

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 42 | Sunday 20 August 2023 | Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God" Lk 8: 1-15



THE GOSPEL

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to listen!" Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.' "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance. Lk 8:1-15



Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Gen 2: 8-10, 15-17
1Cor 3: 1-11
Lk 8: 1-15

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



I am currently visiting our Maronite parishes in Melbourne to celebrate with them the Feast of the Assumption and welcome the arrival of the relics of our saints in this Golden Jubilee Year of our Eparchy. The warmth of the reception that our communities across Australia have extended to these sacred relics is truly heartening.

On this 13th Sunday of Pentecost in the Maronite Church, we reflect on the Parable of the Sower and on the wisdom in this story that Jesus told. In this parable, Jesus focuses on the soil, for it is within the soil that the seeds of His Divine Word find their abode.

God, the farmer, scatters the seeds of His Word with a generous hand, casting them upon every possible terrain. However, not all soil is equally receptive, and herein lies the lesson of this parable. The story mirrors our lives, where our hearts serve as the soil in which the seeds of divine truth take root.

Let us consider the path, beaten and trodden upon. These are the hearts that hear the Word but allow it to be swiftly snatched away by distractions. Next, we ponder the rocky ground, where the Word takes root initially but struggles to find sustenance and depth. These are hearts that, when faced

with difficulty, falter and retreat from the faith. And then there are the thorns, symbolic of the cares of the world that stifle the growth of the Word within us.

And finally, we reflect on the seeds that land on the fertile ground, the good soil that welcomes the seeds of God's Word with an open heart. These are the souls that not only receive the Gospel but also tend to it, nurture it, and let it flourish within them.

The parable is simple but carries profound lessons. It uncovers the very obstacles that we encounter in our pursuit for spiritual maturity. In essence, we embody each type of soil.

There are times when we stray from the path, much like seeds outside the field. When we sin, we may lose our way. Yet, by acknowledging our mistakes, seeking repentance, and accepting forgiveness, we can return on the path of holiness.

We might also resemble the seed on rocky ground, initially accepting the Word but failing to nourish it through the sacraments, prayer, and reading the Word of God. Such negligence can lead to a withering of our spiritual life. Our call is to be vigilant in nurturing our faith, growing it through God's grace.

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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And then there are the thorns, symbolising the worldly distractions that choke our spiritual growth. Anxieties and material desires can eclipse the truth of the Word of God. Our challenge is to engage with life's blessings and responsibilities while keeping our hearts attuned to God's guidance.

We are called to be awake to this calling. Our aim should be to mirror the fruitful soil, allowing the seeds of God's Word to flourish within us. So, on this Sunday, we raise our prayers to

the Heavenly Lord, the ultimate sower, to cultivate within us hearts of good soil that readily accepts His Word, grows our faith, and nurtures relationships with Him and with one another. May we grow into faithful stewards of His divine teachings, enabling the flourishing of God's kingdom within our hearts. Amen.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

"Planting good seeds"

It's not easy trying to explain to a 3-year old why food and sleep are necessary for their wellbeing, or why daily baths are important. With the help of a few examples and analogies, plus a little debating of course, there may be a spark of understanding...maybe. I guess that's how we appear before the Wisdom of God – like infants learning to walk, in need of assistance as we stumble and fall along the way. Jesus knew that not all have ears to hear, and would require a parable to enlighten their minds to His message. But, what can I take away from this parable of the sower today?

Years ago, I heard someone say "the path to hell is paved with good intentions" and it didn't resonate with me, until I became more involved in community services and media. I wondered if this could be true, upon seeing reports of criminals who were once innocent children 'gone bad.' We start off on our journey with many ideas and plans, hoping to make a difference in the world, whether it be in our careers, talents, attitudes, or personality. Some may run into barriers that slow us down or redirect our path altogether, even to the point of losing track of our original focus. Some find themselves in a daily battle, just trying to make it through the day. Others give up on everything they ever knew or were taught about faith and religion, creating a life plan of their own design. The parable of the sower doesn't seem so hard to understand now, and perhaps the path that was paved with good intentions has disappeared into a dry rock of desolation with the years.

