



The Good News from YOUR Parish

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

Sunday 7 May 2017

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The Gospel

Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

The Epistle

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

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

Jn 21: 1-14



Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday
of the Resurrection

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

**May your life
be my life,
your
agony be
my agony,
your death
my death,
your
RESURRECTION
my
RESURRECTION!**

St. Vincent Pallotti

Brothers and sisters, Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

Heb 13:18-25

Prayer of the week

**My Lord and my God!
You are Truth and You are Life.
May I never doubt or despair in
the darkness of my
daily struggles, but be ready
to cast out into the
deep according to Your Word.
Grant me the grace to trust and
see Your Will in my life.
Amen!**



**Blessings
for the month
of May**

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 Centre - 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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In this Sunday's Gospel passage we have an encounter with the risen Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias, and slowly the call to resume life begins to be heard by those grieving.

Simon Peter decides to go fishing and his is accompanied by six other disciples. His call to go fishing was most likely an excuse, more than a necessity. Yes, they probably needed to fish in order to eat, but how much of an appetite does a grieving person have? Going fishing was probably a way to get out onto the lake, to be left alone, to have the time to ponder over past events.

The fishing expedition is unsuccessful as we read, 'that night they caught nothing' (v3). However, that didn't deter them. Perhaps they were content for now just to sit in that boat, in the dark, on the lake, away from reality. They remain at a distance, until daybreak. Then Jesus appears.

When instructed by Jesus to cast the net one more time, the haul of fish is significant. Suddenly the disciples are awakened from their stupor. Jesus has jolted them back into the world where there is fish to be caught, work to be done, mouths to feed and it is business as usual. The distaste for life that accompanies grief, sooner or later, is left behind for the demands of everyday life. Life must be lived.

Jesus reminds the disciples the joy of a good catch, the pleasure of sharing a meal as he prepares them breakfast, and the memories that are made as one gathers with good company. Jesus returns after death, not to condemn, but to remind us that life is worth living abundantly. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosh MSHF

In what sense is the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church?

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church in the order of grace because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, the Head of the body which is the Church. When he was dying on the cross Jesus gave his mother to his disciple with the words, "Behold your mother" (John 19:27).

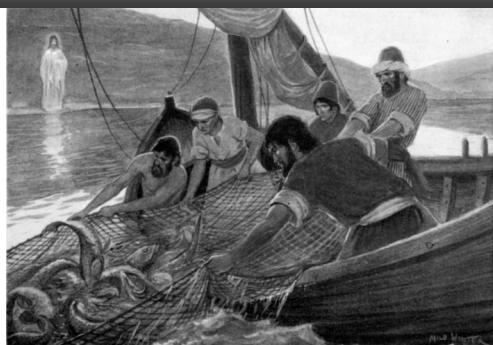


How does the Virgin Mary help the Church?

After the Ascension of her Son, the Virgin Mary aided the beginning of the Church with her prayers. Even after her Assumption into heaven, she continues to intercede for her children, to be a model of faith and charity for all, and to exercise over them a salutary influence deriving from the superabundant merits of Christ. The faithful see in Mary an image and an anticipation of the resurrection that awaits them and they invoke her as advocate, helper, benefactress and mediatrix.

The Servant's Word

With Jesus, the impossible can be achieved!



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Our Lord appears for the third time after his Resurrection in this week's Gospel passage. The apostles had gone back to their normal jobs after the recent events that had taken place. They were angry, confused and hopeless and to make matters worse, even their job as fishermen was not giving them any satisfaction because they were unable to catch any fish. Jesus, having seen that they had not caught a thing, suggested to throw the net on the other side of the boat. At this stage, he was still unknown to them. Having nothing to lose, they did just as he suggested. Shocked by such a huge large catch, they put the pieces of the puzzle together and recognized the person on the shore to be Jesus. Peter in his usual sporadic fashion, instantaneously dived into the water and swam while the others returned to shore and all responded to Jesus' request to eat together.

