



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH



OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

SUNDAY OF THE HAEMMORHAGING WOMAN

Yet she was determined still, so she touched the cloak of Christ and his love embraced her faith. She obtained a cure at last
Maronite Liturgy

THE GOSPEL

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came forward. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who (had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and) was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Lk 8:40-56

THE EPISTLE

I have great confidence in you, I have great pride in you; I am filled with encouragement, I am overflowing with joy all the more because of all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way--external conflicts, internal fears. But God, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his arrival but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more. For even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it; and if I did regret it (for) I see that that letter saddened you, if only for a while), I rejoice now, not because you were saddened, but because you were saddened into repentance; for you were saddened in a godly way, so that you did not suffer loss in anything because of us. For godly sorrow produces a salutary repentance without regret, but worldly sorrow produces death. For behold what earnestness this godly sorrow has produced for you, as well as readiness for a defense, and indignation, and fear, and yearning, and zeal, and punishment. In every way you have shown yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

2 Corinthians 7:4-11



PRAYER

Lord Jesus Heavenly Physician, the devastating effect of sin can leave us hopeless, outcast and drained of any sense of hope. Give to us the faith of the haemorrhaging woman who by only touching the fringe of your cloak was healed. Amen

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

LOLO 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: Fri 05th Mar from

9:30am - Sat 06th Mar 7:30am

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THE SERVANTS WORD

The Three Components of Hope



Dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin the third week of the Season of the Great Lent, we find ourselves this Sunday before another scene of the infinite mercy of God in our lives. Today's Gospel tells us the story of the encounter of the haemorrhaging woman with the Lord (Luke 8:40-56).

The whole neighbourhood was abuzz with Jesus and the crowds were pressing in on him, with some pushing him here and others pulling him there, but the woman was not bothering him at all! He had healed so many before her with just one word, touch or look, but to this woman, he did not even say a word, he did not touch her or even see her! Rather, it was her who said so many things to him in her prayerful heart! It was her who overwhelmed him with her trust! It was her who saw his glory passing before her own eyes and believed in him! She only had to crawl to him, drawing her sick body on the dirt and extending her hand as much as she could reach until she was able to touch the fringe of his cloak. And the miracle occurred!

The haemorrhaging woman is a teacher! We do not know her name, but she did not remain anonymous for sure. Every physician had seen her before, touched her or spoken with her at length, but her haemorrhaging never ceased. Yet with the Lord, it only took one touch to be healed! That was certainly not a stray touch, but the outcome of three virtues that she was holding deep into her heart, despite the weakness and frailty of her fragile body because of her chronic haemorrhaging. They are the three components of hope: perseverance, faith and trust in the Lord. She had been in pain for twelve years, but she never yielded to despair. Rather, hope remained alive in her. She persevered in her quest for a cure, believed that the Lord can heal her and trusted that only one touch of his cloak is enough to make her well again.

The Lord is teaching us another lesson in Divine Mercy at the hands of this teacher. Where is hope in today's world and where are the components of hope in our lives as baptised people? How do we pray? With trust, faith and perseverance? Or are we perhaps treating God in the same way the crowds were treating Jesus, by pressing in on him with our concerns and pushing him in every direction?

When I look at our parish, I find a joyful answer! Thanks be to God, hope is well and alive in this parish, with all its components! All the committees have now resumed their activities at full capacity, transforming the parish into a hive. The Men's Faith Formation held its talk on Monday while all the other committees were also holding their activities throughout the week. Thanks be to God for all of you, and I urge you to continue the good work that you are doing and to make your Lenten journey a holy one. Even if you fall, rise again and continue your journey; the grace is awaiting you.

Because hope is alive in us, our parish has been able to meet its target to help our brothers and sisters in Lebanon. Hence, we have now sponsored 100 families there for a full year. This is all thanks to you. Thank you so much for the hope that lives in your hearts, a hope that you have translated into this achievement with perseverance, faith and trust in God's love for us. You have extended your hands, as much as you could, like the haemorrhaging woman, and touched Jesus through his little brothers and sisters in Lebanon. The miracle must then follow! And here is the miracle, the components of hope that lives in you!

Father Tony Sarkis

HAEMORRHAGING WOMAN

In this Sunday's Gospel passage two stories are intertwined into one and a great deal of movement takes place.

