

The Good News from Your Parish

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

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Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

THE GOSPEL

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" Because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

John 21: 1-14



Next Sunday's Readings
5th Sunday of Resurrection

Eph 2:1-10
Jn 21 : 15-19

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus teaches us another way:

Go out!!!

Go out and share your testimony...

Go out and interact with your brothers...

Go out and share...

Go out and ask.

Become the Word in body as well as spirit."

~ Pope Francis ~

THE EPISTLE

Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

Heb 13 : 18 - 25

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious Heavenly Father,
I praise you for fearfully
and wonderfully making me.

You are awesome and you desire that truth be made known in my inner parts.

You teach me wisdom

in the inner most place of my life.

Forgive me where I have leaned on my own understanding and not lived in your wisdom.

Your Word encourages and gives me strength to ask in faith and believe that I will receive your wisdom and strength.

Lord, I pray that you will fill me with your wisdom that comes from above. Your wisdom is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, good fruit, impartial and sincere.

I acknowledge my complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit to accomplish this work within me.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!

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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



We have for this Sunday's Gospel, one of the more entertaining Readings in regards to the Resurrection appearances.

It's fishing time but the disciples aren't having much luck. Could it be their down and out attitude reflects on the poor haul of fish?

Possibly so, because when

Jesus comes on the scene, their fortunes change and they catch a great haul.

Perhaps it is a reminder to us that 'there but for the grace of God, go I.'

It's interesting to reflect over the reaction of the disciples when they realise Christ is waiting at the shore for them. Peter jumps into the sea to swim to Christ – that is indeed the actions of a person so in love that he behaves foolishly. The other more sensible disciples choose to steer the boat to shore.

And again when they arrive, Jesus asks them to fetch some fish to cook. Again it is the impetuous Peter (who must have swam as fast as the boat) who rushes for the fish.

Peter's eagerness to be with Jesus and serve is what endears him to Jesus and us. The passion, the willingness, the desire, the eagerness to be all for Christ. That is why Christ would choose Peter for a significant calling. It was Peter's open and unashamed display of love that made him a great disciple of Christ.

Interestingly in this passage Jesus does most of the talking and the leading, whereas 'none of the disciples dared to ask him "Who are you?"' Talk doesn't matter.

What matters is that one has entered into the presence of Christ. From here on, Christ will lead us on the way.

Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF



Gianna Francesca Beretta was born in Magenta in Italy. She was the tenth of thirteen children in her family. When she was three, her family moved to Bergamo, and she grew up in the Lombardy region of Italy.

In 1942, Gianna began her study of medicine in Milan. She received a medical diploma in 1949, and opened an office in Mesero, where she specialized in pediatrics.

Gianna hoped to join her brother, a missionary priest in Brazil, where she intended to offer her medical expertise in gynecology to poor women. However, her chronic ill health made this impractical.

In December 1954, Gianna met Pietro Molla, an engineer who worked in her office, ten years older than she. They got married in September 1955. The couple had Pierluigi, born in 1956, Maria Zita, in 1957 and Laura, was born in 1959. Gianna suffered two miscarriages after this.

In 1961, Gianna was again expecting, during the second month, she developed a fibroma on her uterus. After examination, the doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children; a complete hysterectomy, which would preserve her life, but take the unborn child's life, and prevent further pregnancy; or removal of only the fibroma, with the potential of further complications. Roman Catholic teaching would have allowed her to obtain a hysterectomy, but would forbid an abortion.

Wanting to preserve her child's life, Gianna opted for the removal of the fibroma.

After the operation, complications continued, Gianna was quite clear about her wishes, expressing to her family, "This time it will be a difficult delivery, and they may have to save one or the other - I want them to save my baby."

On April 21, 1962, Good Friday of that year, Gianna went to the hospital, where her fourth child, Gianna Emanuela, was successfully delivered via Caesarean section. However, she continued to have severe pain, and died of septic peritonitis 7 days after the birth.

Gianna was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and officially canonized as a saint on May 16, 2004. Gianna's husband Pietro and their last child, Gianna, were present at the canonization ceremony.

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Shepherd's Corner – MEN & WOMEN COMPLETE EACH OTHER

Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the fourth Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection. I pray that you are still basking in the light that shone from Jesus' tomb and are being nourished by the fruits of this blessed season.

