

# The Good News from Your Parish

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

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## THE GOSPEL

## TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

## THE EPISTLE

Then they brought to Jesus a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons." Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

Mt 12: 22-32

"Mary. Wellspring of Life"

Is our theme for Feast Week

13 - 23 August 2015

Including Solemn Mass & Hrissi

Saturday 15 August 6.00pm

Parish BBQ Saturday 22 August at 7.00pm

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Next Sunday's Readings

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Eph 2: 17-22  
Lk 19: 1-10

"The joy of  
the GOSPEL fills  
the hearts and  
lives of all  
who encounter  
JESUS."

~Pope Francis~

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1Cor 12: 1-11

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Come, **Holy Spirit**, fill the

hearts of thy **Faithful**; and

enkindle in them the **fire** of Thy **love**.

Send forth Thy **Spirit** and they shall be

**created**, and thou shalt **renew**

the face of the **earth**.

**Amen!**



### SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Co Cathedral - Harris Park 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth)  
Mass Centres - St Patrick's, Guildford 6pm (Ar/Eng)

### WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7am, 8.45am & 6pm. Wed 7am, 8.45am & 5:30pm; 7pm (English Youth) Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

### CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6pm and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

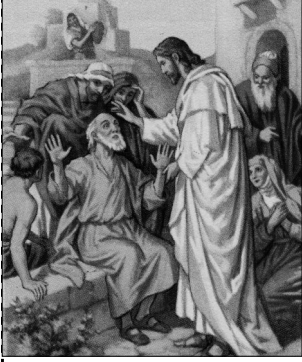
### WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm - 9pm 24 Hour Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am

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There are many claims to religious truth, so which do we believe? In today's Gospel, Jesus responds to those who want to challenge his religious authority, asking them to examine their own motives and hearts.

Plurality of faiths has been a common feature in world history. In Jesus' time the Jews were one people of faith

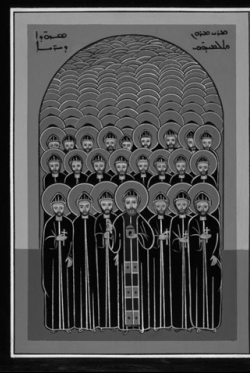
among a myriad of others including Samaritans and pagans. Today the Maronite Catholics are one people of faith also among a myriad of other Christian denominations and other religions.

Jesus was challenged by others in his actions and interpretations of God's will, as we read in today's Gospel. When he cured a man who possessed a demon and was blind and mute, the response of the crowd was amazement and the response of the Pharisees was to claim Jesus was in league with 'Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons'v24. It would have been a source of frustration for Jesus that his acts of kindness were interpreted as evil and yet the pattern continues today.

As Christians in Australian society we can encounter so much opposition. There appears to be a trend to abuse or ridicule the Christian faith among the many other faiths. There is opposition to Christians and our faith is too often stereotyped and mocked.

So perhaps today's Reading is very relevant to our situation. Like Jesus who was demonised by others, we also experience the same condemnatory attitude, yet like Jesus we can stand our ground and continue to do good, in spite of opposition to us. In the end the truth of good intentions will win hearts. Amen.

**Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF**



After St Maroun died, many were inspired by his teachings and his ascetic way of life. By the fifth century a monastery was built near where he lived known as Bet Maroun. The monastery became very significant in the region. Also in the fifth century a debate had emerged about the nature of Jesus. The debate centered on whether Jesus was divine, human or both and exactly what that meant. Some, like the Nestorians, argued that Jesus was separately divine and human and that the two natures were independent.

Others such as the Jacobites taught that Jesus was only divine and his divinity absorbed his human nature.

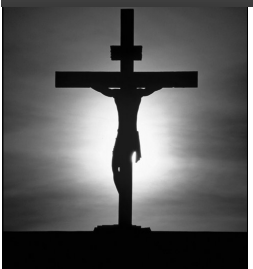
In 451, The Council of Chalcedon dealt with the debate once and for all, declaring that Christ was both divine and human, but one person.