Jesus focuses on the haemorrhaging woman and the twelve-year-old girl, but let us take notice of the wider scene. We have:

- Crowds welcoming Jesus (v40)
- Jairus coming forward (v41)
- Crowds almost crushing Jesus (v42)
- Haemorrhaging woman approaching from behind and touching his cloak (v44)
- Peter commenting that crowds are pushing and pressing in (v45)
- Jesus allowing no one to enter except, Peter, James, and John (v51)
- Jesus taking the girl by the hand (v54)

Jesus is a person with intense focus. He is not swayed by crowds, popularity, or adulations. Jesus remains attentive to the needs of others and his focus cannot be swayed.

Amid the noise and clamour, the crowding and shoving, Jesus hears and recognises the cast down, the ones who shy away, including the haemorrhaging woman and Jairus' plea. Jesus' attention is not diverted by crowds. Instead he has come to raise the lowly and nothing will deter him from his ministry.

It is an important lesson for us to learn in this fast-paced world. Can we hear the cry of the poor? Can we see the needs of those who are hidden from public view? Can we remain faithful to our ministry of service and not be swayed by popularity and loud voices? Who and what are we faithfully committed to, as we go through life? Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn

FACES OF OLOL - MAYLIZ BOUMANSOUR

What is your role and how long have you been serving in our parish?

I've been the Media Liaison for the Maronite Youth Organisation (MYO), and part of the OLOL Media Team for nearly 2 years now! These roles involve responsibilities such as conducting the livestreams for our parish (especially during lockdown) and making flyers for upcoming youth events!

What inspired you to want to join your committee and what advice would you give to others wanting to join our parish committees?

Seeing the friendships people had formed through the youth and through the youth committee had encouraged me to attend the committee elections in 2019. I honestly wasn't expecting to be nominated, let alone elected! The friendships and the bonds you create by working closely as a team is something I had never imagined doing, but so grateful that I am. Being part of the MYO has given me so many opportunities to learn new skills as you're exposed to so many different experiences. Volunteering for OLOL also means spending a lot of time with people that are like-minded in terms of their faith. You can learn so much from the conversations you have with the different people you meet! I feel so blessed to be a part of this team, and I highly recommend anyone who has any fears, to take the opportunities as they come! We are so blessed to have such a warm and welcoming community at OLOL, and being a part of that community, is something I hold close to my heart, and I'm sure many others feel the same. Our Lady of Lebanon is, and always will be our home!



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are continuing in the Season of Lent, and together with our works of penance and charity, we are pondering the teachings and miracles of the Lord. The Gospel for this Sunday blends two accounts together.

The Gospel account tells us that crowds were waiting to welcome Jesus when He returned from travelling around Galilee, performing many wonders. As Jesus is walking, a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, fell down at His feet and begged Him to come to his house, which is a very powerful sign of humility. This man had an only daughter, of about twelve years of age, who was dying.

As Jesus was going to Jairus' house, the crowds were all around Him. This gave the opportunity for a woman, who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years, to approach Christ through the crowd. A bleeding woman was not supposed to be in public: like the leper we heard about last Sunday, she was unclean and all who came into contact with her were made unclean. But this poor woman was desperate. She came from behind, and touched the edge of Jesus' robe. The moment she did so, her flow of blood stopped. Jesus felt a power leaving Him and upon asking the crowd, the woman came forward and admitted that she had touched the Lord. Upon witnessing her faith, Christ said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

At that moment, news came that Jairus' daughter had died. However, the Lord said: "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." When He arrived, the people there laughed because the girl had already died. But the Lord made these scornful people leave His presence, then He took the child by the hand – again a defiance of the purity laws, because a corpse was unclean – and He said "Child, get up!" We are told that her spirit returned, and she arose.



By being unafraid of those who were unclean like lepers, the bleeding, and even the dead, Our Lord showed that He was infinite in purity, and could not be tarnished. He also showed that He was God, the source of holiness, by curing these people. But there is another important lesson in all this: the power of holiness was not automatic, like some sort of magic. Many people were touching the Lord, but this woman was cured, because she had faith. Many people died in Israel, but this girl was restored because of the faith of her father.

From now on, it is not ritual cleanliness or uncleanness which counted for holiness, but rather faith in Jesus. It is the encounter with Jesus that can heal us in body and in spirit. It is the encounter of the human faith with the healing power of God. However, if we doubt God similar to those who were mockingly disbelieving at Jairus' house, we should remember, that they were made to leave the presence of the Lord.

In this Season of Lent, as we do penance for our sins, and prepare for the Resurrection, let us bear at the forefront of our minds that this is the choice we too have to make. Will we be among those many who do not believe, and must go outside, or will we be among those few who do have faith, and are admitted into the life-giving presence of the Lord? The choice is ours, today, and each day of our lives.

Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

COME ALIVE CORNER

Lord, have mercy on us and save us.

*Ocean of compassion and Fountain of mercy,
grant us to live according to your commandments.
Then, defended by your right hand and protected
by your mercy, we shall repent of our sins
and atone for them by fasting and prayer.
Grant us fruitful work in the mission of the gospel,
the good news that brings joy to the world.
We shall glorify you by our works and praise you,
now and for ever. Amen.*



Dear come alive as we continue our journey of lent, I pray you are all growing spiritually and learning that we are made to be in full control of our bodies and lives. I pray that as we continue this blessed time of lent, that we are attempting to pray more and continuing with our almsgiving.

Remember that all these must start in our homes and with our families, then it is possible to bring Christ to all those that we meet and encounter.

Wishing you and your families and blessed and holy Lenten journey.

Joey Khoury

KIDS CORNER

There's Power in a Touch

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



And a _____ was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many _____ and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew _____. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his _____, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be _____." Immediately her _____ stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her _____.

At once Jesus realized that _____ had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who _____ me?'"

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your _____ has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

worse
power

cloak
bleeding

woman
healed

suffering
touched

doctors
faith

PARISH CAMERA



Catechism of the Catholic Church with Dr Andrew Wood



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Plates: \$20,878.95 | Donations: \$3,300 | Candles: \$1,019.20

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$4,015,000

UNITS: \$1,295,251

LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$22,600

UNITS: \$11,118

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 28 February: Sunday of the Haemorrhaging Woman
9.30am Nouhad Elias Acaf from Aaramoun widow of the late Antoine abi Rached from Niha - Chouf (died in Lebanon).
11.00am Jocelyne Assaad Dib wife of Tony Mouiin Khawli from Chadra Akkar (died in Lebanon).
5.00pm Lolitta Chamel Hanna from Bkarzla wife of Fernand Ferzan from Zouk (died in Lebanon).
Monday 1 March:
6.00pm Rosa Gebrael Ghabash widow of the late Hanna Wardan Raffoul from Harf Miziara (died in Lebanon).
Tuesday 2 March:
6.00pm Hamid Semaan Costantine from Kfarsghab (died in Lebanon).
Wednesday 3 March:
11.30am Sodality mass followed by lenten lunch.
5.30pm Alice Boutros Frangieh widow of the late Albert Chaykha Doueihy from Zgharta (died in Venezuela).
Thursday 4 March:
6.00pm Nazha Challita Moussa wife of Hanna Boutros Elias from Karm Saddeh (died in Lebanon).
Friday 5 March: Masses: 7 & 9 AM
6.00pm Stations of the Cross (Arabic).
8.00pm Stations of the Cross (English).
Saturday 6 March:
6.00pm 40 Day Charbel Boustani from Jieh.
7.30pm Michel Hanna Chebat (died in Sth America).
Sunday 7 March: Sunday of the Prodigal Son
8.00am Sodality Mass.
9.30am 40 Day Sonia Maroun Moussa from Bouar widow of the late Aad Elkari from Kob Elias.
5.00pm 40 Day Souad Mansour widow of the late Ghsoub Bou Merhi from Zghartaghrin.

الأحد ٢٨ شباط: أحد شفاء المنزوفة
٩:٣٠ المرحومة نهاد الياس أصاف من عرمون أرملة المرحوم أنطوان أبي راشد من نيحا - الشوف (متوفاة في لبنان).
١١:٠٠ المرحومة جوسلين أسعد ديب زوجة طوني معين الخولي من شدر - عكار (متوفاة في لبنان).
٥:٠٠ المرحومة لوليتا شامل حنا من بقرزلا زوجة فرنان فرزان من الزوق (متوفاة في لبنان).
الاثنين ١ آذار:
٦:٠٠ المرحومة روزة جبرائيل غبش أرملة المرحوم حنا وردان رفول من حرف مزيارة (متوفاة في لبنان).
الثلاثاء ٢ آذار: عيد مار يوحنا مارون
٦:٠٠ المرحوم حميد سمعان قسطنطين من كفرصغاب (متوفي في لبنان).
الأربعاء ٣ آذار:
١١:٣٠ قداس الأخوية مع الغذاء الصيامي.
٥:٣٠ المرحومة أليس بطرس فرنجة أرملة المرحوم أنبير الشيخا الدويهي من زغرنا (متوفاة في فنزويلا).
الخميس ٤ آذار:
٦:٠٠ المرحومة نزهة شليطا موسى خوري زوجة حنا بطرس الياس من كرم سده (متوفاة في لبنان).
الجمعة ٥ آذار:
القداسات ٧ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً
٦:٠٠ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (عربي).
٨:٠٠ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (انكليزي).
السبت ٦ آذار:
٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم شربل بمتاني من الجية.
٧:٣٠ المرحوم ميشال حنا شباط من داريا (متوفي في أمريكا الجنوبية).
الأحد ٧ آذار: أحد الإبن الشاطر
٨:٠٠ قداس على نية الأخوة أحياء، مرضى وأموات.
٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحومة صونيا مارون موسى من البوار أرملة المرحوم عاد الكاري من قب الياس.
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة سعاد منصور أرملة المرحوم غصوب بو مرعي من زغرترين.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEEKLY Lenten PROGRAM

