

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 31 | Sunday 2 June 2024 | Third Sunday of Pentecost "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" Jn 14: 21-27



THE GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples, "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid Jn 14:21-27



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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



Message from the Bishop

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year falls on the 7th of June.

On this feast, we celebrate the mystery of the open and bleeding Heart of the Lord, which fulfils the mission entrusted to Him by the Father to give Himself entirely for the salvation of the world, the true inexhaustible source from which all grace flows. This mystery finds its foundation in the Gospel passage: "But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water flowed out" (John 19:33-34).

When the soldier's spear pierced Christ's heart, causing blood and water to flow, he was not merely performing the final rite to confirm His death. He was enacting a prophetic gesture, for the blood and water flowing from Christ's heart expressed both the total gift Jesus made of himself and the source of life this gift

became for all humanity. In contemplating the blood and water flowing from Christ's pierced side, we understand what St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans: "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

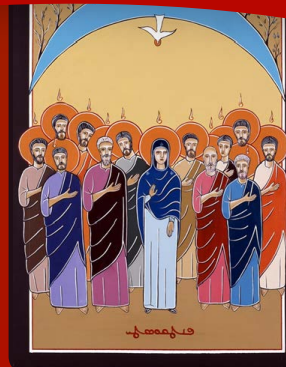
The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us and unveils God's mercy. This Heart has compassion and a passion for us. Pope Benedict XVI beautifully writes that this love "which becomes visible in the mystery of the Cross presented anew in every celebration of the Eucharist, lays the foundations of our capacity to love and to make a gift of ourselves, becoming instruments in Christ's hands: only in this way can we be credible proclaimers of his love" (Pope Benedict XVI, 15 May 2006).

By consecrating ourselves to this Most Sacred Heart, we offer ourselves entirely to Christ, giving Him the honour, veneration, and love that are truly His due. During this month, let us contemplate the love of the Lord Jesus and His Heart, burning with love for the Father, in the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and draw closer to it each day to share in the eternal love He has won for us.

Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love, have mercy on us.
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.
(from the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Third Sunday of Pentecost

Prov 8: 22-23, 30-36
1Cor 2: 1-10
Jn 14: 21-27

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLQOL 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

PARISH CLERGY CONTACTS

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Monday to Friday

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Saturday

9am - 1pm

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"Be Not Afraid"

It's comforting to know that these words - "Be Not Afraid" - appear 365 times in the Bible, to calm the anxious storms in any heart. When Christ is at the steering wheel of our life's journey, what do we have to fear, except that of offending God? Living a sacramental life of grace, in accordance with Church Teachings, is the surest way of calming any fears within a soul. Celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a reminder to all the faithful that Christ has not left us, and remains with us always, in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. We have nothing to fear - when God is with us, who can be against us? Entering the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is another consolation and source of encouragement to persevere in our daily prayers and offerings, always entrusting our families to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Let us also remember that "the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost" not just those who are faithful followers. Many souls have been sought and found by the saving grace of Confession, comforted with the healing power that it pours into a troubled soul, time and again. It is within the safe refuge of the Confessional, clinging to the secure knowledge of confidentiality, that many have found their place of healing at last. The "Seal of Confession" welcomes every soul that is searching for Peace to surrender to the merciful forgiveness of our Loving God.

Sometimes, the only barrier between us and God, is our own fear of being judged and rejected by Him, as we believe we have been judged and/or rejected by others. God is far greater than mortal man, and His Love is unconditional, His Mercy unfathomable. The actions of the Holy Spirit working through prayer and the Sacraments,

provide us with the necessary graces to overcome those fears and to find the peace for which our hearts yearn. His "Peace" is not the same "peace" that the world deceptively offers. The peace that Christ speaks of, is found in the grace and mercy of God.

In the effort of turning back to God with a contrite heart in Confession, we are granted not only forgiveness of our sins, but in His Infinite Mercy, God gives us a chance to start over again. How wonderful it is to know that each time we fall, and we will surely fall many times, that God sees our heart, and our weak efforts to persevere in love for His sake. Yes, God sees me, and does not focus on my sin but on the contrition of my heart. BE NOT AFRAID be at peace, prepared with the armour of God - Confession, Adoration, Rosary, and Eucharist.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

How
can we help
the souls being
purified in
purgatory?

ANSWER

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.



