

The Good News from Your Parish

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

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THE GOSPEL

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

THE EPISTLE

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of grilled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, 'that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled'."

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Lk 24:36-48



Next Sunday's Readings
7th Sunday of Resurrection

Eph 1: 15-23
Jn 13: 31-35



TO ALL MOTHERS

From the Priests, Sisters
& Parish

"HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY"

ARISE
AUSTRALIAN
MARONITE
YOUTH
CONVENTION

FRI 24TH - SUN 26TH JULY
2015

For further details
Please refer to page 5

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Rom 10:1-13

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Heavenly Father,
May your peace rest upon me.

Stand beside me
when fear and doubts
arise in my heart.



Open my mind
to understand that You suffered, You died
and on the third day You rose from the dead
for my salvation.

May your glorious name be proclaimed in all
the world.

Bless our mothers, both the living
and the dead.

Amen!



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you knew how much **I LOVE YOU**,
you would **cry with happiness...**"

~ Our Lady of Medjugorje ~

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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 THE MEASURE OF FAITH

Saint Matthias – Apostle MAY 14



What is your faith in Jesus like? Is it fickle or firm, deep or shallow, passionate or waning? In today's Resurrection appearance, Jesus calls us to a faith that is prepared to be bold.

When we 'believe' in Christ, we are meant to have faith in all God does. It is a faith that is open to the unexpected, the unfathomable, and the extraordinary. Faith is not simply liking a concept and accepting it because it sounds plausible. Faith in Christ, is

openness to accepting all of Christ and not just what appeals to us. Today's Gospel insists on such a faith.

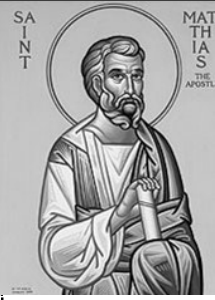
When Jesus appears to the disciples after the Resurrection he enters right into their midst in order that they may all see him and know him. Jesus offers them reassurance, 'Peace be with you' v36. The disciples however think it is a ghost. Their faith in the unexpected Resurrection of Jesus is absent. Their original faith had not made scope for the unusual.

Jesus wants to enlarge their faith so he shows them his hands and feet and calls them to touch him. If this is not enough to bring them to fuller faith, Jesus also 'ate in their presence' v42. Faith is through knowing the gentle close presence of Jesus and desiring to know him more.

Yet even more so, Jesus then speaks to them and 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' v45. So throughout this encounter the disciples are invited to a larger understanding of Jesus and a bolder experience of faith that would challenge the impossible.

Faith is not an acceptance of a set of ideals but an ever deepening immersion in Christ and an ever awakening realisation of the Mastery of God. It is this faith that we are called to be 'witnesses' v48 of to the world. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF



The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

But Jesus had chosen the original twelve.

How could they know whom he would choose?

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple; the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two men fit this description -- Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become?

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Shepherd's Corner – MY MOTHER MY ANGEL ... MY HEARTBEAT



As we journey towards the end of the Season of the Resurrection, we continue our celebrations today by honouring our Mothers on this very special day. Mother's Day is a wonderful time of the year when we express our love and appreciation of the one who gives of herself to her children. She is the one who cares, nurtures, protects, teaches, disciplines and above all loves. She is the one who God has endowed with the gift of sharing in creation. She is the one through whom He chose to enter into this world.

In my homily this week I spoke to the children about how we take our Mother's for granted. I told them a story about a mother who asked her son to carry out some chores around the house. When he had finished, he gave his mother a bill which listed a cost against each chore totalling \$29 and handed it to her. The story continues by saying that the mother looked at the "bill" with a tear in her eye and handed him a bill of a different kind. The bill included: For giving you life ... no cost; for looking after you

every day.... no cost; for feeding you every day.... no cost; for washing and ironing your clothes ... no cost; for paying your school fees ... no cost; for driving you around ... no cost; and for everything else ... no cost. At the bottom she put a total. This total was the word "LOVE".

The moral of the story is that our Mothers work for us day in and day out without counting the cost. Pope Francis talks about how mothers are often under-appreciated in their family role, and said they are key players in fighting against an individualistic, self-centered society. "To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war," the pontiff told pilgrims earlier in the year. Mothers, he said, "are often exploited because of their availability. Not even the Christian community values them properly, despite the eminent example of the Mother of Jesus."

One thing that stirs my memory and my heart as a child is how my mother taught me how to pray. I remember that regardless of all the pressures and problems in her life, she would kneel with my brother and I at the bedside every night and pray with us before we went to sleep. My mother was the one that taught me how to communicate and speak with God. This is not to be underestimated as this formed and guided my life. When I think about my mother, I remember the poem by the famous poet Said Akle and sung by Fayrouz – "Oumi ya Malaki" – My Mother, my angel. One of the verses describes the mother as "my heart beat". I see this in so many mothers in our parish. We are so blessed to have mothers who are great examples for their children and for others. They are truly angels who are the heartbeat of this parish.

This Mothers' Day and always be sure that you show your Mother a sign of your love, appreciation and gratitude. Do not count the cost because she definitely doesn't.

On another note, we have been very busy preparing for all the different events and activities. The May visits continue and this week we had elections for our youth and teen committees. Congratulations to the new committees and their leaders which you can read about on the next page. Also, I encourage everyone to take part in the Mother's Day Mass and Luncheon next Sunday, the Novena of St Rita which starts on Wednesday at St Patrick's Church, the annual Gala which will be held on the 19th June and all spiritual talks and events in this blessed month.

Fr Tony Sarkis

Article of the week - MARY, MOTHERHOOD AND THE MONTH OF MAY



When we look up to people in our spiritual life, we often direct our attention towards Priests, Nuns, Monks and Missionaries but we fail to see all of these qualities in our own mothers. We see mum in the priest leading the family in prayer and pushing us to go to Church, we see our Mothers in the life's of Nuns and Monks helping us to detach from the worldly pleasures and live a life of piety and we see our mothers in missionaries as they feed, cloth, shelter, protect and nourish us and we so often take this for granted.

If love is defined as willing the good of the other, then motherhood is a perfect example of self-sacrifice and love. They are often the first ones up and the last to sleep, they are the peace keepers, they are our councillors, they are our chefs, our doctors, our bank managers and our best friends. They have been there from the beginning and will be there to the end so remember to always honour your mother as they deserve far more recognition than one day a year.

God has also blessed us with the Mother of all mothers, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who we fittingly venerate and honour during this month of May. Mary is the perfection and fulfillment of motherhood. It was through her "yes" at the annunciation that paved way for the entrance of our Divine Saviour into the world. Mary was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord. She endured with Jesus to the very end, even to his ignominious death on the cross.

At the foot of the cross Jesus entrusted us to the care of his blessed Mother exclaiming "Woman, behold, your son!" These words uttered by our Lord continue to resonate today and if we read on in St Johns gospel we are told that, "from that hour the disciple took her to his own home". (19:27)

The beloved disciple didn't hesitate, he immediately took Mary into his own home and this is the greatest devotion we can have for our blessed Mother. We should take Mary not only into our homes but also our work places and where ever duty calls. Mary is the Mother of the Church and the comforter of the afflicted. She is a perfect example of the way that a Christian should live their life and if we are ever in doubt, we should simply ask, "What would Mary do?"

In his encyclical, MENSE MAIO, Saint Pope Paul VI gives us a greater understanding on the role that Mary plays in our spiritual life.

"Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise. For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Saviour in her, through her, and with her?"

We should never be afraid of loving Mary too much because the more we love Mary, the more we love Jesus and if we listen carefully we can hear the echo of her words at the wedding feast at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you". (John 2:5)

A very Blessed Mothers day to all of our Mothers!
Mary, help of Christians- pray for us.

Rob Mourad

"IF YOU ARE WHAT YOU SHOULD BE, YOU WILL SET THE WHOLE WORLD ABLAZE!"



OLOL YOUTH COMMITTEE 2015/16

On Tuesday night four of us young marrieds were asked to help in elections for the Teens Leaders' Committee and the Youth Committee at the Parish. We have all been involved in the Maronite Church our whole lives and we are so proud and excited by what we are seeing from our young leaders. So many of them are what they should be and they are setting our Parish ablaze!

What was really striking on Tuesday night was how so many of the youth were willing to stand up and be involved and take on a responsibility and participate in the mission of their Parish. The Youth make up not only the Youth Committee but are also the majority of the members of the Teens Leaders and Fersan leaders with the important mission of teaching our Teens and Children. Their

job is often challenging, but they turn up every Saturday, and are in the Centre on weeknights preparing. That is an awesome commitment they make when you consider that they could be simply sleeping in queuing up in lines for the movies, nightclubs or cafes instead. They do the work voluntarily on top of their studies and own work.

Teens Leaders' Committee Election Tony Mattar was one of the initiators behind the Teens ministry in our Parish and continues to work hard at it. He was renewed as the teen co-ordinator. George Azar, who is also part of the Parish media committee, was elected vice co-ordinator. Together with the rest of the Committee and their Chaplain Fr Raphael they are developing our teens to be future youth and parish leaders.

Youth Committee Elections The youth elections Meeting presided over by their Chaplain Mons Shora had 90 youth turn up all wanting to get involved! Leadership Positions were hotly contested, with young people wanting to step up and set our Parish ablaze. We think back to our days as part of the youth committees of our Parishes and we could have only dreamt of having so much enthusiasm and talent. Our new Youth Co-ordinator is Connie Maree and the vice co-ordinator is John-Claude Tadros. Together with the rest of the executive committee we know the youth are going to continue to set our Parish ablaze.

Well done to the outgoing executives members of both committees. Without your dedication, hard work and example the New Members would not have such a solid foundation on which to continue and grow these important areas of mission in our parish.

Being part of this Parish we can only be proud of our young people, we hold such hope, because we see they are what they should be, committed Maronite Catholics, ready to set the world ablaze for generations to come. In Christ!

George Harb, Younan Freifer, Chahine Chahine, Theresa Simon and Monsignor Shora Maree

PARISH CAMERA



Family Brunch held after the 9:30am Mass last week. We all learnt about the Maronite Icon of Our Lady of Ilige.



"Discovering your call to sanctity"
Wednesday nights English Faith Discussion presented by Madeleine Vella



OLOL seniors Mass and activities held on Thursdays and our Seniors Committee having some fun dancing outside the CYPC after their meeting this week.



OLOL ANNUAL GALA - 19 JUNE 2015



OUR LADY OF LEBANON ANNUAL GALA

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2015 AT 7PM

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Sunday 10 May - SIXTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION
2:00pm First Mass for Fr. Youssef Elias from Zghartaghine
5:00pm 40 Day Salim Semaan from Mrah Elsafer-Danniye
St Patrick's (Guildford)
6:00pm Bechara Dib Alzened from Kfarchima (died in Brazil)
Monday 11 May:
6:00pm Greig Tanous Emad from Andet—Akkar (died in Lebanon)
Tuesday 12 May:
6:00pm Souad Youssef Alkozah from from Deir Alahmar (died in Lebanon)
Thursday 14 May - ASCENSION THURSDAY
7:00am Mass
8:45am Mass
6:00pm Mass
Friday 15 May
6:00pm 40 Day Roumanos Sassine from Hadchit
Saturday 16 May
6:00pm 1 Year Josephine Joseph Finianos from Zgharta
Sunday 17 May - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION
9:00am 40 Day Edwar Abdou Ziade from Chwayfat-Beirut
11:00am Mothers' Day Mass cel. by Bishop Antoine-Charbel
5:00pm 40 Day Therese Kaysar Azzi widow of the late Joseph Assaad Hatem from Jieh

قَدَاسَاتِ الأَسْبُوعِ

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 أزنيد من كفرشما (متوفي في البرازيل)
الاثنين 11 أيار:
6:00 المرحوم جريج طنوس عماد من عندقت - عكار (متوفي في لبنان)
الثلاثاء 12 أيار:
6:00 المرحومة سعاد يوسف القزح من دير الأحمر (متوفاة في لبنان)
الخميس 14 أيار:
 خميس الصعود القداصات : **7:00 و 8:45 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً**
الجمعة 15 أيار:
6:00 أربعون المرحوم رومانوس ساسين من حدشيت
السبت 16 أيار:
6:00 السنة للمرحومة جوزفين جوزف فنيانوس من زغرنا
الأحد 17 أيار: الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة
11:00 قداس إحتفالي بمناسبة عيد الأم
9:30 أربعون المرحوم إدوار عبدو زيد من الشويقات - بيروت
5:00 أربعون المرحومة تريز قيصر قزي أرملة المرحوم جوزف أسعد حاتم من الجية

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

Family & Adult Events

The Gift of Knowledge

من هبات الروح القدس هبة العلم مع الأب سام وهيبه
 سيعرض أيضاً فيلم عن أرميا النبي

FDW Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Fr Sam Wehbe. A movie about the Prophet Jeremiah will be viewed.

Tues 12th May 7.15pm in the Seniors Room - CYPC

Family Brunches

After 9.30am Sunday Masses

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

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 Mass & Function*

*In Honour of
 My Mother*

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 Starting at 7.30pm everyday except Tuesday at 8.15pm.

Feast Mass

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SPEND THE MONTH OF MAY WITH OUR LADY

◆ **Wed 20th May (8pm)** - Theotokos - Mary the God Bearer (Talk)

◆ **Mon 25th May (8pm)** Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians

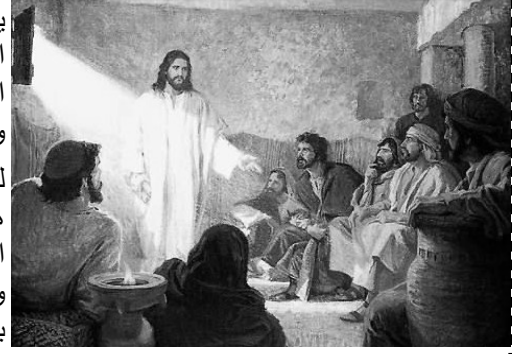
(The Rosary will be offered for persecuted Christians)

Followed by Refreshments in the Grotto

Rosary will be prayed each night in the Parish & homes

سلام فكلام فرسالة

يا أبناء القيامة والرجاء، سلامًا ترك لنا، ليس كالأذي يعطيه العالم المادي الآتي، بل ذلك الأذي يبدي الخوف والتردد. إلى تلك الغرفة من على الجبل حيث توقع الرسل خوفًا من التكتيل والمصير المجهول، دخل يسوع القائم من الموت وحل منتصرًا في وسط تلك الجماعة الرسولية كي يعضدهم ويحرر نفوسهم من الخوف والقلق، ويعتق عقولهم من الشك والحيرة.



لم يلفت انتباههم إلى وجهه كي يعرفوه بل كشف ذاته مشيرًا إلى يديه ورجليه المتقوية (إلمسوني، أنا هو)، وكأنه يسلمهم مفاتيح الرسالة التي من أجلها أتى، والتي لا تكتمل دون النظر إلى آلام المسيح المتجلية في البائس والمتعب والمجروح في الذاكرة والقلب، في المهتمش والمظلوم والظمان إلى الحق والرحمة، بل ومد اليد لملامسة تلك الجراح في الآخر لمداواتها بالنعمة التي أعطيت لنا من الأب والابن والروح القدس.

لم يتجل إلا في وسط الجماعة، كي تكون نواة الكنيسة الأولى، جماعة المؤمنين، حيث تكمن أهمية العمل معًا في حقل البشارة وتعاقد أعضائها ومساندتهم بعضهم لبعض، في حالة الضعف كما في القوة. المغفرة، حياة جديدة

ذلك اليوم كان يوم خلق جديد، لإنسان جديد، في عالم تجدد. فابن الله يسوع، بكر مواليد القيامة، افتتح لنا درب خلاص جديد، معبد بالإيمان، مغروس بالمحبة ومزهر بالرجاء. وهبنا حياة قادرة، بقدرة الروح، أن تنطلق للبشرى الحسنة، منذ المغارة مرورًا بالصليب حتى القيامة، وتعلن خلاص الخاطئين التائبين المشتري بدم الحمل.

ولذنا لحياة تقدر على كل شيء وتؤمن بكل ما هو من الله وترجي كل شيء وتحتمل كل شيء، وتقاوم الغريم والمتجني والكاذب والمفروق... هذه الحياة لا تخشى معارك العالم بل تدخلها بشجاعة وثقة، فستبدل أسلحتها المميته بأخرى، نخيرتها الغفران والمسامحة، وقاندها طفل صغير في مزود فمصلوب لا حول له ولا قوة، غلب جحافل الشر والموت، وما زال، في كسرة خبز قدسية وكأس خمرة فصحية أضحيا إفخارستيا قوت محيي للنفوس المؤمنة.

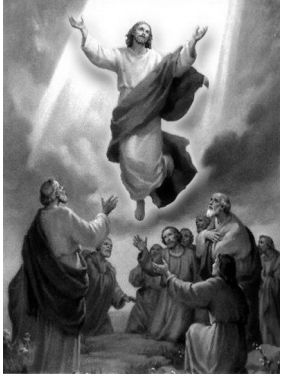
هذه الحياة التي تجعلنا أهلاً لمحبة الآخر كمحبة يسوع للإنسان، تعلمنا كيف نعطي دون حساب، ونسامح ونبتسم واثقين عند المحن كما المسيح. لا نتلمسها إلا في ذبيحة الحمل من أجل غفران الخطايا.

أصلّي إليك ربّي، أنت الذي قمت منتصرًا، أن تضمم فينا منذ الآن وحتى لحظة النفس الأخير نار حبك وتغمرنا بسلامك من جديد كي يتقد إيماننا المستكين في كوة إهمالنا واستخفافنا بوجودك الحيّ فينا. آمين.

خميس الصعود... ١٤ أيار

في خميس الصعود نُعيدُ صعود ربنا وإلهنا ومخلصنا يسوع المسيح إلى السماء، وذلك بعد أربعين يومًا من قيامته وظهوره للتلاميذ.

فيسوع هذا الذي رُفِعَ عنكم إلى السماء سيأتي كما رأيتموه ذاهبًا إلى السماء" (اعمال 11:1). صعد يسوع الى السماء وعاد الى ملكوته (يوحنا 18: 36) بعد أن أتم عمل الفداء وأكمل خطة الخلاص. هو خميس الصعود، صعود الرب الى السماء وجلسه في المجد عن يمين الله الأب.



نفرح ونبتهج لأن الرب بقيامته أقامنا، وبصعوده يدعوننا الى مشاركته مجد ملكوت السماوات. في هذا العيد نكتشف دعوتنا الحقيقية: أن نكون في مسيرة دائمة نحو الملكوت، لا نكل ولا نتعب رغم صعوبة الطريق، وضيق الباب.

نسقط أحيانًا ونحن نسير، نقوم بنعمة الله تائبين ونكمل المسيرة. وجودنا البشري لا ينتهي في هذا العالم، نحن لم نقم مع المسيح لنعود ونموت وندفن، بقيامتنا التي تتم بالرب تأخذ كمال صورتها في حدث الصعود الى السماء، وجودنا البشري يأخذ قِمة معناه في حدث الصعود.

نحن لسنا مجرد مخلوقات بين مخلوقات أخرى تتمايز عنها بالكيان أو بالشكل، بل نحن كائن فريد دعاه الرب الى مشاركته مجد وجوده، دعاه ليصبح إلهًا من خلال مشاركته الحياة الإلهية.

صعود الرب هو دعوة الى الرجاء، نرجو على هذه الأرض ما سبق وحضره لنا الرب يسوع، نحيا في العالم منترقبين ساعة اللقاء، ساعة ملاقة وجه الرب الحبيب، عندها فقط يصل الإنسان الى غاية وجوده ويحيا السعادة الحقة. حين يعلم أن الأرض هذه في مجرد محطة على طريق الأبد، نحل فيها حينًا ونتوق الى بيت الأب الأبدى حيث نتحد الى الأبد بالله خالقنا في رباط من حب لا ينتهي.

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, Salha Youssef Ashaaya, Michael Anjoul (B) Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni, Joseph Saad Boutros, Sobhi & Saudie Bazouni and their departed (C) (D) (E) Tony El Rahi, Tannous & Chmouni El Housen, Youssef & Hani El Housen and their children (F) (G) Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George, Youssef Salim El Khoury Gebrael (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph, Anis Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) Leila Ishac, Tansa & Thouraya Ishah and their departed, Julia & Tony Ishac (K) Naim & George Khattar (J) (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa, Simon & Hannah Licha, Peter Loulach (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Johra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Youssef & Ghousoub Maroun, Ghantous Jabbour Mikhael and his wife Jamile (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira, Abed Almassih Naoum (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanous, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajija Rahme, Elie Saba Rahme, Rosa Sassine, Romanous Sassine and his daughter, Souraya & Chmouni & Najia Sassine (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Joseph John Saad & his wife Marie, Souls in Purgatory, Houda Raphael Saleh, Youssef Serhan (T) (W) Jamil & Barbara Wehbe (Y) (Z)

مريم أم يسوع

التقليد المقدس: الكنيسة ليست حديثة العهد إنما ابتدأت مع الرسل ونمت وتطورت وتأمّلت خلال مسيرتها بسر الله وسر عمله مع الإنسان وحيه له. وخلال هذه المسيرة كان هناك أعلام، كان هناك شهداء، كان هناك أبطال في التضحيات، كان هناك مفكرين، فكل هؤلاء هم شهود لحضور الله مع شعبه، كل هؤلاء هم، بالنسبة للكنيسة، تراث وتكونز تحتوي على عمل روح الرب، وثمار هذا العمل يبقون غدي لكنيسة اليوم، يبقون مرجعية وسند لكنيسة اليوم. ونحن كذلك مدعوون اليوم أن نكون كذلك للأجيال التي ستأتي في ما بعد. لذلك فالمصدر الثاني لكل تعليم كنسي هو ما يعرف "بالتقليد المقدس" والذي يتكلم عنه أيضاً المجمع الفاتيكاني الثاني في دستور عقائدي في الوحي الإلهي، الفصل الثاني، الفقرة 8: "...ولذا فالرسل، وقد سلّموا ما كانوا قد تسلّموه، ينبّهون المؤمنين إلى التمسك بالتقاليد التي تعلموها سواء بالوعظ أو بالرسائل (2/15) وإلى الجهاد في سبيل الإيمان. ...



وهكذا فإن الكنيسة بتعليمها وحياتها وطقوسها، تخلّد وتنتقل للأجيال بأسرها كل ما هي عليه وكل ما تؤمن به... هذا التقليد الذي استلمناه من الرسل يتقدّم في الكنيسة بمعونة الروح القدس.

فإدراك الأمر والأقوال المنقولة ينمو. إما بتأمل المؤمنين الذين يرددونه في قلوبهم ودراساتهم (لو 2/19 و51) وإما بتبصرهم الباطني في الأمور الروحية التي يختبرونها بما بكرة أولئك الذين تسلّموا الموهبة الثابتة لتعليم الحقيقة.

أي أن الكنيسة تتوق باستمرار، على مر الأجيال، إلى كمال الحقيقة الإلهية، إلى أن تتم فيها أقوال الله. فهذا التقليد المقدس الذي وصل إلى آباء الكنيسة، تسلّموه وتأمّلوا فيه وشرحوه، فأعطوا مواضع كثيرة وأفكار عميقة، نذكر منها بأنهم أقاموا المقابلة بين حواء القديمة التي حملت الخطيئة للجنس البشري وحواء الجديدة، مريم، التي حملت الخلاص. (بتصرف)

الخوري طوني سركيس

بعيدك يا أمي... الشاعر أنطون أنطون

فيروز يا ما غنت تلاحين
وغنى وديع لقلبك من سنين
والفلسفي رشتك رياحين
سبحان الله نور عاطيكي

انتِ بفكري دوم ليل نهار
انتِ القصيدي ورونق الأزهار
وشو ما حكي أنطون من أشعار
بعدا قليلي وما بكافيكي

حكي جبران حتى وشكسبير
والأخطل ومعلوف والباقي وجريير
والقمر جبلك الزنيق والحريير
والشمس طلّت ت تحاكيكي

بعيدك يا أمي جيت ناجيكي
بفكر ع طول العمر فيكي
ولو جيت ضويك صابيعي شموع
مأكد يا أمي ما بكافيكي

صليت وطلبت من كل دير
انشالله تعيشي بأمان وخير
بهاكون حلمي وما بدني غير
يمّي ع طول الخط نادكي



يا ما ندهتلك أنا وموجوع
قضّي الليالي سهر ودموع
وأطلب من العذرا وابنها يسوع
تفضل طول العمر حاميكي

MONTH OF MAY 2015 - MARY HOME VISITS



GROUP 1

Mon 11th May 15	Mira Ibrahim	67 Alice Street, Rosehill NSW 2142
Tue 12th May 15	Najat Moujalli	62 Brush Rd, West Ryde NSW 2114
Wed 13th May 15	Vince Tanna	46 Boundary St, Parramatta NSW 2150
Thu 14th May 15	Charlotte Doro	31 Hilltop Road, Merrylands NSW 2160
Fri 15th May 15	Antoun Sarkis	185 Woodville Rd, Merrylands NSW 2160
Sat 16th May 15	Ghorra Coorey	Alfred St, Granville NSW 2142

GROUP 2

Mon 11th May 15	Hala Younes	33 Lough Ave, Guildford NSW 2161
Tue 12th May 15	Rafqa Sassine	50 Murray St, Merrylands NSW 2160
Wed 13th May 15	Esaaf Karam	71 Ellam Dr, Seven Hills NSW 2147
Thu 14th May 15	Fady & Marie Joe El Dreiby	3 Bowden St, Merrylands West NSW 2160
Fri 15th May 15	Tony Nakhoul	59A Rickard St, Merrylands NSW 2160
Sat 16th May 15	Laura Moubarak	197 Robertson St, Guildford NSW 2161