The Maronites upheld the proclamation of the Council of Chalcedon. The monks of Saint Maroun led the way preaching the true doctrine and opposing heresy. We learn of the martyrdom of the 350 Monks in a letter from the monks to Pope Hormisdas in the year 517. They described the suffering and attacks they are enduring, particularly from the Antiochian Patriarchs Severus and Peter who opposed the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon. They described that they were mocked for their support of the Council and were suffering afflictions. They described how the Emperor Anastasius had sent an army that had marched through the district of Apamea closing monasteries and expelling the monks. Some monks had been beaten and others had been thrown into prison. While on their way to St. Simon Stylite, the Maronites had been ambushed and 350 monks were killed, even though some of them had taken refuge at the altar. The monastery was burned. The letter was signed by Alexander, priest and archimandrite and over 200 other signatures followed, of other archimandrites, priests and deacons.

We pray that like the 350 Martyrs we are always obedient to the teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

May their prayers be with us always. Amen

## Shepherd's Corner - "WHOEVER IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME, AND WHOEVER DOES NOT GATHER WITH ME SCATTERS."



Brothers and Sisters....Jesus, in his love and mercy never ceases to heal the broken. By doubting the power of God's forgiveness and mercy through His only begotten Son, the Pharisees blasphemed against the Holy Spirit and this is the unforgivable sin to which Jesus refers...the sin of doubting the infinite mercy and forgiveness of our Loving God. But then Jesus continues further to say: "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." The powerful message of today's Word, is one of trust and faith and hope. God can do all things, if we but allow Him, and we can do all things in Him.

This week has been a busy week preparing for many upcoming events – the Maronite Youth Convention that was held this weekend, the Feast Week in August celebrating "Mary, the Wellspring of Life" and so much more happening every day of the week in our blessed community. We have devotions and events not to be missed. Please take time to read about the variety of activities scheduled at OLOL Co-Cathedral for all ages, from the young Fersen to our much loved Seniors! There is something for everybody. It's wonderful to see so much involvement and cooperation amongst our community family members, in working and praying together to glorify the Lord. On behalf of all my brother priests of the Parish, I sincerely thank you and pray that God will reward all your efforts with the abundance of His Graces, as you so richly deserve.

Let me leave you this week with another small extract from 'Laudato si':

*"Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies. Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system. Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God's original gift of all that is."*

God's Peace and Blessings upon all.

**Fr Tony Sarkis**

## Article of the Week - SAINT MARINA, A SAINT FOR THE PERSECUTED



Saint Marina's Feast day is celebrated on the 17th July, sadly not many Maronites know her story.

Saint Marina lived her life in Wadi Qannoubine as a monk. She entered the monastery with her father and to do so she had to disguise herself as a man. She was accused of impregnating a young lady in the village, who had committed adultery with a soldier. Saint Marina, who was known as Marinos took the blame and lived outside the convent in exile, living off the scraps of the monk and raising this child. The monks were baffled when Marina passed away and they found out that she was a woman. The young lady who bore the child was ashamed, as was her father, that they had accused an innocent woman.

Saint Marina never once tried to defend herself and suffered in silence. We can learn a lot from her story. If we ever feel that we are being persecuted or are accused wrongly, we should not become angry. Becoming angry only takes away our peace, no one should have the right to take that away from someone. We should learn from Saint Marina, the importance of practicing humility within our lives. Our ultimate goal in life should be to please God and not others.

"Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10

We also learn patience and trust in God from Marina's story. Marina patiently waited and understood that God will provide. She was able to live for three years on the monks scraps and also fed the baby. She trusted and believed that only God could make the injustice right. We can see this with the remorse and regret by the young woman who wept at the grave of Saint Marina after all was revealed through her death.

Saint Marina, help us to live our life in purity, guide us in our days to be humble and patient like you were in your life. Pray for us when we are persecuted, and strengthen us when others try to rob us of our peace. Amen.

**Christina Maksisi**

## Children's Corner

Welcome my dearest young brothers and sisters to the House of God. I pray that you are in good health and that your term at school has been good so far.

In the Gospel this week, the 10th Sunday of Pentecost, I cure the blind man who could not speak. Immediately, the Pharisees begin to question whether I am truly the Son of God.

