

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 1 | Sunday 5 November 2023

Consecration of the Church

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church" Mt 16:13-20



THE GOSPEL

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. **Mt 16:13-20**

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



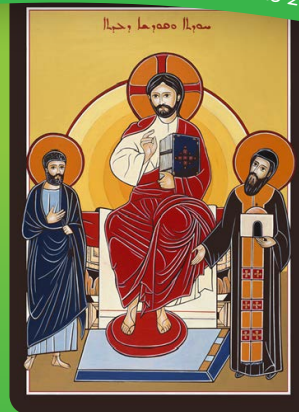
This Sunday marks the commencement of a new liturgical year within our Maronite Church, as we observe the Sunday of the Consecration of the Church. This day draws its historical foundation from the Old Testament, where Solomon instituted a seven-day festival to consecrate the temple he had built. Today, the Church extends an invitation to all of us to reflect on the foundation and nature of the Church, as well as how to belong to it and participate in building it up.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus poses a fundamental question to His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (Mt 16:13) The disciples' response initially begins with "Some say," reflecting reliance on local traditions and rumours. But Jesus wanted to question their belief: "But who do you say that I am?" (Mt 16:15)

In that moment, Peter was the first to respond: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Through the Gospels, we see Peter as the impulsive and vigilant one. He believed with a sincere heart, relying on God's voice within him that revealed the identity of the Son.

After Simon Peter's declaration, Jesus responds by saying, "You are the rock, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18) Christ, according to God's plan, establishes the Church, desiring all who believe in Him and follow Him to live in communion with one another. He founded the Church, particularly through His death on the Cross, where He reconciled humanity with God and with one another.

The Church is the community led by Jesus Christ, called to live in two interconnected dimensions: a vertical communion with God and a horizontal fellowship among the believers. This communion has a visible aspect, manifesting through the common



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Isa 54: 1,3,5-8,10
Heb 9: 1-12
Mt 16: 13-20

proclamation of faith, and shared worship, particularly in the Eucharist. Every believer, without exception, is entrusted with the duty of building the Church through establishing a community of love.

Just as the Lord's question challenged the disciples, it challenges us as well: "But who do you say that I am?" This question awaits a personal and clear answer from each of us. This prompts us to reflect on our own relationship with Christ – do we merely echo what we have been told, or have we truly experienced, felt, and known Him?

The beginning of the liturgical year is an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Christ, renew our commitment to Him faithfully, and contribute to building the Church by actively participating in its mission to live in communion with God and with one another.

As we enter this Sunday, which prepares us for the Season of the Birth of the Lord, our hearts are filled with a fervent prayer for peace in the Holy Land, the very birthplace of our Saviour. In this season of hope, our thoughts are with the innocent souls who are enduring the burdens of war, and we pray for peace.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday and a Blessed New Liturgical Year!

+ 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

Fr Youwakim Noujaim (Acting Dean):
0406 060 445

Fr Charbel Dib: 0410 759 795

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Fr Alain Fares: 0433 507 389

Fr Sam Wehbe: 0417 171 737

Fr Robert-Pio Al Bayeh: 0414 447 883

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Fr Ron Hassarati: 0403 504 384

Fr Joseph Maatouk: 0413 245 501

Dcn Ghassan Nakhoul: 0410 524 335

Dcn Sayed Isaac: 0422 886 062

CLERGY ON LEAVE

Fr Tony Sarkis (Dean)
Fr Pierre Khoury

RETIRED CLERGY

Fr Bernard Assi
Fr Paul Joubert

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9689 2899

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Monday to Friday
9am - 4:30pm

Saturday
9am - 1pm

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"Set aside for God"

I love the month of November, for several reasons, and not only because it's my birth month. November is a season for lifting our hearts and minds to Heaven, as we begin to prepare for the coming of our promised Messiah. It's a time of commemorating the Saints, remembering all the Holy Souls that have gone before us, as well as the Consecration and Renewal of the Church, followed by many events that precede the Birth of Our Lord. All of these liturgical celebrations can be likened to any ordinary family in our own times preparing for the birth of a baby. So many announcements and preparations leading up to the big event. Of course, the big event for us Christians at this time of year, is Christmas. The focus of getting our homes in order for the Nativity of Jesus is also applied to the Consecration of our Church – preparing Her for the Bridegroom.