Last Wednesday, Pope Francis said that marriage is a "vocation all believers are called to defend, specifically in terms of the complimentary union between a man and a woman." In reflecting on the Genesis account of the creation story, the Pope says that "man doesn't see woman as a mere replica or reflection of himself, but immediately recognised her as someone reciprocal and complimentary to him." This means that the woman is not a duplication or reproduction of the man as many people think because of the "rib" imagery portrayed in the Bible. Rather she is the creative act of God. The overarching theme of the Pope's homily is that man and woman are equal and they complement each other.

Over the ages, the patriarchal cultures have led to great injustices against woman. From sexist attitudes, to degradation, to slavery, to rape and sexual abuse the list goes on and on. Unfortunately, this injustice continues today. Even though we have come a long way in terms of development, technology and understanding, there are still many injustices that occur in the home against wives and mothers, in the workplace, in the Church and in society in general.

God loved the woman so much that he gave her a share in creation. He loved her so much that through her, He became incarnate and dwelt among us. Therefore, if the creator of all being is able to do this, then who are we to do the opposite? I pray for all those who continue to be the cause of injustices against woman, that they may see the light of God's true love and realise that without a woman the family cannot exist for she is the compassion of God actuated in this world.



The week that has just passed was extra special. As Australians, we celebrated the centenary of the commemoration of ANZAC day. On this day we remember those brave men and women who lost their lives in battle during the First World War. It is because of all these heroes that we have the opportunity to live the free life that we live today. I am proud to say that as Lebanese descendants, many of our young men and women also participated in this war to protect this great nation. There is a list of names of at least 50 people of Lebanese origin that has been posted on social media sites. May we always remember and teach our children about the sacrifices that so many people endured so that we may live in peace.

On a parish level, the month of May begins next Friday. To open up this Blessed month, His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel will be celebrating the Mass at the 6pm. For information on the home visits, please refer to the section inside the Newsletter. May the month of Mary our Mother and patron of this blessed Cathedral truly bring your families abundant blessings and graces.

Fr Tony Sarkis

MY SABBATICAL - *Soul, Mind and Body Nourishment*



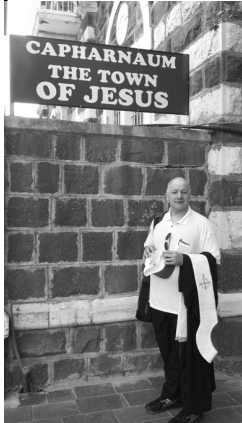
In February 2014 Monsignor Joe Takchi, a brother Maronite Priest, encouraged me to join him in applying to attend an 11 week Sabbatical Program in Rome run at the Pontifical North American College called the Institute of Continuing Theological Education.

The Program was exactly what the Divine Doctor ordered for my tired soul, mind and body after 27 years in Priestly Ministry in our Maronite Eparchy in Australia and especially the last 10 years as Parish Priest in what some say is the largest and busiest single Catholic (and wonderful Maronite) Parish in Australia (40,000 parishioners with 8 assistant Priests).



Soul Nourishment

I'll start with the soul nourishment. The program nourished my soul firstly by the fact that it was my first visit to Rome and I was able to spend most of the program (nearly 7 weeks) in this beautiful and Eternal City with 25 priests from around the world and joining them for Mass and Prayer everyday. Over these weeks, I was able to absorb so much through the excellent tours of the Vatican, especially St Peter's and the three other major Basilicas led by the brilliant Catholic Professor Liz Lev and the well versed North American Students for the Priesthood. From our accommodation in the North American College we were able at any time, day or night, to walk down to St Peter's Square and prayerfully stroll around the Square and reflect over the Grace and Faith 'witnessed' by the square through 2000 years from the martyrdom of St Peter and so many of the early Christians.



The second soul nourishment was our eight day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Again, this was my first opportunity to visit the Holy Land and experience the Gospel in an extra special way in its physical birthplace. The highlights of the first four days were, staying at the Mount of the Beatitudes; visiting and celebrating Mass at the Basilica of the Annunciation at Nazareth; the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem; the Jordan River; Capernaum; the Sea of Galilee where Jesus preached and performed miracles and after his Resurrection appeared to the seven; Mount Tabor, the mountain of the Transfiguration. The concluding three days were in Jerusalem where we visited the Garden of Gethsemane; the Upper Room; the house of Caiaphas where Peter denied Jesus three times. Then we walked and prayed the Way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and on our final morning we woke up early to celebrate Mass together at 6am in the Holy Sepulchre – the Tomb from which Jesus rose.