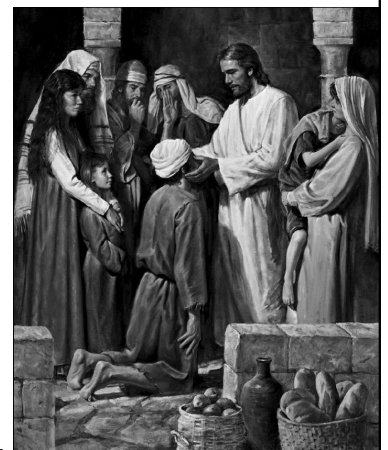
In the world today, there are many people who will try to distract you from the truth that I am truly the Son of God. You may hear many people speak about how there is no God. But let me tell you this is not true. There is a God and He loves you and takes care of you every day. He always watches over you and cares so much about every single one of you. If this was not true then the Father would not have sent me to save you and to bring you all back to Him.

The challenge is to remain as close as possible to the Father and I through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is achieved by praying constantly, talking to your parents and priests about any issues that concern you and to always trust in the power of God.

Always pray to the Holy Spirit, I have sent the Holy Spirit to you, so that you may be strengthened in your faith and so that you may continue to pray and believe regardless of the hardships that you face.

Remember one thing, the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, love you endlessly and without any conditions.

May you have a blessed and beautiful week.

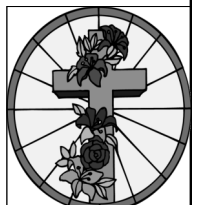


**Love your brother Jesus.**



## Activity

Find a picture of the Holy Trinity. Print it out and colour it in. Once you have done so, glue it neatly into your journals. Write a small prayer beside it. Pray that prayer every night with your family or alone.







# OUR LADY OF LEBANON FEAST WEEK



As part of our fundraising for the day to day running of the Parish, in the lead up to feast week we will be selling tickets, for our annual raffle. We will also be selling beautiful candles which were especially designed by Mons Shora Maree for the Gala Dinner. They reflect the seasons of the liturgical year and they can be turned around at each season. Only a limited number remain.

Raffle tickets: \$1 each or \$10 per book.  
Candles: \$50.

We thank our generous donors and you for the continued support for your Parish.

Prizes:

1. Panasonic television VIERA TH55 CS650 donated by **DigiDirect.com.au** valued at \$2,500
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# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

**Sunday 26 July: 10th Sunday of Pentecost**  
**8:00am** 1 Year Zahia Chakar from Maasser El Chouf wife of Boulous Esber from Kfarsghab  
**11:00am** 40 Day Tannous Gerges Ishac from Zgharta  
**5:00pm** 40 Day Adibeh Mansour Jomaa widow of the late George Chamaa from Knat  
**St Patrick's (Guildford)**  
**6:00pm** Mario Doumit Alwan from Ayto (died in Lebanon)

**Tuesday 28 July:**  
**6:00pm** Sussanne wadih Fenianos wife of Youssef Boutros Fenianos from Zgharta (died in Lebanon)

**Thursday 30 July:**  
**6:00pm** 1 Year Edwar Boutros Njaim from Maasser El Chouf

**Friday 31 July: 350 Martyred Monks of St Maroun**  
**6:00pm** 1 Year Antonios Youssef Amine from Ardeh  
**7:30pm** 40 Day Samira Moussa Moussa wife of Peter Tony Abboud from Kfarsghab

**Saturday 1 August:**  
**6:00pm** 1 Year Marie Lichaa Widow of late Mkhaleh Abi Khatrar from Magedlaya

**Sunday 2 August: 11th Sunday of Pentecost**  
**11:00am** 1 Year Faride Labib Haddad wife of Sleiman Bou Malhab from Bemahrayne - Alley

## قَدَاسَاتِ الْأَسْبُوعِ

**الأحد 26 تموز: الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة**  
**8:00** السنة للمرحومة زهية شكر من معاصر الشوف زوجة بولس إسبر من كفصغاب  
**11:00** أربعون المرحوم طنوس جرجس اسحق من زغرتا  
**5:00** أربعون المرحومة أدبية منصور جمعة أرملة المرحوم جورج شمعة من قنات سان باتريك (Guildford)  
**6:00** المرحوم الشاب ماريو ضوميط علوان من أيطو (متوفي في لبنان)

