

# OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 51 | Sunday 22 October 2023 | Sixth Sunday after the Glorious Cross "For to all those who have, more will be given" Mt 25: 14-30



## THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Mt 25: 14-30



## Sixth Sunday after the Glorious Cross

Prov 6: 6-11

Gal 6: 1-10

Mt 25: 14-30



## Month of the Holy Rosary

**"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."**

St. Josemaria Escriva.



## Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate this Sunday the feast day of a much-beloved Pope, Saint John Paul II. On this occasion, we reflect on the profound impact of a leader who left an indelible mark on the Catholic Church and the world. His papacy, spanning nearly three decades, was characterised by a deep commitment to faith, peace, and the dignity of every human being.

One of Pope John Paul II's most enduring legacies was his tireless advocacy for peace and social justice. He possessed a unique ability to bring people together, promoting interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

From the outset of his pontificate in 1978, Pope John Paul II showed a love for Lebanon and its people. He consistently called upon the international community to support Lebanon in its pursuit of peace and stability. A remarkable testament to this was the Special Synod for Lebanon held in 1995, culminating in the issuance of the Apostolic Exhortation "A New Hope for Lebanon." Notably, Lebanon is the only

country to have received a full Synod from the Catholic Church.

His relationship with Lebanon was further exemplified in a papal letter he wrote to the Catholic bishops in 1989, emphasising that **"Lebanon is more than a country, it is a message of freedom and an example of pluralism for East and West."** This message served as a model for defining Lebanon's identity.

The Pope's heartfelt connection with Lebanon extended to his concern for the suffering Lebanese people. His Holiness recognised that resolving these challenges required international assistance as well as internal renewal and reforms that prioritise the common good over individual or sectarian interests.

Pope John Paul II's deep affection for Lebanon and his tireless efforts for peace continue to influence the papacy today. Pope Francis' repeated emphasis on freedom, coexistence, and dialogue highlight the enduring importance of Lebanon as an "oasis of fraternity." (1 July 2021) While Lebanon faces a myriad of challenges, the faith, resilience, and commitment of its people, bolstered by international support and divine guidance, offer hope for a brighter future.

At this time, we seek the intercession of Saint John Paul II and his prayers for peace throughout the world, especially in Gaza. We join our voices with that of His Holiness Pope Francis, praying that "everything possible is done to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe... Let the weapons be silenced; let the cry for peace be heard from the poor, from the people, from the children!" (Angelus, 18 October 2023)

+ 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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Fr Pierre Khoury

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9am - 1pm

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## "What can I give back to the Lord?"

I can't think of a more appropriate Gospel for this blessed Feast of Pope Saint John Paul the Great, than today's parable of the talents. He was a living testimony of how to use his God-given talents to glorify the Almighty, in his words and deeds. We may think that our small efforts are nothing compared to those of the saints, but God gives each according to his ability, that only God can judge. As long as our intention is to please the Lord, He will direct our path according to His Will. There's only one condition – we must use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that were instilled into our souls through the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. Entrust all to the Lord without fear. You may ask yourself "what can I possibly give back to the Lord?" Unsure of how we have been gifted by the Lord, or afraid to take initiative, we unintentionally become like the wicked and lazy servant who hid his talent.

Many years ago, during one of my nocturnal holy hours of adoration, I noticed a fragile old man entering the adoration chapel with great difficulty, and yet he found a way to bend and kneel in fervent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. As I was praying without too much difficulty, it occurred to me that this man was offering the Lord a far greater sacrifice than all my prayers combined. He was offering his entire self to God... his weaknesses, his intentions, his poor health, and possibly much more that only God could see. After several more encounters throughout the year, with this faithful adorer, we became friends. In fact, to this day I still call upon "Papa Joseph Tomicic" as my prayer warrior when asking for God's intervention. His gift is that

of accepting his struggles and offering them in reparation for sinners. He has inspired my spiritual journey more than anyone I know, just by his humble and prayerful nature. I feel empowered to share the faith that I love, because of such a soul, even when I don't have the confidence to do so. This is how I learned to use my own talents, or gifts, to give back to the Lord – simply by being "me" and unafraid of acknowledging my own worth.

Accepting ourselves as a gift from God, created in His Image, encourages us to embrace the love that He has instilled into our hearts. I remember reading something on a gift card that said "The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away". So don't be afraid to share your gifts, because that's why God gave them to you, according to your ability.