When we believe in our purpose – planted as a good seed by God Himself – we cannot waiver in that belief. Perseverance is

the fruit of such faith in ourselves and in the Creator. No matter how difficult the struggle, when we hold the Word of God in our hearts and live by the Word of God, we will endure. If I was asked to choose just one verse from the Bible that empowers me in my darkest moments, it would be Matthew 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The Word of God is unlimited in providing the nourishment for our hungry souls, and this particular verse confirms my trust in the goodness of my Lord and my God. He alone can give me the rest for which my aching heart and body are yearning. He alone has been my comfort and my strength in life. He truly has been the rock upon which I continue to stand. Blessed be God!

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What are the sacramentals?

ANSWER

These are the sacred signs instituted by the Church to sanctify different circumstances of life. They include a prayer accompanied by the sign of the cross and other signs. Among the sacramentals which occupy an important place are: blessings, which are the praise of God and a prayer to obtain his gifts, the consecration of persons and the dedication of things for the worship of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS


THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR


GOLDEN JUBILEE SOLEMN MASS

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 11 AM
KEN ROSEWALL ARENA
Sydney Olympic Park NSW
celebrated by
HIS BEATITUDE AND EMINENCE
MAR BECHARA BOUTROS CARDINAL RAI
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East

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INTRODUCTION TO THE MARONITE FAITH COURSE PRESENTS...

"MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE"

A PRESENTATION AND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH OUR LADY

AUGUST 17 & 24, 2023
7:30PM - 9:00PM
SENIOR'S ROOM, OLOL

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Quality Meat is Our Passion



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PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 20 August:

13th Sunday of Pentecost

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Sultane Habib Moussa widow of the late Hanna Doumit Katrib from Karem Al Mohr

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Nadim Kabalan Esber from Kfarsghab

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Michel Tansa Laoulach from Kfarsghab

Wednesday 23 August:

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Dibe Rafqa Moussa widow of the late Youssef Boutros Khoury from Sebhel

Friday 25 August:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Houda Boutros Bayeh wife of Youssef Jamil Bayeh from Kfardlakos

Saturday 26 August:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Tansa Asaad Albadaoui Hassarati from Blouza

Sunday 27 August:

14th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30am One Year Mass for the late Cecilia Boutros Charara widow of the late Mustafa Issa from Saghbine

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Jamal Youssef Gebrael Hssairati from Blouza wife of Youssef Saab from Hadchit

3:00pm All livings and Departed of Zgharta for the Feast of Our Lady of Zgharta

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Sarkis Nakhoul (Asfoura) from Kfardlakos

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 13/08/2023

Plates: \$18,568

Donations: \$400

Candles: \$467

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,414,444

UNITS: \$1,121,810

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$37,681 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,352 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



KIDS CORNER

WORDSEARCH

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BIRDS
FRUIT
PARABLE
PATH
PLANTS
ROCKY
SEEDS
SOIL
SOWER
SUN
THORNS
WEEDS

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 Saturday

We continued our feast week celebrations with our annual hafleh and bbq. It was a night filled with fun rides, food and entertainment. It was a joyful night as we all came together to celebrate this special feast. A big thank you to all who help with the preparations for the night and all the feast week events

Last Sunday

After 9:30am Mass the family committee along with Fersen held a family fun day! Many smiles were shared throughout the day. There was much to do for the kids and big ones, from rides to a 360 video booth. Food was served with a delicious sausage sizzle made by the team!

On Monday

We celebrated a solemn Mass for the eve of the feast of the Assumption. Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antione-Charbel followed by the unveiling, lighting, and blessing of the new stature of Our Lady of Lebanon. After the blessing many joined for a night of hrissi and entertainment.

Update on the new statue

As our new statue is awaiting to take her place atop our church. You may admire this beautiful statue from her current position on ground near the CYPC

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.



