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OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

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THE GOSPEL

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

THE EPISTLE

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."
He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."
Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Jn 21:15-19



Next Sunday's Readings
6th Sunday of Resurrection

Rom 10:1-13
Lk 24: 36-48

**SPEND
THE MONTH OF
MAY
WITH OUR LADY**

- ◇ **Mon 4th May (7pm)**
Mary in the Gospel
(Bible Basics)
- ◇ **Wed 20th May (8pm)**
-Theotokos-
Mary the God Bearer
(Talk)
- ◇ **Mon 25th May (8pm)**
Feast of Our Lady
Help of Christians
(The Rosary will be offered
for persecuted Christians)
Followed by
Refreshments in the Grotto
Rosary will be prayed each
night in the Parish & homes

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AUSTRALIAN
MARONITE
YOUTH
CONVENTION**
FRI 24TH - SUN 26TH
JULY 2015

For further details
Please refer to page 5

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Eph 2:1-10

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
You continue to shower and bless me
with your abundant Love.



I pray that this Love flows through my
mind and heart so that I may always be able to
reveal it to others, just as you taught me!

You asked Peter three times "do you love me?"
Help me Lord to always love you even when
times get tough!

Help me Lord to always remember
That Your Love is greater than my
disappointments...

And Your plans for my life are much bigger
than my dreams...!

Draw me closer to you O Lord and
strengthen my faith in you so that I
may always follow you.

Amen!



REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

"I **RISE** before dawn and cry for help,
I **WAIT** for Your words...
My eyes **ANTICIPATE** the night watches,
That I may **MEDITATE** on Your word...
Hear my voice according to
YOUR LOVING KINDNESS...
REVIVE me, O LORD!
ACCORDING TO YOUR ORDINANCES."
~ Psalms 119:147-149 ~

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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

Light from the word WHAT IS LOVE?



What is love? Well this Sunday's Gospel tells us something of the love God invites us too. So let us take a look at four points about love.

Firstly, Peter is asked three times by Jesus, 'Do you love me?' And our first lesson is that God wants our love. God loves us and wants us to reciprocate that love.

Secondly, love endures forever. It is not fleeting or until we tire of it. Real love persists and pursues. Peter had denied Jesus three times and yet still wanted to be with Jesus. Jesus invites Peter back. Three times love is exchanged. 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you' ^{v15, v16} and 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you' ^{v17}. Real love doesn't let go or give up, but insists on healing and forgiveness and unity.

Thirdly, the love Jesus asks of Peter is not airy fairy, but comes with action. 'Feed my lambs' ^{v15} and 'Tend my sheep' ^{v16} and 'Feed my sheep' ^{v17}. Love is about service to others. It is not selfish, pleasure seeking and indulgent. Love of God calls us to greater action and fullness of life.

Finally, love is what will get one through life and allows one to endure whatever comes their way. As Jesus tells Peter, 'When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go' ^{v18}. Yet love gives strength to do anything for those we love.

The greatest example of true love was Jesus' life and death. We gain hope and joy knowing such love for us and are drawn to live like Jesus did. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF

St John, Apostle and Evangelist 8TH MAY



St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry.

He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion.

He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother.

His later life was passed chiefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus. He founded many churches in Asia Minor.

He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him.

Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Domitian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Patmos for a year.

He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died at Ephesus about the year 100.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example.

The "beloved disciple" died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb.

It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque. John is credited with the authorship of three epistles and one Gospel; He is also supposed by many to be the author of the book of Revelation, also called the Apocalypse.

Charlie Dib

Shepherd's Corner – THE FATHER - PRESENT, PATIENT AND FIRM



Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the Month of May, the month which our Church dedicates to our blessed Mother Mary. This month is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). In our parish, we inaugurated the month with a Mass which was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, where he blessed the water and icons that will be taken into the homes of our parishioners. The May visits also commenced on Friday and you can see the weekly program in the Arabic section of the newsletter. Also, there will be many spiritual activities for young and old during this month, so please try to participate as much as you can and receive the fruits of God's mercy.