So why do we remember the dead in November, when we're preparing for a newborn in December? Perhaps this is to remind us to be grateful for the gift of life, even though we are destined for death. If I look back at how my spiritual journey began, I have to admit the major changes in my life took place when I was working as a florist in Rookwood Cemetery from 1998-2001. Yes, it was in the cemetery where my prayer life sprouted and blossomed. Every day I found myself praying for the dead that surrounded me, and for those who were escorted in the entourage of vehicles, to be laid to rest in the ground from which they came. Each prayer for those souls took my mind and my heart into heavenly thoughts and desires beyond this life – that's when God called me to consecrated life.

The dictionary defines the word 'consecration' to mean: make holy or dedicate to a higher purpose. When I was consecrated as a member

of a missionary community, it was made clear to me that my life would be set aside for the service of God. This meant that I would serve the Lord within my existing vocation of wife and mother, in other ways according to God's Will in my state of life. It's not difficult to serve the Lord wholeheartedly when we've entrusted our families and our lives into His tender care. The same applies to the Priesthood and to the Church, consecrated for the ultimate purpose of service and worship of God.

When we declare that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God", we consecrate our lives to Him, and upon our hearts we allow Jesus to build whatever He desires. As long as Jesus is our stronghold, the gates of hell will not prevail.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What is the meaning of the words of our Lord, "Adore the Lord your God and worship Him alone" (Matthew 4:10)?

ANSWER

These words mean to adore God as the Lord of everything that exists; to render to him the individual and community worship which is his due; to pray to him with sentiments of praise, of thanks, and of supplication; to offer him sacrifices, above all the spiritual sacrifice of one's own life, united with the perfect sacrifice of Christ; and to keep the promises and vows made to him



UPCOMING EVENTS

TEENS
CHRISTMAS PARTY

01 DEC | 7:00PM TO 10:00PM
\$50 tickets

BLACK TIE FORMAL EVENT
LOLO HALL
ENQUIRIES: RACHEL - 0477 276 077

scan to book

FOOD | DRINKS | ENTERTAINMENT

50 YEARS
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

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.

How to Enter
Post original artwork to: Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay Christmas Card Competition PO Box 585 STRATHFIELD NSW 2155
Or scan and email: High resolution JPEG or PDF to jubileemaronite.org.au

Competition closes Friday 24 November
Winners announced Friday 8 December

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

BLOOD donations

NOVEMBER 2023

Tuesday 7th | 6:45pm

Multiple spots available or to book a time that best suits you:

Contact Elana on 0466 283 883

Rosehill Blood Service

There is the option to donate whole blood or just plasma.

FACT: Donating whole blood takes only about 10-15 minutes

YOUTH

LOLO MARONITE 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
LOLOMARONITEFLAMES

LOLO CHRISTMAS
CAROLS & FESTIVAL

8PM

December 16.2023

FREE OUTDOOR EVENT
LOLO CHOIRS | LIVE NATIVITY | LIVE ANIMALS
FOOD STALLS & DRINKS | CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & TOYS
LIVE SHOW "TROUBLES IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP"
40 ALICE STREET, HARRIS PARK NSW 2150

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

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 Asnoun

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

Monday 6 November:

10:30am Funeral of the late Jacques Adib Joumaa from Qnat
6:00pm Late Alice Boutros Bou Rached from Bazoun widow of the late Laurence Maroun from Barsa

Tuesday 7 November:

10:30am Funeral of the late Hanneh Saba from Hadchit widow of the late Jamil Gerger Sahyoun from Kfarfou

Wednesday 8 November:

10:30am Funeral of the late Antonios Youssef Makhlof from Bkaakafra

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Munnouche Tannous Youssef Lahoud widow of the late Maurice Tannous Romanos from Kfarsghab

Thursday 9 November:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Bernadette Antonios Abi Rizk from Aintourine wife of Sarkis Chahid Nakad from Kfardlakos

Friday 10 November:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Elias Jamil Sajih Wehbe from Blouza

Saturday 11 November:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Bob Semaan Chahine from Hweich Akkar

Sunday 12 November:

Renewal of the Church

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Sakis Boulos Ghaleb Frangieh from Zgharta

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Ousama Eid Al Twal from Jordan

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 29/10/2023

Plates: \$12,565 | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$297

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,387,126

UNITS: \$1,111,248

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$37,681 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