**الثلاثاء 28 تموز:**  
**6:00** المرحومة سوسان وديع فينيانوس زوجة يوسف بطرس فينيانوس من زغرتا (متوفاة في لبنان)

**الخميس 30 تموز:**  
**6:00** السنة للمرحوم إدوار بطرس نجيم من معاصر الشوف

**الجمعة 31 تموز: الشهداء 350 تلاميذ مار مارون**  
**6:00** السنة للمرحوم أنطونيوس يوسف أمين من أرده  
**7:30** أربعون المرحومة سميرة موسى موسى زوجة بيتر طوني عبود من كفصغاب

**السبت 1 آب:**  
**6:00** السنة للمرحومة ماري ليشع أرملة المرحوم مخابيل أبي خطار من مجدليا

**الأحد 2 آب: الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة**  
**11:00** السنة للمرحومة فريدة لبيب حداد زوجة سليمان بو ملهب من بُمَهْرَيْنْ قضاء عاليه

## FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

### Family & Adult Events

**How do we see God in our life**  
 FDW Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Albert Khaisi  
**Tues 28th July 7.15pm** in the Seniors Room - CYPC  
 مع السيد البير خيسي كيف نرى الله في حياتنا

### Youth Events

**Blood Donation** contact Myrna 0421677998  
**Nursing Home Visit** contact Therese 0431792205  
**Youth Meeting** First Tuesday of every month contact Connie 0411 830 349  
**Prayer with the Youth** Fri 7 Aug 9-10pm contact Connie 0411 830 349

**Confessing Sins to a Priest – What does the Bible Say?**  
**Wed 29 Jul – 8pm** – Led by Mons Shora Maree

**2 Day Silent retreat**  
**Fri night 18- Sun afternoon 20 September**  
 Theme is "Wisdom" and led by Fr Yuhanna Azize and Mons Shora.  
 Cost: \$230 includes food/accommodation  
 Book early to save disappointment. Contact Ray Bayssari 0431236934.

**WYD2016 Pilgrimage to Poland Led by Mons Shora**  
**"Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy" Mt 5:7**  
 Join us on a Pilgrimage to Poland for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, continuing on to Lourdes, Rome and The Holy Land.  
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### Seniors Events

**غذاء المسنين**  
 يوم الخميس ١٣ آب من الساعة الحادية عشرة الى الثالثة بعد الظهر

**"Mary, Wellspring of Life" - Retreat trip to Appin**  
**Sat 1 Aug – Leaving Church 8:30am & Returning 4pm**  
 Tickets \$40 per person including Breakfast, Lunch and Bus.  
 For booking or information, call Gladys on 0401 265 210

تنظم الأخوية في رعبتنا، رحلة حج الى مزار القديس نعمة الله الحرديني في Appin يوم السبت 1 آب 2015 تحت شعار "مرم ينوع الحياة" الانطلاق الساعة 8:30 صباحاً، والعودة 4 بعد الظهر، سعر البطاقة \$٤٠ تتضمن ترويقة و غداء للحجز أو الإستعلام الرجاء الإتصال بغلاديس 0401265210

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 Email: counselling@maronitecare.org.au

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**Maronite Devotions and Sacraments**  
**Mondays from 13 July - 17 August held in the CYPC.**  
 Register at caec.org.au or by phoning 9646 9010.  
**Cost:** \$95 to cover materials and marking of assignments.  
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**Catholic Basics - a twenty one week course**  
**Mon 27 July at 7:30pm held in the CYPC.**  
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## كيف ينبغي على المسيحي أن يمضي عطلة؟



أحملوا المسيح في كل مكان!

في كل أنحاء العالم، نرى أشخاصاً يوضّبون أمتعتهم ويذهبون في عطلة. لكن هل تختلف عطلة المسيحي عن عطل الآخرين؟ بحسب مقال نشره موقع [rightfromtheheart.org](http://rightfromtheheart.org) الإلكتروني، يذهب المسيحي وغير المسيحي برحلة للأسباب نفسها، ألا وهي الاستراحة من العمل الدائم والاسترخاء، بهدف استعادة نشاطه وحماسه في حياته اليومية. إلا أنه على المسيحي أن يكون مختلفاً خلال تنقلاته ضمن عطلته. كيف؟

على المسيحي الذهاب في عطلة ألا يعتبر أنّ العبادة خاصة ببيته أو محيطه، بل عليه أن يأخذ الوقت الكافي ويبذل الجهود اللازمة للبحث عن مكان للعبادة.

