

# OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 52 | Sunday 29 October 2023 | Seventh Sunday after the Glorious Cross



## THE GOSPEL

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life Mt 25: 31-46



Seventh Sunday after  
the Glorious Cross  
Job 29: 1-3, 12-16  
Rm 12: 9-21  
Mt 25: 31-46



## 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,

As the month of October, dedicated by the Catholic Church to the Holy Rosary, draws to a close, let us remember that our devotion to the Rosary should extend beyond this one month only.

The Rosary is a reflection and meditation on the life of Our Lord and His Mother and its importance cannot be overstated. It also holds a special place in the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, throughout history, we see Our Lady's repeated calls for its recitation in many of her messages to the world emphasising its significance, and impact on our spiritual lives.

It serves as a safeguard against evil but also nourishes our Catholic faith by meditating on the mysteries of salvation, lifting our minds from the earthly to the spiritual.

Pope Paul VI, in his encyclical *Christi Mater Rosarii*, strongly recommends the Rosary prayer. He reminds us that the Second



Ecumenical Council of the Vatican recommended it to all the children of the Church. Though not explicitly mentioned, it stressed the significance of these practices and devotions to Mary advocated by the Magisterium throughout the centuries.

In our devotion to the Rosary, we become true children of Mary, and we take to heart the words of the Lord, "Behold your mother." Each of us becomes a "John", and Mary becomes our mother collectively. By contemplating the mysteries of the Rosary, which encapsulate the lives of Jesus and His Mother, we can strive to imitate them. As Saint Augustine says, "The best way to honour the saints is to imitate their virtues."

Let us - through the Rosary - renew our faith in Christ, our only source of salvation, especially in these challenging times of war and division, especially in the Holy Land. We fervently pray for the restoration of peace and establishment of love as the cornerstone of human interaction.

We must continue to share and promote the powerful prayer of the Rosary. May we always pray it seeking the protection of our Mother, with a sincere heart. May we meditate on each of its mysteries, reflecting on our Lord Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the light of the world. As we come to know Him more deeply, we shall seek nothing less than His true peace, in our world, in our families and in our hearts.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

### SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

QLOL 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

### PARISH CLERGY CONTACTS

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Fr Sam Wehbe: 0417 171 737  
Fr Robert-Pio Al Bayeh: 0414 447 883  
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Dcn Sayed Isaac: 0422 886 062

CLERGY ON LEAVE  
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Fr Pierre Khoury

RETIRED CLERGY  
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Fr Paul Joubair

### Safeguarding Officers:

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9689 2899

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Saturday  
9am - 1pm

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## "Conquer evil with good"

How is it possible to endure unbearable suffering and be expected to repay evil with good? Surely Jesus doesn't want us to love ALL our neighbours, and certainly not our enemies - maybe just those we can tolerate? Or maybe not. One of the most difficult acts of charity - to 'love your enemy' - has been throughout history, and continues to be, the catalyst for martyrdom. The two types of martyrdom, red and white, require our selfless acts of love for God and for neighbour, so we can't be negligent in caring for others as we care for ourselves. This will determine our eternal destination, if we believe in the Word of God as we do, and whether we will be placed on the left or the right side of the Lord. Our virtuous life will be the deciding factor, aided of course by the holy Sacraments.

I've had the great privilege of witnessing many acts of charity within our own Maronite community. In seeing how different organisations respond to helping the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the rejected in society, I can see how it is possible to conquer evil with good. For example, the group "Heaven on Earth" and the "Maronites on Mission" team, have shown us how to serve the Lord by caring for our neighbour, especially those who cannot help themselves. Another prime example of living out the Gospel is in the act of forgiving those who have hurt us. One of the "seven last words" that Jesus spoke on the Cross was about forgiveness: *"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34). I'm reminded of the Abdallah family who forgave the driver that killed their children, and yet, this is only one example of many others who have forgiven, by the grace of God, the unforgiveable. Families who lost their loved ones in times of war, or others who were victims of injustice, abuse,

and other evils, have been called to find reasons to forgive rather than reasons to blame.

Yes, this is all easier said than done. How then, do we repay evil with good, if our hearts cannot forgive the evil and replace it with the good that fills our own hearts? The world is a big place for a few people to change, or for one Church to change, but Jesus did it. By His Death and Resurrection, He has changed the world. There has been no one in the history of the world that has accomplished what our Lord and Saviour did, in His own words: *"It is consummated"* (John 19:30). He taught us that we can conquer the power of evil in our lives by our own offerings and acts of reparation, simply by following Him and thereby taking Him with us everywhere we go. Therefore, let us rise and be on our way!