The Maronite Eparchy of Australia invites you to the

GOLDEN JUBILEE Dinner

Celebrating the past, building together the future

In the presence of His Beatitude & Eminence
Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

Dinner proceeds will go towards supporting struggling Maronite students in Lebanon

21 Thursday
September
6.30 PM 2023

Rosehill Gardens

Grand Pavilion, Rosehill

Dress Code: Formal

\$300 per person
\$3000 per table of 10
Sponsorship Packages available

To secure your table or sponsorship
contact the Maronite Chancery
02 8831 0000 | events@maronite.org.au

The Golden Jubilee Dinner in the presence of His Beatitude & Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East is our opportunity to come together as one community around our Patriarch, and help students in need in Lebanon.

Schools are on the brink of unwillingly closing their doors and many students are having to work, which is forcing them to attend school less frequently. While this may come as a surprise to so many of us, this is the reality of the situation in Lebanon. Shortly, we will also be sharing video assets to continue to promote the Golden Jubilee Dinner.

Table sales are now open, and everyone is invited to be a part of this event on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.00pm at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens. We are calling for your help. Please secure your table or sponsorship now. Call 02 8831 0000 or email events@maronite.org.au

GOLDEN JUBILEE PARTNERS

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Golden Jubilee Dinner Sponsorship Packages

Gold Sponsorship \$25,000 (ex GST)

- Premium Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Reserved Parking for 2 cars at Rosehill Gardens
- Half page advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Gold Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Gold Sponsor throughout the night

~ 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
~ Promotion of Dinner Gold sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in July, August and September 2023
~ Company logo to be placed on the red carpet sponsorship wall
~ Presentation of an Appreciation Plaque during the formalities of the Event

Silver Sponsorship \$10,000 (ex GST)

- Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Reserved Parking for 2 cars at Rosehill Gardens
- Quarter page advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Silver Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Silver Sponsor throughout the night

~ 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
~ Promotion of Dinner Silver sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in August and September 2023
~ Company logo to be placed on the red carpet sponsorship wall
~ Presentation of an Appreciation Plaque during the formalities of the Event

Bronze Corporate Sponsorship \$5,000 (ex GST)

- Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Corporate Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Corporate Sponsor throughout the night

~ 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
~ Acknowledgement of Dinner Corporate sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in September 2023
~ Company logo to be placed on the red carpet sponsorship wall

For Further Information

Please contact Claudia Azzi at the Chancery Office, Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania on 02 8831 0000 or email events@maronite.org.au

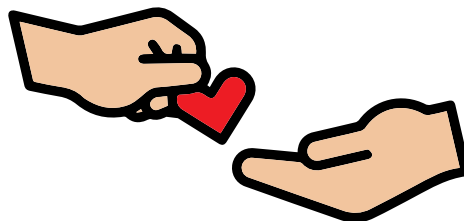
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Your support is greatly appreciated! A big thank you also to our anonymous donors and all our indivual parishioners who have contributed generously behind the scenes.



PARISH CAMERA



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٠ آب؛

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة سلطانة حبيب موسى أرملة المرحوم حنا
ضوميط القطريب من كرم المهر
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم نديم قبلان إسبر من كفرصغاب
٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم ميشال طنسا لولش من حدشيت

الأربعاء ٢٣ آب؛

٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة دبية رفقا موسى أرملة المرحوم يوسف
بطرس الخوري من سبعل

الجمعة ٢٥ آب؛

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة هدى بطرس البايح زوجة يوسف جميل البايح
من كفر دلاقوس

السبت ٢٦ آب؛

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم طنسا أسعد البدوي الحصرياتي من بلوزا

الأحد ٢٧ آب؛

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحومة سيسيليا بطرس شرارة أرملة المرحوم
مصطفى عيسى من صغبين
١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة جمال يوسف جبرائيل الحصرياتي من بلوزا زوجة
يوسف صعب من حدشيت
٣:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات زغرنا بمناسبة عيد سيدة زغرنا
تقدمة الجمعية
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم سركيس نخول (عصفورة) من كفر دلاقوس



