



You Died for us, O Redeemer,
and gave us life in abundance

يَا مَنْ غَدَا فِي الْمَمَاتِ بَسْرَ الْفِدَا لِلْحَيَاةِ

The Good News from Your Parish

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK



Sunday 28 April 2019

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The Gospel

New Sunday & Feast of Divine Mercy

The Epistle

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas: "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Jn 20: 26-31

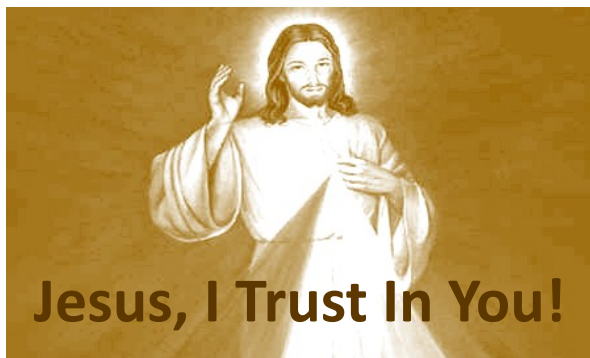


Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of the
Resurrection
2Tim 2: 8-13
Lk 24: 13-35

Brothers and sisters, therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Cor 5: 11-21



Jesus, I Trust In You!

Prayer

Lord of Life,

On this New Sunday, we pray that our faith and belief in Your Resurrection may be renewed and strengthened. Open our minds to accept the truth that with You, in You and through You, there is life after death. Amen!

**The
Resurrection is
at the core of
our beliefs as
Christians.
Without it, our
faith is
meaningless.**

Joseph B. Wirthlin

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

LOLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth)

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:** This Fri 03 May from 9:30am - Sat 04 May at 7:30am

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Light from the Word

A New Life

It is the Season of the Resurrection and we now look no longer to Jesus among us as human, but rather as Christ resurrected. This absolutely changes the way we look at everything, even our very own existence.

We are not made for death but for life – eternal life. We are no longer bound by evil and sin, but free to love graciously. We no longer live for ourselves, but for Christ who was raised before us.

Paul in his letters strongly emphasises all this. If Jesus, the Son of God, became human, lived among us, was crucified, died and then rose to glorious eternal life, it challenges us to live in hope. Paul beautifully puts in this way in v17, 'So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!'

The Resurrection means all things have taken on a new lease of life, because we have reassurance that God is always with us. Nothing, not sin nor hatred, not injustice nor violence, can destroy the very truth and reality of God. So today even as we face waves of criticism and attacks on religion, the ultimate reality is that God is among us – God cannot die! Alleluia, Christ is Risen, and we are witnesses to this. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF

Family Committee

What Would Your Answer Be?

As they started growing and becoming teenagers, my kids' questions about the Faith became challenging to me and to how much I knew about my faith. For someone who was involved with the church from the age of 5, I started running out of the right answers. This is when the family committee of OLOL decided to run the Men's Faith Formation monthly meetings, in order to better equip us in the Faith. So, if you see yourself as a man who is in need to know Jesus more and wants to ensure that you are the primary educator for your children about our Faith, then come and join us....Why risk leaving it to those potentially less informed?

Being continually involved with our Parish and with other committees is another blessing in being part of the Family Committee. Together with the youth of OLOL, we joined our efforts this year to produce what Fr Tony had in mind as a tomb for our Lord's Burial for Easter. Over three consecutive nights, it was great to experience the effort of the young and younger people working together to come up with a great structure to venerate our Lord in His passion, death and resurrection. The joy of working together as families is amazing, so what is stopping you from joining us? It's an opportunity to experience fun and spiritual growth while contributing to our upcoming events.

Finally, looking forward to seeing you all next week, at our parish picnic day, on the 5th of May (see the 'Announcements' section for details). We have reserved a sheltered BBQ area and will have free food and activities but encourage you to bring chairs and your own snacks.

Joseph Ayoub

The Servant's Word

A New Awareness

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is "New Sunday". It is called by the Church as such because on that day the appearance of the risen Christ to the apostles, including Thomas, occurred. It was the first day of the week and the second Sunday after resurrection.