The third soul nourishment was a prayer enriched six day retreat in Assisi led by a wonderful Irish Dominican, Father John Harris. The theme of the retreat was: "to let Saint Francis and Sain Claire lead us deeper in our relationship with Christ and to live His Gospel more fully in our ministry."

Weekends on the Sabbatical were mostly free for us to rest or travel. This is where the fourth source of soul nourishment came as, with small groups of Priests, I made a number of weekend and day trips to visit the shrines of St Padre Pio, the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, the Holy Face Basilica in Manoppello, St Rita, St Benedict and St Scholastica (all in Italy) and St Jean Marie Vianney in Ars, France, and Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

The fifth source of soul nourishment and crown was to experience Holy Week including the outdoor Palm Sunday Liturgy in Saint Peter's Square, the Holy Thursday Chrim Mass and Good Friday service in Saint Peter's Basilica and the outdoor Easter Sunday Liturgy in Saint Peter's Square, all so prayerfully led by the Holy Father – Pope Francis.

Another soul-lifting part of the Sabbatical was the opportunity to pray together with, share friendship and experiences in priestly ministry and celebrate our Catholic Faith with 25 English speaking Priests who serve in different parts of the world including the USA, Canada, London, Thailand, and ourselves from Australia. I was blessed to make many good new friends.

Mind Nourishment

The mind nourishment came from the academic courses led by Professors and Doctors from the different Catholic Universities and Institutes in Rome. The topics included Christian Ethics, Homiletics, Lectio Divina, the Saints, Canon Law, sacred ministry and ordination, St Paul, Catholic social doctrine, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, women doctors of the Church and contemplative prayer. In addition, the Sabbatical allowed me to read Saints and Sinners – The History of the Popes; Popes Francis' Untying the Knots; John XXIII – The Medicine of Mercy; various other books including ethics, spirituality and the Holy Land. I also managed to finish off my second book on Abraham Lincoln.



Body Nourishment

The body nourishment came with the opportunity to rest, catch up on sleep, to get back into an exercise routine including the gym and long walks. On a social level, I was blessed to experience the welcome and fellowship of the director of the program, Father Jim Sullivan OP, all the priests on the Sabbatical as well as a the Rector and quite the priests and seminarians (including our Australian seminarians) at the North American College along with the service and hospitality of the staff and the locals wherever we stayed travelled. Another source of body nourishment was ofcourse the tasty Italian pizza and pasta and irresistible Italian gelato. I felt at home when we had the Lebanese style Arabic food in the Holy Land. It reminded me of home.

Thanks-be to God

All through the Sabbatical and now, I could not stop giving thanks to God for the grace-filled experiences of these three months which were crowned with journeying through Holy Week in Rome led by the Holy Father. I also thank God for all those who supported my Sabatical leave including His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, Monsignor Joe Takchi, Father Tony Sarkis, Acting Dean, and all priests of Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral along with parishioners, staff and my family. I look forward in the weeks and months ahead to share the fruits of the Sabbatical with all of you.

Monsignor Shora Maree



PARISH CAMERA



Our Parish Seniors enjoyed their fortnightly activities on Thursday which are held in our Catholic Youth and Pastoral Centre. Our seniors had mass and enjoyed some fun activities.



Faith Formation Talk
 "Temptation, Just Do It" by Andrew Woods from the St John Centre after our 7pm mass last Sunday.



Fersan Cinema
 Our Fersan held a cinema for our fellow parishioners. The evening consisted of lots of fun, popcorn, food, drink & good company. The children and adults had an enjoyable evening.