This scene connected the post-resurrected Jesus with the one they had lived with for the last three years. He ate fish. He knew them in and out. Jesus not only arose but was meeting with them as before. But more than proof of a physical resurrection, we see Jesus' commitment to communion with them and his desire to continue to work with them. The Apostles can do nothing of worth on their own - not even catch a fish, and with gentleness the Lord reminds them that with him, they can do the impossible. This is our story too! We tend to lock ourselves up in our own little world, just like the Apostles did, and only later do we come to realize that there is someone missing - the Lord. The Lord will not allow any barriers to get in his way. He will reveal himself, one way or another, and not allow any of his sheep to wander too far off. Therefore, when we too are angry, confused and have lost hope, we must also remember that we can do nothing of worth without Jesus. He is our hope and our strength and it is only through him and with him that we too can do the impossible.

The month of May home visits continue this week with Our Lady. It has been beautiful to see families gathering together in prayer. We need to encourage this not only during this month, but every day of our lives. This coming week we will be honouring our mothers on Tuesday 9 May beginning at 10.30am with a Mass and then a luncheon in the Cathedral Hall. Please don't miss out on buying a ticket for your mother. On Friday 12 May, the Novena to Saint Rita begins after the 6pm Mass. We will be praying for the persecuted Christians in Egypt this year through the intercession of Saint Rita. On Saturday 13 May at 9am, our brothers and sisters from the Latin Rite will be joining us to celebrate 100 years of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. We will start here at the Cathedral with morning prayers, then process with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta, where we will celebrate Mass and have lunch together. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Father Tony Sarkis

Do my actions lead others to Christ?

A couple of years ago whilst working on a new construction site, I had the owner of the house approach me and ask "aren't you becoming a priest"? Surprised by his question I began to explain that I was discerning and was open to whatever God willed. He went on to explain how he had always seen me at daily Mass assisting the priest by altar serving. Having never recognized this man at church I started having a chat with my boss about how important it is to be mindful of our actions in our everyday lives. What if I was carrying on and swearing? Or what if I was getting angry and being rude with fellow workers? What impression of a Christian would I have given this man whom I had never recognized before?

A few years ago, I was far from the church. I was caught up in drugs, alcohol, nightclubs and gambling. Quite often I would be seen in nightclubs intoxicated and high on drugs. I wonder what impression I had on people back then? More importantly, what kind of image would I give someone if they seen me doing that today? Would they say, "that's the altar server from Our Lady"? Would I be leading them to Christ or destruction? Brothers and sisters I urge you to never underestimate the consequence of your actions and how they effect the people around you. Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven". (Matt 5:16)

Our actions- whether good or bad- influence the people around us and may cause others to sin or encourage them to be virtuous. Throughout my spiritual life, I've come to understand that the best way to preach the gospel is to live it. We can tell others that they need God or we can show others our love for God. We can tell people about the necessity of prayer or we can show others our love for prayer.

I pray that God may continue to guide us so that we may go out and bring Jesus into this dark world so that His love may enlighten the hearts of all men.

Rob Mourad

Come Alive Corner



Mother's Day Session

On behalf of the Come Alive Team we would like to invite you to celebrate Mother's day with your sons or daughters during a special session in your honour.

**The session will be held on Wednesday 17th
May from 7pm until 9pm.**

The night will be filled with fun games, a spiritual talk and prayer time with your children.

"For there is no greater bond of love that exists in this world, than that of a mother and a child"

We kindly ask you to RSVP to Tony Mattar 0401 364 335 by May 12th in order for preparations for the special event.

Youth Corner

This week we celebrated two major milestones. These were:
1. The achievements of the previous Youth Executive Committee of 2016/2017
2. The election and welcoming of a new Executive committee for 2017/2018 period

It all started on Monday night where we held a farewell dinner for the outgoing Committee to thank them for their efforts. The night was filled with stories, laughter and memories of the past 2 years. On Tuesday night, we held our Youth Elections in front of a buzzing and energetic crowd. The following are the newly elected Youth Executive Committee for 2017/2018:

Coordinator: Joanne Elias
Assistant Coordinator: Roy Farah
Secretary: Helena Katrib
Treasurer: Joey Ghaloub
Spiritual Coordinator: Mary Raffoul
Charity Coordinator: Joanna Michael
Social Coordinator: Ronnie Hanna
Logistics Coordinator: Charbel Bou Daher
Media Coordinator: Anthony Khoury
MYO Works Assistant: Tony Lahoud
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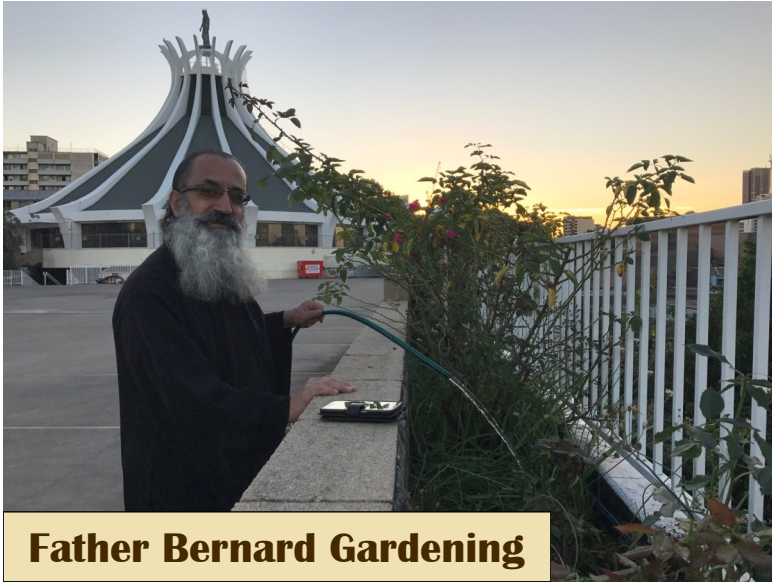


On behalf of the Youth Executive Committee of 2016/2017, we would like to congratulate and wish the newly elected team all the best in their journey as leaders of our youth. We pray and hope that they continue to contribute to the spiritual and social enrichment of our youth.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank the General Youth for giving us the opportunity to represent you over the past 2 years. It has been the utmost pleasure to serve you and I hope that we have contributed positively in all of our undertakings. Finally, thank you to our Chaplains Fr Raphael, Subdeacon Charbel Dib as well as the OLOL clergy and Pastoral Council for their splendid support in everything that we did.

John-Claude Tadros

Parish Camera



Father Bernard Gardening



**Youth Elections -
Congratulations to
our new committee
members**



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Advertisement for Western Union. It features a photograph of a young woman with glasses and a man looking at a smartphone together. The text says 'THIS IS SENDING MONEY TO LOVED ONES' and 'WU'. Below, it says 'Find your nearest location or send online at westernunion.com.au Customer Service 1800 501 500' and 'moving money for better'.

Advertisement for Fearless Martial Arts. The logo is 'FEARLESS MARTIAL ARTS' in red and black. It lists benefits: High energy Taekwondo classes, Experienced, qualified instructors, Learn self defence, gain confidence, Earn your Black Belt, be a champion!. The address is UNIT 5, 187 FAIRFIELD RD GUILDFORD and the phone number is PH: 0415 663 966. The website is www.facebook.com/fmataekwondo.

Parish Notice Board

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

قَدَاسَاتِ الأَسْبُوعِ

Sunday 7 May: 4th Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30am One Year Mary Joseph Sukkar from Becharre
11:00am Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri the Prefect of Congregation for the Oriental Churches and His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay followed by a Cocktail in the Pastoral Centre

Monday 8 May: Birth of St Charbel

10:00am Funeral Youssef Antonios Milan from Basloukit

Sunday 14 May: 5th Sunday of Resurrection – Mother's Day

Masses will be held at **8:00am, 9:30am, 5:00pm & 7:00pm**
11:00am Mass celebrated by Abbot Boutros Tarabay Superior General of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary

الأحد ٧ أيار: الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحومة ميري جوزيف سكر من بشرّي
 ١١:٠٠ يتّراس القّاس صاحب النيافة الكاردينال ليوناردو ساندرّي رئيس مجمع الكنائس الشّرقية وصاحب السيادة المطران أنطون- شربل طربيّه السامي الإحترام ، ويلي القّاس لقاء مع نيافة الكاردينال في المركز الرعوي

الإثنين ٨ أيار: عيد مولد مار شربل

١٠:٠٠ دفن المرحوم يوسف أنطونيوس ميلان من بسلوقيت

الأحد ١٤ أيار: الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة – عيد الأم

القّداسات ٨:٠٠ و ٩:٣٠ صباحاً و ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
 ١١:٠٠ يحتفل بالذبيحة الإلهية قدس الأب العام الأباتي بطرس طربيّه رئيس عام الرهبانية المارونية المريمية

From The Community Youth & Pastoral Centre

Interested in writing articles for the newsletter?