I will continue to talk about the family in this corner and this week I would like to focus on the role of the Father. Despite the social and secular craziness of this age, every family needs a father! However we need to discern what kind of Father. Not a father who wants his son or daughter to be exactly like him, not a father who is never present and definitely not a father who is controlling and overbearing. A good father is someone who spends time with his wife and children and is happy to see his children develop their own identity and character. Pope Francis tells us that being present isn't the same as being overbearing and controlling for "parents who override their children too often do not let them grow...instead a father should be happy when his son and daughter learns to be honest and wise. That is what counts in life."

A good father is someone who is patient. When our children are faced with difficulties and failures, how do we react? Do we deride and ridicule them or do we protect and encourage them? Do we "slap them in the face"? During these times, our children are so vulnerable and they are yearning for our tenderness, compassion and guidance. This does not mean that we shouldn't punish them; a good father is someone who is firm without humiliating, however it definitely means that he does not "slap them in the face". Further, a good father is someone who prays for his wife and children. Patience and prayer go hand in hand.

The pope specifies the above three things for fatherhood, being **present**, **patient** and **firm**.

The father above all is a role-model and teacher. Many fathers today tell their children to act in a certain way while they do the exact opposite. Children pay attention to every move, every action and every word that their father speaks and they end up doing what their father does instead of what he says. This generally stems from the pride and status that we inherit from our patriarchal culture. Too often, father's think that they are above everyone especially their wives and children and in turn become dictators instead of fathers. A good father is someone who can be a friend and a brother to his children. God has endowed the father and mother with a beautiful gift; he has made them sharers in creation. We pray that we can truly discern the splendour of this gift and truly be father's in the image of our heavenly Father.

Fr Tony Sarkis

Article of the week - "FOLLOW ME"



Today's discourse in the Gospel of St. John is one of the most widely referenced. In fact, it's one of the Readings commonly used in Ordinations. The last two words that Jesus spoke: "Follow Me" are a summary of the entire dialogue between Christ and Simon Peter...an invitation to the Ecclesial Priesthood. It's very fitting that today's Gospel follows last Sunday's "52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Again we are reminded of the importance of praying for all vocations, especially that of the Priesthood, the means by which we receive the Sacraments.

Vocation – a calling from God - is not only focussed on the Priesthood though, as we are all called to be holy, without exception. There are 4 vocations that the baptised can answer: Priesthood, Religious Life, Married Life, and Single Blessedness. We all

participate in the "ministerial priesthood" of Christ by virtue of our Baptism, but an ordained minister becomes so much more....he becomes "another Christ" and as such we pray for our Priests who in turn continue to offer and pray for us. This is the other message being conveyed in today's Gospel, and it is also most significant. "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep" is a requisite in the duties of every priest to nourish and care for the flock of the Good Shepherd.

There is also of course, the tri-fold confirmation of Peter's love for the Lord, which would later become his three denials of Christ. It's a perfect combination of events in one discourse, showing the many graces that Jesus had come to bestow upon his people. We may well ask 'why would the Lord entrust Peter as the shepherd of his flock, knowing that Peter would later deny him?' One perspective is to see the unfathomable forgiveness and love that God has for his people, despite him knowing our weaknesses and faults, as long as we have remorse and acknowledge our love for God.

"Do you love me more than these?" Jesus asked Peter, knowing the response, but wanting Peter himself to affirm this love with his own words from his own lips. Many of us justify our faults by saying that "God knows my heart". Yes, He certainly does know our hearts, but in today's Gospel we have a picture of the Son of God asking to hear what is in the heart of his disciple. Perhaps God is also asking us today to be more vocal in admitting our faults, and thereby availing of the great Sacrament of Mercy – Confession.

There are many messages in the Word of God today, but the most outstanding of all is "Follow Me" for if we truly love Jesus, we will love His Church on earth, and we will love those whom he has placed as shepherds for the flock. If we truly love Jesus, we will follow him every day just by keeping him in our thoughts and in our actions. Do we honour him by attending the Sacred Liturgy (Mass)? Do we take Christ with us everywhere we go? Does our language express Christ in our lives? Do we love others as Christ loved us? Today Jesus is asking each of us "do you love me?" How will we respond to this calling...to the vocation that God has chosen for us to follow? To answer any of the above, it is simply a matter of choosing to do what Christ would do, and to say what Christ would say. Let us be another Christ to all around us...let us follow him, so that by our words and actions we can securely say "yes, Lord, I love You."

