



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS

Greater than the seraphim is the priesthood of the Lord; in their hands priests hold the power of the mighty Lord of hosts.

Maronite Liturgy

THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Lk 12 : 42 - 48

THE EPISTLE

Brother and sisters, if you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Tim 4 : 6 - 16



PRAYER

Thankyou Lord for the gift of the priesthood. Thankyou for their hands which give us the Eucharist. Thankyou for their mouths which proclaim Your Good News. Thankyou for their feet which walk to the places to visit Your poor. Thankyou Lord for their hearts which are made entirely for You. Amen

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

LOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming Through Social Media

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Arabic)
7pm (English Youth)

Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

By appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:

Mon - Sat

8:30am (Arabic)

7pm (English)

Divine Mercy followed by Rosary

Fri 7:30 pm

Adoration Hour:

Thursdays 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 9:30am - Sat

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THE SERVANTS WORD

Commemoration Weeks an awakening of our identity



Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ;

After the Season of Epiphany, during which the Holy Trinity revealed Himself to us in order to introduce us to the Father and His love, to the Son and His Glory and to the Holy Spirit and His light, we start today a series of three weeks of holy commemorations laid down for us by our Mother the Church to help us prepare for the Season of the Great Lent.

This Sunday we start the first week of commemorations, the Commemoration of the Priests who have departed from among us, followed by the Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just, then the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. If we contemplate these weeks of commemorations, we discover two great truths about our Christian faith that will inspire in us hope for the life that we all aspire to attain, the eternal life in the Heavenly Kingdom.

The first truth is that Commemoration Weeks are an important period of time in which we rebuild what has been broken in the bridge that we are constructing in our lives to cross over it one day into heaven. We know very well that our true lives lay there, with our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saints, the Righteous and the Just, but sometimes we forget how to preserve what we have already built with the cross we are carrying. The Commemoration Weeks make us sit down in silence and meditate on those who have gone before us. We pray for them so they pray for us and intercede on our behalf when they become among the Righteous and the Just.

The second truth is that each of us has a piece of himself or herself in the Commemoration Weeks! Yes, there is something of us in the Commemoration of the Priests, the Righteous and the Just, and the Faithful Departed! For instance, who does not remember a departed priest, monk or clergy who rendered a great service to them or to their beloved ones whether through prayer or some help in a way or another?

COMMEMORATION OF PRIESTS

The next three weeks in our Maronite Liturgical Calendar are commemoration weeks before we enter into the Season of Lent. This week we commemorate the Priests, those who serve in the Lord's name.

Our Sunday Gospel passage is the Parable of the Faithful or the unfaithful slave. The story commences with 'the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves' (v42). Note the term 'manager' and yet, the following line says, 'Blessed is the slave' (v43). Two very different terms. From being elevated to manager and yet referred to as a slave. The parable continues, referring to the 'manager' as a slave who is on the same footing as everybody else, 'if he begins to beat the other slaves' (v45). So how can one be elevated to the role of master and be given responsibility, and yet still be referred to as a slave just like those beneath him or her?

Well maybe we all need a wake up call. No one is superior to another simply because of their job description. We are all equal, no matter what we do and how much we earn or titles we carry. Returning to the parable we read that this 'master' had to give the slaves 'their allowance of food at the proper time' (v42). Service, not superiority, is key here! No matter who we are, everything we do, must be of service to others.

Finally, the parable is also a wake up call to remind us that in the end we are all in service to God. We are here to do God's will and ensure we care for one another. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn - MSHF

Which family does not have righteous and just from among its own members who fought the good fight and attained the Kingdom of God before us to intercede for us from there? And who has not lost a beloved person who is now among the departed faithful? The Commemoration

Weeks are us! The Commemoration Weeks are an awakening of our identity! Today and throughout the week that follows, we remember the priests and bishops who sanctified the body of the Lord for us, absolved our sins, gave us the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, Anointment of the Sick and Priesthood. They served us and prayed for us and for our beloved ones and our departed when they were still among us. Today we pray to God for them after they went to Him. We pray especially for the souls of the departed priests who served this blessed parish and its altar: Father Charbel Sarkis, Monsignor Michel Bou Melhem, Father Elias Ayoub, Father Antoun Bou Antoun, Father Nakhly Akiki and Monsignor Youssef Touma.

