

15th August 2021



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH

Feast of the

Assumption

"Mother of our God, glory of our race, you are filled with every grace."

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN

If you are in danger, if your hearts are confused, turn to Mary. She is our comfort, our help. Turn towards her and you will be saved.

St Frances Xavier Cabrini

THE GOSPEL

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Lk 1: 46-55

THE EPISTLE

Brothers and Sisters,
let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Rom 12: 9-15



PRAYER

O Mary,
Queen of Peace,
by our recitation of thy
Rosary, restore peace and
harmony in our families and
the whole world, through
thy powerful intercession
with Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace.
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

Before and during Saturday 6pm
and Sunday Masses or 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 - Saturday morning 7:30am

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THE SERVANTS WORD

Let Us Write Our Own Magnificat

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in body and soul into heaven. Regardless of the current circumstances of our lives, this Feast is our feast, this joy is our joy, and this hope is our hope, because this Lady is our Mother! How unfortunate is the one who has not yet known her love! How poor is the one who has not been yet enriched with her tenderness! How orphan is the one who has not yet experienced the warmth of her bosom! How hungry is the one who has not yet tasted the sweetness of her intercession! She is the one who considered herself the servant of God, but God made her his Mother. She is the one who magnified the Lord and whose spirit rejoiced in him, so God raised her and glorified her above all his creation to become the glory of our universe, overflowing the entire world with God's grace.

Between Mary's hymn, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour..." – as recorded for us in today's Gospel by Saint Luke – and the theme of our parish celebrations of the Feast of the Assumption this year, "Mother of our God, glory of our race, you are filled with every grace" – as inspired by the treasures of our Maronite liturgy – lies a story that summarises God's exaltation of the human who fully surrenders to God's will. Mary is God's story to his faithful people! Mary is the story of the Holy and Mighty One who did great things for the young girl from Nazareth, so all generations will call her blessed. Mary is the story of God's infinite mercy that comes upon everyone who fears him, from generation to generation. Mary is the story of the utmost humility that God raises those who live it to the highest heavens. Mary wrote her Magnificat to the Lord and made it the constitution of her life. She is the Mother of God in our faith, and the glory of our race who is filled with every grace in our liturgy, yet she lived like us! She endured hardships, toil, privation, distress, injustice, scarcity, suffering and death more than we have. She experienced anxiety on her journey to Bethlehem to give birth to her child Jesus in a lowly place.

She knew fear when fleeing to Egypt at night with Joseph and her infant child. She felt the bitterness of alienation in a foreign land far from home. She went through daily suffering as she was accompanying her Son Jesus on his mission, seeing the plots of the Pharisees being hatched around him. She faced death and remained standing at the cross. She experienced the lockdown and lived behind closed doors in the upper room with the disciples. Despite all this however, she did not give up, but remained steadfast in her faith, resilient, brave, truthful to her hymn and truthful to her role.

We are very proud of Mary, our Mother, the Mother of our land and the woman from our homeland. What are we still then waiting for to walk in her footsteps? Today we live in similar circumstances to the situations she went through, the circumstances of alienation and the many challenges and crosses in our lives, especially the lockdown that is currently isolating us in our homes. Is it not the time yet for us to write our own hymn to glorify the Lord in our lives, wherever we are and whatever we do, at the family, work, civil, national, military or Church level? Let us write our own Magnificat in order to truly celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and be ready to walk out of our own upper rooms, with Mary, when the lockdown is eventually lifted. We can then take the love of God to all people, and God will glorify us as we glorified him, because that is what he did with Mary.

On behalf of His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay and my brother priests, deacons and subdeacon, I extend my warmest congratulations to you on this blessed feast, as well as my deepest gratitude and thanks to all those who are helping us in this time: the clergy, choirs, altar servants, media and live streaming team, and every parishioner who is participating with us from their domestic churches. Through you, our parish can really be your home parish.

May the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady bring you all the blessings.

Father Tony Sarkis

THE ASSUMPTION

Today we celebrate the feast of the Assumption when Mary was raised body and soul into heaven. So, what made Mary such an important woman?