Salwa Elias

### QUESTION

What is implied in the affirmation of God: "I am the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:2)?

### ANSWER

This means that the faithful must guard and activate the three theological virtues and must avoid sins which are opposed to them. Faith believes in God and rejects everything that is opposed to it, such as, deliberate doubt, unbelief, heresy, apostasy, and schism. Hope trustingly awaits the blessed vision of God and his help, while avoiding despair and presumption. Charity loves God above all things and therefore repudiates indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, sloth or spiritual indolence, and that hatred of God which is born of pride



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TEENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

01 | 7:00PM  
DEC | TO  
10:00PM

\$50 tickets

BLACK TIE FORMAL EVENT  
OLOL HALL

ENQUIRIES: RACHEL - 0477 276 077



scan to book

FOOD | DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT



## 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

### 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.



# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## 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 About 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.

## Monday 30 November:

**6:00pm** The late Antoinette Hanna Francis from Zgharta wife of Tony Youssef Ibrahim from Kfarsghab (died in Lebanon)

## Wednesday 1 November:

All Saints 'Day

**Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 5:30pm and 7:00pm**

**7:00pm** One Year Mass for the late Therese Faye Melhem wife of Mansour Kamel Tanna from Kfarsghab

## Thursday 2 November:

All Souls' Day

**10:30am** Seniors Mass followed by Lunch  
**Mausoleum of the Resurrection Chapel, Rookwood 11:00am** Mass and Prayers of the Incense for the Feast of All Souls' Day

## Saturday 4 November:

**Masses 7:30am and 6:00pm**

## Sunday 5 November:

Consecration of the Church

**9:30am** 40 Day Mass for the late Frieda Youssef Fares widow of the late Mehzen Badwi Abboud from Asnun

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Youssef Said Katrib from Karem Al Mohr

**5:00pm** One Year Mass for the late Ghosn Antonios Ghosn from Al Khraibe-Akkar

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** For week ending: 22/10/2023

**Plates:** \$12,354 | **Donations:** \$200 | **Candles:** \$875

### PARISH LOANS

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

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

### MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

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

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



## KIDS CORNER

Sign of the Cross – green  
Our Father – blue  
Hail Mary – red  
Glory Be – yellow  
The Fatima Prayer – purple  
Hail, Holy Queen – orange

**Color-by-Prayer**

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## 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 Thursday

The Senior's Committee Celebrated Mass with Father Joseph and Father Walid. We enjoyed a wonderful day with our precious seniors.

### Last Saturday

Fersen year 2 students were celebrating the month of the Rosary by using oil pastel to sketch a drawing of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Students were also learning the teachings of Our Mother Mary and why we should pray the Rosary every day. Year 3 & 4 students enjoyed their lessons with our chaplain Sister Rita, and Stephanie

### On Tuesday

The Family of Divine Word Bible study talk was given by Sr Juliette Abi Khalil and the topic was “Behave like free people” from, 1Peter ch 2: 13-17

### On Wednesday

After 7pm Mass Fr Charbel continued his talk on the mysteries. The last couple of weeks we have been exploring further on the sacrament of reconciliation. This week we discussed the topic “who am I to judge others?”

### On Thursday night

We came together with Sayedna to spend time with Jesus in Adoration. Our prayers and intentions were offered up for peace in the Middle East. We pray weapons will be silenced and an immediate stop to war, violence and killing. Hear our prayers, O Lord!

### Thursday & Friday

The sodality was baking fresh bread in the lower car park. A big thank you to all who helped and volunteered. So much hard work is put into bread baking, and we are so blessed that our beautiful church mothers sacrifice their time to bake fresh bread for our parishioners. May God bless you all!

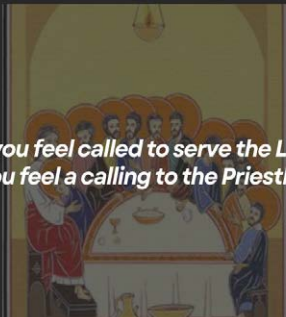
Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LOL 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 | Fellowship  
11 November 2023  
10AM | LOL

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@lol.org.au](mailto:familycommittee@lol.org.au)

### Accessible Church

An initiative of  
MaroniteCare

Beginning Sunday  
5 November 2023

10.30am

and every  
Sunday  
thereafter

**Day/time:** Sundays  
10.30am

**Location:** St Elias Chapel,  
Maronite College of the  
Holy Family (MCHF)

**Access:** Gate 6, Weston  
St Harris Park, MCHF.  
Parking on Weston St

**Info:** Fr Yuhanna Azize  
0435 764 824

The Divine  
Sacrifice of the  
Mass  
celebrated for  
autistic people of  
all ages and their  
immediate family.