Everyday during Lent	12:15 pm	Midday Prayer & Angelus
Every 19th of the Month	8:30 am	Rosary, Litany and Procession of St Joseph Followed by Mass
Every Monday	7:30 pm	Catechism of the Catholic Church with Dr Andrew Wood
Every Tuesday	7:30 pm	Arabic Bible Study
Every Second Wednesday	8:00 pm	English Bible Study
Every Thursday	8:00 pm	Adoration & Confessions
Every Friday	6 pm - Ara 8 pm - Eng	Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer Adoration of the Cross & Confessions

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... قراءة آباءية ...

يَتَغَدَّى العقل بالمُطالعة، في الجسم الذي يصوم، وَيَتَنَعَّش الإنسان الباطني بِفَضْلِ
هذا الدَّواء وَيُضْبِحُ قَائِماً على أن يَتَحَمَّلَ بِرُجُوءِ صَوْم الإنسان الخارجي.

وَيَخْشُنُ بِكَ أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الغَيُور الذي تَحْمِلُ في جَسَدِكَ مَوْتَ السَّيِّدِ المَصْلُوبِ، أن
تَكُونَ لِنَفْسِكَ صَليْباً مِن قَهْرِكَ لِمَلَذَّاتِ الجَسَدِ.

يَبْدُ أَنْ هذا الصَّليب الذي لَمْ يَخْجَلْ بِهِ بولس الرُّسُول، بَلْ فَاخَرُ بِهِ قَائِلاً: "حاشا
لي أن أَفَاخِرَ إِلَّا بِصَليبِ يَسُوعَ المَسيحِ" (غلاطية ٦ : ١٤)؛ وَلَيْسَ لِأَرْزِيعَيْنِ يَوْمًا،
بَلْ لِلْحَيَاةِ بِأَمْرِهَا.

صُمِ الصُّومُ الكَبِيرُ وَإِخْذُزْ في البَاقِي مِنَ السَّنَةِ مِنْ أن يَزْرَحَ قَلْبُكَ تَحْتَ وَطْأِهِ
السَّكْرِ وَالْإِفْرَاطِ في مَلَذَّاتِ الحَيَاةِ؛ وَلَا تَتَلَطَّخْ بِالرَّزَى وَلَا تَأْتِ قَبَاحَةً. أَمَّا في
الصُّومِ، فَتَنَزَّهِ عَنِ الأَعْمَالِ المَسمُوحِ بِهَا، وَإِضْرِبْ بِالصَّلَاةِ الوَقْتَ الذي قَدْ لَا
يَكُونُ لَكَ مِنْ إِسْتِغْمَالِهِ فَائِذَةٌ كَبِيرَةٌ. وَجَسَدُكَ الذي إِسْتَشْنَمَ إلى العَوَاطِفِ اللَّحْمِيَّةِ،
إِجْعَلْهُ يَسْجُدُ في صَلَوَاتِ بَارَةٍ.

القديس أغوستينس

القديس يوسف، مثال للصمت

إن صمت القديس يوسف هو صمت مطبوع بالتأمل بسر الله، في حالة استسلام كامل
للمشيئة الإلهية. بتعبير آخر، إن صمت القديس يوسف لا يظهر فراغاً داخلياً، بل على
العكس ملء الإيمان الذي يحمله في قلبه، والذي يقود أفكاره وأعماله كلها. صمت حفظ
بفضله يوسف، مع مريم، كلمة الله، المعروف من خلال الكتب المقدسة، من خلال
مقابله باستمرار مع أحداث حياة الرب يسوع؛ صمت منسوج بالصلاة الدائمة، صلاة
مباركة الرب، وتمجيد مشيئته القدوسة وثقة كاملة في عنايته.