Mary is referred to as the Mother of God, the Theotokos, God bearer. Yet that alone is not the reason why we admire Mary. Motherhood is the call of many women.

Mary is also called Virgin, the Church wanting to claim a pure state for her, as if intercourse is a thing frowned upon. Again, this does not give us reason for Mary's popularity.

So, let us refer to today Gospel' reading. We have the Magnificat, Mary's song of praise. It is powerful in its imagery, subversive in its views, and very justice focused. It describes here Mary as a woman who is at the forefront of equality, of social concern, of care of the poor, of one in tune with the plight of the multitude.

It is a Mary who is very focussed on God, totally trusting in God's merciful love, yet at the same time participating in this fidelity by actively seeking out possibilities to further social justice.

So when we celebrate today the Assumption of Mary into heaven, it is because she was a gentle Mother to the Son of God, who raised her child with purity of heart, and most importantly she became his role model for showing care and concern for the lowly, and exemplified the call to attain social justice for all in need. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Lord could not forget the cradle in which He lay. In the Annunciation, the angel said "The Lord is with Thee". In the Assumption: "Mary is with the Lord." Her Assumption is the guarantee that one's prayers to her will be answered

Venerable Fulton Sheen

The World's First Love Mary, Mother of God pp.225

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Feast of the Assumption Our Lady, it is good to remember that her holy death and Assumption were the right and proper reward for her holy life and her obedience to the Will of God. Her soul magnified the Lord, and so too did her life and her glorious Assumption, for when Our Lady was taken body and soul into heaven, God showed that our humanity finds its fullest development when it is united with Him in heaven.

Meditating on this Feast, we also see that we only have a limited time on this earth, and it is a time to be used carefully, in preparing our souls for the next life, it is important to meditate and discern between the temporary life here on earth and the eternal life promised to us through our faith in Jesus Christ. It is our mission to leave this earth a better place than we found it.

We are living in a difficult and challenging time. Many of us are restricted to our homes and cannot be together with our extended families and friends. I share the concerns and the struggle of many of our families and community members and hope that this period passes very soon. But it is all the more important, then, to remember that whatever the restrictions on our physical movements may be, no earthly power can stop us from praying and living our faith in God. We are not restricted from asking Our Lady to intercede for us. No earthly power can lock down the love of Our Lady, or prevent her from being present with us in our hour of need. We are not restricted from reaching out to our neighbour with a kind word or a warm meal as Our Lady did for her cousin. No wall or gate can keep out mercy and grace other than the walls and gates we build around our hearts.



Our Lady has accompanied the Maronite people through their history. So strong is our attachment to her and so evident is she in the Maronite religious culture. She has walked with us through our difficulties, she has been our support during hardships, and our companion in our loneliness. She has never abandoned us.

Let us, as Maronites, resolve on the occasion of this great feast, to open our houses, our hearts, and our family life, ever more widely, to Our Lady. Let us follow her example of trust in God and where His Holy Will leads us. We do not always know where that journey will lead us, but the next step is always made clear if we put our foot forward in faith.

Beloved, I urge you to consecrate your hearts to Our Lady. Give her your love, and you will receive her blessings. Give her your hearts, and you will receive her prayers. Give her your lives, and you will receive her Son.

I wish you a Blessed Feast of the Assumption!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

YOUTH CORNER



Dearest Friends,

Although our Parish remains closed through these trying times – the MYO still welcome you to join us in a range of virtual initiatives.

We continue to encounter Christ through Faith on Fire lockdown edition. Faith on Fire continues every second Wednesday, alternating between live discussions and videos. Keep an eye out for the upcoming topic! Our most recent Faith on Fire video saw Fr Charbel explore 10 helpful tips to staying healthy and holy during the remainder of this lockdown – check it out on our social media platforms. Every other Wednesday we hold a virtual hang out on zoom - to catch up with the Youth and play some games together! The link is shared on Instagram and Facebook beforehand, we hope to see you there!