This week we celebrate Australia Day. On this occasion, we ask God to bless this country, confirm its peace, increase its prosperity and make its people aware of His love for them so that every Australian builds their own bridge to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who are building their bridges to the Kingdom of God by watching over the safety of others in serving them at the entrance of the church. I also thank all parishioners who are abiding by the directives to stop the spread of COVID and are showing respect to the volunteers.

Father Tony Sarkis

FACES OF OLOL - CHARLES & SONIA BALTASAR

What are your roles and how long have you both been serving in our parish? We have both been serving OLOL for over 8 years. We started off with helping to organise the married couples day and the gala organising team. In addition, Charles volunteered his time to the traffic control team for a while. When our eldest daughter made her First Holy Communion in 2013 at OLOL, I was blessed to become an assistant to the FHC Committee and have been a member since, honoured with teaching our parish children about receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Currently, Charles is serving on the Stewardship Committee and the Heaven on Earth team who volunteer to help the needy in our community. Both Charles and I are also members of the Family Committee where we assist in the organisation of family functions and events for our parish.



What inspires you to bring your family closer to God and be involved within our parish?

We feel so blessed to have what we have; our family and friends, our health, our faith, living in this country. The sufferings and trials of life have a way of making us truly appreciate God's grace, inspiring us to "pay it forward". We have both always wanted to put into action our gratitude to God, for all our blessings, by giving of our time and talents for others. By being involved with our parish, God has truly given us back tenfold as we have gained a beautiful Parish Family with many friendships formed for our whole family on all levels. We hope that by leading by example, in practising generosity, we teach our children to open their hearts to want to also give freely of their time and talents, realising that no worldly possessions are more important than God.

What advice would you give to other parents who desire to have their families more involved within our parish?

Just do it! You might feel you don't have the time with being busy parents or unsure of what you can offer, but if you have the desire - where there is a will there is a way. All things are possible with God! One of the reasons why our parish is thriving today is thanks to the countless volunteers over the years and generations giving what they can. It is highly rewarding knowing you are contributing to help God's house flourish and being part of a Parish Family who are like-minded in faith and love of God. It's a wonderful path, as parents as well as for our family, to growing closer to Our Lord knowing you are in His service. In the words of St Frances de Sales "There is nothing small in the service of God".

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is the Commemoration of Departed Priests. It is the first of the three Sundays before Lent when the Maronite Church remembers all the departed. Next week is the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just and the following Sunday is the memorial for all the faithful departed. The theme for these three weeks is that we shall all die at a time we do not know, so we must be ready, living each day as if it could be our last.

The tone of this week, in which we pray for the deceased priests, is set by the Gospel, where Jesus speaks about the "faithful and wise steward." A steward is the servant who manages the master's property, has charge of the household and the other servants. The good steward will be given more responsibility. So the steward does his work today not so that he can take it easy tomorrow, but so that he can assist his divine master even more, by doing greater work for him. This is indeed a beautiful lesson for all religious to learn.

This week we remember the ministerial priests who serve us at the altar, for the food which they give to the faithful is the Bread of Life. They give us also the sacraments: baptism and chrismation to open for us the door to eternal life, reconciliation and anointing when we have fallen or are sick or dying; and the sacraments of vocation, crowing or marriage, to strengthen us on our path in life.

But this also applies to every one of us as well, for although not all can be ministerial and sacramental priests, yet all share in the priesthood of Christ, since priesthood means being a mediator between God and humanity, between heaven and earth, and we all have some role, no matter how humble, to play in that (1 Peter 2:5). This applies to parents in a very special way: they have to provide their children with everything, from food, clothing,



and shelter, through to education and – critically – spiritual formation. Parents, as stewards of God, should aim to nourish the souls of the children by showing themselves as faithful and wise stewards inspiring their children by example of their own lives, their own love and joy in the faith.