دعونا "نصاب بعدوى" صمت القديس يوسف! فنحن بحاجة ماسة إلى ذلك، في عالم
غالبًا ما يكون صاخبًا، ولا يشجع على التأمل والاستماع إلى صوت الله. في زمن
الاستعداد للميلاد، لنطور التأمل الداخلي، لنستقبل يسوع في حياتنا ونحافظ عليه.



البابا بندكتس السادس عشر

صحيفة 'L'Osservatore Romano'



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, Mkhel & Maria Abdelahad & their children, Elias & Hawa Abou Chedid & Family, Saliba & Laurice Abdelahad, Mkhel & Maria, Antoun & Evelyn, Saliba Abdelahad, Mkhel & Maria Abdelahad & the deceased of their family (B) Milian Bou Raidan (C) (D) Mansor & Warde Daher (E) Matthew Essey, Azar Estephan, Elias Family (F) Frangi Family (G) (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and their Son Joseph and their daughter Colleen George, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Hanna & Fadwa Hawach, Tannous & Jamileh Hawach & their family, Gerges, Josephine, Marroun Elias Harb, Harb Family, Hanna & Fadwa Hawach, Tannous & Jamileh Hawach & the deceased of their family, Anis & Maureen Jamil Haddad (I) Youssef & Antonios, Ibrahim, Alia, Wadad, Sarah, Timon Ibrahim, Ayoub & Miryana Ibrahim, Deceased from Ibrahim (J) (K) Tanius Elias Kazzi Family, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Boutros & Maroun Dib Stuart Karkar (L) (M) Youssef & Ghssoun Maroon, Anthony Mamah Moses & Departed of the Moses Family, Charlie Boutrous Moussa, Robert Charlie Moussa, Francis Moussa, Youssef Moussa & his sons & brother, Badwe & Saada Mouawad & Family, Saada & Badwe Mawad & the deceased of their family (N) Nakhoul Habib Family, Evelyn & Boutros Naoum, Tador Naoum & his family, Nakhoul Habib's family (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine & their Son Kenny, Sabat Family, Marco Hanna Sarkis, Marco Sarkis (T) (U) (V) (W) Ray Wehbe Wehbe (X) (Y) Mrs Sayde Simaan Yazbeck & husband Mr Loutfallah Mokdassi (Z)

وصلنا إلى الأسبوع الثالث من زمن الصوم المبارك، وفي إنجيل الأحد نجد أنفسنا أمام مشهد آخر من مشاهد رحمة الله اللامتناهية في حياتنا. فإنجيل اليوم يخبرنا قصة المرأة النازفة ولقائها بالرب (لوقا ٨: ٤٠-٥٦).

الحَيُّ كُلُّهُ كان يضج ببسوس والجموع تزحمه، هذا يدفعه من هنا، وذاك من هناك؛ أما هي فلم تضايقه. شفى كثيرين قبلها، بكلمة، ولمسة، بنظرة. أما هي فلم يقل لها أي كلمة، لم يلمسها، ولم يرها أساساً! بل هي من قالت له الكثير في سرّها! هي التي غمرته ببقعتها! وهي التي شاهدت مجده يعبر أمام عينيها فأمنت به! لم يكن عليها سوى الزحف إليه، وجَرَّ جسدها المريض على التراب، ومدّ يدها إلى أقصى حدّ ممكن لتصل إلى هذب رداثه وتلمسه. فكانت المعجزة!

المرأة النازفة معلّمة! لا تعرف اسمها لكنها حتماً لم تبق نكرة! ما من طبيب إلا ورأها أو لمسها أو حدّثها طويلاً، لكنّ نزفها لم يتوقف. لمسة واحدة للرب شفتها. طبعاً، لم تكن تلك لمسة الغفلة، بل نتيجة ثلاث فضائل جمعتها في شخصها على رغم الضعف والوهن اللذين أصابا جسدها الهش بسبب النزيف المزمن. وهذه الفضائل هي مكوّنات الرجاء الثلاثة: المثابرة والإيمان والثقة بالرب. اثنتا عشرة سنة من الألم ولم تياس، بل بقي الرجاء حياً فيها. ثابرت في سعيها للشفاء، أمنت بأن الرب قادر على أن يشفيها، ووثقت بأن لمسة واحدة لردائه تكفي.