Typically, this time of the year Parishioners gather for our Feast Week celebrations and the Youth are heavily involved in volunteering throughout. Although it is difficult to accept that there were no festivities this year – the Parish has hosted a variety of beautiful spiritual initiatives which we can continue to get involved in from our Domestic Churches.

We remain connected through this difficult time and we are hoping and praying for the return of Parishioners to the Parish!

Yours in Christ,
Chloe Bou-Serhal
MYO Vice Co-ordinator

KIDS CORNER

Queen of Heaven Word-Find

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CAPITALS and use the
letters left over to fill in the
blanks at the end.

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When Our Lady's life was over, JESUS took her, body and soul, into HEAVEN. There He honours her as the Queen of Heaven and EARTH. She is the most PERFECT of all the SAINTS. MARY is the QUEEN of the APOSTLES, MARTYRS and PROPHETS. She rules beside her Son Jesus on His THRONE in Heaven.

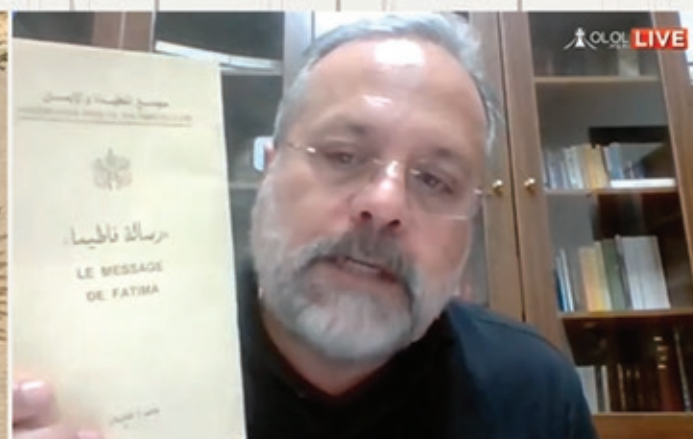
But Our BLESSED MOTHER does not forget us. She is full of LOVE and CARES for us, and will always LISTEN when we PRAY to her. She is OUR greatest HELP and prays to God for us.

Here is a name that you can give Our LADY to remember how much she loves you:

PARISH CAMERA



English Marian talk led by Deacon Harold



Arabic Marian talk led by Fr Marwan



You are all with us at Church with your candles & rosaries lighting up our parish with your intentions for the Feast of the Assumption



Adoration



MARONITECARE COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE PLANNED GIVING TARGET

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LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$22,600 PRE-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL
UNITS: \$11,118 PRE-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 15 August: 13th Sunday of Pentecost – Feast of The Assumption

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am & 7:00pm

11:00am Solemn Mass for Feast of the Assumption celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Saturday 21 August

6:00pm One Year Jamil Moujalli from Kfardlakos

Sunday 22 August: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30am 40 Day Jacqueline Naffaa widow of the late John Gabriel from Beit Chabab

11:00am One Year Antonios Esber Abi Rizk from Aintourine

الأحد ١٥ آب: الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة – عيد إنتقال مريم العذراء

القداسات ٨:٠٠ ، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

١١:٠٠ قداس عيد إنتقال مريم العذراء يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريبيه السامي الإحترام

السبت ٢١ آب

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم جميل مجلي من كفردلاكوس

الأحد ٢٢ آب: الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحومة جاكلين نفاع أرملة المرحوم جان غبريل Gabriel من بيت شباب

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم أنطونيوس إسبر أبي رزق من عينطورين

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LOL Arabic School Feast of the Assumption Colouring Competition
Thank you to all who participated.



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The Year of Saint Joseph

"Joseph... do not be afraid" Matt 1:21

Every 19th of the Month, 8:30am

Rosary, Litany and Procession
of St Joseph Followed by Mass



انتقال السيدة العذراء

في هذا اليوم تعيد الكنيسة المقدسة عيد انتقال سيدتنا مريم العذراء بنفسها وجسدها الى السماء كما حدثها عقيدة إيمانية البابا بيوس الثاني عشر سنة ١٩٥٠.