We are looking for new writers to include in our register.
 If you would like to write articles in Arabic or English, please email your interest to newsletter@lol.org.au

Novena & Feast of Saint Rita

From **12 May 2017 – 20 May 2017** | The Novena will be said at the following times:
Monday & Tuesday 7:15pm, Wednesday 8pm, Thursday - Saturday 7:15pm & Sunday 6pm.
Feast of St Rita Mass on Sunday 21 May 2017 at 11am including the Rite of Blessing of the Roses, Bread, Oil & Procession.
 For any enquiries contact Subdeacon Danny Nough on **0477 008 787**

"The Bible Project"

Thursday's at **7:15pm**
 English Weekly Catholic Bible Studies in the Seniors Room OLOL CYPC
 Led by Mons Shora and Team. All Welcome.

Adult Arabic School

Registration is now open, classes on Monday and Tuesday from 7-9pm
 for registration contact: Denise: **0413 373 588** or Diana: **0431 553 449**

MAY 2017

Mother's Day Mass & Function

Siti kalmi sitik (grandmother speak to your grandmother)
Tuesday 9 May 2017 | Mass at **10:30am** followed by lunch in the hall
Cost: \$50pp (food, drink & entertainment)
Contact: Gladis 0401265210 | Nadine 0488807080 | Charlotte 0406288538

MAY 2017

OLOL Teen's State of Origin - Game 1

Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 7:30pm in CYPC Level 1
Cost: \$20pp incl. dinner, drinks, snacks & half time entertainment and prizes.
Tickets will be sold pre-game before Saturday & Wednesday classes.
 Contact George Azar on **0416 668 974** or via facebook

OUR LADY OF LEBANON Co-CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

Diamonds & Pearls
 7TH ANNUAL
Gala Dinner
 Friday, 26th May 2017 | 7pm

Venue
 Clarence house, 44 Albert Rd, Belmore
Cost
 \$200 per person | Tickets to be pre-sold
Tickets

Jeannette Haddad: 0414 952 940
 Tina Salame: 0448 247 336
 John Wardian: 0434 531611

Our Cause

Support for renovations to the Church Shelter, Statue & Grotto

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MAY 2017

Maronites on Mission Annual Dinner

Under the patronage of His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, Maronites on Mission Australia invite you to their annual fundraising dinner, on **Friday 19 May 2017** at **The Lemnos Club, Belfield**. | **Tickets: \$100pp or \$1000** for a table of 10 includes mezza, dinner & entertainment. Funds raised will go towards funding local & overseas missions. Volunteers will be outside Church after mass selling raffle tickets with the major prize being a BMW car. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit the Maronites on Mission Facebook page or see a volunteer.

MaroniteCare Services

Youth Services & Facilities

Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study Centre
Open 10am – 10pm for Youth 18 & over
 Under 18s only with adult supervision
Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues **3:30pm - 6pm**
 Bookings essential call Anthony Chidiac **0411 217 103**

Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

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 Anthony Chidiac **0411 217 103**

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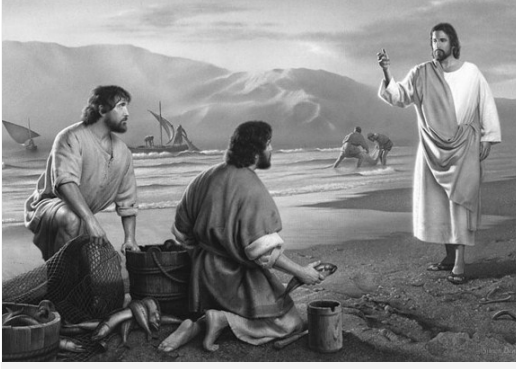
Women's Well-being Office

Natural Fertility Services. Evening appointments. Dr Dima Akik **0406 296 698**
Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months prior to the wedding: **8831 0000**

Carers Support Group

The Carers meeting will take place on **TBA at 10:30am**
 on the Ground floor of the CYPC. Contact: Madeleine Wakim **0419 449 066**.

هذا أنت!