Salwa Elias

Pope Francis - EXODUS, A FUNDAMENTAL EXPERIENCE OF VOCATION



"On this 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like reflect on that particular "exodus" which is the heart of vocation, or better yet, of our response to the vocation God gives us. When we hear the word "exodus", we immediately think of the origins of the amazing love story between God and his people, a history which passes through the dramatic period of slavery in Egypt, the calling of Moses, the experience of liberation and the journey toward the Promised Land..."

"At the root of every Christian vocation we find this basic movement, which is part of the experience of faith. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to centre our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving, like Abraham, our native place and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This "going forward" is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, and one's own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to

follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and his kingdom. Jesus says: "Everyone who has left home or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life" (Mt 19:29). All of this is profoundly rooted in love.

The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, "de-centering" us and triggering "an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God" (Deus Caritas Est, 6)."

"To hear and answer the Lord's call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest.

A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to his unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 23)."

"Dear young friends, never be afraid to go out from yourselves and begin the journey! The Gospel is the message which brings freedom to our lives; it transforms them and makes them all the more beautiful. How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours! Your life will become richer and more joyful each day!"

*Extracts from Pope Francis' homily on the 52nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations
26th April 2015*

PARISH CAMERA



Commencement of the Month of Mary Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Taraby



Monday night English Bible Studies on the Gospel of John presented by Theresa Simon



OLOL Youth had a wonderful night on Friday at their "Around the world" Dinner Dance.



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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

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

Tuesday 5 May
6:00pm Bedwani Antonios Barakat from Bekaakafra (died in Lebanon)

Wednesday 6 May
7:00pm Antonios Mansour Samia from Kfersghab (died in Lebanon)

Friday 8 May
7:30pm 1 Year Joseph and Josephine Assaf from Aramoun-Kesrwan

Saturday 9 May
6:00pm 1 Year Nkoula Daoud ElKhoury from Blouza

SIXTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION 10 May
2:00pm First Mass for Fr. Youssef Elias from Zghartaghine
5:00pm 40 Day Salim Semaan from Mrah Elsaafir-Danniye

St Patrick's (Guildford)
6:00pm Bechara Dib Alzened from Kfarchima (died in Brazil)

قَدَاسَاتِ الأَسْبُوعِ

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

الثلاثاء 5 أيار :
6:00 المرحوم بدواني مطانيوس بركات من بقاعكفرا (متوفي في لبنان)

الأربعاء 6 أيار :
7:00 المرحوم مطانيوس منصور ساميا من كفرصاف (متوفي في لبنان)

الجمعة 8 أيار :
7:30 السنة للمرحومين جوزف وجوزفين عساف من عرمون

السبت 9 أيار :
6:00 السنة للمرحوم نقولا داوود الخوري من بلوزا

الأحد 10 أيار : الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة - عيد الأمهات
2:00 يحتفل الأب يوسف الياس من جمعية المرسلين بقداسه الأول
5:00 أربعون المرحوم سليم سمعان من مراح السفيرة - الضنية

سان باتريك (Guildford)
6:00 المرحوم بشارة ديب أزنند من كفرشما (متوفي في البرازيل)

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

Family & Adult Events

The Gift of Courage

موهبة الشجاعة مع الخوري الأب كلود رزق
 FDW Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Fr Claude Rizk
Tues 5th May 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

Give an Extra Hour to God

Volunteers needed for 11am Sunday Children's Liturgy
 fortnightly 10.30am - 11.30am
 to help our children participate in the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.
 Call Mons Shora 0418 969 844

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May 17, 2015 @ 11 am
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Feast Mass
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 For more information contact Danny Nough on 0477008787.

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Arabic Classes

Sat 9:30am-12:30pm
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Fersan Al-Adra

Sat 1pm - 3pm

Children's Playgroup

Tues & Wed 9:30am - 11:30am in CPYC

Youth Events

Youth Meeting and Committee Elections

Followed by BBQ/Supper

Tues 5th May at 8pm

In the Mackillop Room, Lvl1 of CYPC

All Positions Vacant, if you are over 18 & you are interested in a role please contact Mons Shora on 0418 969 844

"Discovering your call to Sanctity"

English Faith Discussion Nights

Wed 6th May at 8pm after 7pm Mass - on Lvl1 CYPC
 Presented by Madeleine Vella

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Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study Centre open 10am - 10pm for Youth 18 & over. Under 18s only with adult supervision
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For further info., please contact Nelly Azize 0430 332 888