مكوّنات الرجاء

الثلاثة

ها هو الرب يعطينا درساً آخر في الرحمة الإلهية على أيدي هذه المعلّمة. أين الرجاء في عالم اليوم وأين مكوّنات هذا الرجاء في حياتنا نحن المعمّدين؟ كيف نصلي؟ بثقة وإيمان ومثابرة، أم نتعامل مع الله كما تعاملت الجموع مع يسوع، بزحمه بهمومنا ودفعه في كل اتجاه؟

عندما أنظر إلى رعبتنا، أجد جواباً يحمل كل الفرح، فالرجاء حيّ هنا، وبمكوّناته كافة، والشكر لله على ذلك. ها هي اللجان كلها تعود إلى العمل بكامل طاقتها، محوّلة الرعية إلى قفير نحل. وقد نظمت مجموعة تنشئة الرجال على الإيمان لقاء الأسبوع الماضي فيما تواصل باقي المجموعات أيضاً نشاطاتها. أشكر الله عليكم جميعاً، وأحثكم على مواصلة العمل، وأن تجعلوا من مسيرة الصوم مسيرة قداسة، حتى ولو سقطتم، انهضوا مجدداً وأكملوا، لأن النعمة في انتظاركم.

ولأن الرجاء حيّ فينا، تمكّنت رعبتنا من تحقيق الهدف الذي وضعته أمامها لمساعدة إخوتنا وأخواتنا في لبنان، وهو كفالة ١٠٠ عائلة لمدة سنة كاملة. هذا كله بفضلكم. أشكركم من كل قلبي على الرجاء الحي في قلوبكم والذي ترجمتموه بهذا العمل الذي فيه كل المثابرة والإيمان والثقة بحب الله لنا. لقد مددتم أيديكم بقدر ما تستطيعون، كما فعلت المرأة النازفة، ولمستم يسوع من خلال إخوته الصغار في لبنان، فلا بد للمعجزة وأن تأتي. وها قد أتت! وهي في مكوّنات الرجاء التي فيكم!

الخوري طوني سركيس

البطريك يوحنا مارون

مار يوحنا مارون هو راهب من دير مار مارون وأسقف البترون وجبل لبنان. انتخب أول بطريك على الكنيسة المارونية خلال النصف الثاني من القرن السابع بعد المسيح (حوالي ٦٨٦ م) عندما أصبح الكرسي الأنطاكي شاغراً. وهو أول بطريك ماروني على أنطاكية

والثالث والستون بعد القديس بطرس الذي أسس الكرسي الأنطاكي في القرن الأول بعد المسيح. فبهذا العمل كانت بداية تنظيم وبناء الكنيسة المارونية على الصعيد الكنسي والوطني والاجتماعي. اضطر مار يوحنا مارون وتلاميذه إلى الهجرة إلى لبنان بسبب الاضطهاد الذي ألحقهم به الجيوش الرومانية والإسلامية. فانتقل إثر ذلك الكرسي البطريركي إلى كفرحي البترون حيث شيد دير (ريش مرو ومعناه رأس مارون) لتوضع فيه جمجمة مار مارون. كان مار يوحنا مارون ذا موهبة خاصة بالجمامة الرسولية المناضلة. ففي عهد رئاسته حقق الموارنة انتصاراً حاسماً أدى إلى القضاء شعب لبنان حول البطريرك. إلى أن مار يوحنا مارون لم يكن زعيماً وطنياً فحسب بل كان أيضاً قديساً جاهداً في مهمته الرسولية إذ إنه علّم وبشّر وزار أبناء أبرشيته خصوصاً خلال الفترة التي انتشر فيها وباء الطاعون (٦٨٥م) وله في رتبة القديس نافور على اسمه كما انه ألف كتاباً عن العقيدة اللاهوتية.

تأمل من وحي الإنجيل

في أحد شفاء المنزوفة، نسمع كلمات الرب يسوع يسأل: "مَن لمسني؟" هو الذي لمسنا أولاً، يسأل من يُبادره اللمسة ذاتها. هو من تجسّد وأخذ صورة العبد لكي يلمس إنسانيتنا، أخذ ضعفنا ليلمسنا فيشفينا. لكنه ينادي ويسأل: "مَن هو المؤمن الشجاع المتواضع الذي سيأتي إليّ ويلمسني فيُشفى؟". إن المرأة المنزوفة، التي رغم ضعفها وعوزها، رغم عارها ولعناتها، رغم نزفها وألمها، تشجعت وإقتربت من الرب يسوع ولمست طرف رداثه، مؤمنة أنها ستعال بغيثتها. وبالفعل، لقد شُفيت وقال الرب يسوع لها: "إيمانك خلصك". إن مسيحيّتنا اليوم تعاني من اللمسة الخاطئة، في ظلّ ما نراه من الاستغلال والعنف الجنسي خاصة بين رجال الدين. إنها شهادة مؤلمة للمسة الرب يسوع الشافية. إن لمسة منمرة تطلّ لا فقط جسد الآخر بل روحه. إنها جريمة إنسانية ودينية خاصة عندما تتعلق بالأطفال. نحن المؤمنون على حماية أبناء الله، وعلى نقل لمسته الروحية الشافية من خلال كلمته المحيية وأسراره المقدسة، نخون أمانتنا، نشوّه هويتنا وندمر جسد المسيح الحي. اليوم، نحن بحاجة إلى توبة وعودة إلى الله لكي نعيّ جوهر رسالتنا الكهنوتية الخدمية. اليوم، كنيسةنا بأمن الحاجة للمسة شفاء وليس من لمسة شافية سوى لمسة الرب يسوع. إن الله يلمسنا كل يوم بأنواع وطرق شتى، إنه الحجر الحي الشافي: فمن يقترب منه؟