Salwa Elias

### QUESTION

Why must human life be respected?

Human life must be respected because it is sacred. From its beginning, human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (Exodus 23:7).

### ANSWER



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**28 OCT**  
AT 07:00 PM

**FOOD TRUCKS  
STALLS  
LIVE MUSIC  
& MORE**

LOLO YOUTH PRESENTS

**MYO NIGHT  
MARKETS**

**FOR ALL AGES!**

**OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL**  
40 ALICE STREET, HARRIS PARK 2150

**YOUTH NIGHT MARKETS  
SPONSORSHIP**

<b>PLATINUM</b> \$5000	<b>GOLD</b> \$2500
<b>SILVER</b> \$1000	<b>BRONZE</b> \$500
<b>COMMUNITY GIVERS</b> \$250	

# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## Sunday 22 October:

6th Sunday after the Glorious Cross

**9:30am** 40 Day Mass for the late Rose Elias wife of Mtanios Farah from Karem Al Mohr

**11:00am** 40 Day Mass for the late Michel Said Azzi from Haret Baassir

**5:00pm** One Year Mass for the late Marcel Matta from Arjes

## Monday 23 October:

**10:30am** Funeral of the late Michel Leba Sassine from Hadchit

## Friday 27 October:

**6:00pm** 40 Day Mass for the late Antoine Youssef Abi – Arrange from Sebhel

## Saturday 28 October:

**6:00pm** 40 Day Mass for the late Habib Hanna El Takchi from Blouza

## Sunday 29 October:

7th Sunday after the Glorious Cross

**8:00am** Sodality Mass and ordination of new members

**9:30am** 40 Day Mass for the late Elias Mtanious Chalhoub from Daraya

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Antoinette Elias Sader widow of the late Fares Boutros Sader from Dareb El Sim – Saida

**5:00pm** 40 Day Mass for the late William Badwi Abou Antoun from Imar

**7:00pm** Mass for the end of the “Month of the Holy Rosary” celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine - Charbel Tarabay followed by procession.

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** For week ending: 15/10/2023

**Plates:** \$13,631 | **Donations:** \$400 | **Candles:** \$328

### PARISH LOANS

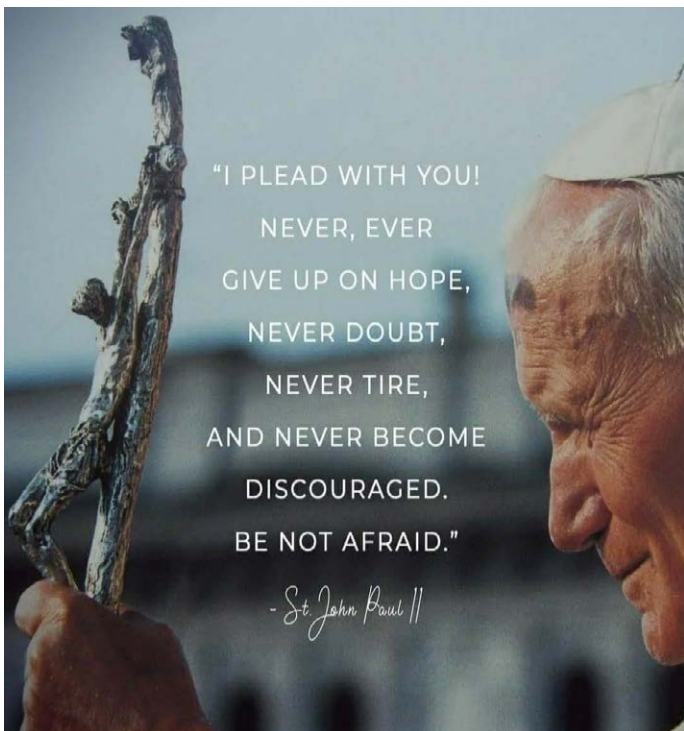
**CYPC:** \$3,387,126

**UNITS:** \$1,111,248

### MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

**CYPC:** \$37,681 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

**UNITS:** \$12,503 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



**On Saturday,** The Sodality committee along with Fr Youwakim spent the day at St Francis in Kellyville for their retreat.

The day included a talk, followed by Mass and Adoration & Lunch. It was a beautiful day!