على ضفاف تلك البحيرة كانت خواتم اللقاءات الحسية مع يسوع القائم من بين الأموات. على ذلك الشاطئ تكتفت صورة الحب الذي لا يروى في القصص ولا يصور في الأحلام، بل ذاك الذي لا يموت في النفوس النابضة بالحياة، فيتعرف، مهما كانت الأحوال، على مانحه. في تلك الناحية اختلجت القلوب من جديد أمام الهوية المستعادة، بعد موت الحبيب. هؤلاء الرجال الصيادين، وبعد أن تبخرت أحلامهم، وأحبطت عزيمتهم وثقلت أذرعهم للعمل مجدداً في جمع الأسماك، اضطربت قلوبهم في تلك اللحظات، وكشفت لهم الأوقات الصعبة التي زلوا فيها عند رؤية محنة السيد والمعلم يتألم، وخافوا فهربوا، وشكوا فطلبوا الدليل كتوماً، ونكروا فتألموا وبكوا خطيئتهم، أعني بطرس الذي ما إن تعرف إلى يسوع عند البحيرة حتى أيقظت فعلته الندم والخجل فألقى بنفسه في الماء مؤتزرًا، ساترًا عريه، على عكس منطق الذي ينزل إلى الماء، مذكراً إيانا بآدم وحواء يوم كشف الله لهما شرّ فعلتهما، فتبين لهما عريهما للمرة الأولى، وشعرا بالخجل والحرج لأنانيتهما ولنكرانهما الحب الذي كللها به الخالق... فهل كلن لبطرس الشعور إياه؟

هناك وفي ذاك الصباح، بدا يسوع مختلفاً. في هالة من الصمت الجديد المزدان بالقليل من الكلمات، اقترب من تلاميذه. بحرقة واحدة وصوت ينسكب كالعشق في النفس الولهانة، "أخذ الخبز وناولهم". دون قيد وشرط أو كلمات ذكرهم بإعطائهم ذاته قوتاً حياً. أعطاهم الحب الكامل بالكامل. ربما الصرخات انحبست في أفئدة التلاميذ يوماً لأنّ الفرح كان أعظم من دويّ الحناجر. فقط ترددت كلمتان على ألسنة الأحبة منذ القيامة: "ربيّ والهيّ"، "رابوني"، "هذا هو الربّ". باختصارٍ كلُّ صرخٍ بصمتٍ في قلبه المتأجج: "هذا أنت! أنت الحبيب الربّ!". كل تلميذ منهم كان يأمل أن تطول لحظات التقاء يسوع الزائفة، تلك الهاربة نحو السماء من محسوس الأرض إلى عيش الكلمة في عالم عطش للحبّ والسلام وما زال... الوقت حان للرحيل والرّسالة ليست مسامرة عند طلوع الفجر ولا جلسة حميمية مع أصدقاء فقط، إنّما هي ارتشاف نور الحياة من شمس صباح الألوهة، وزوادة إفخارستيا لمسيرة نحو أعماق بحار العالم حيث الشعوب على اختلافها كسمك البحر، تنتظر شبكة لا تتمزق كي تنتشلها من غمار أمواج "الأقوى بقوة ذراعه ونفوذه وماله وحيلته" إلى برّ الأمان والخلاص. ومن تراه يجذب تلك الشبكة من جديد؟ بطرس المندفع! بطرس الذي فيك وفيّ، بطرس الذي يسمع بنا الحبيب يهمس بنفحة حزينة لمراتٍ ثلاث وأربع وأكثر: "... أتحنيني؟". فأبي ملك تراه يسأل ("أتحنيني؟") بعيداً عن لغة الدساتير وأفعال الأمر: "أحبيبي والأ...؟! بالمقابل ما هو جوابنا له؟ عساه أن يكون مثل بطرس أيضاً: "أحبك"، "يا ربّ، أنت تعرف كل شيء، وأنت تعرف إنّي أحبك". جوابه كشف له الذات الضعيفة، وجعله يقرّ بقدرة الحبيب على سير غور النفس ومعرفتها.