الخبر السّار من رعيّتك



كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

أحد شفاء المنزوفة

أهلنا، أيها الربّ الإله، الذي صيرت إنساناً لأجلنا، فقدست زجانِب الإنسان، وأفضت عليه روحك القدوس، أن نَصوم ونُصلي، بنقاوة وقداسة، فنحيا بك ونرى وجهك في ملكوتك

الشحيمة المارونية

الإنجيل

الرسالة

لَمَّا عَادَ يَسُوعُ، اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ جَمِيعُهُمْ كَانُوا يَنْتَظِرُونَهُ. وَإِذَا بِرَجُلٍ اسْمُهُ يَأَيُّزُسُ، وَكَانَ رَئِيسَ الْمَجْمَعِ، جَاءَ فَارْتَمَى عَلَى قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ، وَأَخَذَ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَهُ، لِأَنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَجِيدَةً، عُمْرُهَا نَحْوُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، قَدْ أَشْرَفَتْ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ ذَاهِبٌ، كَانَ الْجُمُوعُ يَزْحَمُونَهُ. وَكَانَتْ امْرَأَةٌ مُصَابِيَةٌ بِزَرْفٍ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَلَمْ يَفْرِجْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ يَسُوعَ، وَلَمَسَتْ طَرَفَ رِدَائِهِ، وَفَجْأَةً وَقَفَتْ نَزَفٌ دَمِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟". وَأَنْكَرَ الْجَمِيعُ. فَقَالَ بَطْرُسُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ: "يَا مُعَلِّمُ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يَزْحَمُونَكَ وَيُصَابِقُونَكَ!". فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "إِنَّ وَاحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي! فَإِنِّي عَرَفْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي". وَرَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ أَنَّ امْرَأَتَهَا لَمْ يَخَفْ عَلَيْهِ، فَدَنَتْ مُزْعِدَةً وَارْتَمَتْ عَلَى قَدَمَيْهِ، وَأَعْلَنْتْ أَمَامَ الشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ لِمَاذَا لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكَيْفَ شَفِيَتْ لِلْحَالِ. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: "يَا ابْنَتِي، إِنَّمَا لَكَ خَلْصُكَ! اذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ". وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، وَصَلَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْ دَارِ رَئِيسِ الْمَجْمَعِ يَقُولُ: "مَاتَتْ ابْنَتُكَ! فَلَا تَزْعَجِ الْمُعَلِّمَ!". وَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ فَأَجَابَهُ: "لَا تَخَفْ! يَكْفِي أَنْ تَوَدَّيْنِ فَتَحْيَا ابْنَتُكَ!". وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدْخُلْ مَعَهُ سِوَى بَطْرُسَ وَيُوحَنَّا وَنِعْمَانُ وَأَبِي الصَّبِيَّةِ وَأُمِّهَا. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَتَوَدَّدُونَ عَلَيْهَا وَيَقْرَعُونَ صُدُورَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: "لَا تَبْكُوا! إِنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ. لَكِنَّهَا نَائِمَةٌ!". فَأَخَذُوا يَضْحَكُونَ مِنْهُ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بِأَنَّهَا مَاتَتْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَأَمْسَكَ يَدَيْهَا وَنَادَى قَائِلًا: "أَيْتُهَا الصَّبِيَّةُ، قُومِي!". فَعَادَتْ رُوحَهَا إِلَيْهَا، وَفَجْأَةً نَهَضَتْ. ثُمَّ أَمَرَ بِأَنْ يُطْعِمُوهَا. فَذَهَبَتْ أَبْوَاهَا، وَأَوْصَاهُمَا يَسُوعُ أَلَّا يُخْبِرَا أَحَدًا بِمَا حَدَثَ.