I speak also to teachers, in schools, colleges, and elsewhere. Whatever you are teaching, whether it is English, geography, or maths, you are also called to be "faithful and wise stewards," for your pupils do not belong to you, they belong to God, and it is your duty to inspire them to aim for eternal life.

This lesson applies also to children: be good to your siblings, especially to those who are younger than you, for they look up to you as a role model. And it applies everywhere in life, in the workplace, in the streets, and in shops, cafes, and places of entertainment. You are models to someone else, and so you are stewards to other of God's servants. In this way, you fulfil your priesthood.

Let us pray for our priests, today and during this week, with hope asking the Lord to grant eternal repose for those who died, and holiness for those who are serving the altar and the people of God. Let us keep praying for vocations asking the Lord of the harvest to send holy labourers to his harvest (Matt 9:38).

Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

HEAVEN ON EARTH

COVID -19 has definitely made 2020 a challenging year, however nothing can stop the fulfilment of the merciful work of our Lord Jesus Christ. As He said, 'And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.' (Matthew 16:18).



Heaven on Earth continued to provide feeds throughout the pandemic, we were fortunate enough to be able to celebrate our Christmas parties at Parramatta and Liverpool with our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. Christmas hampers were prepared and handed out to the homeless, to those in Cumberland Hospital and to struggling families.

A special thank you to all the members, volunteers and supporters of Heaven on Earth. Their continuous dedication of time, effort, generosity and financial support is never ending and truly appreciated. Through this dedication, we have also been able to:
Support 469 families in Lebanon, Mother Teresa's Convents/Orphanages in Lebanon and Laloma Home Orphanage in Fiji.

Finally, we pray that we all continue to work together throughout 2021 to help those in need, especially those who are suffering in our homeland Lebanon...God bless

Deacon Robert-Pio Albayeh

KIDS CORNER Sunday of the Priests

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ciborium
Maronite
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On the occasion of the Feast of St. Anthony the Great, Fr John-Paul Bassil renewed his Monastic Vows



— Happy —
Australia Day

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PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 24 January: Sunday of the Priests

11.00am One year Daniel George from Bkerkacha.

5.00pm One year Tony Arida from Bkerkacha.

Monday 25 January

6.00pm Saba Antonios Nehme from Bkaakafra (died in Lebanon) and sympathy at the church door.

Wednesday 27 January

5.30pm Youssef Roumanos Eid from Hadchit (died in Lebanon) and sympathy at the church door.

7.00pm Boutros Mkhayel Camillos from Ejbee (died in Lebanon) and sympathy at the church door.

Thursday 28 January

6.00pm 40 Day Mass Hamideh Bakhos Laoulach from Hadchit.

Friday 29 January

6.00pm One Year Mass for the children Anthony, Angelina and Sienna from Aramoun.

Saturday 30 January

6.00pm 40 Day Mass Tony Roumanos Draybi from Hadchit.

7.30pm Amal Bou Semaan from Blouza (died in Lebanon) and sympathy at the church door.

Sunday 31 January: Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

11.00am 40 Day Mass Nouhad Elias Youssef from Bkarezla widow of the late Khalil Hanna Restom from Chadra.

5.00pm 40 Day Mass Antonios Salim Issa from Berkacha.

الأحد ٢٤ كانون الثاني: أحد الكهنة

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم دانيال جورج من بقرقاشا.

٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم طوني عريضة من بقرقاشا.

الاثنين ٢٥ كانون الثاني

٦:٠٠ المرحوم سابا أنطونيوس نعمه من بقاعكفرا (متوفي في لبنان) والتعازي بعد القداس.

الأربعاء ٢٧ كانون الثاني

٥:٣٠ المرحوم يوسف رومانوس عيد من حدشيت (متوفي في لبنان) والتعازي بعد القداس.

٧:٠٠ المرحوم بطرس مخايل كاميلوس من إجب (متوفي في لبنان) والتعازي بعد القداس.

الخميس ٢٨ كانون الثاني

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة حميدة باخوس لولش من حدشيت.

الجمعة ٢٩ كانون الثاني

٦:٠٠ السنة للأطفال أنطوني، أنجيلينا وسينا عبد الله من عرمون.

