إلى العدالة على درب التطويبات. هو الذي يتم الشركة الودية لأعضاء الجسد الواحد. هو الذي يسمح لنا بالتقيد بالبشرى السارة وقبول الوعد بالحياة الأبدية. هو الذي يرسلنا لنقوم بمهمتنا. العلاقة القلبية مع يسوع توسع القلب البشري على مستوى شامل".

في شهر قلب يسوع المبارك، دعوة - إلى كل قلب انتزعته الظروف من قلب الكنيسة وشردته عن جوهر الإيمان وجعلته يتيماً في هذا العالم - إلى العودة إلى قلب المخلص ليختبر رحمته ويبحث فيه عن السلام والعزاء ويلتمس منه النعم والبركات؛ هي دعوة لاستعادة القلوب الفاترة حرارتها، وفرصة ليحفر يسوع أسمنا في قلبه فلا تمحي منه أبداً.

لنجرؤ منذ اليوم على تكريس أنفسنا لقلب يسوع الأقدس ونعترف بسلطته علناً وبحرية، وليكن قلبه نوراً وقوة وسنداً وحياة لكل قلب وديع ومتواضع على مثال قلب يسوع المسيح. يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب، إجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك



## شهر قلبه يسوع الأقدس

يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب إجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك



# عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٣٠ | الأحد ٢٨ أيار ٢٠٢٣ | أحد العنصرة "أَجَلْ، أَنْ تُجِبُّوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا كَمَا أَنَا أَحَبَبْتُكُمْ". يو ١٥:١٤-٢٠



أحد العنصرة  
تكوين ١: ١-٩  
أعمال الرسل ٢: ١-٢١  
يو ١٥: ١٤-٢٠

الإنجيل



قال الرب يسوع لتلاميذه: "إن تحبوني، تحفظوا وصاياي. وأنا أسأل الآب فيعطيكم بارقليلاً آخر مؤيداً يكون معكم إلى الأبد. هو روح الحق الذي لا يقدر العالم أن يقبله، لأنه لا يراه ولا يعرفه. أما أنتم فتعرفونه، لأنه مقيم عندهم، وهو فيكم. لن أترككم يتامى. إني آتي إليكم. معاً قليل لن يراني العالم، أما أنتم فترونني، لأنني أنا حي، وأنتم ستحيون. في ذلك اليوم، تعرفون أنني أنا في أبي، وأنتم فيّ، وأني فيكم." يو ١٥: ١٤-٢٠

"أَنْتِ التَّضِيعُ أَكْرَمُ  
عِنْدَ ابْنِكَ يَا مَرْيَمُ"  
شهر مريمي مبارك



يحل على القربان فيقدسه، ويحل أيضاً علينا، ويقدّسنا ويعطينا القوة والشجاعة لنعيش إيماننا كاملاً. فإذا ما خرجنا من الكنيسة كما دخلنا، دون أن يتغير شيء فينا. نكون قد أضعنا نعمة القداس.

فلنفتح على عمل الروح لنحيا، نفك القيود، نتحرر، نحب يسوع نعمل بحسب وصاياه، نبني الشراكة بيننا وبين اخوتنا. نتحرر من الخطيئة، نكسر الحواجز، نحب فنكون حقاً رسل المسيح في هذا العالم.



## صلاة

أيها الروح القدس،  
البارقليط، المعزّي، الناطق بالأنبياء والرسل،  
واهب المواهب ومقدّس الأسرار، غافر الآثام وصانع الآيات،  
أيها الإله الصالح والمحيي، ينبوع الصلاح،  
أنت روح الحق والحكمة والفهم والمشورة والمعرفة،  
روح القوة والتقوى والخافة والعبادة الحسنة...

بك يُعرَف الآب ويؤمن بالابن ويُسبِّد لك معهما سجوداً حقاً، إذ أنت  
المساوي لهما بالجوه،

نتضرّع إليك في هذا العيد المجيد، لتجدد فينا مواهبك الإلهية وتملأنا  
من حكمة تعليمك وترتينا بغنى عطايك، لكي نحيا بك حياة مسيحية  
صالحة، ممجدين الثالوث الأقدس، إلى الأبد، **أمين**

"لنرفع أرفعكم يتامى" (يو ١٦: ٧)

إنه أحد العنصرة، به تختتم الكنيسة زمن القيامة وتفتتح زمناً ليتورجياً جديداً. هو زمن العنصرة، ثمرة القيامة الأسمى في حياة الكنيسة. إن حدث العنصرة يلد الكنيسة المرسلة، حيث تصبح بواسطة الروح وبمعونته شاهداً لحضور الرب في العالم. إنه زمن إعلان قيامة الرب للكون بأسره.

في عيد العنصرة، حل الروح القدس على التلاميذ في علية صهيون، فأدخلهم في سر موت الرب يسوع وقيامته، ففهموا وتغيّروا وتبدّلوا وتشجّعوا. وبعد أن كانوا جهالاً خائفين ومجتمعين في غرفة مغلقة، سرّعوا الابواب، ونزلوا الى الساحات، وأخذوا يمشرون بيسوع المسيح، ولا يخافون الاضطهاد والموت. هذه الشجاعة اتخذوها من الروح القدس الذي حل عليهم.

وبواصل الرب يسوع هبة الروح القدس للكنيسة وليكلّ مؤمن ومؤمنة بحتة ويلتزم بحفظ وصاياه. لقد وعد: "لن أرفعكم يتامى"، لأن الروح القدس البارقليط سيكمل دور يسوع مع التلاميذ ومع الكنيسة ومع المؤمنين وسيكون لهم بمثابة الأخ والصديق والرفيق والمعلم... هذا الروح البارقليط المعزّي يعمل في داخل كل إنسان معقّد من خلال مواهبه السبع. بعضها يُنير عقلنا والإيمان، وهي الحكمة والمعرفة والفهم، وبعضها يشدّد الإرادة والرجاء وهما المشورة والقوة، وبعضها يملأ القلب ويذكّي المحبة وهما التقوى ومخافة الله. فبدون مواهب الروح لا ندخل في سرّ الله.

ونحن في القداس نستدعي الروح القدس مع الكاهن المحتفل حين يركع على ركبتيه، قائلاً: "استجبنا يا رب، استجبنا يا رب، وليأت روحك القدوس ويحل علينا وعلى هذا القربان" فيهدف الشعب ثلاث مرات: "كيراليسون". فالروح القدس

## 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) Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) (E) Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Genevieve Khoury & Departed souls of Khoury & El-Zahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem (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 (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

