

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 31 | Sunday 4 June 2023 | Trinity Sunday "I am with you always, to the end of the age" Mt 28: 16-20



THE GOSPEL

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt 28:16-20



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own



Message from the Bishop

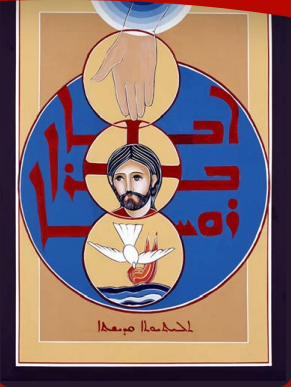
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, is Trinity Sunday according to the Syriac Antiochian Maronite liturgical calendar. We celebrate the profound relationship of love and grace within the Trinity, inviting us to partake in a shared communal bond with God.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we are reminded of the unmistakable vision of God as a Trinity. The passage concludes with the directive of the Lord, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19).

The Church, entrusted by Christ to His eleven apostles, bears a three-fold mission: to teach, sanctify, and govern the people of God in the name of the Holy Trinity. In times of challenge, the Church derives strength, endurance, and hope from Christ, relying on Him steadfastly. Only through Christ's divine presence can the Church fulfil its mission, as He assured us, with His words, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt 28:20).

The Feast of the Holy Trinity reminds us today to rethink how we understand the Trinity, as we invoke the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, when we make the sign of the cross. We recognise their divine presence at the start of each day, every prayer, and in all



Trinity Sunday

Gen 18: 1-8

Rom 11: 25-36

Mt 28: 16-20

our endeavours. Within the Trinity, we encounter the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and we are graciously invited to participate in the divine life. We are called to embrace our identity as sons and daughters of God, our Father.

When we say, "in the name of the Father," we seek His grace to make our thoughts holy, and cleanse our intentions and plans. And when we say, "in the name of the Son," we seek His grace to make our hearts pure, and cleanse our emotions and feelings. And when we say, "in the name of the Holy Spirit," we ask for His sanctification of all our actions and activities. Let us do our best to ensure that our purpose on this earth is to direct our work towards the glory of the Trinity.

Maronite Synod Meetings

I write this message from Lebanon, where I am currently present to participate in our annual retreat and synod of Maronite bishops. As we gather together, I humbly request your prayers for myself, our Patriarch and all the bishops present. May the divine guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be bestowed upon us, enabling us to make informed and discerning decisions that will positively impact our beloved Maronite Church.

My visit to Lebanon also provides me with an opportunity to plan for the upcoming visit of His Eminence and Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai to Australia and the 6th Congress of Maronite Bishops and Superiors General of the Expansion that our Eparchy is hosting in September 2023. This highly anticipated visit holds immense significance for our Maronite community in Australia during this Golden Jubilee Year of our Eparchy and I look forward to seeing you all at the events planned.

I wish you a blessed Sunday and pray that the eternal blessings of the Holy Trinity accompany you always!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

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 Importance of Baptism"

Over many years of service within the Church, I have witnessed numerous wedding and baptism preparations - from booking the hall and church, to arranging flowers and seating. There is a common factor in many of these occasions which I cannot fail to notice. As a very social and family oriented people, we tend to become more focused on organising the logistics of such events, overlooking the most important aspect of all - reception of the actual Sacrament, with its attached graces and virtues. If parents fully understood the importance of Baptism, we would baptise our newborn infants within a week, if not on the very same day of their birth, to ensure there is no delay in receiving all the wonderful gifts of the Blessed Trinity.

In the process of writing this article, the analogy of buying a new phone occurred to me. What's the first thing we do upon buying something as simple as a mobile phone? Immediately we claim ownership to it by registering our name as the owner. Then we begin to personalise it by placing our "mark" in the form of adding contacts, adjusting display settings, uploading photos, downloading applications, etc. Can you imagine how much God loves each one of us, and longs to "personalise" His own creation? He places His Divine character on the soul of the newly baptised and claims it as His own, while bestowing upon it all the graces and virtues necessary for its sanctification. If we pay so much attention into acquiring a new phone, how much more importance should be placed on the soul in Baptism? Being the foundation of all the other Sacraments has already implied its great importance in the life of "a follower of Christ" without which we cannot claim to be, according to the precepts that Jesus has mandated.

Of course it's not only children that are in need of Baptism - the Sacraments of Initiation are as vital for non-Catholic adults as they are for infants, allowing them to be "born again" after having a conversion of heart, bringing them into the fullness and knowledge of the Truth. With ongoing formation and a deeper knowledge of our Church Teachings, over time all the baptised will come to understand, to love, and to share the Faith which has been infused into our souls at Baptism, leading us to the Kingdom of Heaven. After all, this is the last mandate given to us by Jesus: "make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable?