This appearance gave the apostles and the Church a new awareness of the depth of the resurrection and the mystery of Jesus Christ, an awareness of the fact that the risen Christ bears in his glorified body the signs of the crucifixion, confirming the mystery of salvation through the cross. This would establish the faith of the apostles and our faith in Him on a salvific and theological truth emanating from His reassurance "It is I; do not be afraid" (John 6: 20). This is what the Lord says to us every time we are scared, doubtful or our faith is weakened for any reason.

It is a new awareness that bears with it an awakening to an essential truth in our Christian life; Jesus is the Lord and God who is remaining with us. Through this awareness, we can come to know Him, experience His presence and believe in Him without putting our finger in His wounds as Thomas did, without having to see Him with our own eyes or knowing Him historically like the apostles knew Him. We come to know Him through the testimonies of the apostles as written in the Gospel and through living the holy Sacraments which make us experience the power of His resurrection by the graces which free the soul and body and heal them. The Lord has confirmed to us our knowledge of Him through grace when he said to Thomas: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (John 20: 29).

Grant us Lord to long for you, like your apostle Thomas, to see you, have an encounter with you and experience you! Make us worthy of your beatitude so we can see you with the eyes of our faith, touch you through our permanent union with you as provided to us by the Church and her sacraments, and listen to your voice through the inspirations of your spirit who leads us towards your Kingdom in our daily lives.

In this apostolic spirit, the various committees in our parish continue to carry out their wonderful activities. On Thursday, the Elderly Committee celebrated its Easter mass followed by lunch. Many of our older people participated in this event. Enjoying this day was a source of joy for our hearts. A big thank you to Father Yuhanna Maroun Saliba and to the Elderly Committee for their efforts and dedication to the older people amongst us.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy started on Good Friday and will be concluded today with prayers, confessions and mass at 3 pm. I would like to thank Subdeacon Robert Al-Bayeh and the Divine Mercy team for organizing these prayers and celebrations.

I would like to encourage you all to participate in our upcoming activities and celebrations, including the home visits by Our Lady in May. A few nights are still available if you wish to make a booking. The Marian Month will be concluded on the first of June by a procession in the streets around the Cathedral at 5.00 pm. Our Mother's Day cruise will be on Tuesday 7 May. Our annual gala dinner will be held on 31 May at Lantana, Bonnyrigg. It is one of our biggest fund raising events. We hope that you support this occasion so we can continue to grow our parish and reach thousands of people who need the light of our Lord's resurrection.

Let us work together as active members of the mystical body of Christ so we can truly glorify God through all these activities and celebrations, and serve His people

Father Tony Sarkis



☩ Dearly beloved,

In our Maronite tradition, the week directly after the Sunday of the Resurrection is called the Week of the Hawareeyeen and this Sunday marks the end of this week. Certain linguists teach that this word is Syriac and suggests the idea of "white" and or "justification". It refers either to the angels at the empty tomb, who announced the Lord's Resurrection, clothed in white, or to the Lord's disciples who believed in his Resurrection and thus, were clothed in "justification", or also to the newly baptised members of the Church, clothed both in white at this time of the year and in justification through the baptismal waters. In the early Church, baptism used to take place on Resurrection Sunday and the week that followed.



Other sources relate this word to an Ethiopian translation which means the "ones who have been sent out" or the missionaries referring to the disciples of Jesus whom he sent out to proclaim the Good News. Regardless of the meaning of the word we choose to reflect on, this past week was to remind us of the Lenten journey that we have just completed. Through our fasting, abstinence, prayer and penance we have become white again. By sharing in His death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we have enriched and renewed our faith so that our justification can actually bring us new life so we may proclaim with Thomas the Apostle: "My Lord and my God!".

We are each called to be one of the Hawareeyeen, clothed in white and living in righteousness. We are the disciples who have put on Jesus. May we not only say Christ is Risen, but more importantly, may we live it because: Christ is Risen, He is truly Risen, and each one of us is a witness to this!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Article of The Week

Why Trust Jesus? The Testimony of A Victim of Domestic Violence

WARNING This article deals with difficult issues concerning domestic violence. Some readers may have experienced or witnessed domestic violence and reading this may vividly bring back buried memories. If this applies to you, please consider your own wellbeing and whether you should continue reading. If you are in an abusive situation or know someone who is, call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or Domestic Violence Help Line (1800 656 463).