مار اسحق السرياني

شوقنا إلى الله

يا إلهي الفريدُ بَقْوَتِهِ، طوبى لِمَنْ حظيَ بمَعُونَتِكَ،
وقد جَلَلْ في قلبِهِ مَصِيداً إِلَيْكَ!
رَبِّ، حَوْلْ، رُدَّ وَجْهَنَا عَنِ الْعَالَمِ بِالشَّوْقِ إِلَيْكَ!
إِلَى أَنْ يَلْتَقِيَ وَجْهَكَ!
لا تَدْعُنَا نَرْكُنْ إِلَى الضَّلَالِ كَأَنَّهُ حَقٌّ!
جَدِّدْ فِي فِكْرِنَا الْجَهْدَ وَالْيَقِظَةَ قَبْلَ الْمَوْتِ،
لنَعْلَمَ قَبْلَ الرِّحِيلِ كَيْفَ كَانَ دُخُولُنَا إِلَى هَذَا الْعَالَمِ،
وكَيْفَ يَكُونُ خُرُوجُنَا،
إِلَى أَنْ نَتِمَّ الْعَمَلُ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ دُعِينَا مِنْذُ الْبَدْءِ،
بحَسَبِ قَصِيدِكَ فِي إِيْتَانِكَ بِنَا إِلَى الْوُجُودِ.
نَرْجُو، والثِّقَةُ مِلءُ الْقَلْبِ، أَنْ نَقْبَلَ عِظَائِمَ تَدْبِيرِكَ،
كَمَا بَشَّرَ بِهَا الْإِنْجِيلُ، وَنَذُوقِ الْمَوَاعِيدِ الَّتِي التَّرَمَّتْهَا
مَحَبَّتُكَ فِي التَّجْدِيدِ،
الْأُمُورَ الْمُحْفَوظَ ذِكْرُهَا فِي أَمَانَةٍ سَرِّكَ، وَالْمَجْدُ لَكَ،
يا رَبِّ! آمِينَ



صلاة

أيها الآب السماوي، أعطنا روحك القدوس، لنعرفك أكثر من خلال
إينك، فنحقق رغبته في الوحدة. فنثبت فيك، وندعو الجميع إليك من
خلال تعاليمك، فلن يكون اختلافنا إلا بنظرنا لنمو البشارة، وطرق
العمل في كرمك، فنعرف الأرض الطيبة التي تصلح، ونعرف الطرق
الآيلة إلى استصلاح الأخرى ليكون حصادك وفيراً فنستحق أن نكون
عملة فاعلين لحصادك، للثالوث الأقدس المجد إلى الأبد. آمين



القديس برناردوس، المرنم المحنون بالعذراء مريم

وُلِدَ برنارد عام ١٠٩٠ وكبر بالفضيلة التي أثمرت في عيشه
دعوته. استقى برنارد من أمه التقوى ومن أبيه الفروسية.
بعد وفاة أمه، دخل إلى دير الرهبان السيستريين وأتبع
نظام التقشف الصارم، فكان يقلص أوقات راحته ويزيد
أوقات العبادة والتأمل. وبعد ثلاث سنوات على دخوله
الدير، أُرْسِلَ إلى "فال دابسينت" (شرقي فرنسا) ليؤسس
ديرًا جديدًا أبصر النور في ٢٥ حزيران ١١١٥ وسماه "كليرفو"
فالي "لتصبح التسمية بعدها "كليرفو".

دعا القديس برناردوس العالم لتوجيه أنظارهم إلى العذراء
مريم، النجمة التي يمكنها أن تقود مسيرة كل فرد منا نحو
هدفها، أي نحو الله، وهذه هي صلاته:

أَنْتُمْ يَا مَنْ تُدْرِكُونَ أَنْكُمْ، فِي مَدِّ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ وَجَزَرِهِ، لَا تَسِيرُونَ
عَلَى الْيَابِسَةِ، بَلْ تَسْبَحُونَ فِي بَحْرِ بَيْنِ الْعَوَاصِفِ وَالزَّوَابِعِ،
حَدِّقُوا إِلَى هَذِهِ النَّجْمَةِ حَتَّى لَا تَهْلِكُوا. إِنْ ثَارَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ رِيَاخُ
التَّجَارِبِ، أَوْ صَدَمَتُكُمْ الْمَخَنُ، فَالْتَفِتُوا إِلَى النَّجْمَةِ وَادْعُوا
مَرِيَمَ. وَإِنْ أَحَاقَتْ بِسَفِينَتِكُمْ الْقَلِيقَةُ أَمْوَاجُ الْغَيْظِ أَوْ الْبُخْلِ
أَوْ الشَّهْوَةِ، فَارْفَعُوا النَّظَرَ إِلَى مَرِيَمَ.