لو ٨ : ٤٠ - ٥٦

يا إخوتي، إِنَّ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ ذَالَةً كَبِيرَةً، وَلِي بِكُمْ فُخْرًا عَظِيمًا. وَلَقَدْ امْتَلَأْتُ تَعَزُّيَةً، وَأَنَا أَفِيضُ فَرْخًا فِي ضَيْقِنَا كُلِّهِ. فَإِنَّمَا لَمَّا وَصَلْنَا إِلَى مَقْدُونِيَّةِ، لَمْ يَكُنْ لِحَسْبِنَا شَيْءٌ مِنَ الرَّاحَةِ، بَلْ كُنَّا مُتَضَايِقِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، صِرَاعٌ مِنَ الْخَارِجِ، وَخَوْفٌ مِنَ الدَّخْلِ! لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي يُعْزِّي الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ عَزَّانَا بِمَجِيءِ طِيمُطُسَ، لَا بِمَجِيئِهِ فَخْصَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالتَّعَزُّيَّةِ الَّتِي تَعَزَّاهَا بِكُمْ. وَقَدْ أَخْبَرْنَا بِاشْتِيَاقِكُمْ إِلَيْنَا، وَخُرْبِكُمْ، وَغَيْرَتِكُمْ عَلَيَّ، حَتَّى إِنِّي ارْتَدَدْتُ فَرْخًا. وَإِذَا كُنْتُ قَدْ أَخَرْتُكُمْ بِرِسَالَتِي فَلَسْتُ نَادِمًا عَلَى ذَلِكَ، مَعَ أَنِّي كُنْتُ قَدْ نَدِمْتُ، لِأَنِّي أَرَى أَنَّ تِلْكَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَلَوْ أَخَرْتُكُمْ إِلَى حِينٍ، قَدْ سَبَّبَتْ لِي فَرْخًا كَثِيرًا، لَا لِأَنَّكُمْ خَرْتُمْ، بَلْ لِأَنَّ خُرْبَكُمْ أَذَى بِكُمْ إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ. فَقَدْ خَرْتُمْ خُرْبًا مُرْضِيًا لِلَّهِ، كَيْ لَا تَحْسُرُوا بِسَبَبِنَا فِي أَيِّ شَيْءٍ؛ لِأَنَّ الْخُرْبَ الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ يَصْنَعُ تَوْبَةً لِلْخَلَاصِ لَا نَدَمَ عَلَيْهَا، أَمَّا خُرْبُ الْعَالَمِ فَيَصْنَعُ مَوْتًا. فَانْظُرُوا خُرْبَكُمْ هَذَا الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ كَمَا أَنْشَأَ فِيكُمْ مِنَ الْإِجْتِهَادِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْإِغْتِدَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْإِسْتِكَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْخَوْفِ، بَلْ مِنَ الشُّوقِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْغَيْزَةِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْإِضْزَارِ عَلَى الْعِقَابِ! وَقَدْ أَطَهَرْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ أَنْكُمْ أَبْرِيَاءُ مِنْ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ.

٢ قور ٧ : ٤ - ١١



صلاة

سألناك، رَبِّ، أَنْ تَغْلِبَ خُضُوعَكَ فِي أَسَافِنَا، كَمَا الذُّورُ فِي الْهَوَاءِ، فَتُبَصِّرَ مُحْيَاكَ فِي وَجْهِ الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ وَالْأَسْفَارِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ. زَمَانًا يَسِيرًا عَشْتُ عَلَى أَرْضِنَا، أَنْتَ الْكَائِنُ قَبْلَ كُلِّ وَجُودٍ، وَالْمُسْتَمَرُّ مَعَنَا إِلَى مَا لَا نِهَاطَةَ، لِأَنَّكَ مُحِبٌّ سَرْمَدِيَّةٌ. حَاولْنَا بِالتَّأَمُّلِ، أَنْ نُسَبِّرَ غُورَ مُحْيَاكَ الْإِنْسَانِ الْإِلَهِيِّ، فَابْصُرْنَا فِي عَيْنِكَ، إِشْعَاعَ لُطْفِ الْغَدَارَى، وَخَنَانِ الْأُمَمَاتِ، وَعِزِّ الْأَبْطَالِ، وَطَهْرِ الْقَدِيسِينَ، وَمُحِبَّةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي هِيَ أَنْتَ.

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