بعد رجوع المسيح إلى الأب عاشت العذراء على الأرض حوالي ٢٣ سنة. وقبل حلول الروح القدس كانت مع الرسل "المثابرين على الصلاة بقلب واحد" (اعمال ١٤/١).

ماتت العذراء بين أيدي الرسل بعمر يقارب ال ٧٢ سنة. يقال انها دفنت قرب بستان الزيتون حيث نازع يسوع. إذا كان الموت نتيجة الخطيئة فلماذا ماتت مريم وهي التي حفظها الله من كل خطيئة؟

ماتت مريم أولاً - لأن يسوع ذاته مات ليخلص الإنسان من الخطيئة، وبما أن مريم هي شريكة يسوع بفدائنا كان عليها أن تموت مثله. ثانياً - ان موتها يجعلها أكثر تشبهاً بنا. فهي مثل يسوع اختبرت كل ما في طبيعتنا البشرية ما عدا الخطيئة.

ثالثاً - كانت مريم مثلاً لنا في الحياة والموت، فهي شفيعة الحياة الصالحة والميتة الصالحة. ماتت مريم ومثل ابنها لم تخضع لفساد الموت. ويعلم الجميع الفاتيكانية الثاني: "ان مريم بعد أن كملت حياتها الزمنية، انتقلت بنفسها وجسدها إلى مجد السماء، وعظمها الرب كملكة العالمين لتكون أكثر مشابهة لابنها رب الأرباب (رؤيا ١٩/١٦) المنتصر على الخطيئة والموت". ونحن نقول لها: يا قديسة مريم صلّي لأجلنا الآن وفي ساعة موتنا. آمين.

المنكسار الماروني



بقلبه أبوي

ظَلَّ الآب السماوي - قال الله للقدّيس يوسف: "قُمْ فَخُذِ الطِّفْلَ وَأُمَّهُ" (متى ٢، ١٣).

الغرض من هذه الرسالة الرسوليّة هو تنمية حبنا لهذا القدّيس العظيم، حتى نطلب شفاعته ونتشبه بفضائله واندفاعه.

في الواقع، إن مهمّة القدّيسين المحنّدة ليست القيام بالمعجزات ومنح النعم وحسب، بل التشفّع لنا أمام الله، كما فعل إبراهيم [٢٦] وموسى [٢٧]، وكما يفعل يسوع "الوسيط الأوحّد" (را. ١ طيم ٢، ٥)، هو "شَفِيعٌ لَنَا" جَدَّ الآب (١ يو ٢، ١)، "لأنّه خَفيّ دائماً أَبَدًا لِيَشْفَعَ [لنا]" (عب ٧، ٢٥؛ را. روم ٨، ٣٤).

إن القدّيسين يساعدون المؤمنين "ليَتَّبِعُوا رَبَّ القداسة ويبلغوا كمالهم" [٢٨]. وحياتهم هي الدليل الملموس لإمكانية عيش الإنجيل.

البابا فرنسيس - بمناسبة الذكرى المائة والخمسين لإعلان القدّيس يوسف البتول شفيعاً للكنيسة جمعاء



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 (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Anis & Maureen Jamil Haddad (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph & Family (K) Tanios Elias Kazzi & Family, Sarkis Chucchi Khoudair (L) (M) Youssef & Ghssoun Maroon, Charlie Boutrous Moussa, Robert Charlie Moussa, Betty Merhi, Hamid & Elizabeth Masri (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Peter Chehade Roumanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine & their Son Kenny, Nabih Saad & his children Kevin & Emille, Janette Semaani & Louis Semaani (T) (U) (V) (W) Ray Wehbe Wehbe (X) (Y) Mrs Sayde Simaan Yazbeck & husband Mr Loutfallah Mokdassi (Z)



إخوتي وأخواتي الأحباء بالمسيح،

إنه العيد، عيد انتقال السيدة العذراء مريم بالنفس والجسد إلى السماء. ومهما كانت ظروف حياتنا الآن، يبقى العيد عيدنا، ويبقى الفرح فرحنا، ويبقى الرجاء رجاءنا، لأن هذه السيدة هي أمنا! كم هو مسكين من لم يتعرف بعد على حبها! كم هو فقير من لم يفتن بعد من حنانها! كم هو يقيم من لم يعرف بعد دفء حضنها! كم هو جائع من لم يذق بعد حلاوة شفاعتها! هي التي اعتبرت نفسها أمة الله، فجعلها الله أمه. هي التي عظمت الرب وابتهجت روحها به، فرفعها وعظمها فوق جميع خلائقه لتصير فخر أكواننا، تفيض برضى الله ونعمه على المسكونة كلها.