I interviewed a victim of Domestic Violence and how she still trusts Jesus, despite the evil she has been through. Without further ado, here is her testimony. Her identity will remain anonymous.

Mum and dad were always fighting. He would hit her. I got caught in the crossfire. I would become bruised and I covered it with makeup. I started to cut myself. I became depressed. My family stopped talking to each other. I felt like I needed punishment for making my family fight. But the cutting didn't last long. I realised it was wrong.

When I tried to get advice from other people, they would say 'that's your parents business, don't get involved, this is very common, everyone does this'. I was repeatedly told to pray on it. I did. I felt that it did not help, I found that people didn't like to talk about it, it was taboo. I needed to let it out, I needed someone to talk to. Everyone kept silencing me. I felt like no one could ever understand what I was going through.

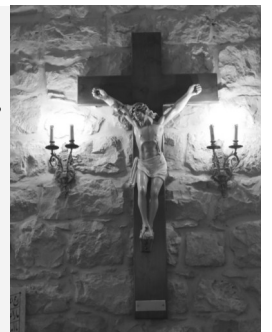
We went to Lebanon. There was 1 priest who kept watching me. He called me over. I said cheerfully 'Hi Abouna (Father)'. He looked at me and asked why he can feel waves of anger coming out like heat from me. I burst into tears. He told me I needed to forgive. I needed to be like Christ and forgive. The priest said I should never force someone to love me. Jesus never forced anyone. He only gave the opportunity for people to love him. This day I felt a weight lift off of my shoulders.

I went to Adoration back home. I felt calm, safe. Adoration built my trust in Christ and his will. I was in the dark all those years. Dad recently flipped it over virtually nothing. He held my mum to the wall. He raised his hand to hit her. I got in between them. He started to choke me. He dragged me to the balcony and nearly threw me over. I screamed, and my sibling pushed him off me. My life and my mum's life were in danger. This is when we took action. We became fed up with the abuse. He is gone now. My family started talking to each other about our experiences. We started to open up about our wounds. My mum said she wished she did this sooner. I wished we never put up with the abuse. It helped us heal and grow together. We are closer than ever.

I realised that talking about it with people who had gone through the same thing helped me a lot. I trust Christ to lead us out of this. I tried my way (give him space and let him come back to us), the hard way (forcing him to be good), but the only way that worked was God's way, leaving it in God's hands. We have moved on from him. My way and the hard way did not work. Christ is the only hope I have.

I was asked how can I still trust Jesus after all of this? I thought of when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane. He wanted his Father to take the cup of suffering from him. Then he trusted God in his will and accepted the cup. If Christ can trust God in his grand plan, then I can trust God in his plan for me. I accept the cup offered to me.

Emily Dib





Seniors' Committee Easter Fete – حفلة لجنة المسنين

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Sunday 28 April: New Sunday – Devine Mercy

11:00am 40 Day Antoun Tannous Raffoul from Harf Miziara

5:00pm 40 Day Mehzen Zakka Yaacoub from Karm El Mohr

Tuesday 30 April

10:30am Funeral Halim Youssef Kesrwan from Jezzine

Friday 3 May

6:00pm 40 Day Kozhaya (Kenny) Boutros Sassine from Hadchit

Saturday 4 May

2:00pm Maronite College of the Holy Family – First Holy Communion

6:00pm 40 Day Marie Gerges Khayr from Tannourine widow of the late Mansour Nkoula Sfeir from Hadath El Jebbeh

Sunday 5 May: 3rd Sunday of Resurrection

8:00am The living and departed of the members of Sodality

11:00am One Year Mtanios Jebrine Yaacoub (Hrayki) from Karm El Moher

5:00pm 40 Day Badwi Sayed Barakat from Zgharta

قَدَاسَاتِ الْأُسْبُوعِ

الأحد ٢٨ نيسان: الأحد الجديد – عيد الرحمة الإلهية

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم أنطون طنوس رفول من حرف مزيارة