عندها، يمكنه أن يجد كنيسة يكمل فيها القدّاس الذي كان قد بدأ، أو يمكنه السجود أمام القربان المقدّس وتلاوة الصلوات. وفي هذا السياق، قد يرى المؤمن نفسه متحمّساً للعمل في حفل الرب أكثر من العمل مقابل المال، بحيث أنه قد يكتشف كنيسة "معوزة"، فيجد معها نفسه يؤدّي "أعمال محبّة" توصله إلى استرداد حماسه لملاقة المسيح خلال العطلة.

أمّا بعد العطلة، فقد يعود المؤمن مع نظرة مختلفة لرعيته، إذ تكون هذه العطلة قد منحتة فرصة للعودة بأفكار جديدة مع طرق لتطبيقها، بناء على ما يكون قد رآه واختبره. لذا، عندما تخطّون لعطلتكم هذا الصيف أو الشتاء، خذوا وقتاً لترتيب زيارات لكنائس قد تتالون منها نعماً وبركات لا تُحصى، ولا تنسوا أنّ كلّ ما تفعلونه، فلمجد الله!

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## مريم أم يسوع



"نؤمن برب واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد، المولود من الآب قبل كل الدهور... مولود غير مخلوق... الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر، نزل من السماء، وتجسد من الروح القدس ومن مريم العذراء" (قانون الإيمان).

بهذا الإيمان يحق لنا الكلام عن مريم، لا بل تستحق مريم منا التكريم والتطويب وهي التي قالت: "فما منذ الآن تطوطني جميع الأجيال لأن القدير صنع بي العظام" (لو 1، 48 - 49). فمن أراد أن يتكلم عن مريم، يجب، قبل أي شيء، أن يعلن عظام الرب ومحبه للإنسان، كل إنسان، وحضوره في وسط أبنائه. ومن أراد الكلام عن مريم وتكريمها، يجد ذاته ملزماً الكلام عن الآب والإبن والروح القدس.

ليست مريم بمثابة إله نبشر به، إنما هي الثمرة الأنضج والأشهى لتدخّل الله وحضوره في وسط شعبه. فمريم تحمل صفة القداسة إنما لا تحمل صفة الألوهة، هي الإنسانية التي قبلت الرب في حياتها، وهي التي رافقت الرب في مسيرته الخلاصية للإنسان. فالتكلم عن مريم يطيب ويحلّ وينضج متى تكلمنا عنها وهي تتفاعل مع تدبير الله الخلاصي. ولأن مريم تحتل موقعا مميزا في تدبير الله الخلاصي، بأنها أم ابن الله المتجسد وبكر الخليقة المفداة، نشأ في الكنيسة ما يسمى "اللاهوت المريمي"، علم كغيره من العلوم، يبحث ليظهر الحقيقة ويوضح أماننا صورة مريم، شارحاً ومثبتاً موقعها الذي أراده الله لها. وهذا اللاهوت له مرجعيته التي تعطيها حيويته وقوته وتجده.