وإِنْ رَزَحْتُمْ تَحْتَ أَثْقَالِ الْإِثْمِ، وَأَثَخَتْ نَفْسَكُمْ جِرَاحُهُ
الْمُشِينَةِ، وَهَلَعْتُمْ مِنْ شَوْمِ الدَّيْنُونَةِ، وَأَخَذَتْ رَوْحُكُمْ
تَغْوُصُ فِي لُجَّةٍ مِنَ الْحُزْنِ وَالْيَأْسِ، فَادْكُرُوا مَرِيَمَ. فِي
الْمَخَاطِرِ وَالْحَيْرَةِ وَالشَّدَائِدِ، عُودُوا إِلَى مَرِيَمَ وَادْعُوهَا، وَلَا
يَبْرَحَنَّ ذِكْرُهَا شِفَاهَكُمْ وَلَا قُلُوبَكُمْ، كَيْلَا تُخْطِئَكُمْ شِفَاعَتُهَا،
وَلَا تَنْسُوا أَنْ تَتَمَثَّلُوا بِهَا. وَإِنْ أَنْتُمْ اقْتَفَيْتُمْ أَثَرَهَا، فَلَنْ
تَضِيعُوا، أَوْ اسْتَعْتَمْتُمْ بِهَا، فَلَنْ تَبْأَسُوا، أَوْ تَأَلَّمْتُمُوهَا، فَلَنْ
تَضِلُّوا. فَبِعَوْنِهَا لَا خَوْفَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَتَحْتَ جِمَائِيتِهَا لَا خَظَرَ
عَلَيْكُمْ. وَفِي إِثْرِهَا لَنْ يُدْرِكَكُمْ الْغَيَاءُ. وَإِنْ هِيَ رَضِيتْ عَنْكُمْ.
بَلِّغْتُمْ مِينَاءَ السَّلَامِ.

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٤٢ | الأحد ٢٠ آب ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد الثالث عشر من العنصرة " وَهَذَا هُوَ مَعْنَى الْمَثَل: أَلْزَعْ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ " لو ١٠:٨-١٥

الإنجيل



قال لوقا التبشير: أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ يَطْلُوفَ الْمُدُنِ وَالْقُرَى، يَنَادِي وَيُبَشِّرُ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَمَعَهُ الْاِثْنَا عَشَرَ، وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ الْيَافِئَةِ شِفَاهُنَ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ شَرِيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاضٍ، هُنَّ: مَرْيَمُ الْمَدْعُودَةُ بِالْمَحْدَلِيَّةِ، الَّتِي كَانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْهَا سَبْعَةُ شَيَاطِينٍ، وَخَنَّةُ أَمْرَأَةٍ خُوزِي وَكَيْلَ هِيرُودَسَ، وَسُوسَنَةُ، وَغَيْرُهُنَّ كَثِيرَاتٌ كُنَّ يَنْزِلْنَ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِنَّ فِي خِدْمَتِهِمْ. وَلَمَّا اخْتَشَدَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ، وَأَقْبَلَ النَّاسُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ، خَاطَبَهُمْ بِمَثَلٍ: "خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ، وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الْحَبِّ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ، فَدَاسَتْهُمُ الْأَقْدَامُ، وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ، وَمَا إِنْ نَبَتَ حَتَّى تَبْسُ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي وَسْطِ الشُّوكِ، وَنَبَتَ الشُّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَقَهُ. وَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، وَنَبَتَ فَأَثْمَرَ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ". قَالَ يَسُوعُ هَذَا، وَنَادَى: "مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ سَامِعَتَانِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ!". وَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ: "مَا تَرَاهُ يَعْني هَذَا الْمَثَلُ؟". فَقَالَ: "قَدْ أُعْطِيَ لَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ. أَمَّا الْبَاقُونَ فَأَكَلِمَهُمْ بِالْأَمْثَالِ، لِكَيْ يَنْظُرُوا فَلَا يَنْصُرُوا، وَيَسْمَعُوا فَلَا يَفْهَمُوا. وَهَذَا هُوَ مَعْنَى الْمَثَل: أَلْزَعْ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إِبْلِيسُ فَيَنْزِعُ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ، لِئَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرْحٍ؛ هَؤُلَاءِ لَا أَصْلَ لَهُمْ، فَهُمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ التَّجَرُّبَةِ يَتَرَاخِعُونَ. وَالَّذِينَ وَقَعَ فِي الشُّوكِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ وَيَمْضُونَ، فَتُخَنِّقُهُمُ الْهَمُومُ وَالْغَنَى وَمِلَذَاتُ الْحَيَاةِ، فَلَا يَنْضَحُ لَهُمْ ثَمَرٌ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ وَقَعَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْجَيِّدَةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ بِقَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ فَيُحَقِّقُونَهَا، وَيَثْبُتُونَ فَيُثْمِرُونَ. لو ١٠:٨-١٥