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم محسن زكا يعقوب من كرم المهر

الثلاثاء ٣٠ نيسان

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحوم حليم يوسف كسرواني من جزيين

الجمعة ٣ أيار

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم الشاب قزحيا (Kenny) بطرس ساسين من حدشيت

السبت ٤ أيار

٢:٠٠ قداس القريانة الأولى لتلاميذ المدرسة المارونية للعائلة المقدسة هاريس بارك

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة ماري جرجس خير من تنورين أرملة المرحوم منصور

نقولا صفير من حدث الجبة

الأحد ٥ أيار: الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

٨:٠٠ قداس على نية أبناء الأخوة أحياء ومرضى وأموات

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم مطانيوس جبرين يعقوب الملقب (بالحريكي) من كرم المهر

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم الشاب بدوي سايد بركات من زغرنا

Announcements

Fersen El Adra Movie Night

When 4th May **Time** 7pm - 10pm

Location OLOL Youth Centre **Cost** \$15 pp

Movie options COCO & Spiderman Homecoming

Includes Popcorn | Pizza | Drinks

LOL Parish Family Picnic

When Sunday 5th May **Time** 11am (After 9.30am Mass)

Location Campbel Hill Road Picnic Area, Guildford

Day includes reserved sheltered BBQ/ Picnic Area | **Free Food** |

Games & Activities - All Are Welcome!

Mother's Day Harbour Cruise

When Tuesday 07 May 2019 **Cost** \$85 per person incl. Food, Transport & Entertainment, 4 hour Harbour Cruise

Departure 9am From OLOL **Return** 2.45pm

Tickets Church Office & 5 Loaves Café | **Contact** Joan 0411 709 249

Annual Parish Gala Dinner 2019

When Friday 31st May 2019 Lantana

Venue Lantana Venues - 130 Edensor Road Bonnyrigg, Sydney, 2177

Tickets Available At The Church's Office

Regular Parish Events / Activities

Youth & Teen's Events

Teens Saturdays 4-6pm contact Albert Junior (AJ) **0415241514**
Blood Donation contact Joanna **0447442940** or Annette **0405297746**
Youth Meetings For more details contact Joanne **0427503008**
LOL St Vincent De Paul Society Conference
Contact Kim Moussa 0424 658 190 or **svdp_olol@hotmail.com**

Senior's Events

Activities for Seniors

كل أسبوعين لمن يهيمه إحضار أحد الوالدين أو الجدّين

Children's Events

Arabic Classes: Every Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm (during the school term)
 contact Fr Bernard **0411 811 807**
Fersen Al-Adra: Sat 1pm -3pm call Eliana Gerges on **0421 740 115**
Children's Playgroup: Tuesdays & Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am

Adults Events

Arabic Classes

Mondays 7pm - 9pm
 contact Fr Bernard **0411 811 807**

Family of The Divine Word

عائلة الكلمة الإلهية – سهره إنجيلية

Tuesdays at 7pm

contact the Parish Office:
02 9689 2899

Maronite Care 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 **1300 627 227**

Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

For Teens 12-18 years and their families.
For Youth 18 & over and Adults & Couples
Call 1300 627 227

White Stone Family Support Services

Is your family impacted by addictions?
 Counsellors, Psychologists & Social Workers can assist you
 contact: **1300 627 227**

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**

Cancer Support Group

Meeting held **first Thursday of every month from 7-8:30pm**
 in **Mary MacKillop Room** Lvl 1 in CYPC. More info **1300 627 227**

رسالة إلى كنيسة سميرنا



أشكر الرب يسوع المسيح إلينا الذي أوحى إليكم بهذه الحكمة. لقد اكتشفت أنكم متحدون وراسخين في إيمان لا يتزعزع، ويمكنني أن أقول حتى إنكم مُسَمَّرُونَ جَسَدًا وروحًا بصليب ربنا يسوع المسيح،