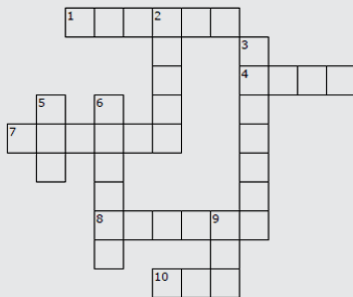
UNITS: \$12,503 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL



Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

- Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
- A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
- A male parent
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
- An adult male human being

DOWN

- The name that Jesus called Simon
- A persons who speaks for God
- To speak
- The whole body of believers in Christ
- A male child in relation to his parents

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| PETER PROPHET | FATHER ROCK | PEOPLE MAN | SON CHURCH | CHRIST SAY |
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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 Saturday

Our youth held their first ever youth night market. The night was an amazing success with many people of all ages attending. There were endless food choices up for grabs, stalls to browse and purchase some goods, along with entertainment to dance the night away. A big thank you to all the vendors and all who attended the night, if it wasn't for you all the night would not have been a success. THANK YOU!

On Tuesday night

The Family of Divine Word came together for their weekly talk. Our talk was given by Fr John-Paul Bassil and we explored further on the topic "Put on Love" from Colossians 3:12-17.

On Thursday

Together with St Joseph's Parish we remembered our departed loved ones in memory of all soul's day. Mass was held at the Mausoleum Chapel at Rookwood cemetery. At OLOL the senior's committee along with our seniors came together for Mass, Lunch and entertainment.

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.

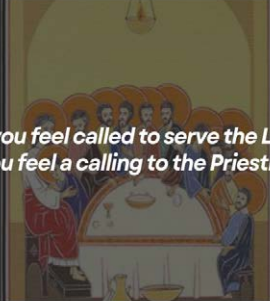


UPCOMING EVENTS

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

HOLY MASS | MORNING TEA & HOT LUNCH

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

\$50 \$40 \$35 \$25 \$25 \$15
adult teens child

Families with more than 2 children pay only for parents & 2 older children

To register contact Rita 0412 647 683
or email familycommittee@lol.org.au

Accessible Church

An initiative of



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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WE ARE HIRING

**Sales
Assistant**

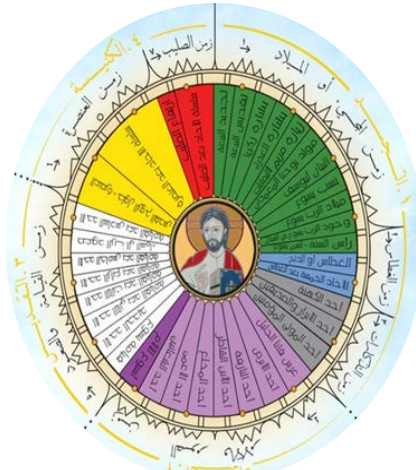
CASUAL POSITION

Applicant must:

- Have Previous Retail Sales & Inventory experience
- Speaks English & Arabic
- Ability to work a flexible schedule that will include weekends and public holidays.
- Able to work cohesively in a team environment.
- Ability to work under pressure.

SEND US YOUR RESUME TO
giftshop@lol.org.au

Liturgical Calendar Cycle





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
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. 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

وللمزيد من المعلومات يمكنك مراجعة النشرة الدعوية أو وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي في رعيّتكم أو في الأبرشية. بمساعدتكم تُفرّجون 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
JOHN 1:29

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_eliea@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_eliea@hotmail.com
or call on 0490 933 481.

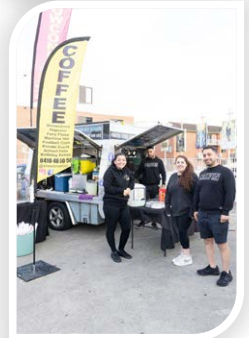
Please share with anyone who may be interested as we do not want anyone to miss out; if the cost is an issue please also contact Elie for a confidential discussion.