Month of May 2017 - Mary Home Visits

GROUP 1

Monday 8 May 2017	Rima Nohra	70 Lavinia St, Merrylands 2160
Tuesday 9 May 2017	Antoine Gittany	38 Kirby St, Rydalmere 2116
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Tony El Asmar	8 Webb St, Merrylands 2160
Thursday 11 May 2017	Dory & Laura Akoury	19 Vivienne St, Woodpark 2164
Friday 12 May 2017	Rania Nassim	25 Wisdom St, Guildford 2161
Saturday 13 May 2017	Hadchit Association	13 Jamieson St, Granville 2142

GROUP 2

Monday 8 May 2017	Dalida Semaan	18 Heath St, Granville 2142
Tuesday 9 May 2017	Marie Sukkar	9 Station St, Guildford 2161
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Charlie Mejalli	48 Bungaree Rd, Toongabbie 2146
Thursday 11 May 2017	Khalil Habib	151A Fowler Rd, Merrylands 2160
Friday 12 May 2017	Faraj Baissari	19 Otto St, Merrylands 2160
Saturday 13 May 2017	Heaven on Earth	56A Redbank Rd, Northmead 2152

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, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, Hawa Azar (B) Joseph Saad Boutros (C) (D) Roumanos Dib & his wife Wardieh & their son Antonios (E) Matthew Essey, Sarkis Elia (F) Fahol Family, Ibrahim Hanna Fakhri (G) Helen George, Majid George, Colleen Madeline George, Gittany Family, Ezat Gergis (H) Anis Jamil Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Dr Jim Haddad, Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph Haddad, Joseph David Harradine, Dr James Haddad, Deceased of Haddad Family (I) Khalil & Marina Issa (J) Youssef & Ghanagi Joseph, Deceased of Joseph Family (K) Karam Antonios Karam, Khaicy Family (L) Deceased of Lahoud Family, Albert Lahoud (M) Therese Melhem, Boutros & Johra Moussa and their daughter Malki, Semaan & Karime Masri, Anthony Marmah Moses, Departed of Moses Family, Youssef & Ghssoun Maroun, Deceased of Moussa Family, Tony Sleiman Mouawad & Assad Gerges Mouawad and their deceased, Moussa Youssef Mikhael & his wife Marie (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanos, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Elie Saba Rahme, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Milia Bou Raidan (S) Souls in Purgatory, Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Nabih Nasim Saad, Youssef Michael Shaheen, Souls without family, Noha Succar, Fouad Sassine, Sukay Family (T) Those suffering from Cancer (U) (V) (W) (Y) Sayed Nakhle Yammine & his parents, Karma Youssef Yammine (Z)



"سنة الشهادة والشهداء"

الشهيد هو المتماهي مع المسيح الذي اقتدى به وامتلاً من قوّة الروح القدس ونعمة الآب، ليُزفَ بإِراقة دمه بشرى الإنجيل. ويشهد لإيمانه المسيحي بالآب والابن والروح القدس ولانتمائه الكنسي، ولتعلُّقه بالفضائل الإلهية وبتعليم الكنيسة، ويواجه بأدوات السلام والرحمة سيف المضطَّهَد الذي يعذِّبه ويقتله بوسائل شتى.

الاستشهاد هو فعل يقوم به الشهيد على إظهار شهادة إيمانه بالمسيح وحبّه له بحريّة وصدقية وفرح، راجباً في الاقتداء الكامل بالمسيح والاشترك في تدبيره الخلاصي. إنّه يسترجع في قرارة نفسه كلام الرب: "إن اضطهدوني فسوف يضطهدونكم أيضاً" (يو ١٥ : ٢٠). ليس الاستشهاد المسيحي سعياً إلى الموت بل هو الثبات على الإيمان بالمسيح حتى الموت (راجع متى ١٠ : ٣٢٢).

في تراثنا الانطاكي، نقرأ لاهوت الشهادة والاستشهاد في روحانية القديس اغناطيوس الانطاكي الذي كان يعتبر أنّ شهادة الدّم هي دعوة خاصّة من الله في الكنيسة واختيار إلهي، وأنها إفاخرستياً معاشة. هكذا كتب إلى أهل روما: "دعوني أصيرُ طعاماً للوحوش، فإنني بواسطتها أصل إلى الله. أنا حنطة الله،

تطحني أنياب الحيوانات لأصير خبزاً للمسيح خالياً من كلّ عيب... إسألوا المسيح أن يتنازل ويجعل منّي ذبيحةً لله بواسطة أنياب الوحوش" (إلى الرومانيين ٤ : ١). وكان يعتبر أنّ الاستشهاد هو فرصة لشهادة أقوى للمسيح فكتب: "اكتفوا بأن تسألوا لي القوّة الداخليّة والخارجيّة لأكون مسيحياً لا بالكلام بل بالقلب، لا اسماً فحسب بل فعلاً. وعندما أغيب عن هذا العالم يظهر إيماني بكلّ ضيائه" (إلى الرومانيين ٣ : ١). وإلى أهل إزمير كتب: "شهادة الدّم تُظهر حياة المسيح فينا، وتشهد للقيامة ولانتصار على الموت منذ الآن" (إزمير ٣). (يتبع)



مع يسوع يصبح المستحيل ممكناً!