وثابتون في المحبة من خلال دمه، ومقتنعون تمامًا بأن ربنا "وُلِدَ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ بِحَسَبِ الطَّبِيعَةِ الْبَشَرِيَّةِ"، ابن الله بفعل الإرادة والقدرة الإلهيتين؛ وُلِدَ حَقًّا مِنْ عَذْرَاءٍ وَاعْتَمَدَ عَلَى يَدِ يُوْحَنَّا "لِيَتِمَّ كُلُّ بَرٍّ" سَمَّرَ فَعَلًا عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ فِي عَهْدِ بِيْلَاطُسَ الْبَنْطِيِّ وَالْمَلِكِ هِيرُودُسَ. ونحن إن وُجِدْنَا، فَذَلِكَ بِفَضْلِ ثَمَرَةِ الصَّلِيبِ وَآلَامِهِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ الْمُحْيِيَةِ. فهو بقيامته "يَرْفَعُ رَأْيَتَهُ" لِلْقُرُونِ الْمُقْبِلَةِ لِيُخْتَارَ قَدِيسِيهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ بِهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْيَهُودِ وَالنَّصْرَانِيِّينَ وَيُوَحِّدَهُمْ فِي جَسَدٍ وَاحِدٍ هُوَ جَسَدُ الْكَنِيسَةِ. لقد قبل الرب يسوع المسيح هذه الآلام كُلِّهَا لِأَجْلِ خَلَاصِنَا. وَقَدْ تَأَلَّمَ حَقًّا وَقَامَ حَقًّا. وآلامه لم تكن مجرد ظهور بسيط كما يدعي بعض من غير المؤمنين. بالنسبة إليّ، أعرف وأؤمن بأن يسوع ظهر بالجسد حتى بعد قيامته. وعندما دنا من بطرس ورفاقه، قال لهم: "انظروا إلى يَدَيَّ وَقَدَمَيَّ. أَنَا هُوَ بِنَفْسِي. الْمَسُونِي وَانظُرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَيْسَ لَهُ لَحْمٌ وَلَا عَظْمٌ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي". وسرعان ما لمسوه وأمنوا. هذا الاتحاد الوثيق بجسده وبروحه ساعدهم ليواجهوا الموت وليكونوا أقوى منه. وبعد القيامة، تناول يسوع الطعام والشراب معهم كإنسان بشري في حين أنه كان قد أصبح روحًا واحدًا مع الآب. يا أحبائي، إنني أذكركم بهذه الحقائق مع علمي بأنه أيضًا إعلان إيمانكم.

القديس إغناطيوس الأنطاكي - بطريرك أنطاكية وشهيد

شيء جميل من أجل الله



إِنَّ الْمَسِيحِيِّينَ لَمَّا هُمْ كَنُورٍ لِلآخَرِينَ، لِلبَشَرِ أَجْمَعِينَ. وَلِذَا كُنَّا مَسِيحِيِّينَ، يَجِبُ أَنْ نَتَّسِبَهُ بِالْمَسِيحِ. إِنْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ تَتَعَلَّمُوا فَنَ الْخِدْمَةِ، سَيَجْعَلُكُمْ ذَلِكَ تَتَّسِبَهُونَ أَكْثَرَ فَأَكْثَرَ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، لِأَنَّ قَلْبَهُ كَانَ مُتَوَاضِعًا، وَكَانَ دَائِمَ الْإِنْتِبَاهِ إِلَى حَاجَاتِ الْبَشَرِ. هَكَذَا تَبْدَأُ طَرِيقَ