UPCOMING EVENTS



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL

ANNUAL GALA DINNER

LET'S BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS TOGETHER

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024
AT DOLTONE HOUSE WESTERN SYDNEY

\$200 PER PERSON
SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

TO BOOK CONTACT TINA ON 0448 247 336

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 2 June:

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Sodality Mass

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late Chaiban Majid Akel Cham from Sebhel

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Raymond Dib Younan from Wadi Qannoubine

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Kozhaya Salim Challita from Bekaakafra

Tuesday 4 June:

10:30am Funeral of Therese Tanios Kazzi wife of Elias Boustani from Jieh

Wednesday 5 June:

10:30am Funeral of Antoine Sarkis Baaini from Mejdlaya

Friday 7 June:

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Masses 7:00am and 9:00am

6:00pm Mass for the Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by Procession in the Courtyard

Saturday 8 June:

Masses 7:30am and 6:00pm

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

Sunday 9 June:

4th Sunday of Pentecost

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

11:00am One Year Mass for the late George Leba Sassine from Hadchit

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 26/05/2024

Plates: \$14,737 | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$1,979

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,271,557.77

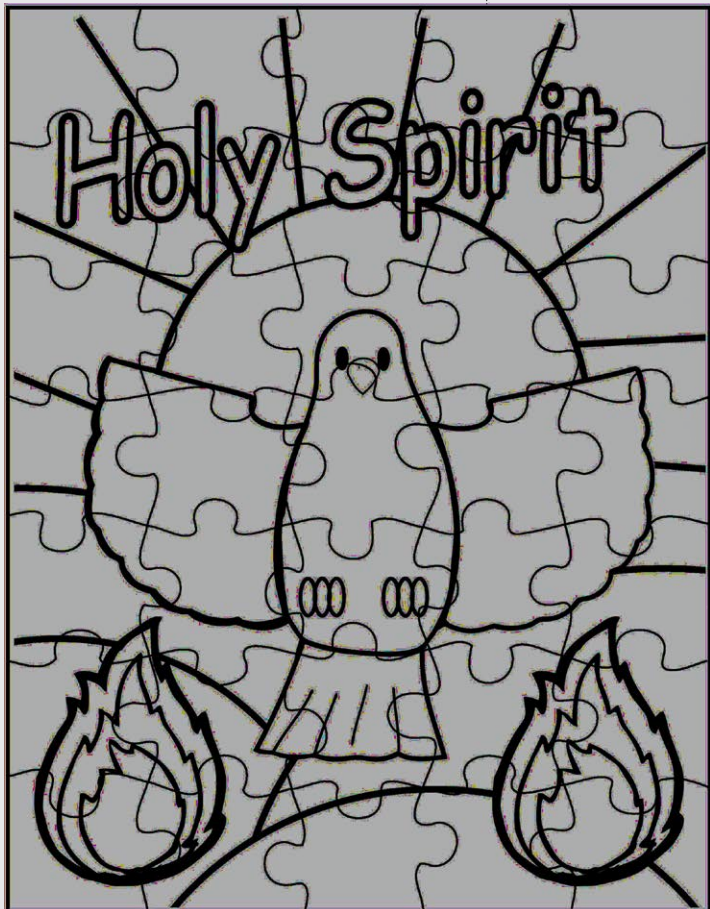
UNITS: \$1,067,031.23

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER



35 Pieces

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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 Sunday

During 7pm Mass our newly elected committee members were consecrated and blessed. After Mass they were welcomed by their fellow youth of our parish. We congratulate our new committee members and pray for them as they embark on their new roles. May God bless them for their works and efforts they will do in serving our parish

On Monday

The men of our parish came together for the men's faith formation talk. This session was led by Fr Charbel, and they explored on the topic who do you say that I am?

On Tuesday

The Family committee hosted their weekly online rosary. It was beautiful to join as one and offer up our prayers and intentions whilst praying the rosary

On Wednesday

After 7pm Mass the youth came together for a talk led by Sr Margaret. The session was titled "The call to more", reflecting on Mary's yes, we explored on how we can recognise our vocations and learn to heed God's call as Mary did

On Thursday

To celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi our parish came together as one to celebrate Mass, afterwards we knelt before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. We then accompanied the Bread of Life with a procession on the church grounds. May we reveal Christ to everyone through our way of life, in our actions, service, love and faith


On Thursday & Friday

Our parish Mothers came together again to bake saj bread and manoosh. They baked with love as always providing our parishioners with the most delicious bread, zaatar and spinach manoosh. Thank you to everyone who came and showed their support. A big thank you to our parish mothers who are always offering their time and love to serve our parish family

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



Feast of the most
SACRED HEART OF JESUS

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2024 | MASS 6PM
FOLLOWED BY PROCESSION
7:30PM - 12AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
CONFESSION 7:30 - 8:30PM



**FAMILY OF
THE DIVINE WORD**

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024 AT 7:30PM
AND THE GREATEST OF THEM IS LOVE
(AMORIS LAETITIA CHAPTERS 4&5)
وأعظمها المحبة. (فرح الحب) الفصلان ٤ و٥.