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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Sunday 26 April - Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection
8:00am 1 Year Morris Mansour Alwan from Ayto
5:00pm Mass for the living and faithful departed from Bazoun
Monday 27 April
10:00am Funeral of Saïd Mtanious Ayoub from Kahf El Maloul
Friday 1 May - Commencement of the Month of Mary
6:00pm Month of Mary mass celebrated by H.E. Bishop Tarabay
Saturday 2 May
6:00pm 1 Year Raymond Badwi Laoulach from Hadchit
Sunday 3 May - Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection
9:30am 1 Year George Raymond Chayban from Hadath Al-Jibeh
11:00am 1 Year Adelle Bechara widow of Dib Younan from Wadi Quanoubbine
5:00pm 40 Days Touma Tansa Touma from Wadi Quanoubbine

قَدَاسَاتِ الْأَسْبُوعِ

الأحد 26 نيسان: الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة
8:00 السنة للمرحوم موريس منصور علوان من أيطو
5:00 قداس على نية أحياء وأموات بلدة بزعون مقدمة الجمعية
الاثنين 27 نيسان:
10:00 دفن المرحوم سعيد مطانيوس أيوب من كهف الملول
الجمعة 1 أيار: بداية الشهر المريمي
6:00 قداس إفتتاح الشهر المريمي يحتفل به المطران انطون شربل طريبيه
السبت 2 أيار:
6:00 السنة للمرحوم ريمون بدوي لولش من حدشيت
الأحد 3 أيار: الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة
9:30 السنة للمرحوم جورج ريمون شيبان من حدث الجبة
11:00 السنة للمرحومة أدال بشارة أرملة المرحوم ديب يونان من وادي قنوبين
5:00 أربعون المرحوم توما طنسا توما من وادي قنوبين

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

Family & Adult Events

The gift of Good Counsel

موهبة المشورة مع الخوري يوحنا خليفة

FDW Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Fr Youhanna Khalife
 Tues 28th April 7.15pm in the Seniors Room—CYPC

Family Brunches

After 9.30am Sunday Masses

3May 2015 - 21June 2015 -1August 2015 - 11October 2015 - 6December 2015 - 31January 2016

English Faith Discussion Nights

6 May - Madeleine Vella - "Discovering your call to Sanctity"
 Wednesday's at 8.00pm **After 7.00pm Mass on L1 CYPC**

Our Lady of Lebanon Co Cathedral
 40 Alice St Harris Park 2150
May 17, 2015 @ 11 am

For Tickets Call
02 9689 2899
 \$40 * Adults
 \$25 * 5 -15 Years old
 Free * 5 & Under



MaroniteCare Services

Youth Services & Facilities

Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study Centre open 10am – 10pm for Youth 18 & over. Under 18s only with adult supervision
Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues 3:30pm - 6pm

Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

Nada Coorey-Psychologist provides confidential counselling to individuals and couples in her private consulting rooms. Her areas of specialisation include relationship difficulties, family/parenting and the treatment of Anxiety and Depression.

Mobile: 0434 642 509 Phone: 8840-9475.

MaroniteCare Counselling Service

For young people 12-18 years and their families.
 Call Lina Ishac 0433 217 063 or Anthony Chidiac 0411 217 103
 Email: counselling@maronitecare.org.au

Women's Well-being Office – Nelly—9689 2899

Natural Fertility Services We offer evening appointments.
 For further info., please contact Nelly Azize 0430 332 888

Ladies Fitness & Wellbeing contact Abir 0410122999
Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am –11:30am
Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months before wedding: 9642 0211

LOL St Vincent De Paul Conference call Kim Moussa 0424658190

Respite for Carers of People with Mental Health Issues
Afife Sfeir 0449 902 314 Customer Service 1800 225 474.

LOL Annual Gala

OUR LADY OF LEBANON ANNUAL GALA
 FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2015 AT 7PM
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Loved you then. Love you still.

On Sunday, August 16th 2015 at 9.30am, Our Lady of Lebanon family committee is organising a special mass for the renewal of marriage vows. It will include a special recognition of couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25... years of marriage in 2015.

If you fall into this category, please SMS **Juliette on 0403 133 502** to register your names, so reserved seating and a special gift can be arranged for you on the day.
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 2015.

Saint Rita Novena & Feast

To be held from 13th May to 21st May at St Patrick's Mass Centre - 32 Calliope St Guildford. Starting at 7.30pm everyday except Tuesday at 8.15pm. Feast Mass to be celebrated on Friday 22 May at 6pm at LOL Cathedral. For more information contact Danny Nough on 0477008787.