القداسة، مِنْ هَذَا الْحَرَصِ عَلَى الْإِعْتَاءِ بِالْآخَرِينَ؛ لَتَبْدُو دَعْوَتُنَا جَمِيلَةً، يَجِبُ أَنْ تَكُونَ مُمَثِّلَةً مِنْ هَذَا الْإِعْتَاءِ. حَيْثُ كَانَ يَمْرُؤُا يَسُوعَ، كَانَ يَزْرَعُ الْخَيْرَ. وَفِي عَرَسِ قَانَا، لَمْ تَفَكَّرِ الْعَذْرَاءُ مَرْيَمُ سِوَى فِي حَاجَاتِ الْآخَرِينَ وَفِي إِطْلَاعِ يَسُوعَ عَلَيْهَا. الْمَسِيحِيُّ هُوَ هَيْكَلٌ لِلَّهِ الْحَيِّ. لَقَدْ خَلَقْتَنِي، وَاخْتَارْتَنِي، وَسَكَنْتَ فِيَّ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ بِحَاجَةٍ إِلَيَّ. الْآنَ وَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمْ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّكُمْ، أَلَيْسَ مِنَ الطَّبِيعِيِّ أَنْ تَمْضُوا الْفَتْرَةَ الْمُتَبَقِّيَّةَ مِنْ حَيَاتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَتَّسِعُونَ بِهَذَا الْحُبِّ؟ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَسِيحِيِّينَ حَقِيقِيِّينَ يَعْنِي أَنْ نَسْتَقْبَلَ الْمَسِيحَ حَقًّا وَأَنْ نَتَحَوَّلَ إِلَى مَسِيحٍ آخَرَ. يَعْنِي أَنْ نَحْبَّ كَمَا نَحْنُ مُحِبُّوْنَ، كَمَا أَحَبَّنَا الْمَسِيحُ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ.

القديسة تيريزا دي كالكوتا

أغفر لنا ذنوبنا وخطايانا كما نحن نغفر لمن أخطأ وأساء إلينا

كما نحتاج إلى الخبز، بالطريقة نفسها نحتاج إلى الغفران. هو تصرف معاكس للتكبر، والذي يُظهره مَنْ يَعْتَقِدُ نَفْسَهُ أَفْضَلَ مِنَ الْآخَرِينَ وَيَعْتَقِدُ أَنَّهُ تَمَّ واجباته حيال الله. إِنَّ كُنَّا نَحْبُّ، فَلَأَنْ أَحَدَهُمْ إِلَى جَانِبِنَا أَبْقِظْنَا عَلَى الْحُبِّ، وَأَفْهَمْنَا أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ الْأَهَمُّ فِي الْوُجُودِ. نَحْنُ نَحْبُّ لِأَنَّ هُنَاكَ مَنْ أَحَبَّنَا وَسَامَحَنَا. فَكَيْفَ لَا نَعْتَرِفُ، ضَمِنْ سِلْسِلَةِ الْحُبِّ الَّتِي سَبَقَتْهَا، بِوُجُودِ حُبِّ اللَّهِ وَعَيْنَاتِهِ؟

البابا فرنسيس



“يا أولاد مريم وافوا للسرور في شهر تكريم من بين الشهور”

شهر مريمي مبارك

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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 the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All souls in Purgatory (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Chahrabane Boutros (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey (F) Ibrahim Hanna Fakhry (G) Helen George, Majid George, Colleen Madeline George, Youssef & Ghssoun Maroon, Izat Gerges (H) Anis Jamil Haddad, Boutros & Johra Moussa and their daughter Malki, Antonios Jamil Haddad, Dr Jamil Haddad, Madeleine & Paul Haddad & Son Joseph, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) Salim Wadih Ishac (J) Youssef & Ghanaje Joseph, Elias Saad Jahjah & his wife Mariam (K) Tanios Elias Kazzi & Family (L) (M) Anthony Moses & the departed of the Moses Family, Bechara Boutros Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa, Semaan & Karimeh Masri, Therese Melhem, Joseph Melan (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joseph (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Kenny Sassine (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