*Blessed Feast  
of Saint  
Pope John Paul II*

**Pray for us and intercede for us always!**

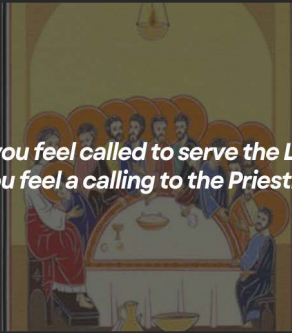




## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LOLO Vocations Discernment Group

"Come follow Me" - Mt 4:19



Do you feel called to serve the Lord?  
Do you feel a calling to the Priesthood?

Prayer I Fellowship  
11 November 2023  
10AM | LOLO

Contact: Subdeacon Joseph Khoury  
0405 122 064

### Family Spiritual DAY

SUNDAY 26 NOV 23

Salt of the earth &  
Light of the world.

9am - 4pm

St Joseph's Centre Baulkham Hills

Spiritual nourishment for the whole family  
with guest speakers & activities for all age groups

HOLY MASS | MORNING TEA & HOT LUNCH

\$50	\$35	\$25
adult	teens	child

To register contact Rita 0412 647 683  
or email [familycommittee@lolol.org.au](mailto:familycommittee@lolol.org.au)



## CHRISTMAS CARD Competition

Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay invites all Maronite students to help him design his 2023 Christmas Card.

### Prizes

**First Prize** - \$250 cash & a prayer book

**Second Prize** - \$100 cash & a prayer book

### How to Enter

Post original artwork to:  
Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay  
Christmas Card Competition  
PO Box 385  
STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

OR scan and email:  
High resolution JPEG or PDF to  
[jubilee@maronite.org.au](mailto:jubilee@maronite.org.au)

### Guidelines for Entry

1. Entries must reflect the spirit of Christmas. Consider incorporating elements from the Golden Jubilee of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia.
2. Entrants must be Maronite or students enrolled in a Maronite School.
3. Include the student's full name, school, year level, and parent/guardian contact details (email and phone number).
4. Multiple entries per student will be accepted.

Competition closes  
Friday 24 November

Winners announced  
Friday 8 December

Once submitted, artworks become the property of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia.

Our Lady of Lebanon  
Co-Cathedral

## SAVE THE DATE BREAD BAKING

THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
26 October 27 October

Starting 6am in the lower car park



## UPCOMING EVENTS



THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA,  
NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA

**VOCATIONS RETREAT**

**BEHOLD THE**  
*Lamb of God*

JOHN 1:29

**17 - 19 NOVEMBER 2023**

FOR MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNING THEIR VOCATION

BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

COST: \$350

REGISTER BY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

For bookings contact  
Elie Fares | 0490 933 481 | fares\_eliea@hotmail.com



**OLOL**  
MARONITE FLAME

**FLAME**

**YEAR 7 TO 9**  
RUNS EVERY  
**SATURDAY 4-6 PM**  
in the Youth Centre

**COME ALIVE**

**YEAR 10 TO 12**  
RUNS FORTNIGHTLY  
**WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM**  
in the Seniors Room

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**The Mysteries.**  
Presented by Fr Charbel.

**Sacrament  
of Reconciliation**

**Reconciling with God**  
Wednesday 18th Oct | 8pm

**Who am I to Judge Others?**  
Wednesday 25th Oct | 8pm

**Location:** St Maroun Room – Ground Floor CYPC  
(first room to the left)

### Adoration

**“Have mercy, O Lord! Have mercy on your people!”**

Thursday 26 October 2023 at 8pm

celebrated by His Excellency

Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay.

We offer up our prayers and intentions for all who  
are suffering in the Middle East.



**يدعونا قداسة البابا فرنسيس إلى تخصيص يوم الجمعة المقبل ٢٧ تشرين الأول، ليكون يوم صوم وصلاة من أجل السلام في الأراضي المقدسة.**

كما يدعو راعي الأبرشية المطران أنطوان - شربل طبريه إلى تخصيص الصلوات والسجود أمام القربان المقدس طوال الأسبوع المقبل وفي جميع الرعايا المارونية على هذه النية، مطالبين بإسكات أصوات الأسلحة الحربية، وبوقف فوري للحرب والعنف والقتل، لأن حياة الأبرياء تتساوى في الكرامة الإنسانية أمام الجميع وأمام الله: "إرحم يا رب! إرحم شعبك!"