السبت ٣٠ كانون الثاني

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم طوني رومانوس دربي من حدشيت.

٧:٣٠ المرحومة أمل بو سمعان من بلوزا (متوفاة في لبنان) والتعازي بعد القداس.

الأحد ٣١ كانون الثاني: أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة نهاد الياس يوسف من بقرزلا أرملة المرحوم

خليل حنا رستم من شدرا.

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم أنطونيوس سليم عيسى من بقرقاشا.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
PRESENTED BY THE

MARONITE
VOCATIONS
CENTRE



DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO A VOCATION?

TOPIC: DISCERNMENT OF THE SPIRITS
PRESENTER: FATHER TONY SARKIS

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2021

TIME: 7:00PM
COMMENCING WITH THE DIVINE LITURGY FOLLOWED BY A TALK

PLACE: OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL FOLLOWED BY THE
COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL CENTRE, SENIORS ROOM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL CENTRE AFTER MASS
"NOTEBOOK AND PEN ARE RECOMMENDED"

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يسوع انت العيد " من الاخوة الى الاخوة "

صحيح إنو الوضع صعب بس هيدي فرصة لتكون حد بعض

أطلقت أبرشية أستراليا المارونية بالتعاون مع كاريتاس لبنان والمؤسسات والجمعيات المارونية في أستراليا حملة لجمع التبرعات لمساعدة العائلات اللبنانية التي تمر بضائقة معيشية. لمن يرغب المساهمة في هذه الحملة الخيرية عن طريق التبرع الشهري بقيمة \$٥٠ ولمدة سنة. للتبرع يرجى الإتصال بمكتب الأبرشية أو عبر المغلفات الموجودة على مداخل الكنيسة، والتي نرجو إعادتها إلى مكتب الرعية.



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أهمية الوقت

بيخبرو عن معلمة، قرّرت تعمل إختبار لتلاميذها، ومن خلال الاختبار، تفهمين إنَّو الوقت مهم. جابت مرطبان إزاز، وصَبَّو صخور حتَّى انتلا، وسألتهن: «برأيكن المرطبان ملين أو لا؟» وكُنَّ جاوبوها بصوت واحد: «ملين».

حتَّى تَقْلَن إنَّو جوابن غلط، جابت كيس متلان بحص زغير ورفيع، وفَضَّتو بقلب المرطبان.

وفاتت البحصات بين الصخور وعَبَّت الفراغات يَلَي كانت موجودة.

من جديد، بَسَّال المعلمة : «هَلْ انتلا المرطبان برأيكن؟ جاوبوها: «يمكن لأ».

ضحكت المعلمة من الجواب، وشالت كيس من الرمل وصَبَّو بالمرطبان، حتَّى انتلا كُنَّ الفراغ الموجود بين الصخور، وسألتن: «وهَلْ انتلا المرطبان؟» كل التلاميذ قالو لأ.

وحتَّى تأكَّد ع جوابن، جابت قَبْنَة مَي وفَضَّتْها بالمرطبان حتَّى صارت المي تشرشر مَنو. سألتن المعلمة: «شو تعلَّمْتو من هالتجربة؟» رَدَّ تلميذ وقال :

«مهما كان في عَنَّا أعمال بالنهار منضَلَّ قادرين نلاقي وقت لأعمال ثانية».

جاوبت المعلمة وقالت : «صح بس لازم نحط بالأول الصخور الكبيرة يَلَي هَيَّي الأعمال الأساسية، وبعدين منخُطَّ كل الأعمال الباقية».

الزَّوَادَة بَقْلَي وبَقْلَي: «الصخور الكبيرة هَيَّي هدفنا الأول بالحياة، لازم نحطها بأول درجة حتَّى نقدر نحَقِّقها، وبعدين منخُطَّ كل الأعمال الثانية، حسب أهميَّتها وحجمها».