المُؤَشَّح ٤٢

بَسَطْتُ يَدَيَّ إِلَى الرَّبِّ،
وَقَرَّبْتُ لَهُ نَفْسِي.
إِنْبَسَاطُ يَدَيَّ هُوَ عَلامَتُهُ.
عَلامَةُ الخَشْبَةِ الْمُتَنَصِّبَةِ،
حَيْثُ عُلِقَ الْبَارَّ عَلَى حَافَةِ الطَّرِيقِ.
كُنْتُ بِلا فائدةٍ لِمَنْ أُدْرِكُونِي.
إِنَّمَا أَتَى إِلَى مَنْ يُحِبُّونِي.
بَادَ جَمِيعُ مُضْطَهِّدِي.
أَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِي حَيًّا
فَإِنَّهُمْ يَنْتَهِلُونَ إِلَيَّ.
فَمَتَّ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ وَأَنَا مَعَهُمْ، أَتَكَلَّمُ بِفَمِهِمْ.
طَرَدْتُ جَمِيعَ مُضْطَهِّدِيهِمْ.
وَوَضَعْتُ عَلَيْهِمْ نِيرَ مَحَبَّتِي.
مِثْلَ ذِرَاعِ الْخُطِيبِ عَلَى كَتِفِ خَطِيبَتِهِ،
هَكَذَا نِيرِي عَلَى مَنْ يَعْرِفُونَنِي.

قراءة من مؤشحات سليمان



لفهم أحداث هذا النص علينا أن نكون بديرية بالآيتين ٢٤ و ٢٥ اللتين تسبقانه، بحيث ظهر يسوع في مساء يوم أحد القيامة لتلاميذه لكن توما كان غائبا، فلما عاد قالوا له "أينما الرب" فكان جوابه "لا أؤمن إلا إذا رأيت أثر المسامير في يديه، ووضعت إصبعي في مكان المسامير ويدي في جنبه". فهذا التلميذ الذي رافق يسوع ثلاث سنين وعين كل ما فعله يريد شيئا ملموسا ليؤمن. الآية ٢٦، ظهر المسيح والأبواب مغلقة وقال لهم السلام لكم، فسلام القائم من الموت والمنتصر عليه والذي حطم أبواب الجحيم لن تمنعه الأبواب المغلقة من الوصول لرساله وإعطائهم سلامه. ثم يتوجه يسوع بالكلام إلى توما في الآية التالية، محققا ما طلبه في الآية ٢٥. لكن توما وقف مذهولا مندهشا ولم يجرأ على المساس بالرب مكتفيا بإعلان إيمانه بصيغة جد مختصرة ولكن تحمل خلفها الكثير، تحمل خلفها فهما وإدراكا لكل ما سمعه أو عاينه من المعلم خلال فترة التتلمذ، فكان ردّه "ربي وإلهي". في الآية ٢٩، يقول يسوع "طوبى لمن لم يروا وآمنوا"، أي الطوبى لمن آمن بعد أن وصلت إليه البشري وقبلها بقلبه وعقله ولم ينتظر حدوث ظهورات وآيات وعجائب ليؤمن. فتوما وصلت إليه بشرى القيامة لكنّه رفضها واضعا شرطاً ليؤمن. في مسيرتنا الإيمانية غالبا ما نطلب من الله تدخلات معينة ومحددة لنؤمن، ولكن لا يمكننا أن نسمع هذه الطوبى التي ذكرها المسيح إن كان إيماني مشروطاً، فالإيمان بالله يبدأ من تقبل البشارة ثم البدء بمسيرة الإيمان التي هي بحد ذاتها علاقة مع الله.

وعى جديد

كلمة الخادم

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أعطنا يا رب أن ننطق، مثل رسولك توما، لنراك ونلتقيك ونختبرك! اجعلنا أهلاً لطوباك بحيث نراك في عيون إيماننا، ونلمسك في اتحادنا الدائم بك من خلال الكنيسة وأسرارها، ونصغي إلى صوتك في همسات روحك الذي يقودنا نحو ملكوتك في حياتنا اليومية.

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You Died for us, O Redeemer,
and gave us life in abundance