كلمة الخادم

إخوتي وأخواتي بالمسيح، يظهر ربنا للمرة الثالثة بعد قيامته في إنجيل هذا الأسبوع. كان التلاميذ قد عادوا إلى أعمالهم اليومية بعد الأحداث الأخيرة التي حصلت. كانوا مستائين، مشوشين ويائسين. وما زاد في الطين بلّة أن عملهم كصيادين لم يعد يعطيهم أيّ رضى ذاتي لأنهم عجزوا عن اصطياد حتى سمكة واحدة. اقترح عليهم يسوع، بعدما رأى أنهم لم يصطادوا أي شيء، أن يلقوا الشبكة في الجهة الأخرى من السفينة. حتى تلك اللحظة، لم يكونوا قد عرفوه بعد. وبما أنه لم يكن لديهم ما يخسرونه، عملوا تماماً وفقاً لنصيحته. وفيما هم مندهشون لصيدٍ وفير بهذا الحجم، جمعوا قطع اللغز مع بعضها وأدركوا أن الشخص الذي يقف على الشاطئ هو يسوع. بفورته المعهودة، رمى بطرس بنفسه في الماء حالاً وأسرع نحو يسوع فيما عاد الآخرون إلى الشاطئ وقبل الجميع دعوة يسوع لتناول الطعام معاً.

لقد ربط هذا المشهد بين يسوع القائم حديثاً من الموت وذاك الذي سبق وعاشه معه التلاميذ على مدى السنوات الثلاث الأخيرة. أكل سمكاً. كان يعرفهم جيداً. لم يقم يسوع من الموت فحسب، بل راح يلتقي بهم كما كان يفعل سابقاً. هذا الأمر هو أكثر من مجرد برهان حسي على القيامة، إذ نرى فيه التزام يسوع الشراكة مع التلاميذ ورغبته في مواصلة العمل معهم. لا يستطيع التلاميذ أن يفعلوا أيّ شيء مهم بمفردهم، ولا حتى اصطياد سمكة! يذكرهم الرب، بلطف، بأن من خلاله يستطيعون أن يفعلوا المستحيل.

هذه قصتنا نحن أيضاً! نميل نحو الانغلاق على أنفسنا في عالمنا الصغير الخاص، تماماً كما فعل التلاميذ، ولا ندرك سوى لاحقاً أن هناك شخصاً ناقصاً وهو الرب. لا يسمح الرب لأي حاجز بأن يعيق طريقه. يكشف عن ذاته، بطريقة أو بأخرى، ولا يسمح لأي من خرافه بأن يشرّد بعيداً. كذلك نحن، عندما نكون مستائين، مشوشين ويائسين، يجب أن نتذكّر بدورنا بأننا لا نستطيع أن نفعل شيئاً ذا قيمة من دون يسوع. إنه رجاؤنا وقوتنا، ومن خلاله ومعهم فقط نستطيع نحن أيضاً أن نفعل المستحيل.



تستمر هذا الأسبوع زيارة المنازل خلال شهر أيار مع سيدتنا العذراء. كم هو جميل أن نرى العائلات تجتمع للصلاة معاً. علينا أن نشجع هذه الممارسة، ليس فقط خلال هذا الشهر، بل في كل يوم من حياتنا أيضاً. خلال الأسبوع المقبل سوف نكرّم أمهاتنا يوم الثلاثاء ٩ أيار بقداس عند الساعة ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً يليه غداء في قاعة الكاتدرائية. الرجاء لا تفوتوا فرصة شراء تذكرة لتكريم أمكم. يوم الجمعة ١٢ أيار، تبدأ تساعية القديسة ربنا بعد قداس الساعة ٦ مساءً. هذه السنة سنصلي لكي تتشفع القديسة ربنا من أجل المسيحيين المضطهدين في مصر. يوم السبت ١٣ أيار الساعة ٩ صباحاً، سينضم إلينا أخوتنا وأخواتنا من الكنيسة اللاتينية للاحتفال بمرور ١٠٠ سنة على ظهورات العذراء في فاطيما. سنبدأ هنا في الكاتدرائية بصلوات الصباح، ثم نزيح تمثال سيدة فاطيما إلى كاتدرائية القديس باتريك في باراماتا حيث نحتفل بالقداس ونتناول الغداء معاً. أتطلع بشوق لأراكم جميعاً في كل هذه النشاطات.