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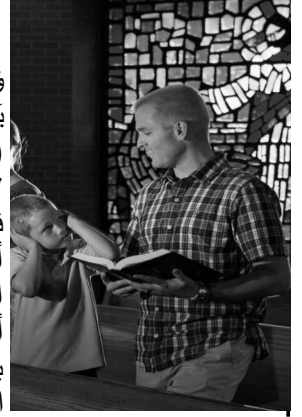


٤. لا يوجد في الكتاب المقدس أي شيء ينص على ذهابي الى القديس نحن ككاثوليك نؤمن بأن ايماننا وممارساتنا الدينية هما من ضمن الكتاب المقدس وتقاليده الكنيسة، وإن استهترنا بتقاليدنا تكون هناك مشكلة حقيقية، فهناك شهادات من آباء الكنيسة الأولين الى جانب منشورات قديمة تصف لنا كيف أن الجماعات المسيحية في الماضي كانت تجتمع لتسغي الى كلمة الله وللاحتفال بالإفخارستيا. والكتابات أيضاً تدعم القديس ومنها نذكر: "... ثُمَّ تَتَأَوَّلُ كَأَسَا وَشَكَرَ وَقَالَ: "خُدُوا هَذِهِ وَأَقْسِمُوا بِبَيْتِكُمْ، لِأَنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنِّي لَا أَشْرَبُ مِنْ نِتَاجِ الْكُرْمَةِ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ." وَأَخَذَ خَبِزًا وَشَكَرَ وَكَسَّرَ وَأَعْطَاهُمْ قَانِلًا: "هَذَا هُوَ جَسَدِي الَّذِي يُبَدَّلُ عَنْكُمْ. اصْنَعُوا هَذَا لِذِكْرِي." (لوقا 22: 14-19).

٥. إن الذهاب الى القديس مع أولادي يعتبر كمباراة مصارعة حرة لأنهم لا ينفكون يتسلقون على كتفي ويحدثون ضجة هائلة. فلم إذا ذهب.

وَقَدِّمُوا إِلَيْهِ أَوْلَادًا لِكَيْ يَلْمَسَهُمْ. وَأَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ فَاثْنَتَهُرُوا الَّذِينَ قَدَّمُوهُمْ. فَلَمَّا رَأَى يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ اغْتَاظَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "دَعُوا الْأَوْلَادَ يَأْتُونَ إِلَيَّ وَلَا تَمْنَعُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ لِمِثْلِ هؤُلَاءِ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ. الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: مَنْ لَا يَقْبَلُ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مِثْلَ وَلَدٍ قَلْبًا يَدْخُلُهُ." (مرقس 10-15).

لا يمكن لانزعاجاتنا أن تحول دون ذهابنا مع عائلتنا الى القديس، نعم نحن نعلم أنه من الصعب أن نجعل طفلاً هادئاً في وقت القديس ولكن حين نقدم أطفالنا للرب ستكون هذه أجمل هدية نقدمها، فمن واجبنا كأهل هو أن نبشر ونعلم أطفالنا على الإيمان. علينا أن نعلمهم الصلاة ونجعلهم يعلمون أنهم أولاد الله. الهدف الأسمى هو أن نقود أطفالنا الى السماوات وهذا أمر مستبعد من دون الذهاب الى القديس. قبل التوجه الى الكنيسة صلوا مع أطفالكم واسألوا الروح القدس أن يجعلهم هادئين ويساعدهم على الإصغاء خلال القديس. إجلسوا في الصفوف الامامية في بعض الأطفال يرغبون بمشاهدة ما يحصل فيظللوا هادئين. إهمسوا في آذانهم بعض ما يقال في القديس واسألوهم عنه فور خروجكم. هذه التضحيات ستحصل ثماراً جمة، فسترون أولادكم ينمون في العلاقة مع المسيح.