SISTER JULIETTE ABI KHALIL



FAMILY COMMITTEE PRESENTS
**ONLINE CHAPLET OF THE MOST
SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024 AT 7:30PM

ZOOM
MEETING ID 84783802835
PASSCODE 076935



THE LIVING WORD PRESENTS
LET US PRAY

A THREE WEEK SERIES | EVERY THURSDAY AT 7PM

1. PRAYER IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
6TH JUNE | FR RON HASSARATI
2. THE JESUS PRAYER
13TH JUNE | FR RON HASSARATI
3. THE OUR FATHER
20TH JUNE | FR CHARBEL DIB

VENUE: SENIORS ROOM



OLOL MARONITE FLAME TEENS PRESENT A
**BERRIMA
ROAD TRIP**

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024 | LEAVING AT 8AM
RETURN AT 5:30PM

COST: \$30
INCLUDES BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS
PERMISSION SLIPS MUST BE FILLED OUT BY 8TH JUNE 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS



FERSEN AL ADRA OLOL PRESENTS ITS FIRST
DISCO PARTY
MORE FERSEN FUN... MORE FERSEN MEMORIES
GET DRESSED IN YOUR DISCO CLOTHES!

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2024 | 1-3PM
COST \$15 PER PERSON
VENUE: REC ROOM

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN IN THE PARISH
PLEASE INVITE YOUR COUSINS AND FRIENDS
FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

RSVP BY 8TH JUNE TO ANTONIO ON 0416 342 626




OLOL FLAME TEENS PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL
MID-YEAR PARTY

FRIDAY 7TH JULY 2024 AT 7PM
VENUE: OLOL CHURCH HALL
COST: \$25

ALL WHITE PARTY

FOR TEENS YEARS 7 -12
TO BOOK CONTACT GHADI ON 0424 411 174




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Discover the heart of the Catholic faith

A course that explores the teachings of the Catholic Church for those desiring to deepen their understanding of the faith or for adults seeking the Sacrament of Baptism

EVERY MONDAY FROM 17 JUNE 2024
AT 7:30PM

OLOL COMMUNITY YOUTH AND PASTORAL CENTRE
1/40-46 ALICE ST, HARRIS PARK

For enquiries, call or text Subdeacon Charbel Mourani on 0410 343 233
or email faithformation@maronite.org.au

To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC




AN INTRODUCTION
TO THE MARONITE CATHOLIC FAITH

17 June	God's Purpose for You
24 June	Belief and Faith
01 July	The Most Holy Trinity
08 July	Our Lord Jesus Christ
15 July	Our Lord's Life, Death and Purpose
22 July	The Holy Spirit
29 July	The One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church
05 August	Scripture and Tradition
12 August	Our Lady Part I
19 August	Our Lady Part II
26 August	Prayer
02 September	Virtue and Sin
09 September	The Ten Commandments
16 September	The Teachings of the Lord
23 September	The Sacrament of Confession
30 September	The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation
07 October	The Eucharist
14 October	The Sacrament of Marriage
21 October	The Maronite Saints
28 October	Catholic Social Teaching
04 November	The Divine Liturgy - The Qurbano
11 November	Q&A Night!

Course is held at the Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre, 40 Alice Street, Harris Park. Classes begin at 7:30 pm and everyone is welcome.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/MaroniteCTC




THE FAMILY COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO THE
RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2024
AT 9:30AM MASS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF COUPLES
CELEBRATING 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.....50 YEARS
OF MARRIAGE ANY TIME IN 2024

RESERVED SEATS, CERTIFICATES AND A SPECIAL GIFT WILL
BE PRESENTED ON THE DAY

TO BOOK VISIT
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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢ حزيران:

الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

٨٠٠ قداس على نية أبناء الأخوة أحياء ومرضى وأموات
٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحوم شيبان مجيد عقل الشام من سبل
١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم ريمون ديب يونان من وادي قنوبين
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم قزحيا سليم شليطا من بقاعكفرا

الثلاثاء ٤ حزيران:

١٠:٣٠ دفن تريز طانيوس القزي زوجة الياس البستاني من الجية

الأربعاء ٥ حزيران:

١٠:٣٠ دفن أنطوان سركيس البعيني من مجدليا

الجمعة ٧ حزيران:

عيد قلب يسوع

القداسات ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً

٦:٠٠ قداس عيد قلب يسوع يليه زياح وتطواف خارج الكنيسة

السبت ٨ حزيران:

القداسات ٧:٣٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

١٠:٣٠ صباحاً و ٣:٠٠ ب.ظ. قداس القربانة الأولى لأولاد الرعية

الأحد ٩ حزيران:

الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة

القداسات ٨:٠٠، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم جورج لابا ساسين من حدشيت

من الله، إله المحبة، خالقنا وفادينا، أن يفيض في قلوبنا روحه القدوس، ليرشدنا على تعاليم الرب الثابتة لنعمل بموجبها فنكون منارةً للحب الإلهي. نعيش في الحب والحب يعيش فينا.