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الدولية في تفكيرهم وتصرفاتهم وتعاطيهم. فتفقد الكلمة كل قيمتها وفاعليتها، فلا تثمر عندهم.

إن الكنيسة لا تنفك تزرع كلمة الله بكل الطرق والوسائل، وفي كل الأوقات والظروف والحالات، وفيها الرجاء الكبير أنه يوجد قلوب صافية مستعدة لقبول هذه الكلمة. فالكنيسة مبنية على كلمة الله. ونحن أبناءها وبناتها نولد من هذه الكلمة ونحيا بها، فتعطينا "شكلنا" المسيحي وهويتنا، وهي لنا ينبوع التجدد الدائم، وتحتل موقع القلب لكل عمل ونشاط في الكنيسة والمجتمع. فيشبهها الرب يسوع في مثل إنجيل اليوم بخت الزرع "الذي يقع في الأرض الجيدة، فينبث ويثمر مئة ضعف" (لو ٨: ٨). ويدعونا لتكون بعقولنا وضمايرنا وإرادتنا وقلوبنا، مثل الأرض الجيدة "نسمع كلمة الله فنحفظها ونثبت فيها ونثمر".

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كلمة الله تثمر في القلوب المهيأة لها

في انجيل اليوم عن كلمة الله وشروط ثمارها في حياة الانسان، يكلمنا الرب عن الشروط المقتضيات كي تعطي كلمة الله ثمارها.

وبحذرنا من ثلاثة مواقف سلبية. لا يحق لنا ان نتخذها عند سماعنا كلمة الله.

الموقف الأول، الاهمال وعدم الاكتراث المشبه بجانب الطريق الذي يقع عليه الحب. فكما الطير يأكل هذا الحب، كذلك الشيطان ومغريات الحياة والتجربة أية كانت تنتزع فور سماعه. ما يعني أن سامع الكلمة لا يعطيها أية أهمية وأي اكتراث، بل يهملها ويستغني عنها.

الموقف الثاني، السطحية التي تشبه الصخرة الواقع عليها الحب، حيث لا أصل له فيبیس للحال. هكذا من يسمع الكلمة ولا يمتلك عمقا روحيا من الصلاة والانفتاح لكلام الله، ولا عنده السعي لمعرفته واكتشاف إرادته. ولا يترقب تجليات مشيئته. فلا تخرق الكلمة قلبه وعقله وإرادته. ولا تحدث صدى في أعماق ضميره.

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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 in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family, Matthew Essey, Helal Wadih Elmanhour (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Wahide Touma Khome, Keryakous Touma Khome, Touma Khome, Anise Morcos Khome (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family, Rizk Family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Saba Family (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna, Tanna Family, Nick Thrum & family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