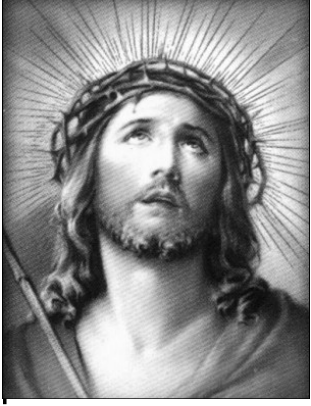
## IN OUR PRAYERS

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 departed souls, Fr Elias Ayoub, Antoun Azar, All the lost souls, Raymond Anjoul (B) Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni, Milia Bou Raidan (C) Badwi & Therese Charhoub (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Joseph & Georgette El Kazi, George El Kazi, Nayef El Khoury, Laurence Gharib El Azzi and deceased family, Naimeh Boutros Estephan and deceased family, Hanane Wahibe Mounir El Bazouni, Wadiaa Chafika & Youssef El Hady (F) (G) Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George, Youssef Salim El Khoury Gebrael (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph Haddad, Anis Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, George Sara Hawy, Tansa & Tannous Hawy, Diab & Dib Hawy (I) (K) Naim & George Khattar (J) (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa, Simon & Hannah Licha (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Johra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Youssef & Ghousoun Maroun, Ghantous Jabbour Mikhael and his wife Jamile, Therese Melhem, Tony Mema Salim Moses, Moses Family, Chehade and his son George Maroun and deceased family (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira (O) (P) (Q) (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajiha Rahme (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Joseph John Saad & his wife Marie, Souls in Purgatory, Boutros Youssef Saad (T) (W) Jamil & Barbara Wehbe (Y) (Z)

## الانقسام هو الحرية التي تطعن جرح المصلوب



عندما تكلم السيد المسيح عن الانقسام والخراب، كانت أفكاره تتجه إلى أبعد من المملكة كمملكة. كان فكره يتجه إلى الشخص البشري، إلى عائلته، إلى مجتمعه، إلى وطنه، إلى كنيسته التي أحبها وخطبها بدمه الثمين على الصليب لتبنى على الصخر... فالرب يعرف الضعف ويحوّله إلى قوة وصلابة فلا تقوى عليها أبواب الجحيم.

الانقسام هو الحرية التي تطعن جرح المصلوب إذا ما أردنا هذه الكنيسة لنا وليس له وكأننا نحن المؤسسون ونحن الفادون.

**يبدأ الانقسام بازواجية الشخصية:**

فلا موقف واضح، ولا حق واضح، فالكلام شيء والفعل شيء آخر. فمه يضحك وقلبه يثور، يغنيك بالعود والأحلام و... وهو يفكر "ما عندي غيرك!!!"

الصفات الحلوة التي تليق بالإنسان أصبحت سلعة عندما تحضر المصلحة. هذا الانقسام ساعة أبيض وساعة اسود وساعة رمادي يضع ضمير الإنسان ويجعله عبداً للأناية والمصلحة الشخصية، متجاهلاً قول يسوع: "كل ما فعلتموه مع هؤلاء الصغار معي فعلتموه" (مت 25 : 40).

هذا هو ما يحول الإنسان من شخص فعال في المجتمع يتحد بقريبه، إلى انسان منعزل نعرف عواقب عزلته فهو يموت وهو على قيد الحياة!

**إن الشكل الآخر من الانقسام هو انقسام العائلة:**

هذا ما يهدد الكثير من العائلات التي تناست أنه على الرجل ترك أباه وأمه والالتزام زوجته (تك 2 : 24) وأنه على المرأة أن تخضع لرجلها كما يليق بالرب (كور 3 : 18) وأن هذا الزواج هو عهد أمام الرب، وأن على كل منهما أن يحب الآخر حباً مجرداً مبنياً على الحوار والحب والتضحية...

وما أكثر الخلافات الناتجة عن الأناية وعدم الإهتمام بالآخر نتيجة ضيق الوقت بقصد الريح المادي الوفير... حتى توصلت بعض العائلات لعدم رؤية بعضها حتى فترة الطعام كل واحد يأكل وحده ويقرر وحده... ومع الوقت كل لا يبالي بالآخر وما كان يميز المجتمع الشرقي عن المجتمع الغربي، هو ذلك الارتباط العاطفي ضمن العائلات...

يتبع انقسام العائلة، انقسام المجتمع وإن أهم ما يصيب مجتمعنا هو عدم الشعور بالخطيئة والذنب، وغالباً ما أصبح كل شخص يفسر كلام الله على ليله، ويحرم ويحلل...

نرى إذا الانقسامات على المستويات كافة وما هذه الانقسامات الا لتفتيت الأوطان فالانقسام هو سرطان من نوع آخر...