أبانا الذي في السماوات

لقد تأثر التلاميذ برؤية يسوع بنفرد و"ينغمس" في الصلاة لذلك سألوهم أن يعلمهم أن يصلوا. عندها نقل يسوع لهم تلك التي أصبحت الصلاة المسيحية بامتياز: "صلاة الأبانا". إن سر الصلاة المسيحية كله يُلخص في هذه الكلمة: الشجاعة بأن ندعو الله باسم الأب. لأننا عندما ندعوه كـ "أب" يضعنا هذا الأمر في علاقة انسجام معه، كطفل يتوجه إلى أبيه، عالماً أن أباه يحبه ويعتني به. هذه هي الثورة الكبيرة التي تطبعها المسيحية في نفسية الإنسان الدينية. نحن لسنا وحدنا. يمكننا أن نكون بعيدين وعدائيين ويمكننا أن نعلن أننا "بدون إله". لكن إنجيل يسوع المسيح يُظهر لنا أن الله لا يمكنه أن يبقى بدوننا: هو لن يكون إلهاً أبداً "بدون الإنسان". هذا اليقين هو مصدر رجائنا الذي نجده محفوظاً في دعاءات "صلاة الأبانا" كلها. وبالتالي فعندما نكون بحاجة لمساعدة ما، يقول لنا يسوع أن نتوجه إلى الأب ونطلب منه بثقة لأنه أب ينظر إلينا بمحبة على الدوام ولن يتركنا بالتأكيد.



صلاة

أيها الإبن الحبيب يا ربنا يسوع المسيح، أعرف أنك تحبني فعلمي كيف أحب. أعرف أنك واثق بي فعلمي كيف أثق. أنت معلمي وحكمتك هي غذائي. دعني أتأملك على الصليب فأرتوي من قلبك المتدفق دماً وماءً: "نعم ورحمة"، وأشهد بالتالي إلى الحب والسلام النابعان من نور

قيامتك، لك المجد إلى الأبد، آمين

المؤمن مسكنٌ للثالوث

بعد عيد الثالوث الأقدس، تتأمل الكنيسة في سكنه في حياة المؤمنين الذين يحثون المسيح، قابلين وحافظين وصاياه. فحينئذ يكون تبادل شركة الحب بين الله والإنسان. وتكشف له أسرار الله وملاحم وجهه وحضوره. ويصبح الشخص المؤمن مسكنًا للثالوث القدوس.

فالله الذي هو المحبة، أحبنا وخلقنا وافتدانا واستودع المحبة بالروح القدس في قلوبنا. والإنسان مدعو ليعمل في المحبة حافظاً كلامه ووصاياه وعاملاً بها، لكي يسكن الله في قلبه، فينال الخلاص ويمتلك سلام المسيح.

إن محبة الإنسان لله ليست محبة نظرية، بل محبة عملية، هي في أن نحيا في حياتنا وصايا الرب يسوع، والوصية التي أعطاها كخلاصة الوصايا والتعاليم هي وصية المحبة. محبة الإنسان لأخيه الإنسان هي التأكيد الذي يقدمه الإنسان لله بأنه يؤمن به، فالإيمان بالمسيح يستوجب قبول قناعته والعمل بمنطقه والتكرس الكامل لحمل بشارته من خلال عيش المحبة الشاملة.

ومن يحب المسيح يحبه الأب ويظهر له نفسه. فالرب يقف على أبواب حياتنا يقرع ويقرع... يشد منا الدخول للإقامة فينا! أن نشرع له الأبواب قرار صعب وجريء نتردد في اتخاذه لأن دخوله في حياتنا سيقرب معادلاتنا البشرية، ويخرب أولوياتنا بعد أن يُطعمنا بكلمته وإرادته. من هنا نفهم دور الروح القدس الذي يشد على أيدينا لنفتح أبواب حياتنا الموصدة، ويعضد ضعفنا، ويشجعنا على المضي في السير على طريق الرب. إنه النار الآكلة، التي تحرق اهتماماتنا البالية التي تفرغ حياتنا، إنه اللهيب المقدس الذي يضرع محبتنا كي لا تبرد أبداً. إنه الروح القدس يصرخ في أعماق ضميرنا ليكننا عن الخطيئة، فيحررنا من العبودية لننطلق بقوته لعيش البنوة الإلهية.