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الرسالة

قَالَ يُوحَنَّا الرَّسُولُ: بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بُحَيْرَةِ طَبْرِيَّةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ، وَتَوْمَ الْمُقَلَّبِ بِالنَّوْمِ، وَتِنْتَائِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَابْنَا زَبْدَى، وَتَلْمِيذَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنَ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ: "أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَنْصُطَادُ سَمَكًا". قَالُوا لَهُ: "وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ". فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلَامِيذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ شَيْءٌ يُؤْكَلُ؟" أَجَابُوهُ: "لَا!". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "الْأَقْوَا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا". وَأَلْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدَرُوا عَلَى اجْتِدَائِهَا مِنْ كَثْرَةِ السَّمَكِ.

فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلْمِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسَ: "إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ". فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، انْتَرَزَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبَحْرِ. وَأَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا بِعِيْدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئْتَيْ ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصَبْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ". فَصَعِدَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَدَّ الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَثِيرًا، مِنْهُ ثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثْرَةِ لَمْ تَنَمَرِّقْ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "هَلُمُّوا تَعَدُّوا". وَلَمْ يَجْرُرُوا أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ: "مَنْ أَنْتَ؟"، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَلِمُوا أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَتَوَلَّهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ.

يو ٢١ : ١ - ١٤



قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة
أف ٢ : ١ - ١٠
يو ٢١ : ١٥ - ١٩

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا
يَجْعَلُ نِعْمَتَهُ
وَجِبَّهُ فِي
النَّفْسِ إِلَّا
بِحَسَبِ إِرَادَةِ
النَّفْسِ وَحِبِّهَا

القدّيس يوحنا
الصليب

صَلُّوا مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا وَاثِقُونَ أَنَّ ضَمِيرَنَا صَالِحٌ، وَنَحْنُ نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَسْأَلَكَ مَسْئَلًا حَسَنًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْحَاحِ أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، حَتَّى يَرُدَّنِي اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ سَرِيعًا ! وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ، الَّذِي أَصْعَدَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ، رَاعِي الْخِرَافِ الْعَظِيمِ بِدَمِ عَهْدِ أَبَدِيٍّ، هُوَ يَجْعَلُكُمْ كَامِلِينَ فِي كُلِّ صِلَاحٍ، لِتَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِيْنَا مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ، بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ. وَأَنَاشِدُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، أَنْ تَحْتَمِلُوا كَلَامَ التَّشْجِيعِ، فَإِنِّي كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ ! إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَحَانَا طِيموثَاوُسَ قَدْ أَخْلَى سَبِيلَهُ. فَإِنَّ أَسْرَعَ فِي مَجِيئِهِ، سَأَذْهَبُ مَعَهُ وَأُرَافِكُمْ. سَلِّمُوا عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُدَبِّرَيْكُمْ وَجَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ الْإِخْوَةُ الَّذِينَ فِي إِيطَالِيَا. أَلْنِعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ !

عب ١٣ : ١٨ - ٢٥

صلاة

يا ربّ، نشكركَ لأنك دعوتنا إلى خدمتك لما اخترت أن نكون من أعضاء جسد ابنك السري، الكنيسة، فجعلتنا من "صيادي" البشر، لنصطادهم إلى محبتك وحنانك وغفرانك... هبنا اليوم روحك القدوس ليجدد عقولنا وقلوبنا ونفوسنا، فنحقق دعوتنا، ويتمجد اسمك القدوس واسم أبيك واسم روحك القدوس، إلى أبد الأبد، آمين!



شهر
مريمي

قدّاسات يوم الأحد

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الإعترافات

مؤمّنة قبل وخلال قدّاس السبت الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً وقدّاسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

ساعة سجود: كل يوم خميس ٨:٠٠ - ٩:٠٠ مساءً ٢٤ ساعة سجود أمام القربان: كل أول جمعة من الشهر من ٩:٣٠ صباحاً لغاية السبت ٧:٣٠ صباحاً