Children's Events

Arabic Classes: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm call Margo: 0400 001 758
Arabic School resumes Saturday 2nd May 2015
Fersan Al-Adra: Saturdays 1pm -3pm
Children's Playgroup Tues & Wed 9:30am - 11:30am in CPYC

Youth Events

Youth "Around the World" Dinner Dance

Friday 1 May at 7.30pm at The Grand Royale - Granville

Cost: \$70p/p incl mezza, dinner, beer, wine & soft drinks. Entertainment by AMW, DJs Sparky D and Charlie Sparx and photo booth. Contact Joanne: 0427503008; or Charbel: 0411726465 for enquiries

Youth Committee Elections/Meeting

8pm on Tuesday, 5 May - Mackillop Room, L1 of CYPC

All Positions Vacant, for Nominees contact:
 Mons Shora: 0418 969 844 For info. contact: Maroun: 0410 656 099

Diocesan Notices

ARISE - Australian Maronite Youth Convention 24th to the 26th of July 2015 - Stanwell Tops

Youth from all around the Maronite Eparchy, including Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane, are invited to share in the ARISE Event- our inaugural Australian Maronite Youth Convention. The Convention will include renowned major speakers, engaging workshops, various youth-centred discussions, Mass, Adoration and a range of exciting outdoor activities. We hope to strengthen our friendships and renew our Faith together as one youth. Accom and all meals included. Early bird registrations now open at \$180 until the end of May. To register and for more information, please contact your parish coordinators.



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سبعة أعداء كي لا نذهب الى القديس

كثيرة هي الحجج التي نستخدمها اليوم لنتحاشى الذهاب الى القديس وسنستعرض معكم اليوم أبرزها، فهل ستفكرون وتراجعون حساباتكم وتبدأون بالذهاب الى الكنيسة؟

١. لا يمكنني أن أكون جدياً لوقت طويل

إنه لشيء مهيم في هذه الأيام ألا نستطيع أن نركز على موضوع لوقت طويل، فالبعض يجد جنته في الإنترنت والتلفاز لأنهما يعرضان أشياء جديدة، وأي شيء لا يتجدد نغيّره ولا يلفت انتباهنا. المشكلة هنا تكمن في تعطينا الى التسلية وحتى بقدر ما ننهل من هذا الموضوع لا نسد جوعنا. أما في القديس فنحن مدعوون الى فعل عكس ذلك: إن لم يعد القديس يلفت انتباهنا علينا أن نغير ذلك، يعتبر الأمر تحد من دون أدنى شك ولكن فقط هناك سنروي ظمأنا الذي نشعر به.



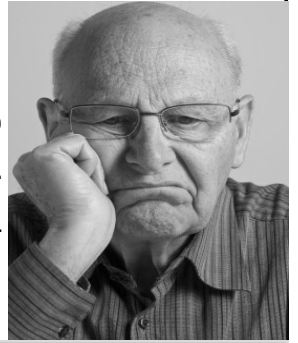
٢. سأذهب حين أشاء لا أحد يستطيع إجباري

من منا يشعر بالجوع بين الحين والآخر ويتناول الطعام فقط لأنه مجبر على سد جوعه؟ لا أحد. يحثنا الجسد على تناول الطعام لأنها مسألة حياة أم موت، وهذا ما يجب أن يحدث مع جوعنا الروحي الذي يصرخ من أعماقنا، من المستحيل ألا نشعر بالجوع الى المسيح، ومن المستحيل ألا نغذي روحنا، وإن لم نغذيها من الله سنسعى الى تغذيتها من أشياء دنيوية لن تشبعها أبداً، فتصبح المسألة مسألة حياة أم موت: "لدى الإنسان حاجة عميقة، وجوع أعمق من أن يسده الخبز، هو الجوع الذي يشعر به قلب الإنسان لتوقه الى الله، ولا شيء يشبعه إلا الله ولن نحصل على الحياة إلا إن تناولنا جسد ابن الإنسان وشربنا دمه." (البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني).



٣. القديس ممل

هل التقيتم من قبل بشخص يهتم بمسألة لا تعنيكم البتة؟ يمكنه أن يتكلم لساعات حول موضوع معين كالرياضة والموسيقى... نحن نشعر بالملل لأننا لا نفهم أهمية الأشياء التي يخفيها الموضوع، ليس علينا أن نصرف وقتنا على فهم كرة القدم لأننا لا تعيننا ولكن يجب أن نصرفه على فهم القديس لأن خلاصنا يعتمد عليه. ما إن نبدأ بفهم فرح القديس حتى نصبح أكثر حماساً لجمال إيماننا وتقاليدينا. إجعلوا الموضوع من ضمن اهتماماتكم لكي تتفادوا الملل. (يتبع)



تدعونا الكنيسة اليوم

مع الأحد الرابع في زمن الفصح، نتابع مع الكنيسة التأمل في ظهورات الرب يسوع المسيح لتلاميذه وفي هذا الأحد نتوقّف عند ظهوره الثالث لتلاميذه، وفق إنجيل يوحنا، على البحيرة، أثناء صيدهم للسّمك.