**His Holiness Pope Francis has called for next Friday 27 October to be a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Holy Land.**

Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay also asks to dedicate prayers and Eucharistic Adoration throughout the coming week in all Maronite parishes for the intention of silencing the weapons and an immediate stop to war, violence, and killing, as the lives of all innocent people are equal in human dignity before everyone and before God: "Have mercy, O Lord! Have mercy on your people!"



## UPCOMING EVENTS



# LEBANESE SCHOOL *appeal*

IN COLLABORATION WITH MARONITES ON MISSION



*The future of Lebanon passes first through the school.*

In the face of crises in Lebanon, children are being forced out of school. This represents the biggest threat to the education of an entire generation.

**Please donate to the Lebanese School Appeal**

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ON [WWW.MARONITE.ORG.AU/APPEALS](http://WWW.MARONITE.ORG.AU/APPEALS)**

**CONTACT THE MARONITE CHANCERY ON 02 8831 0000**

**SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION**



During the historic visit of our Patriarch, His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, the Maronite Eparchy launched the Lebanese School Appeal. The appeal has raised \$531,044.69 which will go directly towards the school fees of 700 students across 12 schools in Lebanon.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this appeal so far.

Given the increasing number of families struggling to pay school fees, the Eparchy has decided to continue the campaign to support even more students, especially during the Holy season of Christmas; a time of giving, joy, and peace in our Lord Jesus.

Your help will make a difference; donations can be made through the envelopes provided in the church, by contacting our Parish office, or visiting [www.maronite.org.au/ap-peals](http://www.maronite.org.au/ap-peals). More information is also in our newsletters and on Parish and Eparchy social media pages.

With your help, we can continue to contribute to building a better future for children in Lebanon because the "future of Lebanon passes first through the school".

خلال الزيارة التاريخية لغبطة أبيننا البطريرك الكاردينال مار بشارة بطرس الراعي الكلي الطوبى تم إطلاق "حملة المدرسة اللبنانية"، وقد جمعت ٥٣١,٠٤٤,٦٩ دولار سوف توزع على ٧٠٠ طالب في ١٢ مدرسة على كافة الأراضي اللبنانية.

نرفع صلاة الشكر لكل من ساهم في دعم وإنجاح هذه الحملة. ولكن نظراً لزيادة عدد العائلات العاجزة عن تسديد الأقساط المدرسية، قرّرت الأبرشية المارونية بالتعاون مع جمعية "الرسالة المارونية" (Maronites on Mission) متابعة وتعزيز الحملة وجمع التبرعات لدعم عدد أكبر من الطلاب، خصوصاً في زمن الميلاد المقدس، زمن العطاء والفرح والسلام بالرب يسوع.

للمساهمة، تجدون مغلفات على مداخل الكنيسة أو يمكنكم الإتصال بمكاتب الرعية أو زيارة الموقع الإلكتروني:

[www.maronite.org.au/appeals](http://www.maronite.org.au/appeals)

وللمزيد من المعلومات يمكنكم مراجعة النشرة الرعوية أو وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي في رعيّتكم أو في الأبرشية. بمساعدتكم تُقرّحون قلوب الطلاب وتساهمون ببناء مستقبل أفضل لهم لأن "مستقبل لبنان يمرّ أولاً عبر المدرسة".



**Registrations for  
First Holy Communion for 2024 are  
now open online.**

To register, Please visit our website:  
[www.olol.org.au/bookings/forms](http://www.olol.org.au/bookings/forms)

## Procession End of month of the Holy Rosary

**Sunday 29 October 2023**

Mass at 7pm

celebrated by His Excellency  
Bishop Antoine Charbel  
Tarabay,

followed by procession at 8pm  
on church grounds.