وإذا أسكتنا الروح القدس الروح المعلم، أقفلنا الباب في وجه الرب وخسرنا نعمة سكُن الثالوث في حياتنا.

المطلوب منا اليوم وقفة بطولية تسلخنا عن ظلمة هذا العالم الفاني وملذاته الفارغة المتغيرة وغير الثابتة طالبين

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٣١ | الأحد ٢ حزيران ٢٠٢٤ | أحد الثالث من العنصرة "أَسْلَامَ أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، سَلامِي أَعْطِيكُمْ" يو ٢١:١٤ - ٢٧



أحد الثالث من
العنصرة
أمثال ٨: ٢٢ - ٣٠، ٣٦ -
١٠: ١ - ٢
يو ٢١: ١٤ - ٢٧

الإنجيل



قال الرب يسوع لئلاميده: "مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَا وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي. وَمَنْ يُحْيِي يُحْيِي أَبْنَاءَ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أَجْبُهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي". قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَلِكَ الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِي: "يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "مَنْ يُحْيِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي، وَأَبِي يُحْبِبُهُ وَإِلَيْهِ تَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ نَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنَزَلاً. مَنْ لَا يُحْيِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلِمَتُكُمْ بِهِذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنِ الْبَرَقْلِيط، الرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ، الَّذِي سَيُرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِاسْمِي، هُوَ يَعْلَمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. السَّلامَ أَسْتَوْدِعُكُمْ، سَلامِي أَعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أَعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخَفُ!"

يو ٢١:١٤ - ٢٧

شهر قلب يسوع
القدس

يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب
إجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك



"كلُّ واحدٍ ينال موهبةً لبناء الجماعة"

أفعله أنا أيضاً. إذا لم يكن الرب قوّتي، وأسرار الكنيسة
سلاحي، فإن مواهبي تندثر وتموت، لأنني لست أنا الحي،
بل المسيح هو الحي فيّ، كما يقول القديس بولس. ولكي
يحيا المسيح فيّ، أحول خدمتي إلى برشانة حياة في قلب
العالم تنتظر ربنا ليقْدَسها. الخدمة تجعل لمواهبي طعماً
ولونا وفائدة.

ومعطي الموهبة، الروح القدس، يُلهم، يقدّس، يبارك
ويجْرد. يلهمني من خلال كنيسة لاكتشف موهبتي.
يقْدَسني من خلال هذه الموهبة. يبارك موهبتي فتتمو
وتكثر، ثم يجْردُها من كل أنانية وكبرياء. ما يقتل عطية الله
فيها هو سرطان الأنانية والكبرياء. أسرار الكنيسة هي
العلاج لهذا السرطان. بهذه الأسرار والخدمة تبني موهبتي
الجماعة والجماعة تبني. واحدٌ للجميع والجميعُ لواحد.

مواهب الروح القدس متعددة لأن الخدمات كثيرة
والحاجات كبيرة، أما الهدف فواحد: الوصول إلى القداسة!

لم يترك الله أحداً بلا موهبةٍ ما من روحه القدوس، لأن
سخاءه يغلفنا جميعاً، دونما استثناء. لا يستطيع الله إلا أن
يعطي، فطبيعته أن يفيض علينا بما عنده. أما السرّ، فهو
في أن أضع مواهبي، أيأ كان عددها أو شكلها أو نوعها، في
خدمة الآخرين لبنائهم، وبناء ذاتي من خلالها. هذه الخدمة
تقدّسني، فهي دربي إلى الملكوت، لأن الملكوت يبدأ من
هنا، ومن هذه اللحظة.

القديسون خير شهود على ذلك وعلى تنوّع المواهب
وثمارها. ما يجمع هؤلاء القديسين هو أنهم جميعاً فعلوا
مواهبهم بقوة واحدة: يسوع المسيح. هذا ما أحتاج أن

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, Josephine & Joseph Al Alam, Father Ange Al Alam, Miguel Al Alam, Paul Al Alam, George Al Alam (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) 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 Chucir Khoudair, Tanius Elias Kassi and the deceased of his family, Genevieve Khoury and all the departed of Khoury & Elzahoul families, Elias Karam & Family, All departed of Khoury Family (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa, Therese Melhem (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joe Romanos, Tony Abe Rizk & his daughter Bernadette Nakad (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Nassim Saad & his children Kevin & Emile (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)