في المقطع المختار من الرسالة إلى العبرانيين، نتأمل في مفهوم انتظار ظهور الرب يسوع الدائم في حياتنا ومواقفنا.

أمّا في إنجيل هذا الأحد، فنشهد تأكيد يسوع على دعوته لهم ليكونوا من صيادي بشر بعد أن كانوا من صيادي السمك.

لذا، في هذا الأحد، فلنقف أمام ذواتنا ولنسألها حول مدى تنبّوها لحضور يسوع المسيح معها وفيها ولنراجعها لنعي كم نغفل ونخسر من الوقت الثمين معه ولنسحّ بدءاً من الآن لتعويضه، شاكرين الله على كلّ ما منحنا إياه، من وقتٍ وحياء.

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, Hanna Antoun, All the departed (B) Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni, Maroun & Dibeh Boumelhem, Father Hanna Boumelhem, Fadwa & Ramza Boumelhem, Elias Boumelhem, Elias Bechara, Joseph Saad Boutros (C) (D) (E) Tony El Rahi (F) Mama & Salma Fahed (G) Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George, Youssef Salim El Khoury Gebrael, Youssef & Layla Gittany (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph, Anis Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Youssef & Amini Halal and their children (I) Leila Ishac (K) Naim & George Khattar, Salim & Jamal Khaissi, Hanneh & Youssef & Mary Kabboura (J) Elias & Mariam Jahjah (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa, Simon & Hannah Licha, Peter & Mary Lichaa (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Johra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Youssef & Ghoussoub Maroun, Ghantous Jabbour Mikhael and his wife Jamile, Alichaa & Youssef Malkoun (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira, Abed Almassih Naoum (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanos, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajiha Rahme, Elie Saba Rahme (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Joseph John Saad & his wife Marie, Souls in Purgatory, Louis Soukri, Houda Raphael Saleh, Youssef Serhan (T) (W) Jamil & Barbara Wehbe (Y) (Z)

ظهور يسوع للرسول على البحيرة

في الاحد الرابع بعد القيامة نسمع الانجيلي يوحنا ويروي لنا الظهور الثالث للمسيح القائم من الموت للتلاميذ على شاطئ بحيرة طبريا، مشددا ايمانهم ومعدّم من صيد السمك العجائبي الى صيد البشر للملكوت. ذهب التلاميذ بقيادة مار بطرس يصطادوا سمك، عملوا كل الليل ولم يصطادوا شيئا. فأتى يسوع عند الفجر وسألهم ما معكم لناكل؟ فقالوا تعينا الليل كله ولم نصطد شيئا. ولم يعرفوه. وعندما ألقوا الشبكة ثانية بناء على طلبه اصطادوا سمكا كثيرا، مما يدل على شمولية الكنيسة ودعوة الجميع للخلاص.



كل الكنيسة اجتمعت في هذه الشبكة ولم تتمزق، لأنهم متحدون

وظالما هناك اتحاد بالمسيح القائم من الموت لا يمكن ان تتمزق الشبكة.

فقيامه يسوع قيامة حقيقية وهي مستمرة وليست حدث، صار في الماضي وانتهى. هي قيامة مستمرة في حياة كل إنسان. أين نحن من هذا المشروع؟ فالذي يتكلم بقيامة يسوع ولا يعيش القيامة هو، مثل سجين ويتباهى بجمال زنزانته. أو كميته ويتفاخر بفخامة قبره. إذا عملياً هو ميت ولو قبره فاخر، هو سجين ولو كان سجنه جميلاً. إذا تكلمت عن القيامة، ولا أشهد في حياتي أكون كاذباً. الشهادة لا تكون بالكلام "حقاً قام"، أنا كشاهد معمد اي عضو في جسد المسيح قمت بقيامته من الموت ولا أقدر إلا أن أكون شاهداً، فعلي أن أكون على الصورة التي يريدني الرب أن أكونها. بموت الرب وقيامته تجلت قوة الحب الإلهي.