# لوحة إعلانات الرعية

## الأحد ٢٢ تشرين الأول:

الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحومة روز الياس زوجة مطانيوس فرح من كرم المهر

١١:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم ميشال سعيد القزي من حارة البعاصير - الشوف

٥:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم مارسيل متى من عرجس

## الاثنين ٢٣ تشرين الأول:

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحوم ميشال لابا ساسين من حدشيت

## الجمعة ٢٧ تشرين الأول:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم أنطوان يوسف أبي عراج من سبعل

## السبت ٢٨ تشرين الأول:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم حنا الطقشي من بلوزا

## الأحد ٢٩ تشرين الأول:

الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب - عيد يسوع الملك

٨:٣٠ قداس علي نية أبناء الأخوية أحياء ومرضى وأموات مع سيامة أعضاء جدد بالأخوية

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم الياس مطانيوس شلهوب من داريا

١١:٣٠ السنة للمرحومة أنطوانيت الياس صادر أرملة المرحوم فارس بطرس صادر من درب السيم - شرق صيدا

٥:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم وليام بدوي أبو أنطون من عيماز

٧:٣٠ قداس ختام شهر الوردية المقدسة يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام، يليه تطواف وزياح مريمي خارج الكنيسة

**الحقيقة الرابعة** هي أن أعيش حياة الأمانة والطاعة، فمن خلالهما أنتهي إلى كنيستي وأكون أميناً على تعاليمها.

**والحقيقة الأخيرة** هي أن أصلي بملء حريتي. الحرية تعطي لصلاتي صبراً ولانتظاري نعمة لأقبل عطية الله ومشيتته في حياتي.

على مقدار نوعية حياتك تكون نوعية صلاتك، فالإناء ينضح بما فيه. الله يستجيب صلاتك، انتظر وسترى. الله يقبل صومك، لكن في الوقت الذي فيه خيرك. ولأن الرب يستجيب لنا، بعد كل ضيق فرح، وبعد كل ظلمة نور، وبعد كل دموع ابتسامة.



## صلاة

أيها الإبن السماوي، في خضم الحياة، تواجهنا صعوبات كثيرة تعزّضنا لإختبار إهترار أمانتنا لدعوتنا كي نظهر وجهك فينا للناس. أعطنا، بقوة روحك القدوس، شجاعة التوبة والوفاء للخلاص الذي منحنا إياه مجاناً فتمجد اسمك مع اسم أبيك وروحك القدوس، من الآن وإلى الأبد، **أمين**

## نعم الرب يستجيب لي!



هل يستجيب الله صلاتي؟ هل يقبل صومي؟ وهل يتقبل قرباني؟ نعم، ربنا يسمع صلاتنا ويقبل صومنا وقرباننا، ويعطي لكل إنسان حاجته، لكن في الوقت المناسب والمكان المناسب والخير المناسب. ولكي تتم إرادته ومشيتته فينا من خلال صلواتنا هناك عنصران مهمان: الوقت والانتظار. لا يمكن أن أصلي لربي بلا انتظار. الهدف من الانتظار والوقت هو أن أتلدّذ في علاقتي مع الله وأتنعم بها. إذا عرفت كيف أستفيد من الوقت بلا ملل أو لوم أو تذمر أو ضجر، أدخل بفرح اللقاء معه.

كم انتظرت إصابات لتشعر بالأمومة وكم فرحت بهذه الأمومة عندما ارتكض الجنين في بطنها بزيارة العذراء لها؟ ثمانون سنة وزكريا يصلي مع الإصابات ليمنحهما الله طفلاً، لكن صلاتهما كانت لمحو عارهما بين الناس. أما الرب فكان يريد أن يظهر مجده فيهما وأن يجعل الجميع يعلمون بأنه قادر على أن يعطي عاقراً ورجلاً طاعناً في السن طفلاً ليتمجد اسمه.

بالانتظار تنضج علاقتي بالله لأنه معي في مسيرتي. والنضوج ضروري لنكون مستعدين لما أعدّه الله لنا. هناك شروط أو حقائق لا بد من توافرها لكي يستجيب الله صلاتي.

**الحقيقة الأولى** هي الإيمان لأنه الوسيلة الأكيدة للاستجابة.

**الحقيقة الثانية** هي أن أصلي باسم يسوع لتنسجم إرادتي مع إرادة الله وتنصهر بها.

**الحقيقة الثالثة** أن تكون صلاتي بحسب مشيئة الله المعطاة لنا في الإنجيل الذي هو دستور حياتنا. عبثاً يصلي المرء صلاة مقتدرة إن لم يكن تلميذاً للإنجيل.