Supported by



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Autism Friendly

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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

RACHEL 0477 27 60 77

LOLMARONITEFLAMES

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

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



ALL  
SOULS'  
DAY

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
TOGETHER WITH ST JOSEPH'S PARISH  
11 AM MASS  
AT THE MAUSOLEUM CHAPEL  
ROOKWOOD

If you wish this mass to be offered  
for your faithful departed,  
please contact the church office  
on 02 9689 2899





## 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/appeals](http://www.maronite.org.au/appeals). 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 أبينا 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 الغطاء والفرح والسلام بالرب يسوع.

للمساهمة، تجدون مغلفات على مداخل الكنيسة أو يمكنك الإتصال بمكاتب الرعاية أو زيارة الموقع الإلكتروني:

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

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



THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA,  
NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA

VOCATIONS RETREAT

BEHOLD THE

*Lamb of God*

17 - 19 NOVEMBER 2023

FOR MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNING THEIR VOCATION

BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

REGISTER BY 1 NOVEMBER 2023

COST: \$350

For bookings contact  
Elie Fares | 0490 933 481 | [fares\\_elie@hotmail.com](mailto:fares_elie@hotmail.com)

## Vocations retreat for men and women

The Maronite Eparchy is holding a vocations retreat for anyone discerning the diaconate, priesthood or religious life from 17-19 November at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Rd. Grose Wold NSW). The retreat is open to both men and women.

Registrations are open until 1 November 2023.

For more information or to book  
please email [fares\\_elie@hotmail.com](mailto:fares_elie@hotmail.com)  
or call on 0490 933 481.

Please share with anyone who may be interested as we do not want anyone to miss out; if the cost is an issue please also contact Elie for a confidential discussion.



As we celebrate the Sunday of the Consecration to the Church at the beginning of this new Liturgical Year in our Maronite Church, the second plate collections taken during VIGILS ON SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER and MASSES ON SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023 will be dedicated to the clergy retirement and welfare in the Eparchy. We thank you for your support and donations, and ask you to pray for all spiritual fathers, consecrating their lives for the service of the Eucharist and the Sacraments and the Word of God

مع الاحتفال بأحد تقديس البيعة في بداية السنة الطقسية، الجديدة في كنيسةنا المارونية، تجمع الصنيّة الثانية في كل الكنائس خلال قداسات نهاري السبت ٤ تشرين الثاني و الأحد ٥ تشرين الثاني ٢٠٢٣ لدعم صندوق تقاعد الكهنة. نشكر تجاوبكم و تبرعاتكم السخية، طالبين منكم الصلاة من أجل آباءنا الروحيين الذين يكرّسون حياتهم لخدمة القربان و توزيع الأسرار و كلمة الله.



## PARISH CAMERA



The Parish Camera

Seniors Committee



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The Parish Camera

Seniors Committee



Galaxy A51

The Parish Camera

Seniors Committee



The Parish Camera

The Family of Divine Word



The Parish Camera

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# لوحة إعلانات الرعية

## الأربعاء ١ تشرين الثاني،

عيد جميع القديسين

القداست ٧:٠٠، ٩:٠٠ صباحاً و٧:٣٠ مساءً

٧:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة تريز فايز ملحم زوجة منصور كامل الثا من كفرصغاب

## الخميس ٢ تشرين الثاني،

تذكار الموتى المؤمنين

١٠:٣٠ قداس المسنين يليه غداء

Mausoleum of the Resurrection Chapel, Rookwood ١١:٠٠ قداس وصلاة وضع البخور بمناسبة تذكار الموتى المؤمنين

## السبت ٤ تشرين الثاني،

القداست ٧:٣٠ صباحاً و٦:٠٠ مساءً

## الأحد ٥ تشرين الثاني،

أحد تقديس البيعة

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم فريدة يوسف فارس أرملة المرحوم محسن بدوي عبود من أصنون

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم يوسف سعيد القطريب من كرم المهر  
٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم غصن أنطونيوس غصن من الخريبة - عكار