ANSWER

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son he also sends his Spirit who unites us to the Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God "Father" (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church



UPCOMING EVENTS



Gift Shop
Our Lady of Lebanon

HOLY COMMUNION

Gifts & Custom Bombonières

Statues, Candles, Crosses, Rosaries Books
Frames, Cards & Medals, religious
Jewelry & more.

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Maronite Flame Teens
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



MYO TUESDAY SPORTS NIGHT
8PM | REC ROOM
INDOOR SOCCER
TABLE TENNIS
BOARD GAMES
1 1/2 years of age



FIVE LOAVES
WE'RE HIRING
BARISTA
FULL OR PART TIME
CONTACT SAM ON
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OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Maronite Catholic Parish

THE FAMILY COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO

Renewal of Vows

Sunday, 30th July 2023
The Family Committee is organising a special mass @9:30am for the Renewal of Marriage Vows.
It will include a very special recognition of couples celebrating 5,10,15,20,25.....50 years of marriage any time in 2023.
Reserved seats, certificates and a special gift will be presented on the day.

If you are in this category please email
familycommittee@lolol.org.au to register your names
contact Rana- 0425 335 707

50 YEARS
MARONITE
EPARCHY OF
AUSTRALIA



Feast of Corpus Christi
Thursday 8 June 2023
Mass at 6pm followed by Adoration & Outdoor Procession

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

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

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Joseph John Saber from Miniara

Monday 5 June:

6:00pm Ibrahim Yaacoub Solage from Beirut (died in Lebanon)

Thursday 8 June:

Corpus Christi

10:30am Seniors Mass followed by lunch

6:00pm Mass for the Feast of the Corpus Christi followed by Adoration and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the Courtyard

Friday 9 June:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Aalia Saad from Tourza wife of Nohra Nohra from Fradiss

Saturday 10 June:

10:30am and 3:00pm Parish First Holy Communion

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Sarkis Semaan Nassif Elbayeh from Kfardlakos

Sunday 11 June:

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Nader Toufic Nader from Mejdlaya

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Fayez Antanios Harb from Wadi Tannourine

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 28/05/2023

Plates: \$... | **Donations:** \$... | **Candles:** \$...

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

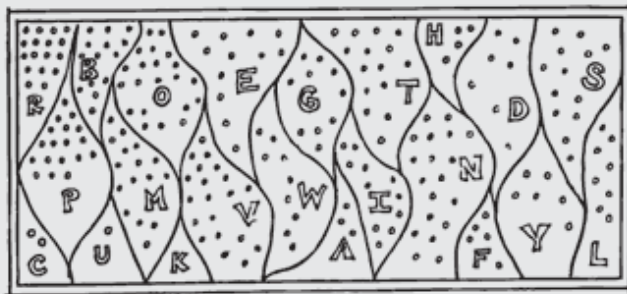


BibleWise

KIDS CORNER

What Happened at Pentecost?

Count the number of dots in each space. Then use the letters to decode the message below about what happened at Pentecost. Check your work with Acts 2:4.



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12 19 3 14 8 12 7 15 4 12 16

Bible Activities For Everyone by Betty DeVries and Mary Currier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

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!

LOL Gala

Last Saturday evening we held our annual Gala dinner, a grand salute.

It was a great night to come together as one to raise much needed funds to support our parish pastoral activities and developments. A big THANK YOU to our sponsors and to all who joined us

Last Saturday Fersen

Kindergarten learned about Jesus, the Son of God and our redeemer. They also traced their handprint and drew a pot plant underneath. Finally, they spelled the name "Jesus" on their flowers.

Year 2 learned about the Holy Spirit and the 9 fruits of Pentecost. Then they ended it with a prayer of Hail Mary colouring activity and wrote the Our Father at the back of their colouring stencil to celebrate the end of May.

Year 3 & 4 learned about Pentecost of the Holy Spirit.

Last Thursday

Once again, our incredible Senior's Committee came together, along with our beloved elderly members, for a truly wonderful day.

The highlight of the day was the Holy Mass, which was beautifully led by the one and only Father Youhanna Maroun. It was such a spiritually uplifting experience, filled with blessings and a sense of togetherness. We are so grateful to Father Youhanna Maroun for his guidance and for making this day even more special. It's heartwarming to see how our community comes together to celebrate and honour our faith. Let's continue spreading love and positivity, cherishing these precious moments we share as a community. Looking forward to many more memorable gatherings!