**كُنْتَ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ،  
سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: أَدْخُلْ  
إِلَى فَرْحِ سَيِّدِكَ!**

متى ٢٥: ٢٣

# عَيْنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٥١ | الأحد ٢٢ تشرين الأول ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب "قُلْ مَنْ لَهُ يُعْطَى وَيَزَاد" مت ١٤:٢٥-٣٠

## الإنجيل



قال الرب يسوع: "يشبه ملكوت السماوات رجلاً أراد السقم، فدعا عبده، وسلمهم أمواله. فأعطى واحداً خمس وّنات، وآخر وّنيتين، وآخر وّنّة واحدة، كلّاً على قدر طاقته، وسافر. وفي الحال مضى الذي أخذ الونّات الخمس، وتاجر بها فربح خمس وّنات أخرى. وكذلك الذي أخذ الونّتين ربح وّنيتين أخريين. أما الذي أخذ الونّّة الواحدة فمضى وحفر في الأرض، وأخفى فصة سيده. وبعد زمان طويل، عاد سيّد أولئك العبيد، وحاسبهم. ودنا الذي أخذ الونّات الخمس، فقدم خمس وّنات أخرى قائلاً: يا سيّد، سلمتني خمس وّنات، وهضم خمس وّنات أخرى قد ربحتها! قال له سيّد: يا لك عبداً صالحاً وأميناً! كنت أميناً على القليل، سأقيمك على الكثير: أدخل إلى فرح سيّدك! ودنا الذي أخذ الونّتين فقال: يا سيّد، سلمتني وّنيتين، وهاتان وّنيتان أخريان قد ربعتها. قال له سيّد: يا لك عبداً صالحاً وأميناً! كنت أميناً على القليل، سأقيمك على الكثير: أدخل إلى فرح سيّدك! ثم دنا الذي أخذ الونّّة الواحدة وقال: يا سيّد، عزفتك رجلاً قاسياً، تحضد من حيث لم تزرع، وتجمع من حيث لم تتذر. فحفّت وذهبت وأخفيت وّنيتك في الأرض، فما هو ما لك! فأجاب سيّد: وقال له: "يا عبداً شريراً كسلان، عزفتني! أخذت من حيث لم أزرع، وأجمع من حيث لم أبذر، فكان عليك أن تضع فصي على طاولتي الضيقة، حتّى إذا غدت، اشتريت ما لي مع فائدته. فخذوا منه الونّّة وأعطوها لمن له الونّات العشر. فكل من له يُعطى ويزاد، ومن ليس له يُؤخذ منه حتّى ما هو له. وهذا العبد الذي لا تفع منه أخيراً في الظلمة البرانيّة. هناك يكون البكاء وصرير الأسنان" مت ١٤:٢٥-٣٠

## الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب

سفر الأمثال ٦: ٦ - ١١

غل ١: ٦ - ١٠

مت ١٤:٢٥ - ٣٠

## شهر الوردية المقدسة

"الوردية المقدسة سلاح قوي.

استخدمه بثقة وستدهش من النتائج."

سانت جوزيماريا اسكريفا



"...عَدَلِ اللهُ مَعَ الْفَارِقِ الْكَبِيرِ فِيهِ إِعْطَاءُ الْوَزْنَانِ؟"

هَذَا الْأَحَدُ السَّادِسُ مِنْ زَمَنِ الصَّليبِ، نَرَى أَنَّ يَسُوعَ يَصْغُنَا أَمَامَ عَدَلِ اللهِ وَأَمَامَ قَرَارِ الْإِنْسَانِ.

بِدَائِهِ، مَنْ هُوَ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ الَّذِي أَرَادَ السَّقَمَ؟ هُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ الْقَائِمُ عَلَى الصَّليبِ وَالْقَائِمُ مِنَ الْقَوْتِ وَالصَّاعِدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَبْلَ صُغُودِهِ سَلَّمَ عِبْدَهُ (تَلَامِيذَهُ) مَالَهُ (إِعْلَانُ مَلَكُوتِهِ): "إِذْهَبُوا فِي الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ وَأَعْلِنُوا الْبَشَارَةَ إِلَى الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعٍ" (مر ١٦/١٥).

بِالْعَوْدَةِ إِلَى الْمَثَلِ، كَيْفَ نَرَى عَدَلَ اللهِ مَعَ الْفَارِقِ الْكَبِيرِ فِي إِعْطَاءِ الْوَزْنَانِ؟ نَرَاهُ يَقُولُ يَسُوعُ "كُلًّا عَلَى قَدَرِ طَاقَتِهِ" وَقَوْلُهُ لِلْعَبِيدِ الْأَمْنَاءِ بِالنِّسَاوِي "كُنْتَ أَمِيناً عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ، ادْخُلْ فَرَحَ سَيِّدِكَ."