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



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

٧٠٠ أربعون المرحومة منوش طنوس يوسف لحدو أرملة المرحوم موريس طنوس رومانوس من كفرصغاب

الخميس ٩ تشرين الثاني:

٦٠٠ أربعون المرحومة برناديت أنطونيوس أبي رزق من عينطورين زوجة سركيس شهيد نكد من كفر دلاقوس

الجمعة ١٠ تشرين الثاني:

٦٠٠ أربعون المرحوم الياس جميل سجيح وهبه من بلوزا

السبت ١١ تشرين الثاني:

٦٠٠ السنة للمرحوم بوب Bob سمعان شاهين من الخويش - عكار

الأحد ١٢ تشرين الثاني:

أحد تجديد البيعة

١١٠٠ السنة للمرحوم سركيس بولس غالب فرنجية من زغرتا
٥٠٠ أربعون المرحوم أسامة عيد أطوال من الأردن

الأحد ٥ تشرين الثاني:

أحد تقديس البيعة

٩٠٣٠ أربعون المرحوم فريدة يوسف فارس أرملة المرحوم محسن بدوي عبود من أصنون

١١٠٠ السنة للمرحوم يوسف سعيد القطريب من كرم المهر
٥٠٠ السنة للمرحوم غصن أنطونيوس غصن من الخريبة - عكار

الأثنين ٦ تشرين الثاني:

١٠٣٠ دفن المرحوم جاك أديب جمعة من قنات

٦٠٠ أليس بطرس بو راشد من بزعون أرملة المرحوم لورانس مارون من برسا

الثلاثاء ٧ تشرين الثاني:

١٠٣٠ دفن المرحومة حنة سابا أرملة المرحوم جميل صهيون من كفرفو

الأربعاء ٨ تشرين الثاني:

١٠٣٠ دفن المرحوم أنطونيوس يوسف مخلوف من بقاعكفرا

لماذا القلق؟

لا تهتوا لحياتكم بما تأكلون ولا للجسد
بما تلبسون.. تأملوا الغربان أنها لا تزرع
ولا تحصد وليس لها مخدع ولا مخزن
والله يقيتها. كم أنتم بالحرى أفضل
من الطيور؟ ومن منكم إذا اهتم يقدر
أن يزيد على قامته ذراعاً واحداً.

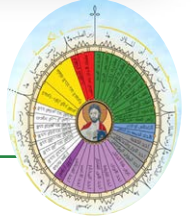
(لوقا ١٢: ٢٢ - ٢٥)

زواحة:

الرب دائماً يلاحظك. لا ينعس لا ينام.
وهو يحفظك نهاراً وليلاً. فهو القائل
لا تخف أنا معك.

الصفاء المنيعة رثنا بنه
البيع ركنها كانه سمعان
أعلم بولس البنيان
الليتورجيا المارونية

إفتتاح السنة الطقسية



تفتتح الكنيسة في هذا الأحد الأول من تشرين الثاني **السنة الطقسية**، وتشمل ستة أزمنة: الميلاد المجيد، الدنح او الغطاس، الصوم الكبير، الآلام والموت والقيامة، العنصرة، الصليب. تسمى **سنة** لأنها تدوم ١٢ شهراً من أول أحد من تشرين الثاني حتى آخر أحد من تشرين الأول؛ وتسمى "**طقسية**" لأنها ليتورجية لأن فيها تدور الكنيسة على مدى سنة حول شمسها ومصدر قوتها وحيويتها ونورها، يسوع المسيح، فتستنير بنوره، وتتقدس بنعمه وتعتذي على مائدته: مائدة كلامه الحي، ومائدة جسده ودمه. تماماً كما تدور الأرض حول الشمس سنة كاملة، وتستمد منها النور والحرارة والحيوية. وكما أنه لا يستطيع أي كائن حي من إنسان وحيوان ونبات أن يعيش من دون الشمس وحرارتها ونورها، كذلك لا يستطيع أي مؤمن ومؤمنة أن يعيشا من دون كلام المسيح ونعمته.

إن بداية السنة الطقسية هي مناسبة للتعمق بسر المسيح، ولتجديد أتباعه بالأمانة، والمساهمة في بناء الكنيسة عبر الإشتراك برسالتها الرامية إلى عيش الشركة مع الله والقريب.

عَيْنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عبد الأحد ٥ تشرين الثاني ٢٠٢٣ | أحد تقديس البيعة " وأنا أيضا أقول لك: أنت هو بطرس، أي الصخرة، وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني بيتي " مت ١٦: ١٣-٢٠

الإنجيل



جاء يسوع إلى نواحي قيصرية فيلبس فسأل تلاميذه قائلًا: "من يقول الناس إنني أنا ابن الإنسان؟" فقالوا: "بعضهم يقولون: يوحنا المعمدان؛ وآخرون: إيليا؛ وغيرهم: إرميا أو أحد الأنبياء". قال لهم: "وأنتم من تقولون إنني أنا؟". فأجاب سمعان بطرس وقال: أنت هو المسيح ابن الله الحي! ". فأجاب يسوع وقال له: "طوبى لك يا سمعان بن يونا! لأنه لا لحم ولا دم أظهر لك ذلك، بل أبي الذي في السماوات. وأنا أيضا أقول لك: أنت هو بطرس، أي الصخرة، وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني بيتي، وأبواب الجحيم لن تقوى عليها. سأعطيك مفاتيح السماوات، فكل ما تربطه على الأرض يكون مربوطا في السماوات، وما تكله على الأرض يكون مكلولا في السماوات". حينئذ أوصى تلاميذه ألا يقولوا لأحد إنه هو المسيح مت ١٦: ١٣-٢٠



أحد تقديس البيعة

سفر أشعيا ٥٤: ١، ٣، ٥-٨، ١٠

عب ٩: ١-١٢

مت ١٦: ١٣-٢٠

ليصبح صخرة في كنيسة الصغيرة. أقصد في عائلته. في عمله. في مجتمعه. في مؤسسته. في جمعيته... فنعمل معًا كل ما هو صالح لإعلاء البنين كله.

كلّ منا مدعوٌ لعدم مساومة المسيح في حبّه وانتظاره لنا مقابل تنفيذ رغباتنا الشخصية. فلنقبل إليه إذاً بإيمان وثقة، ولنفسح له في المجال كي يعطينا طوبى جديدة وإسماً جديداً يحمل رسالة حبّ متجدّدة في عالم مظلم لا يرى من الشمس إلا كسوفها. مردّدين أمام صاحب الدعوة: "أنت هو ابن الله الحيّ"، فيكفيني شرّاً أن تكون صديقي وحبيبي وإلهي في أن، أحبّك."



صلاة

نرفع اليك يا رب آيات الشكر في بداية هذه السنة الليتورجية الجديدة، لأنك تثير حياتنا ودرونا. نشكر لك لأنك توجّه الكنيسة في عمل تقديس نفسها وتقديس العالم. أعطنا ان نخلع الانسان العتيق ونلبس الانسان الجديد. فتجددنا بروحك القدوس وتقديسنا بجسدك ودمك، فنرتّل لك المجد على الدوام، ولأبيك ولروحك الحيّ القدوس، الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين

"ومن أنا فيه قولكم أنتم؟"

عندما سأل يسوع تلاميذه: "وأنتم، من تقولون أنني أنا، ابن الإنسان؟" أجاب سمعان بطرس وقال: "أنت المسيح ابن الله الحيّ!" إجابة كالبرق لمعت في أفق الرّسل الإثنا عشر: أوّل إعلان سماويّ ينطق به سمعان بن يونا، يكشف فيه هويّة يسوع. هذا الرسول الذي، بنعمة من الله، استطاع أن يجاز من ضفة المحدوديّة والتحدّر والتمسك بكلّ حكم أو شهادة أو فكر بشريّ، إلى ضفة فكر الله والعقلانيّة المنفتحة على إلهامات روحه القدوس، فنطق بما همس له به في أعماقه. لذلك استطاع أن يقول له: "أنت هو المسيح ابن الله الحيّ".

تجاوب سمعان مع إيمانه بألوهة يسوع كان بمثابة قسم وال التزام أمام الجميع بالتبشير بصديقه يسوع ابن الله، حيثما وجد. رغم ضعفه قد نال الخطوة، الطوبى، عند المسيح، لأن الله لا ينظر إلا إلى القلب وبما ينبض به من حبّ. ثمّ منحه اسماً جديداً فدعاه بطرس أي الصخرة. وعلى صخرة إيمان بطرس بنى يسوع كنيسة وحجر زاويتها هو المسيح نفسه.

ونحن، ماذا نقول؟ هل لنا جرأة بطرس وإيمانه لنعلن ما نعرفه عن يسوع؟

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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, Estephan Aboud & Dibe Aboud (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) Saideh Chidiac & her daughter Laurice (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 Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucru Khoudair, Genvieve Khoury and the Departed Souls of the Khoury & Elzahoul families, Wahideh Touma Khemmy (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends, Badaoui Antoun Reaiche, Philomena Reaiche (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Georges Shammas (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Karma Yammine & Sayed Yammine (Z)