٦. كبار السن فقط يذهبون الى القديس

حين تذهبون الى القديس ستجدون عدداً كبيراً من الكبار في السن ولكن لم تتزعجون؟ فكروا بآلاف الشباب الذين يذهبون كل سنة ليشاركوا بيوم التشيبي العالمي... فكروا من منظور البيايا فرنسيس أن كبار السن هم الحكمة. لطالما تابعت الكنيسة الكبار في السن وجعلتهم يشعرون بأنهم جزء من الجماعة وهناك الكثير من الأشياء التي علينا أن نتعلمها منهم، وعلينا أن نشعر بالفخر بالذهاب الى القديس مع إخوتنا وأخواتنا في المسيح حتى ولو كانوا أكبر سناً.



٧. أجلس. أركع. أقف. ليس لدي أدنى فكرة عما أقوم به

من منا يرغب بأن ينظر حوله فيرى أنه لا يزال واقفاً؟ هذا أمر مخجل أن يسبقنا الجميع بخطوة، وهذه الحركات ليس وليدة الصدفة في القديس بل كل حركة هي وضعية صلاة مميزة، فنحن لا نصلي في عقولنا فقط بل بكل كينونتنا الروحية. حين نقوم بهذه الحركات تكون هذه علامة لينتورية وجسدية نعبر من خلالها عن صلاتنا. حين نقف نظهر احترامنا لكلمة الله وحين نركع نظهر طاعتنا له وتواضعنا أمامه. الطريقة الوحيدة لنعتاد على ذلك هي من خلال الذهاب الى القديس، فالمواظبة على الموضوع تؤمن نجاحه.



تدعونا الكنيسة اليوم

إنه الأحد الخامس في زمن الفصح وفيه نتأمل بتسليم مار بطرس رعاية كنيسة يسوع المسيح القائم من بين الأموات.

في المقطع المختار من الرسالة إلى أهل أفسس، نتأمل في الموت الروحي الناتج عن الخطيئة والذي لا يقيمننا منه إلا الخلاص الذي وهبنا إياه الرب يسوع بموته وقيامته.

أما في مقطع الإنجيل المختار من يوحنا، فنجد مار بطرس يؤكد حبه للرب ثلاث مرات متتالية في رد مباشر على إنكاره له ثلاث مرات أيضاً.

تدعونا الكنيسة إذًا، في هذا الأحد، إلى الاقتداء ببطرس الذي لم يغرق في لوم ذاته، بعد أن أنكر يسوع، بل استجاب لدعوة الرب المتجددة له ليقود

سفينة الكنيسة وسط عواصف العالم. فهل أقود سفينة حياتي وفي قلبي الرجاء بالمخلص القائم من بين الأموات؟!

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 (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira, Abed Almassih Naoum (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajihah 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)

ما من حبّ أعظم من أن يبذل الإنسان نفسه عن أحبائه

في هذا الأحد المبارك، نتوقّف، في قدّاسنا، على تأسيس الكنيسة وبنائها. لقد قرأنا إنجيل يوحنا وسمعنا كيف سأل يسوع بطرس إن كان يحبه أكثر مما أحبه سائر التلاميذ حتى يكل إليه رعاية الكنيسة. ربّما هذا هو نداء يسوع الأخير حيث يطرح السؤال ثلاث مرات وفي كلّ مرّة يعطيه مسؤولية في الرعاية: النعاج والحملان والخراف، أي رعاية القطيع بكامله.



وهنا نفهم أن محبة المسيح هي في أساس الرعاية الحقيقية والصادقة للقطيع. فالمحبة هي في أساس الرسالة وهي في أساس كلّ مسؤولية مهما كانت صغيرة أم كبيرة. على صخرة المحبة تبنى كنيسة المسيح وعلى بطرس الصخرة تتأسس الكنيسة بسلطان المحبة. المحبة أساس الرئاسة لأنها تبدل المفاهيم فالرئيس بالمحبة يصبح الخادم والأول يصبح الآخر ومن يريد أن يكون عظيماً عليه أن يبذل نفسه ويموت عن الآخرين...

إنّ بطرس الذي طُلب منه ثلاث مرات أن يكون الراعي لا يمكن إلا أن يكون في خطّ ذاك الذي أحبنا قائلاً: "ما من حبّ أعظم من أن يبذل الإنسان نفسه عن أحبائه".