## الأحد ٢٩ تشرين الأول،

الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب - عيد يسوع الملك

٨:٠٠ قداس على نية أبناء الأخوية أحياء ومرضى وأموات مع سيامة أعضاء جدد بالأخوية

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم الياس مطانيوس شلهوب من داريا

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة أنطوانيت الياس صادر أرملة المرحوم فارس بطرس صادر من درب السيم - شرق صيدا

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم وليام بدوي أبو أنطون من عيما  
٧:٠٠ قداس ختام شهر الوردية المقدسة يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام، يليه تطواف وزياح مريمي خارج الكنيسة

## الإثنين ٣٠ تشرين الأول،

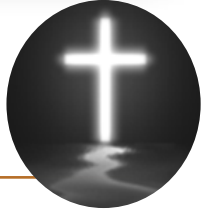
٦:٠٠ المرحومة أنطوانيت حنا فرنسيس من زغرنا زوجة طوني يوسف إبراهيم من كفرصغاب (متوفاة في لبنان)

## يسوع الملك



ليس من البديهي أن يعرف كل المسيحيين المعنى الحقيقي لعيد المسيح الملك. فبالنسبة للبعض قد يشكل هذا العيد سبب حيرة، إذ كيف تنصب الكنيسة يسوع ملكاً بينما كان يسوع نفسه يرفض أن يدعوه الناس ملكاً وقد يفهم البعض الآخر ملوكية يسوع بحسب الطريقة البشرية. وانطلاقاً من هذا المبدأ يتساءلون عن معنى ملوكية إله لا يملك حقاً، أقله ظاهرياً. لا يحق لنا أن نتجاهل هذه الاعتراضات ومن خلال الإجابة عليها نفهم معنى ملوكية يسوع. في الاعتراض الأول، يجب أن نقول أن يسوع لم يرفض لقب "ملك" إلا عندما فهم بحسب النظرة السياسية المحض. أما عندما كان يتحدث عن ملكوت الله كملكوت حب وبر وحق فلم يكن يرفض هذا اللقب، لا بل كان يوضحه. نرى هذا الأمر في لقاء يسوع الأخير ببلاطس خلال الآلام، عندما يستجوبه ببلاطس بشأن بأنه "ملك اليهود" فيجيب يسوع: "أنت تقوله. أنا ملك". ملكوت يسوع ليس من هذا العالم ولذا من لا ينظر إلى مسيرة يسوع بعيني الروح، لن يتوانى عن اعتباره ملكاً فاشلاً. فبحسب معايير النجاح البشرية الملك الوديع والمتواضع القلب الذي يدخل أورشليم ممطياً جحشاً ابن آتان لا يجسد الصورة المعتادة للملك الذي يمتطي الخيول وترافقه ربوات الجنود. المسيح هو ملك لأنه أحب حباً لا يضاهيه حب، لأنه بذل نفسه لأجل أحبائه، وبهذا الحب الخير هدم سور العدواة وصار هو سلامنا

## الاسبوع الاخير في السنة الليتورجية



الاسبوع الأخير في السنة الليتورجية هو أسبوع مميز بأبعاده ومدلولاته وليتورجيته. نحتفل اليوم، ونحن نتأمل بإنجيل الدينونة، بعيد "يسوع الملك" الذي يجسد حضور المسيح بيننا حتى انتهاء الدهر. ونحتفل فيه بعيد جميع القديسين، يوم الأربعاء ١ تشرين الأول، القديسون هم بيعة الابكار المكتوبة اسمائهم في السماء، هم كل من كانوا الخبز والثوب والدواء والرحمة، هم جميع القديسين المعروفون والمجهولون، هم الكهنة والنسّاك والرهبان والراهبات، هم اجدادنا وأهلنا واخوتنا واولادنا الذين عاشوا البرّ في حياتهم على الارض فاستحقوا مجد السماء.

ونتذكّر فيه جميع الموتى، يوم الخميس ٢ تشرين الأول ، على مرّ الاجيال، في شركة ظاهرة بين كنيسة الارض المجاهدة، وكنيسة السماء المنتصرة، وكنيسة الانتظار المتألّمة. في هذا التذكار دعوة الى السهر واليقظ، فنحن نعرف ان الموت يأتي بغتة لأننا ابناء النور والقيامة؛ الموت يضع حداً لحياة الانسان على الارض ولكن هو أيضاً جسر عبور الى الحياة الابدية.

في هذا الاسبوع تختلط ليتورجيا الارض بليتورجيا السماء، حتى ترتسم على وجوهنا ووجوه المنتقلين من بيننا وجه المسيح صورة الله الأب، كما ارتسم على وجوه القديسين.



# عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٥٤ | الأحد ٢٩ تشرين الأول ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب "كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَخَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصَّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ!" مت ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦

## الإنجيل



قال الرب يسوع: "مَتَى جَاءَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشٍ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الزَّاعِيَ الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجَدَاءِ. وَيُقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجَدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينَئِذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مِثَارِكِي أَبِي، رَثُوا الْمُلُوكُوتَ الْمُعَدَّةَ لَكُمْ مِنْذُ إِنشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأُطْعِمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْتُمُونِي، وَغَرِيبًا فَمَسَّوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزَّمْتُمُونِي، وَمَخْنُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمُنِي. حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأُطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطِشًا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوَيْتْنَاكَ، أَوْ غَرِيبًا فَمَسَّوْتْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَخْنُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَخَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصَّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِلْإِبْلِيسِ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأُطْعِمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطِشْتُ فَأَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَمْسَكْتُمُونِي، وَغَرِيبًا فَمَسَّوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَخْنُوسًا فَأَمْسَكْتُمُونِي! حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هَؤُلَاءِ أَيْضًا قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطِشًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَخْنُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينَئِذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَخَدٍ هَؤُلَاءِ الصَّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هَؤُلَاءِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ"

مت ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦

## الأحد السابع بعد عيد الصليب

سفر أيوب ٢٩: ١-٣، ١٢-١٦  
رو ٩: ١٢-١٠  
مت ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦

الساعة سوف لن يسألنا الملك عما قمنا به من إنجازاتٍ في حياتنا بل سيسألنا فقط عن الحب الذي لم نفعله.

اليوم نحن مدعوون إلى عيش الحب للآخر، إلى ملء حاجة الآخر المادية النفسية والروحية، فلنفعله. لا خوفًا من الجحيم ولا لنيل مكافأة، بل فقط إستجابةً لكل الحب الذي أفاضه فينا الإله الحبيب. علينا أن نخرج من ذواتنا لنلتقي الآخر، علينا أن نخرج من كبرياتنا وإنعزالنا. هنا تأتي الشهادة لتكسر هذه الصورة المغلقة للعالم، وتطرح مفهومًا جديدًا للحياة، تحكمه مجانية العطاء، وفرح اللقاء بالآخر. هذا هو قانون السماء: يكفي أن تكون إنسانًا لكي تلتقي بالله



## صلاة

أيها الإبن السماوي، نشكرك على محبتك العظمى لنا التي تجلّت في موتك على الصليب وقيامتك من أجلنا ومن أجل خلاصنا ونحمدك لأنك جعلت المحبة مقياسًا للدينونة وبهذا نعي بأن محبتنا لك وللآخرين هي جواز عبورنا إلى الملكوت حيث نمجدك مع الآب والروح القدس، من الآن وإلى الأبد

## شهر الوردية المقدسة

"الوردية المقدسة سلاح قوي.

استخدمه بثقة وستدهش من النتائج."

سانت جوزيماريا اسكريفيا



"كلُّ مَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَخَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هَؤُلَاءِ الصَّغَارِ فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ..."

قد يسأل البعض: أين نلتقي بالمسيح؟ قد يأتي الجواب: في سرّ القربان أو باقي الأسرار. نعم لأنّ الأسرار هي حياة الكنيسة وتأمين لعمل الخلاص الذي أتقنه المسيح على الصليب. لكن يأتي جواب المسيح ليقول لنا: في المهقشين والفقراء، في المسجونين والمرضى نرى المسيح. هذا لا يعني أن المسيح جعل من الفقر والمرض شرطًا لنراه بل لأنّ ليس لهم أحد، هم يعيشون على الهامش. لا يملكون شيئًا.

نكتأ نؤمن بملقاة الآب وجهًا لوجه، نؤمن بأن يسوع ينتظرنا في الكثيرين لينظر إلينا كما كُتبت قد نظرنا نحن إليه في حياتنا الأرضية من خلالهم. ربّما كُتبت من الذين لم يرتكبوا الجرائم ولم يفعلوا السوء، لكننا ببساطة قد تجاهلنا حاجة الآخر، مثل ذلك الغني الذي لم ينظر ويهتم ليؤس لعازر. في تلك

## 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 (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanos Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucir Khoudair, Genieve Khoury and the Departed Souls of the Khoury & Elzahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghosoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends (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)