الخوري طوني سركيس

العائلة: رجل وامرأة

... لقد استأمن الله الأرض إلى العهد بين الرجل والمرأة؛ وفشلهما يجفف العالم من العواطف ويظلم السماء من الرجاء.

إن علامات هذا هي بالفعل مثيرة للقلق، ونحن نراها. من بين العديد منها، أود أن أشير إلى أمرين واللذين، كما أعتقد، يجب أن يسترعيا اهتمامنا بشكل أكثر إلحاحاً.

الأمر الأول: لا شك أنه علينا العمل أكثر لصالح المرأة، إن كنا نريد أن نعطي المزيد من القوة إلى التبادلية بين الرجال والنساء. في الواقع، يجب لا فقط الاستماع للمرأة، بل أن يكون لصوتها وزناً حقيقياً وقوة معترفاً بهما في المجتمع وفي الكنيسة. إن طريقة يسوع نفسها - في عصر أقل مؤاتاة من عصرنا، وحيث كانت المرأة تُعتبر درجة ثانية- في تقدير المرأة تعطي نورا قوياً يضيء لنا الطريق نحو آفاق بعيدة، ذاك الطريق الذي لم نقطع منه بعد سوى خطوات قليلة. إننا لم نفهم بعد عمق الأمور التي يمكن للعبقريّة النسائية أن تقدمه للمجتمع ولنا: فالمرأة تعلمنا أن ننظر للأشياء نظرة مختلفة وتكاملية مع نظرة الرجال. إنه طريق يجب اجتيازه بمزيد من الإبداع والجرأة.



والأمر الثاني: يتعلق بقضية خلق الرجل والمرأة على صورة الله. وأسئال عما إذا كانت أزمة الثقة الجماعية في الله، والتي تصيبنا بألم شديد وبأمراض السقم والسخط - مرتبطة أيضاً بأزمة العهد بين الرجل والمرأة. إن الكتاب المقدس، في الواقع، ومن خلال الصورة الرمزية للفرديوس والخطيئة الأصلية، يقول بالتحديد أن العلاقة مع الله تتعكس في العلاقة بين الزوجين البشريين، وأن فقدان الثقة في الآب السماوي تُنتج الانقسام والصرع بين الرجل والمرأة.

من هنا تتبع مسؤولية الكنيسة الكبيرة، ومسؤولية جميع المؤمنين، ولاسيما الأسر المؤمنة، لإعادة اكتشاف جمال تدبير الخلق، حيث طبع الله صورته أيضاً في العهد بين الرجل والمرأة. فالأرض تمتلئ بالانسجام وبالثقة حين يعيش الرجل والمرأة العهد في الخير. وإن بحث الرجل والمرأة عن هذا الجمال، جنباً إلى جنب مع بعضها البعض ومع الله، فإنهما بالتأكيد سيعثران عليها. فيسوع يحثنا صراحة على أن نشهد لهذا الجمال، والذي هو صورة الله.

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GROUP 1

Friday 1st May

Nancy Boutros

22 Rosehill Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Sunday 3rd May

Laila Moses

36 Delaware Road, Ermington NSW 2115

GROUP 2

Friday 1st May

Youssef Geitani

38 Kirby Street, Rydalmere NSW 2116

Saturday 2nd May

Mirna Khoury Geagea

467 Guildford Road, Guildford NSW 2161



الخبر السار من رعيّتك

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الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