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.



Thank you to our Gala Dinner Sponsors

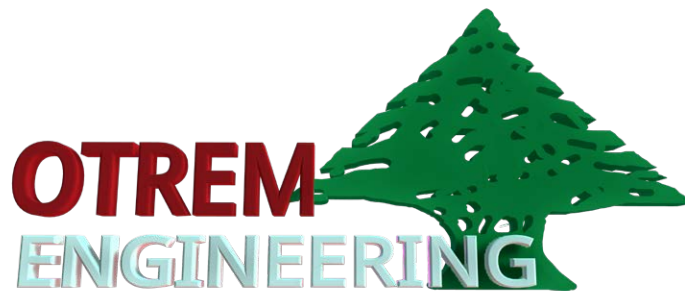
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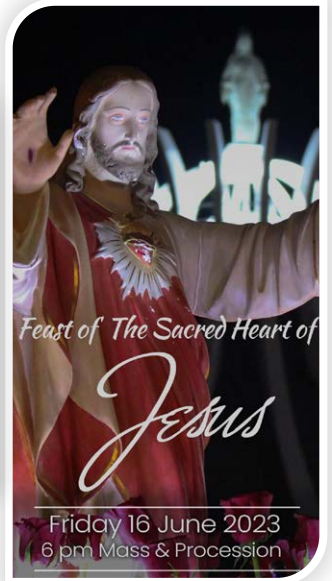


MaroniteCare is presenting three seminars on the topic of The Trouble with Electronic Media. We shall examine the problems associated with electronic media and how to deal with them, especially with addiction. The seminars are for those of or over the age of 18 years, only.

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 764 824 between
9:00am and 9:00pm.**



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

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 to help save Calvary Hospital

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 ٤ حزيران:

أحد الثالث

٩٣٠ السنة للمرحومة جورجيت عبيد زوجة مخايل لحود من تولد
١١٠٠ السنة للمرحومة سيدة طنسا الدريبي زوجة جورج صعب من
حدشيت

٥٠٠ أربعون المرحوم الشاب ماثيو سام عازار من بعبد
٧٠٠ أربعون المرحوم جوزيف جون صابر من منيرة

الاثنين ٥ حزيران:

٦٠٠ المرحوم إبراهيم يعقوب سولاج من بيروت (متوفي في لبنان)

الخميس ٨ حزيران:

عيد خميس الجسد

١٠٣٠ قداس المسنين على نية كبارنا في الرعية يليه غداء
٦٠٠ قداس بمناسبة عيد خميس الجسد وعلى نية أبناء الرعية أحياء
وأموات ومرضى يليه ساعة سجود وتطواف بالقران المقدس في
ساحة الكاتدرائية

الجمعة ٩ حزيران:

٦٠٠ أربعون المرحومة عليا سعد من طورزا زوجة نهرنا نهرنا من
الفراديس وسكان كفرصغاب

السبت ١٠ حزيران:

١٠٣٠ صباحاً و٣٠٠ ب.ظ. قداس القربانة الأولى لأولاد الرعية
٦٠٠ السنة للمرحوم سر كريس سمعان ناصيف الباي من
كفر دلقوس

الأحد ١١ حزيران:

الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

١١٠٠ أربعون المرحوم نادر توفيق نادر من مجدليا
٥٠٠ أربعون المرحوم فايز أنطانيوس حرب من وادي تنورين

٤- القربان الأقدس هو سرّ البقاء والخلود الأبدي: لقد أكد السيّد المسيح مراراً وتكراراً بأن تناول جسده ودمه عربون للحياة الأبدية: "مَنْ أَكَلَ جَسَدِي وَشَرِبَ دَمِي يَحْيَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ وَأَنَا أَقِيمُهُ فِي الْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ". والبرهان العقلي على هذا هو في السؤال التالي: إذا كنا نؤمن بأنّ المسيح يقيم فينا عندما نتناوله، فهل سيسمح الربّ أن يهلك مَنْ يحمل في جسده وكيانه جسد المسيح؟ فكما أقيم المسيح من بين الأموات سنقوم نحن معه للحياة الأبدية. هذه النظرة إلى ما بعد الزّمن تولّد فينا شعلة الرّجاء