هذه هي المحبة التي يجب أن يتميز بها كلّ رئيس ومسؤول وراعي في كنيسة المسيح، في المجتمع والعائلة أيضاً. إن بطرس عرف بعد قيامة معلمه من بين الأموات كيف يتبع يسوع حتى الموت. لقد قاده يسوع إلى حيث لا يشاء وقال عنه التقليد إنه مات مصلوباً ورأسه إلى تحت لأنه اعتبر نفسه غير مستحق بأن يصلب مثل معلمه. ولكننا في الماضي عرفنا بطرس على غير ذلك فهو الصياد الذي يعمل في الليل وسط المخاطر والأهوال، يوفق في الصيد أحياناً و أحياناً أخرى لا. عرفناه مترجماً فقيراً أمياً، منقلب المزاج، ومرّات عديدة نراه جباناً يخاف على حياته... ولكن كلّ هذا زال عندما دخل في سرّ الحب الإلهي.

لقد ترك كلّ شيء وتحول من صياد سمك إلى صياد للناس. لقد أنكر المسيح وهذا صحيح لكنّه عاد تائباً إلى ربّه وأظهر له حبه ثلاث مرات فجعله يسوع راعياً لشعبه الجديد. وظلّ بطرس أميناً لمعلمه حتى مات شهيداً في سبيل إيمانه به وهكذا برهن بأنه يحبّ المسيح أكثر من الذين يدعون المحبة ولكن في الواقع هم لا يحبون إلا أنفسهم ومصالحهم.

وهنا يبقى السؤال: أنا من ادعي الفهم والعلم والتقوى والقوة و.... هل أستطيع أن أفعل مثله؟ هل أستطيع أن أبادل المسيح محبة بمحبة؟ ما هو جوابنا إذا سألنا الرب اليوم إن كنا نحبه أكثر من غيرنا؟ (بتصرّف)

الخوري طوني سركيس

سوا عملنا فرق! ... فرق المحبة في العطاء

نعم! أكيد كل مرّة منبقى سوا، ومنشعر سوا، ومنفكّر ومنجمع قدراتنا ومنوحد أهدافنا ومنصلي ومنفرح سوا، عالأكيد منعمل فرق!!! كيف إذا كنا جماعة واحدة برعية واحدة، بروح واحدة وجسد واحد، وإيمان واحد بإله حيّ باقي معنا لحين انقضاء الدهر! عالأكيد الأكيد منعمل فرق، والفرق بيكون كبير، أكبر ما منتصور نحنا البشر... الفرق الكبير اللي عملتوا السنة بعيد الشعنينة، أنتو الجماعة المؤمنة بيسوع وأولاد رعية سيده لبنان! سوا قدرتوا تخلّوا كاريتاس لبنان تجسد رسالة الكنيسة وتلّي حاجات الجيعان والعطشان والبردان والمريض والمشرّد والمحبوس والمظلوم اللي يسوع بذاتو هويّ وجّ كل واحد منون!!!



الفرق اللي عملتوا سوا، رح يضلّ يعمل كل شي وفي جماعات مسيحيي متكون ب آمنوا بهيدا اليسوع المتجسد المتألم المصلوب المتغلّب ع الموت!! يسوع يكثر خيركون، وبيبارك عيالكون، ويضلّ معكون، فيكون يسوع قادر يغيّر وجّ الأرض!!!

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MONTH OF MAY 2015 - MARY HOME VISITS



| GROUP 1 | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Sun 3rd May 15 | Laila Moses | 36 Delaware Rd, Ermington NSW 2115 |
| Mon 4th May 15 | Peter Lahoud | 43 Prospect St, Rosehill NSW 2142 |
| Tues 5th May 15 | Faraj Baissari | 19 Otto St, Merrylands West NSW 2160 |
| Wed 6th May 15 | Salma Azizi | 7/74-78 Newman St, Merrylands NSW 2160 |
| Thu 7th May 15 | Boutros Zaouk | 30 Webb St, Merrylands NSW 2160 |
| Fri 8th May 15 | Rabih Rahme | 35 Wesley St, Oatlands NSW 2117 |
| Sat 9th May 15 | Fuad & Theresa Jilwan | 73 Grose St, North Parramatta NSW 2151 |



| GROUP 2 | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 4th May 15 | Janny Taouk Hadchiti | 13 Roche Pl, Merrylands NSW 2160 |
| Tues 5th May 15 | Josephine Moubarak | 33 Montrose Ave, Merrylands NSW 2160 |
| Wed 6th May 15 | Jackeline Sleiman | 33A Rosebery Rd, Guildford NSW 2161 |
| Thu 7th May 15 | Yasmine Betour | 21 Chamberlain Rd, Guildford NSW 2161 |
| Fri 8th May 15 | Robert El Bayeh | 56A Redbank Rd, Northmead NSW 2152 |
| Sat 9th May 15 | Andre & Waddad Khawaja | 25 Warren Rd, Woodpark NSW 2164 |