الإنجيل

قال يُوحنا الرسول: بعد ذلك، ظهرَ يسوع لتلاميذه مرّةً أُخرى على بحيرة طبرية، وهكذا ظهر: كان سمعان بطرس، وثوم الملقب بالتّوأم، وثنتائيل الذي من قانا الجليل، وابنا زبدي، وتلميذان آخزان من تلاميذ يسوع، مُجتمعين معاً. قال لهم سمعان بطرس: "أنا ذاهب أصطاد سمكاً". قالوا له: "ونحن أيضاً نأتي معك". فخرجوا وركبوا السفينة، فما أصابوا في تلك الليلة شيئاً. ولما طلع الفجر، وقف يسوع على الشاطئ، ولكن التلاميذ لم يعلموا أنه يسوع. فقال لهم يسوع: "يا فتيان، أما عندكم شيء يؤكل؟". أجابوه: "لا!". فقال لهم: "ألقوا الشبّكة إلى يمين السفينة تجدوا". وألقوها، فما قدروا على اجتذابها من كثرة السمك. فقال ذلك التلميذ الذي كان يسوع يحبّه لبطرس: "إنه الرب". فلما سمع سمعان بطرس أنه الرب، إثرز بثوبه، لأنه كان عزباناً، وألقى بنفسه في البحيرة. أما التلاميذ الآخرون فجاؤوا بالسفينة، وهم يسحبون الشبّكة المملوءة سمكاً، وما كانوا بعيدين عن البرّ إلا نحو مئتي ذراع. ولما نزلوا إلى البرّ، رأوا جمراً، وسمكاً على الجمر، وخبزاً. قال لهم يسوع: "هائوا من السمك الذي أصبتموه الآن". فصعد سمعان بطرس إلى السفينة، وجذب الشبّكة إلى البرّ، وهي مملوءة سمكاً كبيراً، مئةً وثلاثاً وخمسين. ومع هذه الكثرة لم تتمزق الشبّكة. قال لهم يسوع: "هلموا تعدوا". ولم يجزؤ أحد من التلاميذ أن يسأله: "من أنت؟"، لأنهم علموا أنه الرب. وتقدّم يسوع وأخذ الخبز وتاولهم. ثم فعل كذلك بالسمك. هذه مرّة ثالثة ظهر فيها يسوع للتلاميذ بعد أن قام من بين الأموات.

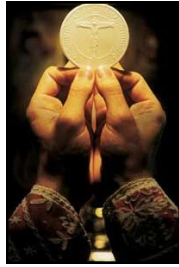
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قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد الخامس من زمن
القيامة

أف ٢: ١ - ١٠
يو ٢١: ١٥ - ١٩

من أقوالهم



"تأكل الخبز فيقودك
إلى القبر، تأكل جسد
الرب فيعطيك
الحياة..."

الطوبايي أبونا يعقوب

الرسالة

صلّوا من أجلنا، فأبنا واثقون أن ضميرنا صالح، ونحن نريد أن نسلك مسلكاً حسناً في كل شيء. وأطلب إليكم بالحاح أن تفعلوا ذلك، حتى يرزني الله إليكم سريعاً! وإله السلام، الذي أصعد من بين الأموات ربنا يسوع، راعي الخراف العظيم بدم عهدٍ أبدي، هو يجعلكم كاملين في كل صلاح، لتعملوا بمشيئته، وهو يعمل فينا ما هو مرضي في عينه، بيسوع المسيح، له المجد إلى أبد الأبد. أمين. وأناشدكم، أيها الإخوة، أن تحتملوا كلام التشجيع، فأني كتبت إليكم بإيجاز! إعلموا أن أخاناً طيموتاوس قد أخلّي سبيله. فإن أسرع في مجيئه، سأذهب معه وأراكم. سلّموا على جميع مدبريكم وجميع القديسين. يسلم عليكم الإخوة الذين في إيطاليا. النعمة معكم أجمعين!

عب ١٣: ١٨ - ٢٥

صلاة الأسبوع

أيها الرب يسوع،

أنت تنتظرنا كل يوم، وترافق دربنا مثل نور الصباح. تقف على شاطئ حياتنا لتوجه أعمالنا ومشاريع حياتنا وواجباتنا، كما فعلت مع الرسل، فحوّلت فشل تعبهم إلى صيد عجيب.

أعطنا أن نعرفك بالقلب عندما نتكلم في الإنجيل، وعندما تحضر في ذبيحة القديس بجدك ودمك ذبيحة فداء عن خطايانا ووليمة روحية لحياتنا، كما عرفك يوحنا الحبيب. إملأ قلوبنا حباً وشفاءً ووضوحاً، لكي نحبك يا رب، ونحب كل إنسان، ولكي نرى وجهك في جمال الخلق وفي ألم وبؤس كل إنسان.

يا ربنا وإلهنا لك المجد والتسبيح الآن وإلى الأبد، أمين.

قداسات 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. ظ. في كنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفورد (عربي، إنكليزي)

قداسات 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 وقداسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع