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THE GOSPEL

THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

THE EPISTLE

Jesus said to his disciples, "They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Jn 14: 21-27



Next Sunday's Readings
4th Sunday of Pentecost
1Cor 2: 11 - 16
Lk 10: 21 - 24

"Pentecost is the moment when a **HEART** of stone is *shattered* and a **HEART** of flesh takes its *place*"

~ Fr Raniero Cantalamessa ~

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1Cor 2: 1-10

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Come, **O HOLY SPIRIT**, come! From Your **BRIGHT AND BLISSFUL HOME** rays of healing light impart.

Come, **FATHER OF THE POOR**, Source of gifts that will endure **LIGHT OF EVERY HUMAN HEART**.

Amen!



MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

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

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

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

CONFESSIONS

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

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm
Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm - 9pm **24 Hour Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am**

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Today's Gospel Reading comes from the farewell discourses in John's Gospel. In this short passage we are invited to the love of God.

The word love appears no less than seven times and it

should come as no surprise given Jesus' new commandment was to love one another as he loved us (Jn 13:34). In the early church Christians were recognised neither by the crosses they wore around their necks nor the rosary beads they possessed. Rather Christians were known by their love for one another. To be a Christian was to live it out through actions and words of love, not, as unfortunately we see today, simply through external wear and public talks.

The other major characteristic of being a Christian that emerges from today's Reading is peace, the peace that is given by Jesus. It removes all trouble and fear. Peace offers the Christian hope and a gentle attitude to life.

So unlike the strivings of many to achieve comfort, wealth, admiration or power, the quest of a Christian is for God. The means to God is through words and deeds of love. We are assisted on our journey through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the peace of Christ. Such presence and gifts empower us to be disciples of Christ, messengers of love and ambassadors of peace. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF



St. Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under Emperor Diocletian in the third century. She was raised in Christian piety by her parents. When she was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of Governor Volusian accused her of teaching others to reject paganism. She was taken before the governor where she firmly confessed her belief and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence her through persuasion and flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured.

She was struck upon the face, and then stripped and beaten with whips. Her torturers asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of our hands." But the saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me."

Heated metal rods were then drilled through her ears, and St. Aquilina fell down as if dead. The torturers thought that she had actually died, and gave orders that her body be thrown outside the city to be eaten by dogs. However, later that night, a Holy angel appeared to St Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing."

The next morning he sentenced St. Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who refused his imperial decrees. While being led to her execution, St. Aquilina prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name.

A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the Heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God. Christians piously buried the martyr's body. Later, her relics were taken to Constantinople and placed in a church named in her honor.

Charlie Dib

Shepherd's Corner – "WHERE ARE THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF CHILDREN?"



Dear Parishioners,

Regarding the change in the definition in marriage there are different reasons why people hold to the views of traditional marriage.

There are reasons from our Catholic faith perspective, defending the sanctity of marriage. However there are also reasons from a non-Christian perspective and the two overlap in areas. To be effective voices of truth in these modern times we need to be aware of both of these and the appropriate audience to express them.

The faith perspective reasons are for Catholics and Christians who might agree with changing the meaning of marriage. The non – faith reasons are for all, and especially for those who don't believe in God.

The Catholic faith perspective arguments are included in our Bishop's Message (Feature article) and the Pastoral Letter of the Australian Catholic Bishop's titled

"Don't Mess with Marriage" which you can find easily online at <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/1687-same-sex-marriage-pastoral-letter-web-version>.

The central reason and not necessarily faith based is: Where are the "Rights of Children" in this "Equal Rights for same sex marriage" debate? Do these "equal rights" include the right to for "same sex couples" to have and raise children? If so what about the natural and psychological rights of children to be raised by a mum and dad? This is a core issue for the long term good of humanity. You just need to read the articles now coming out about the long term effects on children with same sex parents (for example: <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/04/14899/>). Marriage ensures the **well-being of children**. Every child has the right to a mum and a dad whenever possible. Children do best with two biological parents The so called drive for equality should not outweigh the right of children to be raised by a dad and a mum for the optimum of developmental wellbeing.

In approaching this issue we must place the issue before our Lord in prayer and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must grow in our knowledge on the issues involved and equip ourselves to listen, dialogue and promote the truth with love to all those around us. Yes write to your Federal Member of Parliament. (See Bishop's Article). We must rid ourselves of all unchristian and homophobic attitudes and language towards people of same sex attraction. Finally and very importantly all married couples and parents must be prepared to renew the gift of their faith in God and grow in that faith in our Maronite Parish, living out the sacred and wonderful calling of their marriage with their God-given mission to be parents leading their children and grandchildren to experience family as truly a "domestic church", a dwelling place of the Holy Trinity.

Monsignor Shora Maree

Bishop's Article - FEDERAL PUSH FOR SAME SEX MARRIAGE



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A bipartisan Bill to change the federal definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 is expected to be introduced into Federal Parliament early next week and may be voted into law immediately following its introduction.

I urge you to make your views on marriage known to your local Federal Member of Parliament.

Please share with them what marriage means to you and your family and ask them to uphold the true meaning of marriage as the mutual love of a man and a woman, open to the gift of children.

If you are not sure which electorate you live in, **please visit [Find My Electorate](#)**

(<http://apps.aec.goc.au/eseach/>) and enter your postcode. If you live outside New South Wales, please visit the Australian Christian Lobby webpage Your Voice is Needed to find your local Federal MP.

Members of Parliament have advised the Life, Marriage and Family Centre in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney that that the most helpful lobbying they can receive at this stage is an email from their constituents. In particular, if your MP is listed as "UNCERTAIN" (www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au) in his or her position on marriage, a personal email to him/her would be especially helpful.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have just released a special pastoral letter to the faithful, Don't Mess With Marriage. You may wish to use some of the material from the letter to help you formulate your email to your MP.

Some further brief points which may be helpful for your email:

1. The Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961 recognises the truth that marriage is "a union of a man and a woman, to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life". The enduring meaning of marriage was upheld in 2012 when same-sex marriage bills were rejected decisively by both the Federal House of Representatives and the Senate.
2. The mutual love of a man and woman, and their physical complementarity, provides the natural and vital community for procreation. The reason the state has recognised marriage and distinguishes it from other types of relationships is because of its unique capacity to generate children and to meet children's deepest needs for the love, attachment and nurturing of both their father and their mother.
3. Changing the meaning of marriage is socially divisive and is not the proper role of government.
4. If the Federal Parliament legislates for same-sex marriage, it will abandon any principled basis for rejecting further demands for "marriage equality" from other persons who wish their relationships to be recognised as marriages, e.g. multiple-partner unions.
5. Children as a group are the most powerless in our society, but they are the ones with the greatest investment in marriage continuing to be understood as the union of a man and a woman. A stable, loving marriage provides the best environment for raising children, because it gives them the greatest possible chance of being loved and raised by their biological mother and father.
6. At a time when marriage in our society is already under pressure, we should be doing what we can to support marriage, not undermine it.
7. When the meaning of marriage is changed, it is changed for everyone. The experience of countries which have legalised same-sex marriage shows us that the freedom of ordinary men and women to live, teach and publicly profess their belief that marriage is the union of a man and a woman will become more and more restricted, and even subject to legal action and penalties.

Please email your local Federal MP this weekend to let them know this issue of marriage is of great importance to you and your family, and will be a crucial consideration in casting your vote at the next federal parliamentary election in 2016.

Thank you for your ongoing support for sanctity and institution of marriage.

Your Shepherd + Antoine Charbel Tarabay; Maronite Bishop of Australia

LOL YOUTH

Over 5 years ago, barely in my 20s, I began attending 7pm mass and was quickly becoming a regular. The buzz during and after mass between the youth was infectious (and still is today). I would hear about events coming up, they seemed interesting but I did not really take notice. It was a random Sunday when things began to change. I was approached by a very energetic Youth Coordinator, the one and only, Jade. He invited us to a General Youth Meeting and I have not looked back since. Now I stand here today, welcoming and wanting getting to know you all. But there is not just me but 15 other awesome executive members by my side.

Assistant Coordinator - John-Claude Tadros
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Charity Events Coordinators - Barbara Ghalloub & Annette Boulous
Social Events Coordinators - Joey Nakhoul & Jamal Ghalloub
Logistic Coordinators - Charbel Bou-Daher & Anthony La

On behalf of the executive team, I would like to thank you all for your support especially past committee members. The foundations you have laid for the future are indescribable. There are some big shoes to fill.

As a team we coordinate spiritual, social and charity events. These include novenas, faith discussions, Sunday and Wednesday English Mass (for which we are always looking for readers). There is also social events like Sunday dinners, State of Origin Nights, dinner dancers, Interstate trips and BBQs. Charity events include the World's Greatest Shave, blood donations and nursing home visits. We will also be out and about volunteering and holding events during feast week in August. For more information on upcoming events or how to get involved please visit our FaceBook page, check the newsletter or give me (or the team) a buzz. I look forward to meeting you at the doors for a chat over the next few months.

God bless, Connie Maree



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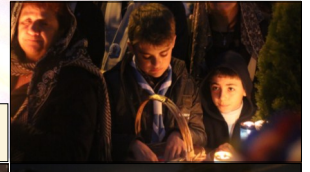
Origin Game 1
Join us for a **fun night**
for game 2 in the CYPC.



Feast of
CORPUS CHRITI procession



Procession in the streets of Harris Park to celebrate
the end of the **MARIAN MONTH**



Senior's Activities



ROSARY Night

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Sunday 7 May - 3rd Sunday of Pentecost
9:30am 1 Year Karam Karam from Hadchit
11:00am 40 Day Samir Tannous Frangieh from Zgharta
5:00pm Gerges Tannous Raffoul from Harf Miziara (Died in Lebanon)

St Patrick's (Guildford)
6:00pm 1 Year Bahij Melhem Azar from Wadi Kannoubine

Tuesday 9 June
6:00pm Boutros Michel Faddoul from Miziara

Friday 12 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Masses held at: 7am, 9am & 6pm
6:00pm 40 Day Nazih Selman Saad from Kfarsghab

Saturday 13 June - Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
Masses held at: 7:30am & 6pm

Sunday 14 May - 4th Sunday of Pentecost
11:00am 1 Year Mikhael Gerges Yaacoub from Karm El Mohr
5:00pm Departed souls of the Marada Martyrs

قَدَّاسَاتِ الْأَسْبُوعِ

الأحد 7 حزيران: الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة
9:30 السنة للمرحوم كرم كرم من حدشيت
11:00 أربعون المرحوم سمير طنوس فرنجيه من زغرنا
5:00 المرحوم جرجس طنوس رفؤل من حرف مزيارة (متوفي في لبنان)

سان باتريك (Guildford)
6:00 السنة للمرحوم بهيج ملح عازار من وادي قنوبين

الثلاثاء 9 حزيران:
6:00 المرحوم بطرس ميشال فضؤل من مزيارة (متوفي في أفريقيا)

الجمعة 12 حزيران:
عيد قلب يسوع والقداست 7:00 و 9:00 صباحاً - 6:00 مساءً
6:00 أربعون المرحوم نزيه سلمان سعد من كفرصغاب

السبت 13 حزيران:
عيد مار أنطونيوس البادواني والقداست 7:30 صباحاً - 6:00 مساءً

الأحد 14 حزيران: الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة
11:00 السنة للمرحوم مخايل جرجس يعقوب من كرم المهر
5:00 قداس على نية أنفس شهداء المردة

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

Family & Adult Events

**Take the Holy Spirit as a friend in your life...
 Think with Him, Decide with Him**
 FDW Arabic Faith Talk Presented by Fr Ibrahim Sultane
Tues 9th June 7.15pm in the Seniors Room - CYPC
خذ الروح القدس في حياتك صديقاً... فكر معه وقرر معه
 الأب إبراهيم سلطان

Family Brunches
After 9.30am Sunday Masses
 5 July 2015 - 16 August 2015 - 11 October 2015
 6 December 2015 - 31 January 2016



**"Loved you then. Love you still."
 Renewal of marriage vows**
Sun 16th August at 9.30am Mass
 Organised by OLOL family committee
 A Special recognition of couples
 celebrating 5,10,15,20,25...years of marriage in 2015
If you fall into this category SMS Juliette on 0403 133 502
Registrations close on Sun 26th July 2015

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.
 Contact Mons Shora 0418 969 844



Arabic Classes
Sat 9:30am-12:30pm
 For info. or to book your child call Margo on 0400 001 758
Fersan Al-Adra
Sat 1pm -3pm
Children's Playgroup
Tues & Wed 9:30am - 11:30am in CPYC

Youth Events

Teens Faith Discussion & Activities: Saturdays 4-6pm

Blood Donation contact Myrna 0421677998
Nursing Home Visit contact Therese 0431792205
Youth Meeting First Tuesday of every month contact Connie 0411 830 349

Seniors Events

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MaroniteCare Services

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for Youth 18 & over. Under 18s only with adult supervision
Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues 3:30pm - 6pm
 Bookings essential call Anthony Chidiac 0411 217 103

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 0410 122 999
Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am - 11:30am
Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months before wedding: 9642 0211

OLOL St Vincent De Paul Conference call Kim Moussa 0424 658 190

Respite for Carers of People with Mental Health Issues
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3 DAY CONVENTION
24-26 JULY

AUSTRALIAN MARONITE YOUTH CONVENTION SYDNEY 2015

Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession
Sun 7th of June at 2pm
 from St Patrick's, Church Hill to St Mary's Cathedral
 Bus will be leaving Our Lady of Lebanon at 1pm and returning at approximately 5:30pm
 The cost of the bus is \$10 per person, volunteers needed, for info call **Boutros Sleiman on 0414 366 062**

"في الفشل ينتصر حب الله"

"كم من المرات نقول ليسوع "إبتعد عنا" ولا نعترف بفشلنا. ولكن "انتصار محبة الله" للإنسان تتكشف "بوضوح" في صليب ابنه. هذا ما تحدث عنه اليوم البابا فرنسيس في أثناء عظته الصباحية من دار القديسة مارتا معلقاً على مثل الكرامين القتلة.



الحجر الذي رذله البناءون صار رأس الزاوية. الله يبني على ضعفنا ولكن إذا قرأ أحدنا "تاريخ الحب الذي جمع الله وشعبه يجد بأنه يبدو دائماً وكأنه قصة فشل". انطلق البابا من إنجيل القديس مرقس (١٢: ١ - ١٢) وفيه يتحدث عن فرح الله وهو صاحب الكرم حفر معصرة وبنى برجاً فيه إنما بعد أن أوكل الكرم للكرامين كانوا يضربون العبد الموكل من صاحب الكرم في كل مرة... حتى وصل بهم الأمر لأن يقتلوا ابنه الوحيد من هنا الأب الأقدس أشار الى أنه من خلال الموت يجد الجميع الحياة.

وقال: "إن الأنبياء هم رجال الله الذي يكلمون الشعب الأصم عن كلمة الله والذي تاه بعيداً عنه. وأما الإبن وهو الشخص الأخير الذي تم إرساله قد حُكم عليه ولم يسمعه أحد وقتلوه ولكن هو نفسه أصبح حجر الزاوية. إن هذه القصة التي تبدأ بحلم حب وتابع ليكون تاريخ من الحب والذي يبدو للكثيرين بأنه تاريخ من الفشل ينتهي في الواقع بحب عظيم حيث يرسل الله ابنه الوحيد ليخلص العالم".

وتابع الأب الأقدس ليشير الى أن كل الكتاب المقدس يحوي أحداثاً تبين مدى حب الله لشعبه بالرغم من تمرّد هذا الأخير وعصيانه. وإن مسيرة الخلاص هي مسيرة تخللها الكثير من الفشل. حتى في الختام عند الصليب بالرغم من أنه يبدو للكثيرين بأنه محطة فشل انتصر الحب عنده وهذه القصة التي تبدأ بحلم محبة تتابع بتاريخ من الفشل وتنتهي بانتصار الحب: صليب يسوع المسيح".

"وإذا قام كل شخص منا بفحص ضمير سيرى كم من المرات أبعد الأنبياء. كم من المرات قلنا ليسوع: "إذهب عنا" وكم من المرات أردنا أن نخلص أنفسنا ووطننا بأننا على حق".

ذكرى بذرة الحب

ختم البابا: "لا تتسوا إذاً بأنّ في موت الإبن على الصليب ظهرت "محبة الله لشعبه". سيكون من الجيد أن نتذكّر قصة الحب التي تبدو وأنها فشلت ولكنها انتهت بالنصر. لقد زرع الله فينا بذرة المحبة ومن الضروري أن نتمثّل به من خلال التواضع".

البابا فرنسيس

"علينا أن نمتلك يسوع نعطيهِ للآخرين"

الكنيسة أمّنتنا على رسالة عظيمة أن نحمل المسيح إلى قلوب الناس. علينا أن نعطيهم يسوع. لكننا إنّ لم نكن نملك يسوع، لا نستطيع أن نعطيهِ. لهذا نحتاج للإفخارستيا. صحيح أن طريقة عيشنا صعبة. لكن من المفروض أن تكون كذلك. لا نتحدّث عن الفقر المادي، فقط بل عن ما يحيط بنا من متألّمين ومشرفين على الموت. وحده القربان، وحده يسوع يستطيع أن يعطينا فرح العمل مع إبتسامه.



~الطوباوية الأم تريزيا دي كالكوتا~

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for:

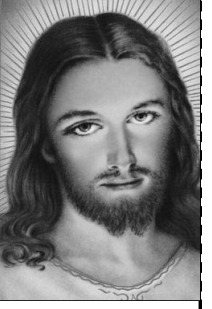


(A) All departed souls, Fr Elias Ayoub, Antoun Azar, All the lost souls, Raymond Anjoul, Antonious Abou Sarkis (B) Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni (C) (D) Miray John Dib, Susan John Dib (E) Hanane Mounir Wahibe El Bazouni, Matthew Essey, Mikhael El Badwi El Khoury and his wife Hanna Afife El Khoury and her departed (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, Sara George Hawi, Tansa Chafika Hawi, Diab Diby Hawi, Wadiaa Tanous Youssef Hadi, Youssef & Amina Hallal (I) (K) Naim & George Khattar, Tannous Khoury, Simon Khoury (J) (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa, Simon & Hannah Licha (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Johra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Youssef & Ghoussoun Maroun, Ghantous Jabbour Mikhael and his wife Jamile, Aliche & Youssef Malkoun, Therese Melhem (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira, Joseph Namour (O) (P) (Q) (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajihah Rahme (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Joseph John Saad & his wife Marie, Souls in Purgatory, Kokab Saad, Michel Saad (T) (W) Jamil & Barbara Wehbe, Nasr & Nayfeh Wehbe, Joseph Wehbe, Julia Wehbe, Karim Tannous Wehbe (Y) (Z)

وصية الوصايا

إله تجسد كي يصلح الإنسان مع أخيه ومع الله، فقدم هوة التفرة بين جميع فئات الشعب، مساوياً بينهم، مذ أرشدت السماء الرعاة والمجوس إلى مغارة " الخبز الحي" مروراً بالآيات والأعاجيب إلى لصّ اليمين حتى إرسال الروح المعزي.

هذا الإله لم يأبه للعواطف البشرية عندما كان الأمر يتعلّق بمسيرة الخلاص، مذ كان صبيّاً في الثانية عشرة من عمره حتى الصليب، بل أراد أن يدخلنا في سرّ الحبّ الواعي، المعاش، المترجم بلغة إيمانية وعملانية في حقل النفس والعالم: لقد اختصر جميع الوصايا بوصية المحبة الملتزمة العاملة. إنه يريد أن يذهب بنا إلى أبعد من حدود ال"لا" الناهية (لا تقتل، لاتزن...)، يريد أن يتجلى حياً بذاته في حياتنا، يرغب أن نعيشه، هو الحبّ كل الحبّ، لا بالإكراه ولا بالترغيب بل بالإرادة الحرّة الواعية التي وضعها فينا، فنراه يحترم إرادتنا ويحفظ كرامتنا مهما كان خيارنا.



وهنا التحديّ، إن كنّا شعباً متجاوباً مع دعوة الحبّ هذه، متخطياً الأحاسيس والميول أو الرغبات ومدركاً أنّ وصاياه هي طريق توصلنا إليه، كوفئنا بعطيّة العطايا: تجلّيه الحيّ الفاعل في أعماق أعماقنا، مع فيض من الحبّ والفرح والسلام.

هذا الإله العظيم، الخالق الكون وما فيه يسألنا، أنت وأنا والكّل، وينتظر موافقتنا كي يدخل مسيرتنا، رغم أنّه كائنٌ فينا مذ كوّنا على صورته ومثاله، ينتظر منا الوثوق به وبقدرته على محادثتنا وإرشادنا. نراه لا يملّ ولا يكلّ من الانتظار، يريدنا أن نؤمن بأنّ سكناه فينا بإمكانها أن تحوّل حياتنا نحو الأفضل والأمتل، نحو قيامة خلاصيّة منذ لحظة قبولنا إياه وحتى الأبد.

فما هو جوابنا اليوم؟ إلى أيّ مدى نؤمن بقدرته على تبديل حياتنا؟ هل نحن شعب يصغي، وصاحب إرادة وقرار؟ هل نرغب في الانفتاح على الحبّ الملتزم؟ هل انتبهنا بالأحرى أنّ الحياة دون حبّ تكون مجردة من الثقة حتى بالذات، اللهم إلّا إذا حسبنا أنانيتنا وكبرياءنا هما الثقة بالذات؟ إنّ الله اختارنا كي نحمله لكلّ امرئٍ ما زال بجهله، أو لم يتعرّف إليه بعد؛ لقد انتقاك أنت وأنت وهو وأنا كي نظهره بأمانة للعالم أجمع، وضع فينا روحه المعلم والمرشد والمشجّع كي نكون، بأعمالنا وأقوالنا، ماء الحبّ والفرح والسلام لجفاف الآخرين. هو يعرف كلّ المعرفة "تركيبية الإنسان": من نحن وكيف نتطلّع إلى الأمور بمنظارتنا البشريّ، فنراها صعبة، مُتعبة وأحياناً معقّدة؛ هو مدرك لخوفنا الممزوج غالباً بالتهرّب من المسؤولية وتناسينا لعمل روحه في حياتنا (فغالباً ما أقول: "لم أخلّق لهذه الرسالة، فهناك آخرون...")، لذلك يريد منا فقط أن نتجاوب مع دعوته وذلك بإزالة الرماد عن جمر روحه كي تنتشر حرارة حبه داخلنا، حتى إذا ما ملأنا، تخطّتنا إلى كلّ من نلتقي به، فيعرف أنّنا تلاميذه وبأنّه حقاً حي.

تدعونا الكنيسة اليوم

إنّه الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة وفيه نتأمل بالروح القدس "المعلم" و"المذكّر".

في الرسالة إلى أهل قورنتوس، يدعونا مار بولس إلى التحليّ ب"الحكمة التي لم يعرفها أحدٌ من رؤساء هذا الدهر، لأنهم لو عرفوها لما صلّبوا ربّ المجد" من خلال الانسياق في مسار الروح القدس الذي يسبّر كلّ شيءٍ حتى أعماق الله.

في الإنجيل، نجد يوحنا الإنجيلي ينقل إلينا كلمات وتعليم يسوع حول "البارقليط، الرّوح القدس، الذي سيُرسله الأب باسمي" والذي يُعلّمكم كلّ شيءٍ، ويذكركم بكلّ ما قلّته لكم.



في هذا الأحد، تدعونا الكنيسة إذأ إلى الدخول في "مدرسة الروح القدس" والوثوق به وبتعليمه الذي تحفظه وتنتشره لنا الكنيسة، جماعة المؤمنين، ابنة الأب، جسد المسيح وعروس الروح القدس.

علاقة الروح بالكنيسة

هناك حيث نستذكر كلماتك و نكسر خبزك : تكون الكنيسة!!

هناك حيث يكون إنجيلك و الإفخارستيا: تحل بروحك على نفوسنا المحبوبة و المرغوبة منك... حتى الصليب!!

يقول نشيد الأناشيد :

"تعالى يا ربح الجنوب، هبي على جنّتي فتقطر أطيابها" :

أه، يا رب!! عاصفة تلك العنصرة ... هي ربح الجنوب الدافئة ، التي تنتزع برد الموت، و هي رمز لعطيّة روحك القدوس الذي يلهب النفوس.



دفع تلك العليّة هو دفع العائلة ، و روحك حول كنيستك الى بيت ... وهناك في ذاك البيت ، في تلك العائلة:

نحن محبوبون، محبوبون لا لغاية، محبوبون لأننا أبناء!!!

يا رب الروح القدس :

أيها النار الأكلة، التي تحرق اهتماماتنا البالية التي تفرغ حياتنا، أيها اللهب المقدس الذي يضرم محبتنا كي لا تبرد أبداً..

يا روح الرب الحبيب :

إجعل من صمتنا،سكوننا، كلامنا و أفعالنا جمالاً يجذب الكل إليك!!

أنت روح المعرفة الكاملة يا رب، و إنت تعرف إننا أميون عاجزين عن النطق بالإلهيات. وحدك تمكّنا من التكلم بلغة المحبة التي تشفي و تحيي الفكر و القلب و الكيان.

نشكرك يا ناراً ونور:

لإنك تشرق في داخلنا وتسكب الفرح والتعزية وتبدّد كل ظلمة

ردنا إليك، ردنا للحب الأول، في عليّة الجماعة الأولى .

و ها نحن اليوم في العنصرة الألفين و خمسة عشر نحدد صدى صرخة الرسل وأمّ يسوع :

ننتظرك يا روح الله تعال!!

الخبر السار من رعيّتك

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الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

الرسالة

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: "مَنْ كَانَتْ لَدَيْهِ وَصَايَايَ وَيَحْفَظُهَا، هُوَ الَّذِي يُحِبُّنِي. وَمَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يُحِبُّهُ أَبِي، وَأَنَا أُحِبُّهُ وَأُظْهِرُ لَهُ ذَاتِي". قَالَ لَهُ يَهُوذَا، لَا ذَاكَ الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِي: "يَا رَبِّ، مَاذَا جَرَى حَتَّى تُظْهِرَ ذَاتَكَ لَنَا، لَا لِلْعَالَمِ؟". أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَاتِي، وَأَبِي يُحِبُّهُ وَإِلَيْهِ تَأْتِي، وَعِنْدَهُ تَجْعَلُ لَنَا مَنْزِلًا. مَنْ لَا يُحِبُّنِي لَا يَحْفَظُ كَلِمَاتِي. وَالْكَلِمَةُ الَّتِي تَسْمَعُونَهَا لَيْسَتْ كَلِمَاتِي، بَلْ كَلِمَةُ الْآبِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَنِي. كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِذَا، وَأَنَا مُقِيمٌ عِنْدَكُمْ. لَكِنَّ الْبَرَقْلَيْطِ، الرُّوحَ الْقُدُسَ، الَّذِي سَيُرْسِلُهُ الْآبُ بِاسْمِي، هُوَ يُعَلِّمُكُمْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَيَذَكِّرُكُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا قُلْتُهُ لَكُمْ. أَلَسَلَامٌ أَسْتَوِدِعُكُمْ، سَلَامِي أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا كَمَا يُعْطِيهِ الْعَالَمُ أَنَا أُعْطِيكُمْ. لَا يَضْطَرِبُ قَلْبُكُمْ وَلَا يَخْفُ!".

يو ١٤ : ٢١ - ٢٧



قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة
١ قور ٢ : ١١ - ١٦
لو ١٠ : ٢١ - ٢٤

شهر قلب يسوع الأقدس

"يا يسوع

الوديع

والمتواضع القلب

إجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك"



صلاة الأسبوع

نشكرك يا رب، على عيالنا التي تشهد على حضور الروح فيها مهما قست الظروف، فتعيش الفرح بقلب المحنة، والرجاء **رغم** الأفق المسدود، والسلام **رغم** العنف المحيط بها، والتمسك بالجواهر **رغم** إغراءات الظاهر، وتشهد على حضور الروح، لإنها تربت على كلمتك، وتغذت من جسدك، والتزمت بكينيستك. فكنت أنت لها المعلم والمعزي والمؤيد. **أعطنا** أن نكون على مثال تلك العيال. وكلما أنت ساعة المحنة والصعوبة، نتذكر ما قلته لنا، فنثبت في الإيمان والرجاء والمحبة، **لأننا ثابتون فيك.** آمين!

يا إخوتي، أَنَا، لَمَّا أَتَيْتُكُمْ لِأُبَشِّرْكُمْ بِسِرِّ اللَّهِ، لَمْ آتِ بِبِرَاعَةِ الْكَلَامِ أَوْ الْحِكْمَةِ؛ لِأَنِّي قَرَّرْتُ أَنْ لَا أَعْرِفَ بَيْنَكُمْ شَيْئًا إِلَّا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَإِيَّاهُ مَصْلُوبًا! وَقَدْ جِئْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِضَعْفٍ وَخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ شَدِيدَةٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ كَلَامِي وَتَبَشِيرِي بِكَلِمَاتِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَالِافْتِنَاعِ، بَلْ بِبُرْهَانِ الرُّوحِ وَالْقُدْرَةِ، لِئَلَّا يَكُونَ إِيمَانُكُمْ قَائِمًا عَلَى حِكْمَةِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ عَلَى قُدْرَةِ اللَّهِ. غَيْرَ أَنَّنَا نَنْطِقُ بِالْحِكْمَةِ بَيْنَ الْكَامِلِينَ، وَلَكِنْ لَا بِحِكْمَةِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا بِحِكْمَةِ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ الَّذِينَ مَصِيرُهُمْ إِلَى الرُّوَالِ. بَلْ نَنْطِقُ بِسِرِّ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ الْمَحْجُوبَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَحَدَّدَهَا قَبْلَ الدَّهْرِ لِمَجْدِنَا. وَهِيَ الْحِكْمَةُ الَّتِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ رُؤَسَاءِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، لِأَنَّهُمْ لَوْ عَرَفُوهَا لَمَّا صَلَبُوا رَبَّ الْمَجْدِ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "مَا لَمْ تَرَهُ عَيْنٌ، وَلَمْ تَسْمَعْ بِهِ أُذُنٌ، وَلَمْ يَخْطُرْ عَلَى قَلْبِ بَشَرٍ، قَدْ أَعَدَّهُ اللَّهُ لِلَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَهُ". لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعْلَنَهُ لَنَا بِرُوحِهِ، لِأَنَّ الرُّوحَ يَسْبُرُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى أَعْمَاقَ اللَّهِ.

١ قور ٢ : ١ - ١٠

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

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 وقَدَاسَاتِ الْأَحَدِ أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

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