إن المسيح أردنا ان نكون موحدين فهو البكر لإخوة كثيرين واعتبرنا أعضاء في جسده السري... فأني تشنت وتشرذم وانقسام هو مخالف لتعاليم وإرادة المسيح وهذا ما تحدث عنه قداسة البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني في رسالته العامة "ليكونوا واحداً" للفت النظر إلى الخطر الكبير الذي يصيبنا.

إن الوحدة تضعنا في الاتجاه الصحيح نحو قرارات صائبة وتزرع القوة بين الأفراد، وتزيد الانفتاح على الآخر والحوار معه وتثبت الشخص في أرضه. صلاتنا نرفعها إلى الرب لتعالى عن كل انقساماتنا ومصالحننا الشخصية آمين. (بتصرف)

الخوري طوني سركيس

## الشهداء 350 تلاميذ مار مارون 31 تموز

تحتفل الكنيسة المارونية هذا الأسبوع بعيد الشهداء رهبان وتلاميذ مار مارون الذين اضطهدهم الملك انسطاس وقتل منهم 350 راهباً.

انقسمت سوريا بعد المجمع الخلقيدوني الرابع (إعتراف بطبعين ألوهية وأنسانية ليسوع المسيح) إلى مؤيدين للمجمع وإلى معاكسين له. وكان دير مار مارون والأديرة التابعة له من المناصرين. في السنة 517 كان البطريرك ساويرس قائداً لتباعد الطبيعة الواحدة. وبينما كان عدد من الرهبان الخاضعين لدير مار مارون ذاهبين لزيارة دير مار سمعان العمودي قرب حلب تصدى لهم على الطريق تباعد الطبيعة الواحدة وقتلوا منهم ثلاثماية وخمسين شهيداً، وقد نجا البعض الآخر أو جرح. كان ذلك سنة 517 وقد أرسل رئيس دير مار مارون ورؤساء الاديار التابعة له رسالة إلى البابا هرمزدا يخبرونه بالامر. فأجابهم البابا يشجعهم على الثبات في الايمان الكاثوليكي ويذكر شهداءهم بالخير. ومنذ ذلك الوقت تحتفل الكنيسة



المارونية بهذا العيد وتعتبر هؤلاء الرهبان شفعاءها لدى الله. فلنكن صلاتهم معنا دائماً. آمين

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## الإنجيل

## الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة

## الرسالة

حِينَئِذٍ قَدَّمُوا إِلَى يَسُوعَ مَمْسُوسًا أَعْمَى وَأَخْرَسَ، فَشَفَاهُ، حَتَّى تَكَلَّمَ وَأَبْصَرَ. فَدَهَشَ الْجُمُوعُ كُلَّهُمْ وَقَالُوا: "لَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ دَاوُدَ؟". وَسَمِعَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: "إِنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ لَا يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ إِلَّا بِبَعْلِ زَبُولَ، رَئِيسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ". وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "كُلُّ مَمْلَكَةٍ تَتَّقِسُمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهَا تَحْرَبُ، وَكُلُّ مَدِينَةٍ أَوْ بَيْتٍ يَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لَا يَثْبُتُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيْطَانَ، يَكُونُ قَدْ انْقَسَمَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ، فَكَيْفَ تَثْبُتُ مَمْلَكَتُهُ؟ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِبَعْلِ زَبُولَ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَابْنَاؤُكُمْ بِمَنْ يُخْرِجُونَهُمْ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَهَمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ سَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ. أَمَّا إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَقَدْ وَأَفَاكُمْ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ. أَمْ كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَ الْقَوِيِّ وَيَنْهَبَ أَمْتِعَتَهُ، إِنْ لَمْ يَرْتِبِ الْقَوِيَّ أَوَّلًا، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَنْهَبُ بَيْتَهُ؟ مَنْ لَيْسَ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ عَلَيَّ. وَمَنْ لَا يَجْمَعُ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ يُبَدِّدُ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ حَظِيئَةٍ سَتُغْفَرُ لِلنَّاسِ، وَكُلُّ تَجْدِيفٍ، أَمَّا التَّجْدِيفُ عَلَى الرُّوحِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ. مَنْ قَالَ كَلِمَةً عَلَى ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سَيُغْفَرُ لَهُ. أَمَّا مَنْ قَالَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا فِي الْآتِي."