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نَعَم

- “نَعَم” يوسف لاقت “نعم” خطيبته مريم: نَعَم حَوَّلَت باب بيت الناصرة الصغير الى باب رحمة الله الكبير
- “نعم” قالها يوسف :
- بطاعته للملاك قالها.
 - بسفره الى بيت لحم و مريم على أبواب الولادة قالها.
 - بسفره بالعائلة المقدسة الى مصر قالها.
 - بعودته الى الناصرة قالها.
 - في وجه حكمة البشر، تمسك بحكمة الله، و بصمته و طاعته للروح القدس ، قالها و إنتصر.
- وفي زمننا هذا الذي يَدَّعي العلم و تعصف به أزمات الأبوة و العائلة، ها هو يوسف النجار البسيط مثال يُحتذى به :
- في إنفتاحه على رحمة الله ، هو مثال .
 - في صمته و إصغائه و إتجاهه مع إرادة الله، هو مثال.
 - في خروجه من منطقة الراحة الذاتية الى ميدان التعب والعمل هو مثال.
 - في وجه اللامبالاة القاتلة هو للحب الفاجل في العائلة مثال.
 - في روح المغامرة الإيمانية هو بطل متميِّز بين القديسين الأبطال...
- فيا يوسف رجل الرحمة والصمت وحامي كنيسة المسيح : صلي لأجلنا!



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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 the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them, Violet Azizi, Said Azizi (B) Milian Bou Raidan, John Bou Melhem & Bou Melhem Families (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Fariba El Kadi (F) (G) Assad Gerages (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and their Son Joseph and their daughter Colleen George, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) (J) Charbel Jabbour (K) Tanios Elias Kazzi Family (L) (M) Youssef & Ghssoun Maroon, Jamal Moussa & all faithful departed of Moussa family, Anthony Mamah Moses & Departed of the Moses Family, Maroun Isaac Mouawad, Mouawad families (N) George Nader (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine & their Son Kenny (T) (U) (V) (W) Ray Wehbe Wehbe (X) (Y) Mrs Sayde Simaan Yazbeck & husband Mr Loutfallah Mokdassi (Z)



بعد زمن الدنح الذي كشف لنا الثالث الأقدس خلاله عن ذاته ليعرّفنا على الآب وحبّه، والابن ومجده، والروح القدس ونوره، تطل علينا اليوم سلسلة من التذكارات المقدسة مدتها ثلاثة أسابيع، وضعتها لنا أمنا الكنيسة لكي تساعدنا على الاستعداد لزمن الصوم الكبير.

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الحقيقة الأولى هي أن أسابيع التذكارات هي فترة مهمة نُعيد خلالها بناء ما تهدم من الجسر الذي نبنيه في حياتنا لكي نعبر عليه ذات يوم إلى السماء. نعلم جيداً أن حياتنا الحقيقية هناك، مع ربنا يسوع المسيح والقديسين والأبرار والصدّيقين، لكننا ننسى أحياناً كيف نحافظ على ما بنيناه بواسطة الصليب الذي نحمله. فترة التذكارات تجلّعوننا نجلس قليلاً ونصمت لكي نتأمل بالذين سبقونا، فنصلّي من أجلهم حتى يصلوا بدورهم من أجلنا ويشفعوا لنا عندما يصبحون في عداد الأبرار والصدّيقين.

الحقيقة الثانية هي أن لكل شخص منا قطعة من ذاته في أسابيع التذكارات! نعم، هناك شيء منا في تذكارات الكهنة والأبرار والصدّيقين والموتى المؤمنين! فمن لا يتذكر كاهناً أو راهباً أو شخصاً من الإكليروس رحل عن هذه الدنيا تاركاً فضلاً كبيراً عليه أو على أحبائه سواء عبر صلاته من أجلهم أو مساعدتهم بشكل أو بآخر؟ وأي عائلة تخلو من أبرار وصدّيقين جاهدوا الجهاد الحسن ليسبقونا إلى الملكوت ويشفعوا لنا من هناك؟ ومن لم يفقد شخصاً عزيزاً وهو الآن في عداد الموتى المؤمنين؟ أسابيع التذكارات هي نحن! في أسابيع التذكارات صحوّة لهويتنا!