يَا مَنْ غَدَا فِي الْمَمَاتِ سِرًّا الْفِدَا لِلْحَيَاةِ

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الرسالة

قَالَ يُوحَنَّا الرَّسُولُ: بَعْدَ ثَمَانِيَةِ أَيَّامٍ، كَانَ تَلَامِيذُ يَسُوعَ ثَانِيَةً فِي
النَّبِيتِ، وَتُومًا مَعَهُمْ. جَاءَ يَسُوعُ، وَالْأَبْوَابُ مُغْلَقَةً، فَوَقَّفَ فِي
الْوَسْطِ وَقَالَ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!". ثُمَّ قَالَ لِتُومًا: "هَاتِ إِصْبَعَكَ إِلَى
هُنَا، وَانْظُرْ بِدَيْ. وَهَاتِ يَدَكَ، وَضَعْهَا فِي جَنْبِي. وَلَا تَكُنْ غَيْرَ
مُؤْمِنٍ بَلْ كُنْ مُؤْمِنًا!". أَجَابَ تُومًا وَقَالَ لَهُ: "رَبِّي وَالْهَي!". قَالَ
لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "لَأَنَّكَ رَأَيْتَنِي أَمَنْتَ؟ طُوبَى لِمَنْ لَمْ يَرَوْا وَأَمَنُوا!".

وَصَنَعَ يَسُوعُ أَمَامَ تَلَامِيذِهِ آيَاتٍ أُخْرَى كَثِيرَةً لَمْ تُدَوَّنْ فِي هَذَا
الْكِتَابِ. وَإِنَّمَا دُوِّنَتْ هَذِهِ لِكَيْ تُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ
اللهِ، وَلِكَيْ تَكُونَ لَكُمْ، إِذَا أَمَنْتُمْ، الْحَيَاةَ بِاسْمِهِ.

يو ٢٠ : ٢٦-٣١



يا يسوع، أنا أثق بك!

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قراءات الأحد القادم
الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة
٢ طيم ٨ : ١٣ -
لو ٢٤ : ١٣ - ٣٥

أشرق من البتول،

ولم يحلّ بتوليّتها،

وقام من القبر،

وختّمه قائم!

ألحان القيامة

البيت غازو الماروني

يا إخوتي، إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّنَا نَعْرِفُ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نَحَاوِلُ أَنْ نُفْنِعَ
النَّاسَ. وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللهِ، وَلِكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ
أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَلَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ
فُرْصَةً لِلِافْتِحَارِ بِنَا نَجَاهَ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي
الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ فَلِلَّهِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عَقْلَاءَ فَلْأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ
الْمَسِيحِ تَأْسُرُنَا، لِأَنَّنَا أَذْرَكُنَا هَذَا، وَهُوَ أَنَّ وَاحِدًا مَاتَ عَنْ
الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا. لَقَدْ مَاتَ عَنْ الْجَمِيعِ، لِكَيْ لَا يَحْبَا
الْأَحْيَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ عَنْهُمْ وَقَامَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ.

إِذَا فَمَنْذُ الْآنَ نَحْنُ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ
عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، فَالْآنَ مَا غَدْنَا نَعْرِفُهُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا،
إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلْقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ
كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنْ اللهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ
بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمُصَالَحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللهَ صَالَحَ الْعَالَمَ مَعَ
نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَاتِهِمْ، وَأَوْدَعَنَا كَلِمَةَ
الْمُصَالَحَةِ. إِذَا فَتَحْنُ سَفَرَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ
بِوَاسِطَتِنَا. فَتَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالَحُوا مَعَ اللهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا
عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ
بِرُّ اللهِ.

٢ قور ٥ : ١١ - ٢١

قَدَاسَاتِ يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك ٨:٠٠ (عربي) ٩:٣٠ (إنكليزي) ١١:٠٠ (عربي، إنكليزي) ٥:٠٠ (عربي، إنكليزي) ٧:٠٠ (إنكليزي)

قَدَاسَاتِ الْأُسْبُوعِ

الإثنين - الجمعة ٧:٠٠، ٨:٤٥ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً، الأربعاء ٧:٠٠، ٨:٤٥ صباحاً و ٥:٣٠، ٧:٠٠ مساءً (إنكليزي) السبت ٧:٣٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

الإعترافات

مؤمّنة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً وقَدَاسَاتِ الْأَحَدِ أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

ساعة سجود: كل يوم خميس ٨:٠٠ - ٩:٠٠ مساءً ٢٤ ساعة سجود أمام القربان: هذه الجمعة ٣ أيار من ٩:٣٠ صباحاً لغاية السبت ٤ أيار ٧:٣٠ صباحاً