متى ١٢ : ٢٢ - ٣٢



### قراءات الأحد القادم

أحد الحادي عشر من زمن  
العنصرة

أف ٢ : ١٧ - ٢٢  
لو ١٩ : ١ - ١٠

### من أقوالهم

"في تراث دير  
مار مارون  
عاش الأبطال

الرهبان ...

الثلاث مئة

والخمسون مائتا

شهداء الإيمان."

الليتورجيا المارونية

أَمَّا فِي شَأْنِ الْمَوَاهِبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ نَكُونُوا جَاهِلِينَ. تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ، عِنْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ وَتَبِيِّينَ، كُنْتُمْ تَتَقَادُونَ مُنْجَرِفِينَ إِلَى الْأَوْتَانِ الْبُكْمِ. لِذَلِكَ أُعْلِنُ لَكُمْ أَنَّهُ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَنْطِقُ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ، وَيُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: "يَسُوعُ مَحْرُومٌ!"; وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: "يَسُوعُ رَبٌّ!" إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. إِنَّ الْمَوَاهِبَ الرُّوحِيَّةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ وَاحِدًا; وَالخِدْمَةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ وَاحِدًا; وَالْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيمَةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاحِدًا، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يُعْطَى مَوْهَبَةً يَتَجَلَّى الرُّوحُ فِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِ الْخَيْرِ الْعَامِ. فَوَاحِدٌ يُعْطَى بِالرُّوحِ كَلَامَ الْحِكْمَةِ، وَآخَرُ كَلَامَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَفَقًّا لِلرُّوحِ عَيْنِيهِ؛ وَآخَرُ الْإِيمَانَ فِي الرُّوحِ عَيْنِيهِ؛ وَآخَرُ مَوَاهِبَ الشَّفَاءِ فِي الرُّوحِ الْوَاحِدِ؛ وَآخَرُ الْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيمَةَ، وَآخَرُ النُّبُوءَةَ، وَآخَرُ تَمْيِيزَ الْأَرْوَاحِ، وَآخَرُ أَنْوَاعَ الْأَلْسُنِ، وَآخَرُ تَرْجَمَةَ الْأَلْسُنِ. كُلُّ هَذَا يَعْمَلُهُ الرُّوحُ الْوَاحِدُ عَيْنُهُ، مُؤَزَّعًا لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَوَاهِبَهُ كَمَا يَشَاءُ.

١ قر ١٢ : ١ - ١١

"مريم ينبوع الحياة"

هو شعار رعيّتنا

لمناسبة إحتفالات عيد السيدة

١٣ - ٢٣ آب ٢٠١٥

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على مواهبك التي توزّعها لكل واحد منا كما  
تشاء، على الخدمات التي تمنحنا إياها حتى أنّ  
الأخرس يتكلّم والأعمى يُبصر،  
على سعيتك الدائم لِتُوحِدِنَا، فلا ننقسم على ذواتنا ونهلك،  
على ملكوتك الذي وافانا، وعلى دعوتك لأن نجتمع معك،  
على جسدك الذي أطعمته ودمك الذي



سقيته، على عملك الثالوثي المتكامل، نحن يا  
ربّ نشكرك ونحمدك من الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين

## قدّاسات يوم الأحد

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك 8:00 (عربي)، 9:30 (إنكليزي)، 11:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 5:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 7:00 (إنكليزي)  
مركز قداس 6:00 ب. ب. ط. في كنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفورد (عربي، إنكليزي)

## قدّاسات الأسبوع

الإثنين - الجمعة 7:00، 8.45 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً، الأربعاء 7:00، 8.45 صباحاً و 5:30؛ 7:00 مساءً (إنكليزي) السبت 7:30 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً

## الإعترافات

مؤمّنة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة 6:00 مساءً وقدّاسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

## ساعات السجود

ساعات السجود: كل يوم خميس 8:00 - 9:00 مساءً 24 ساعة سجود أمام القريان: كل أول نهار جمعة من الشهر من الساعة 9:30 صباحاً لغاية السبت 7:30 صباحاً