اليوم وعلى مدى هذا الأسبوع، نتذكر الكهنة والأخبار الذين قدّسوا جسد الرب من أجلنا، حلّوا خطايانا وأعطونا الأسرار بالعماد والتثبيت والزواج ومسحة المرضى والكنهوت. لقد خدمونا وصلّوا من أجلنا ومن أجل أحبائنا وأمواتنا عندما كانوا بيننا، وها نحن اليوم نصلي إلى الله من أجلهم بعدما انتقلوا إليه، ونخص بالذكر الذين خدموا هذه الرعية المباركة ومنذجها: الأب شربل سركيس، المونسنيور ميشال بو ملحم، الخوري الياس أيوب، الخوري أنطون بو أنطون، الخوري نخلة عقيقي والمونسنيور يوسف توما.

وهذا الأسبوع نحتفل بالعيد الوطني لأستراليا، طالبين من الله أن يبارك هذه البلاد وأن يثبت فيها السلام ويزيدها ازدهاراً، وأن نتعرف أكثر على حبه لكي يبنى كل إنسان فيها جسره إلى الملكوت السماوي.

أخيراً، أود أن أغتنم هذه الفرصة لكي أشكر المتطوعين الذين يبنون جسورهم إلى الملكوت بالسهر على سلامة الآخرين عن طريق خدمتهم عند مدخل الكنيسة. وأشكر أيضاً أبناء وبنات الرعية الذين يلتزمون بالتوجيهات التي تهدف إلى منع انتشار جائحة كورونا ويظهرون الاحترام للمتطوعين.

الخوري طوني سركيس

قراءة آباءية

تَضَرِبُ الأمواج الكنيسة

فَيَخَافُ الرُّبَّانَ (يقصد

القديس أغوستينيوس الكاهن

الذي يقود الكنيسة). يَفْرَحُ

الرُّبَّانُ بِكُلِّ تَكْرِيمٍ؛ وَلَكِنْ، كُلَّمَا زَادَ تَكْرِيمُهُ كُلَّمَا تَعَاقَمَ الْخَطَرُ عَلَيْهِ. وَهَلْ أَغْمَقَ مِنْ قُلُوبِ النَّاسِ؟ غَالِبًا مَا تَهْبُ عَلَيْهِ الرِّيحُ، وَتَتَلَاعَبُ الْأَهْوَاءُ بِالسَّفِينَةِ (يقصد القديس الكنيسة)، فَتَتَقَادَفُهَا مِنْ كُلِّ جِهَةٍ. الْجَالِسُونَ إِلَى الدُّفَّةِ، الْمُخْلِصُونَ فِي خُبَيْمِ السَّفِينَةِ؛ يَشْعُرُونَ بِمَا أَقُولُ. وَفِي الْوَاقِعِ، تَظْهَرُ حِكْمَتُهُمْ مَتَى تَكَلَّمُوا وَقَرَأُوا وَعَمِلُوا. وَلَكِنْ، يَا وَيْلَهُمْ مِنَ الْعَاصِفَةِ. وَأَحْيَانًا يَسْقُطُ كُلُّ مَشْرُوعٍ بَشَرِيٍّ؛ كَيْفَمَا إِتْجَهُوا فَرَمَجَرُ الأمواج، وَتَضْفُرُ الْعَاصِفَةُ، وَتَتَعَبُ الْأَيْدِي، وَلَا يَعُودُ الرُّؤَسَاءُ يَزُونَ السَّفِينَةَ تَتَقَدَّمُ؛ بَلْ يَشْعُرُونَ بِأَنْ جَانِبَهَا يَنْكَشِفُ وَلَا يَدْرُونَ كَيْفَ يُخْلَصُونَهَا مِنَ الْخَطَرِ عَلَى الصُّخُورِ. فَعَلَيْكُمْ إِذَا أَنْ تَصَلُّوا لِلْقَائِمِينَ عَلَى قِيَادَةِ السَّفِينَةِ: أَوَلَمْ تَجَالِسْ فِيهَا؟ أَوَلَمْ تَسَافِرْ فِي تِلْكَ السَّفِينَةِ ذَاتَهَا؟