بين نشيد مريم: "تعظم نفسي الرب وتبتهج روحي بالله مخلصي..." - كما دونه لنا القديس لوقا في إنجيل اليوم - وبين عنوان احتفالات رعييتنا بعيد انتقال السيدة العذراء بالنفس والجسد إلى السماء هذه السنة: "... يا أم الله، يا فخر الأكوان وفيض الرضوان" - وهو عنوان مستوحى من كنوز ليتورجيتنا المارونية - حكاية تختصر تعظيم الله للإنسان الذي يسلمه ذاته بكلّيتها. مريم حكاية الله لشعبه الوفي! مريم حكاية القدوس القدير الذي صنع العظامم بفتاة الناصرة، فراحت جميع الأجيال تطوّبها. مريم حكاية رحمة الله اللامتناهية التي تحل على كل من يتقيه، من جيل إلى جيل. مريم حكاية أقصى حدود التواضع الذي يرفع الله من يعيشه إلى أعلى السماوات.

لقد كتبت مريم نشيد تعظيمها الرب وجعلته دستوراً لحياتها. هي أم الله في حياتنا الإيمانية، وهي فخر الأكوان وفيض الرضوان في ليتورجيتنا، لكنها عاشت مثلنا! احتملت المشقات والتعب والشدة والضيق والظلم والقلة والألم والموت أكثر منا. عاشت القلق في رحلتها إلى بيت لحم لتلد طفلها يسوع في مكان وضيق. عرفت الخوف على طريق الهرب ليلاً إلى مصر مع يوسف وطفلها الرضيع. اختبرت مرارة الغربة في أرض بعيدة عن وطنها. عاشت معاناة يومية وهي ترافق ابنها يسوع في رسالته وترى مكائد الفريسيين تحاك حوله. واجهت الموت وظلت واقفة أمامه عند الصليب. وعاشت العزلة خلف أبواب موصدة مع التلاميذ في العلبة. وعلى رغم كل ذلك، لم تستسلم، بل بقيت ثابتة على إيمانها، صامدة، شامخة، وفيّة لـ "نعم" التي قالتها لإرادة الله في حياتها، وفيّة لنشيدها، وفيّة لدورها.

نفخر كثيراً بمريم، وبكونها أمنا، وأم أرضنا ومن بلادنا. لكن، ماذا ينقصنا لنمشي نحن أيضاً الطريق التي مشتها؟ نعيش اليوم ظروفاً مشابهة للظروف التي مرت بها؛ ظروف الغربة والتحديات الكثيرة والصلبان في حياتنا، وخصوصاً ظروف الإقفال العام الذي يعزلنا حالياً في بيوتنا. ألم يأت اليوم الذي يكتب فيه كل شخص منا نشيده الخاص لتعظيم الرب في حياته، أينما كنا ومهما كان دورنا أو مسؤولياتنا، سواء على الصعيد العائلي، أو المهني، أو المدني، أو الوطني، أو العسكري، أو الكنسي؟ فلنكتب نشيدنا الخاص لكي نعيد حقاً عيد الانتقال، ونكون حاضرين مع مريم عندما يتم رفع الإقفال العام فنفتح أبواب عليتنا وننتقل إلى العالم حاملين حب الرب إليه. عندها يعظمنا الله كما عظمناه، لأنه هكذا صنع مع مريم.