وَلَوْ أَنَّ الْعَبْدَ السَّرِيرَ الْكَسْلَانَ قَدْ تَاجَرَ بِالْوَزْنَةِ الْوَاحِدَةِ عَلَى مِثَالِ رِفَاقِهِ لَكَانَ سَمِعَ ذَاتَ الْكَلَامِ مِنْ سَيِّدِهِ وَأَدْخَلَهُ فَرَحَهُ. وَلَكِنَّ هَذَا الْعَبْدَ أَصَاحَ فُرْصَةً ثَمِينَةً عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بِفَضْةِ سَيِّدِهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَيْ أَنَّهُ أَلْهَى ذَاتَهُ بِأُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ نَاسِياً أَوْ مُتَنَاسِياً أَنَّهُ مَهْمَا طَالَ الزَّمَانُ سَيَأْتِي يَوْمُ الْحِسَابِ وَيُؤَدِّي الْحِسَابَ عَنْ وَكَالِيَّتِهِ.

وَمِنْ جِهَةٍ ثَانِيَةٍ، نَرَى أَنَّ هَذَا الْعَبْدَ يَجْهَلُ مَنْ هُوَ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَصِفُّهُ بِالرَّجُلِ الْقَاسِي الَّذِي يَحْضُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ يَزْرَعْ وَيَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ يَبْذُرْ.

وَنَرَى جَوَابَ الْإِنْسَانِ عَلَى دَعْوَةِ اللهِ لَهُ فِي أَنْ يَكُونَ شَرِيكاً وَمُشَارِكاً فِي خِدْمَةِ الْمَلَكُوتِ (سَلِّمَهُمْ أَمْوَالَهُ). فَمَاذَا أَنْ يَتَأَيَّدَ إِلَى الْمُتَاجِرَةِ بِالْوَزْنَانِ فَيَرْبَحَ فَرَحَ سَيِّدِهِ أَمْ أَنَّهُ يَذْهَبُ وَيَحْفَرُ فِي الْأَرْضِ. وَيُخْفِي فِصَّةَ سَيِّدِهِ جَاهِلاً دَعْوَتَهُ فَيَكُونُ نَصِيئُهُ الظُّلْمَةِ الْبَرَانِيَّةِ.

فَالدَّعْوَةُ مُوجَّهَةٌ لَنَا لِكَيْ يَمْتَحَنَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَمَلَهُ غَارِفِينَ أَنْ كُلُّ مَا يَزْرَعُهُ الْإِنْسَانُ إِثْمَةً يَحْضُدُ، فَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي جَسَدِهِ يَحْضُدُ فُسَاداً وَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي الرُّوحِ يَحْضُدُ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.

فَمَا دَامَ لَنَا الْوَقْتُ، فَلْنَصْنَعِ الْخَيْرَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ غَارِفِينَ أَنَّ الَّذِي دَعَانَا إِلَى مُشَارَكَتِهِ لَمْ يَحْمِلْنَا أَكْثَرَ مِنْ طَاقَتِنَا حَتَّى أَنَّهُ قَالَ "مَنْ سَمَى أَخَذَ هَوْلَاءِ الصَّغَارِ وَلَوْ كَأَنَّ مَاءً بَارِدَ لَأَنَّهُ تَلْمِيزٌ فَالْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ أَنَّ أَجْرَهُ لَنْ يَضِيعَ" فَلْنَكُنْ أَمْنَاءً "فَكُلُّ مَا يُطْلَبُ مِنَ الْوُكَلَاءِ هُوَ أَنْ يَكُونَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ أَمِيناً".

## 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, Sayde Bazouni (C) (D) Viviane Dahdah, Linda Draybi, Peter Draybi (E) Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family, Matthew Essey, Shmouni El Hosn, Tannous El Hosn (F) Ibrahim Hanna Fakhri, Rosa Ibrahim Fakhri, Emile Ibrahim Fakhri (G) Helen George, Majid George, Ezat Georges (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) Jalile Ishak, Bakhos Ishak, Youssef Isaac (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chacri Khoudair (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghosoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutroux Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) 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, Youssef & Mountaha & Mariam & Said Taouk (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) Elias Zahra