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تأمل من وحي الإنجيل

طوبى لهذا الوكيل الأمين. نعم، هي كلمة قيلت منذ ألفي

سنة وما زالت تصلح حتى يومنا هذا. تصلح لكل مؤمن يحاول أن يعيش إيمانه، مجاهدًا لكي يبقى أمينًا ووفياً لإيمانه وعلى القيم التي إكتسبها من الإنجيل وتعليم الكنيسة عندما تقتضي الحالة ألا يساوم أو يهمل رسالته وسط جيل لا يحب الالتزام كثيرًا، يبحث عن السهل. رسالة صعبة ومكلفة جدًا إذ إنها من الممكن أن تكلف الإنسان حياته أو أصدقائه وحتى أقرب الناس. هي رسالة علينا أن نجسدها كل يوم حتى في الأعمال الصغيرة. أعطنا يا رب أن نكون أمناء صالحين في كل وقت وكل فعل، آمين.





الخبر السّار من رعيّتك



أحد الكهنة

هَبْ، يَا رَبِّ، لِكَاهِنِكَ الَّذِي أَسْمَعَ
النَّاسَ، فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا، صَوْتَ كَلِمَتِكَ
وَبَشَارَتِكَ، أَنْ يَسْمَعَ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ صَوْتَكَ
الْعَذْبُ: كُنْتُ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ،
فَلَا جَعَلْتُكَ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ، ادْخُلْ
فَرْحَ سَيِّدِكَ.

الشحيمة المارونية

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

الإنجيل

الرسالة



صلاة

أَللّهُمَّ، أَرخْ فِي جَنَّةِ الْأَفْرَاحِ أَبْنَاءَكَ
الْأَخْبَارَ وَالْكَهَنَةَ، أَبَاءَنَا وَإِخْوَتَنَا،
الَّذِينَ وَرَعُوا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا أَسْرَارَكَ،
وَحَدَّمُوا مَذَابِحَكَ. أَحْصِهِمْ مَعَ رُسُلِكَ
الْأَطْهَارِ الَّذِينَ وَكَلْتَ إِلَيْهِمْ، كَمَا وَكَلْتَ
إِلَيْكَ الْآبَ، رِعَايَةَ الْخِرَافِ، فَيَرْفَعُوا
إِلَيْكَ الْمَجْدَ وَالْحَمْدَ، إِلَى الْأَبَدِ. آمِينَ.

قال الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "مَنْ تَرَاةَ الْوَكِيلِ الْأَمِينِ الْحَكِيمِ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ
عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ
الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ قَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ
يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُتَعَتَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ
سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْغُلَّامَانَ وَالْجَوَارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ
وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا
يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيُفْصَلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي
عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمِلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يُضْرَبُ
ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا
يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطْلَبُ
مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُؤْتِمِنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ."

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا عَرَضْتُ ذَلِكَ لِلِإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا
لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعِ، مُتَعَدِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ الْحَسَنِ الَّذِي
تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الْخُرَافَاتُ النَّافِثَةُ، جَكَائِثُ الْعَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرِضْ
عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الزِّيَاضَةَ الْجَسَدِيَّةَ
نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضُ الشَّيْءِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ
لَهَا وَعْدَ الْحَيَاةِ الْخَاصِرَةِ وَالْآبَتِيَّةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ
بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنَا جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَ نَا
فِي اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سَيِّمًا
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ وَعَلِمَهُ. وَلَا تَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهْنِئُ بِخَدَائَةِ
سَيِّدِكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالْكَلَامِ، وَالسَّيْرَةِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ،
وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالْعُفَافِ. وَاطْبِ عَلَى إِعْلَانِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَالْوَعْدِ
والتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمِلِ الْمُوهِبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ
وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ عَلَيْكَ. إِهْتَمَّ بِتِلْكَ
الْأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَاطِبًا عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقْدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلْجَمِيعِ.
إِنْتَبِهْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَّعْلِيمِكَ، وَاثْبُتْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَّصْتَ
نَفْسَكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.

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