باسم سيادة المطران أنطون شربل طربييه والكهنة والشماسين والشدياق، أقدم منكم بأحرّ التهاني في هذا العيد المبارك. أود أيضاً أن أعبر عن عرفاني بالجميل وشكري الجزيل من أعماق قلبي لجميع الذين يساعدوننا في هذه الفترة، لكي تكون رعييتنا رعيتم المنزلية عبر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، من إكليروس، وجوقات الترتيم، وخدام المذبح، وفريق الإعلام والبيت المباشر، ولكل شخص من أبناء وبنات الرعية الذين يشاركوننا من كنائسهم المنزلية.

عيد مبارك على الجميع.

الخوري طوني سركيس

الملكة أم الله

نَحْنُ أَيْضاً الْيَوْمَ، نَقِفُ أَمَامَكَ،

أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكَةُ، أَجَلُ، الْمَلِكَةُ،

وَالِدَةُ اللَّهِ الْعَذْرَاءَ،

نُعَلِّقُ عَلَيْكَ رَجَاءَنَا كَمَا عَلَى مِرْسَاةٍ أَمِينَةٍ وَرَاسِخَةٍ.

نُكْرِمُ لَكَ عَقْلَنَا وَنَفْسَنَا وَجَسَدَنَا، بِجُمْلَتِهِ:

نُرِيدُ أَنْ نُكْرِمَكَ بِمِزَامِيرَ وَتَسَابِيحَ وَأَغَانٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ بِقَدْرِ مَا نَسْتَطِيعُ،

لَأَنَّ تَكْرِيمَكَ بِحَسَبِ مَقَامِكَ يَفُوقُ اسْتَطَاعَتَنَا.

إِذَا صَحَّ، بِحَسَبِ الْقَوْلِ الْمَأْثُورِ،

أَنْ مَا يَقْدَمُ مِنْ إِكْرَامٍ إِلَى سَائِرِ الْخِنَمِ

هُوَ دَلِيلٌ مَحَبَّةٍ لِسَيِّدِ الْكُلِّ،

فَهَلْ يُمَكِّنُ أَهْمَالَ إِكْرَامِكَ، أَنْتِ وَالِدَةُ سَيِّدِكَ؟

أَلَا يَجِبُ أَنْ نَتَطَلَّبَهُ بِرَغْبَةٍ؟

بِهَذَا نُثَبِّتُ بِالْأُخْرَى تَعَلُّقَنَا بِرَبَّنَا.

وَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَكْفِي مَنْ يَحْفَظُونَ تَذَكُّارَكَ بِتَقْوَى،

أَنْ يَنَالُوا مَوْهَبَةَ ذِكْرِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَقْدَرُ:

فَهُوَ لَهُمْ ذُرْوَةُ الْفَرْحِ الدَائِمِ.

أَيُّهُ عِبْطَةٌ وَأَيُّ خَيْرٍ لَا يَمْلَأُ مَنْ يَجْعَلُ مِنْ عَقْلِهِ الْمَقَرَّ الْخَفِيِّ

لِذِكْرِكَ الْمُقَدَّسِ؟

القديس يوحنا اليمشقي

نتأمل فيه الإنجيل

في هذا العيد، نتأمل في انتقال مريم بالنفس والجسد وننتقل من هذا التأمل إلى حياتنا لننظر إلى مدى استعدادنا وتحضيرنا لتكون، على مثال مريم، من المنتقلين إلى جوار الرب بالنفس ومن المستعدين للقيامة بالجسد وفق ما تعلمنا إياه الكنيسة المقدسة انطلاقاً من إيمانها وإيماننا بقيامة الرب بالجسد الممجّد من بين الأموات. فهل نحافظ على نقاوة جسدنا الذي يمتزج بجسد المسيح ودمه في الإفخارستيا؟ وهل نقفي روحنا ممّا يسعى لبيعدها عن جوهرها كصورة الله؟ أسئلة لا بدّ منها في هذا العيد لعيش حاضر مسيحي أكثر إنسجاماً مع ما وعدنا به الرب يسوع كمصير أبدي!