الخبر السار من رعيّتك

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الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

الرسالة

وفيما التلاميذ يتكلمون بهذا، وقف يسوع في وسطهم، وقال لهم: "السلام لكم!". فارتاعوا، واستولى عليهم الخوف، وكانوا يظنون أنهم يشاهدون روحاً. فقال لهم يسوع: "ما بالكم مضطربين؟ ولماذا تخالج هذه الأفكار قلوبكم؟ انظروا إلى يديّ ورجليّ، فأني أنا هو. جسوني، وانظروا، فإنّ الروح لا لحم له ولا عظام كما ترؤن لي!". قال هذا وأراهم يديه ورجليه.

وإذ كانوا بعد غير مصدقين من الفرح، ومتعجبين، قال لهم: "هل عندكم هنا طعام؟". فقدموا له قطعة من سمك مشوي، ومن شهد عسل. فأخذها وأكلها بمرأى منهم، وقال لهم: "هذا هو كلامي الذي كلمتكم به، وأنا بعد معكم. كان ينبغي أن يتم كل ما كتب عني في توراة موسى، والأنبياء والمزامير".

حينئذ فتح أذهانهم ليفهموا الكتب. ثم قال لهم: "هكذا مكتوب أنّ المسيح يتألم، ويقوم من بين الأموات في اليوم الثالث. وباسمه يكرز بالتوبة لمغفرة الخطايا، في جميع الأمم، ابتداءً من أورشليم. وأنتم شهدو على ذلك.

لو ٢٤ : ٣٦ - ٤٨



قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد السابع من زمن القيامة
أف ١ : ١٥ - ٢٣
يو ١٣ : ٣١ - ٣٥

أجمل ما في الدنيا أمي...

أنت يا من أعطيتني الحياة،
يا أمي، شكراً لك
أولاً لأنك امرأة.
يا مربيتي، أنا بدونك تائه في
صحراء الجهل.
شكراً لك على حبك الكبير.
شكراً على عطائك اللامحدود.
شكراً على تقدمتك ذاتك
في سبيلي.
شكراً لك على كونك أمي...
وأم الحياة...
نتقدم من كل الأمهات في
الرعية بأحر التهاني بمناسبة
عيد الأم، راجين أن يعطينا الله
أمهات قديسات يزرعن القداسة
في عائلاتنا وبيوتنا، ونذكر
بالعرفان جميع اللواتي يتمتعن
بمجد السماء.

إِنَّ بُعِيَّةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيُخْلَصُوا.
فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبِهِ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرِ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يَنْبِتُوا بِرَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ.
وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ قِيلًا: "مَنْ يَعْمَلْ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا". أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: "لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟"، أَيْ لِيُنزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: "مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟"، أَيْ لِيَصْعَدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ.

بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ "الكلمة قريبة منك، في فمك وقلبك"، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ اعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ.
فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْإِعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَّاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: "كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يَخْزِي". فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُوهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.

رو ١٠ : ١ - ١٣

صلاة الأسبوع

يا مريم، يا والدة الله و أمنا،
نقدم نواتنا لرعايتك المحبة.
نشاركك اليوم أمنا لنا، و مرشدة و صديقة.
أيتها الأم المحبة و الفاتحة الرقة،
نتوسل إليك بحق صلاح ابنك ربنا يسوع المسيح،
أن تجعلينا من أحمائك الأعداء،
و أن تستمدي لنا القوة لنعيش حياة قداسة،
حياة صلاح، طهارة، وحب، مقدمة لله بشكر و تسبيح.
كوني معنا في كل حين،
يا مريم البتول الطوباوية،
و خصوصا في ساعة موتنا.
احمينا عندها من الشرير، عدو نفوسنا،
قودينا آمنين إلى حضرة يسوع،
ربنا القائم من بين الأموات،
حتى نشترك في حياته، فرحه، وحيه،
معك ومع جميع القديسين للأبد.
أمين!

من أقوالهم

"حبك يا مريم غاية المني ...

يا أم المعظم كوني امنا "

قَدَاسَاتِ يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ

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)

قَدَاسَاتِ الْأَسْبُوعِ

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

الإعترافات

مؤمنة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة 6:00 مساءً وقَدَاسَاتِ الْأَحَدِ 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