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الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة

الرسالة

قال يوحنا الرسول: بَعْدَ الغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمَعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: "يَا سِمَعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هؤُلاءِ؟". قَالَ لَهُ: "تَعَم، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي".

قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: "يَا سِمَعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". قَالَ لَهُ: "تَعَم يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِرْعَ نِعَاجِي!".

قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: "يَا سِمَعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! أَلْحَقَّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتُ شَابًّا، كُنْتُ تَشُدُّ جِرَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشْبَخُ، سَتَسْبِطُ يَدَيْكَ وَأَخْرُ تَشُدُّ لَكَ جِرَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ".

قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُسْبِرًا إِلَى الْمِيتَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللهُ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: "إِنْبَعْنِي!".

يو ٢١ : ١٥ - ١٩



قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

رو ١٠ : ١ - ١٣
لو ٢٤ : ٣٦ - ٤٨

شهر مريمي

مبارك



بِكثْرَةٍ مَحَبَّتِكَ أَحِبِّيتِنَا، وَبِنِعْمَتِكَ خَلَصْتِنَا، لَا الْفَضْلَ لَنَا وَلَا الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ مَنَّا، بَلْ هِيَ كُلُّهَا عَطِيَّةٌ مَجَانِيَّةٌ مِنْكَ، لَا لِشَيْءٍ، بَلْ لِأَنَّكَ جَبَلْتِنَا، وَجَعَلْتِنَا خَاصَّتَكَ.

تَهْتَمُّ بِنَا، تَخَافُ عَلَيْنَا، فَتُوصِي بِرِعَائِنَا، خِرَافًا كُنَّا، نِعَاجًا أَوْ حِمْلَانًا، ذُكُورًا، إِنَاثًا أَوْ أَطْفَالًا،

تُرَشِّدُنَا، وَتَطْلُبُ مِنَّا اتِّبَاعَكَ، وَكَيْ لَا نَتَوَهَّ، تَطْلُبُ مِنَّا أَنْ نَتَنَاوَلَ جِسْمَكَ وَدَمَكَ، ذَادًا لَنَا فِي الطَّرِيقِ، يُنْعِشِنَا وَيُقَوِّمِنَا، لَكَ الشُّكْرُ، لَكَ الْحَمْدُ وَالْمَجْدُ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ وَالْإِبْنُ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُّوسُ، الَّذِي بِمَسِيرَتِكَ مَعَنَا لَا تَسْأَلُنَا إِلَّا : "أَتُحِبُّنِي؟"،

وَتَقْبَلُ بِجَوَابِ النِّعَمِ، رُغْمَ مَعْرِفَتِكَ لِضَعْفِنَا وَمِوَلَانَا الَّتِي لَا تَزَالُ تَتَحَكَّمُ فِيْنَا أَحْيَانًا، لَكَ الشُّكْرُ عَلَى تَقَنُّكَ الَّتِي تُخَجِّلُنَا، وَالَّتِي مِنْ خِلَالِهَا تَتَوَيُّ تَقْدِيسِنَا،

لَكَ كُلُّ الْمَجْدِ مِنَ الْآنَ وَالْإِلَى الْأَبَدِ،

آمِينَ!



لَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلِ بَحْسَبِ إِلِهِ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَيْسِ سُلْطَانِ الْجَوِّ، أَيْ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، غَامِلِينَ بِرَغَبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْعَضْبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أَحْيَانًا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَاجْتَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظْهِرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غَنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِتَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ.

وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّنا نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكَيْ نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

أف ٢ : ١ - ١٠

من أقوالهم



"ارجعوا إلى الإيمان"

بكل ثقة...

ولتكن المسبحة بين أيديكم."

~البابا القديس يوحنا بولس الثاني~

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. 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 و قداسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

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