٦ حزيران: أعنوبة مار ميخائيل رئيس الملائكة

ذاك الذي هو ثمرة عذراء قديسة واحدة يُعتبر مجد وشرف العذاري القديسات الأخريات كلهنّ؛ فإنّهنّ، مثل مريم، أمّهات المسيح، إن عملنّ بمشيئة أبيه. يظهر مجد وفرح مريم بصفيتها والدة يسوع المسيح خاصّة في كلام الربّ: "لأنّ مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِمَشِيئَةِ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَوَاتِ هُوَ أَخِي وَأُمِّي" (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. أمّه هي الكنيسة جمعاء، لأنّها ولدت أعضاء يسوع المسيح، بنعمة الله، أيّ الذين هم أمناء له. تبقى أمّه تلك الروح القديسة التي تعمل بمشيئة أبيه والتي تظهر رحمها المثمرة في "أولئك الذين تتوجّع بهم مرّة أخرى في مثل وجع الولادة حتّى تتكوّن فيهم صورة المسيح" (غل ٤ / ١٩) ... مريم هي بالتأكيد أمّ أعضاء جسد المسيح، أيّ أمناء نحن، لأنّها ساهمت، برحميتها، في ولادة المؤمنين في الكنيسة، الذين هم أعضاء هذا المعلم الإلهي، الذي هي حقاً أمّه 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".



خميس الجسد: فيه سر القربان رَبِّهِ مَعْنَى مَدَى الْأَزْمَانِ

إنّ المسيح الربّ، لكي يكون حقاً ودائماً عمّانويل، أيّ الله معنا، أسّس بفيض من حبّه سرّ القربان والكنهوت، قبل أن يتألم ويموت ويقوم من بين الأموات. فسلم كهنة الكنيسة الاحتفال بتقدمة ذاته ذبيحة لفدائنا من خطايانا، تحت شكلي الخبز والخمر المحوّلين إلى جسده ودمه، وبتقدمة ذاته وليمة سرّية للحياة الإلهية فينا، إذ قال لهم: "إصنعوا هذا لذكرى" (لو ٢٢: ١٩).

١- القربان الأقدس هو سرّ الحضور الدائم لله بيننا: كما نرتّل "تعال بيننا أقم عندما وخذ من قلوبنا لك مسكناً" ونحن نؤمن بالحضور الحقيقي وليس الرمزي فقط للمسيح بجسده ودمه ليس فقط أثناء الذبيحة وبعد كلام التقديس (التحول والإستحالة) ولكن أيضاً بعد القداس في بيت القربان.. إنه يحضر، يحل، يقيم، يسكن، يبقى، يتجسّد، يستمر فيما بيننا.

٢- القربان الاقدس سرّ الإتحاد والوحدة مع السيد المسيح: إذ أنّ المعلم يقول بوضوح "مَنْ أَكَلَ جَسَدِي وَشَرِبَ دَمِي أَقَامَ فِيّ وَأَقِمْتُ فِيهِ" وبكلمات أخرى "ثَبِتَ فِيّ وَثَبْتُ فِيهِ" وهذه الإقامة والثبات تعني أنه يصبح جزءاً لا يتجزأ منا ونصبح جزءاً لا يتجزأ منه، وبالتالي نصبح نحن بيت قربان يقيم فيه الربّ، وعندما نخرج من القداس بعد التناول نحمل وننقل ونشيع ونظهر وننشر حضور الربّ بين الناس.

٣- القربان الاقدس هو سرّ الشركة بين المؤمنين في الكنيسة: عندما نشترك في الجسد الواحد نصبح جسداً واحداً.. وهذا يعني بأنّ الإفخارستيا تبني الجماعة المسيحية وتوحدها. الكنيسة تقوم بسرّ القربان وتبني عليه وتتغذى به وبالتالي تصبح كنيسة واحدة وجماعة واحدة وقلباً واحداً ونفساً واحدة.. بمعنى آخر جماعة المؤمنين تصبح بيت قربان واحد متجوّل لا بل كنيسة واحدة متنقلة.

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

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الإنجيل



قال متى الرسول: أما التلاميذ الأحد عشر فذهبوا إلى الجليل، إلى الجبل حيث أمرهم يسوع. ولما رأوه سجدوا له، برغم أنهم شكوا. فحدثنا يسوع وكلمهم قائلاً: "لقد أعطيت كل سلطان في السماء وعلى الأرض. اذهبوا إذا فتلميذوا كل الأمم، وعمدوهم باسم الآب والابن والروح القدس، وعلموهم أن يحفظوا كل ما أوصيتكم به. وهذا أنا معكم كل الأيام إلى نهاية العالم". مت ٢٨: ١٦-٢٠

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أحد الثالوث - "ها أنا معكم دائماً"

تحتفل الكنيسة المقدسة في هذا الأحد بعيد الثالوث الأقدس، من بعد أن تذكرت عمل الآب الخالق الذي أرسل ابنه إلى العالم فأجرى فداء خطايا البشرية بألامه وموته. وبث الحياة الجديدة بنعمة قيامته، ثم أرسل روحه القدس منبثقا منه ومن الإبن ليحقق في كل مؤمن ومؤمنة ثمار الفداء.

لا يمكننا أن نفهم سر الثالوث إلا إذا صعدنا إلى جبل الإيمان، فبالإيمان نقبل حقيقة العقائد الموحدة، ليس قبولاً خائفاً بل خضوعاً مستتبهاً بالثقة، بالحب الإلهي، بالصدقة الإلهية وبالسعي إلى الفهم على ضوء العقل أيضاً، بالقدر الذي يمكن لعقلنا قبوله.

الثالوث الأقدس سر الله الواحد والمثلث الأقانيم: الآب والابن والروح القدس، هو شركة الأقانيم الإلهية الذين هم واحد مع الآخر، وواحد من أجل الآخر، وواحد في الآخر. إن هذه الشركة هي حياة الله، سر محبة الله الحي. ويسوع هو الذي كشف لنا هذا السر. هو الذي تحدثنا عن الله كأب، وحدثنا عن الروح القدس؛ وحدثنا عن ذاته كابن الله. وعندما قام من بين الأموات، أرسل تلاميذه ليشرحوا للإنجيل جميع الأمم، وقال لهم أن يعقدوهم: "باسم الآب والابن والروح القدس" (متى ٢٨، ١٩). إن هذه الوصية أكلها المسيح في كل زمن للكنيسة، والتي ورثت من الرسل المهمة الإرسالية "التعليم والتبشير والتدبير". وهو يوجهها لكل فرد منا، نحن الذين ننتمي إلى جماعته بقوة المعمودية والميرون. فهما أصبحنا كلنا جسد المسيح. ولأن المسيح-الراس قبل مسحة الروح، فالمسحة عيناها تشمل الجسد كله. ولهذا دعينا مسيحيين أي شركاء المسيح في مسحته، وشركاء في رسالته المثلثة (القدّيس البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني: العلمانيون المؤمنون بالمسيح، ٤).

لذلك، فإن احتفال اليوم الليتورجي، وإذ يجعلنا نتأمل السر العظيم الذي منه خرجنا وإليه نسير، يجدد لنا رسالة عيش الشركة مع الله وعيش الشركة مع

بعضنا البعض على مثال شركة الله. نحن مدعوون لنعيش لا واحد بدون الآخر، ولا واحد فوق أو ضد الآخر، وإنما واحد مع الآخرين، ومن أجل الآخرين وفي الآخرين. وهذا الأمر يعني قبول جمال الإنجيل والشهادة له؛ وعيش المحبة المتبادلة تجاه الجميع، ومشاركتهم الأفراح والألام؛ بتعلم طلب المغفرة ومنحها، ومُحترمين المواهب المتعددة تحت إرشاد الرعاة. بمعنى آخر، لقد أوكلت إلينا مهمة بناء جماعات كنسية تكون على الدوام أكثر من عائلة.

إننا بروح الرجاء نواصل طريقنا، وسط المصاعب والمحن، متكلمين على نعمة المسيح الفادي والمخلص الضامن لنا بزوغ فجر جديد بقوله: "أنا معكم طول الأيام حتى نهاية العالم" (متى ٢٨: ٢٠). للثالوث القدوس، الآب والإبن والروح القدس، المجد والتسبيح والشكر الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين



صلاة

أيها الإله الحقيقي،
الآب والابن والروح القدس، الثالوث الأقدس والممجد، إيتاك نسبح، إيتاك نبارك، إيتاك نشكر، لك نسجد، إليك نتضرّع، وباسمك ندعو، إسمك الذي تسمعه الجحيم فترتعد، الكفر فينهزم، الغضب فيخمد، الشموخ فيتضع. أمطر علينا بركاتك في هذا العيد المجيد، وإحفظنا من كل عداء وضرر ومن كل خوف وخطر...
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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 who have no one to pray for them, Violet Azizi, Sayed Azizi (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) George Nader, Odette Nehma, Yasmine Nehme, Jamil Nehme (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family, Hasna Reaidy (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Toufic Succar, Nkoula & Jamileh Samuel (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) Fouad Wehbe, Mary Wehbe, Tony Wehbe, Morched Wehbe (X) (Y) (Z)