الخبر السّار من رعيتك



كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عيد إنتقال العذراء

مَنْ هَذِهِ الصَّاعِدَةُ مِنَ الْقَفْرِ
مُسْتَنِدَّةٌ عَلَى خَبِيبِهَا ؟ أَنَا
وَزِدَّةُ الشَّارُونَ وَشَوْسَّةُ
الْأَوْدِيَةِ!

الشحيمة المارونية

الإنجيل

الرسالة



لِتَكُنْ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ بِلَا رِيَاءٍ: تَجَنَّبُوا الشَّرَّ، وَلَا زُمُوا الْخَيْرَ. أَحْبَبُوا
بَغَضُكُمْ بَغَضًا مَحَبَّةً أَخَوِيَّةً، وَبَادِرُوا بَغَضَكُمْ بَغَضًا بِالْإِكْرَامِ.
كُونُوا فِي الْاجْتِهَادِ غَيْرَ مُتَكَاسِلِينَ، وَبِالرُّوحِ حَازِينَ، وَلِلرَّبِّ
غَابِطِينَ، وَبِالزَّجَاءِ فَرِحِينَ، وَفِي الضِّيقِ ثَابِتِينَ، وَعَلَى
الصَّلَاةِ مُوَظِّبِينَ، وَفِي خَاجَاتِ الْقَدِيسِينَ مُشَارِكِينَ، وَإِلَى
ضِيَاةِ الْغُرَبَاءِ مَسَاعِينَ. بَارِكُوا الَّذِينَ يَضْطَهُدُونَكُمْ، بَارِكُوا وَلَا
تَلْعَنُوا. إِفْرَحُوا مَعَ الْفَرِحِينَ، وَابْكُوا مَعَ الْبَاكِينَ
قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: "تُعْظَمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبِّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مُخْلِصِي، لِأَنَّهُ
نَظَرَ إِلَى تَوَاضُعِ أَمَتِهِ. فَهَا مِنْذُ الْآنَ تَطُوبُنِي جَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ، لِأَنَّ
الْقَدِيرَ صَنَعَ بِي عَظَائِمَ، وَاسْمُهُ قُدُّوسٌ، وَرَحْمَتُهُ إِلَى أَجْيَالٍ وَأَجْيَالٍ
لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَهُ. صَنَعَ عِزًّا بِسَاجِدِهِ، وَشَتَّتَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ بِأَفْكَارِ قُلُوبِهِمْ.
أَنْزَلَ الْمُقْتَدِرِينَ عَنِ الْعُرُوشِ، وَرَفَعَ الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ. أَشْنَعَ الْجِيَاعَ
خُبْرَاتٍ، وَصَرَفَ الْأَغْنِيَاءَ فَارِغِينَ. غَضَدَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَاهُ ذَاكِرًا رَحْمَتَهُ
بِرَاهِمٍ وَنَسَلِهِ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، كَمَا كَلَّمَ آبَاءَنَا".

روم ١٢: ٩-١٥

صلاة

هَلِّمِي بِسَلَامٍ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمُّ وَالِدَةُ اللَّهِ
الْكَلِمَةُ، يَا مَقْصُورَةَ الْمَلِكِ السَّمَاوِيِّ
النَّقِيَّةَ، الْقَدِيسَةَ، أَيُّهَا الْوَزْدَةُ الطَّيِّبَةُ
الْفَوَاحَةُ. هَلِّمِي بِسَلَامٍ يَا هَيْكَلِ
الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَمَسْكَنِ اللَّهِ الْأَعْلَى.
هَلِّمِي بِسَلَامٍ يَا مَنْ قِيلَتْ السَّلَامُ
مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ جِبْرَائِيلَ، فَأَعْطَيْتِ الْعَالَمَ
الْحَيَاةَ.

قَدَاسَاتُ يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ

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قَدَاسَاتُ الْأَسْبُوعِ

الاثنين، الثلاثاء، الخميس والجمعة: ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً؛ الأربعاء: ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً، ٥:٣٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً؛ السبت: ٧:٣٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

الاعترافات

مؤمنّة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة ٦:٠٠ مساءً وقداسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

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