



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

The present calamities will not come to an end until the human race has returned to God.

Pope Benedict XV

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

THE GOSPEL

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Lk 7: 36-50

THE EPISTLE

Brothers and sisters, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

1Thess 1: 1-10



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, your grace is sufficient for us. Fill our hearts with love and gratitude for the mercy you have shown to us. Give us joy and freedom to love and serve others with kindness and respect. Live your life in us so that we may always acknowledge you as the source of our strength.

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

The merciful Lord with the repentant woman and prejudice

Dear brothers and sisters,

On the fifteenth Sunday of the Season of Pentecost, we reflect on Saint Luke's Gospel about the sinful woman who came to the Lord, crying for her sin and proclaiming her repentance at his feet. With her unique boldness, she was able to overcome the eyes of a cruel society, the gossip of the malicious, the whispers of the chatters, the hearsay of the fawners, and the judgments of prominent people who think of themselves as better than others while they are whitewashed tombs.

That woman was weak because of her sin, but magnificent with her audacity, faith and love. The Lord saw her great love, so he forgave her many sins. She only asked for his mercy, with tears of repentance, seeking it with love. The Lord Jesus, who is the fountain of love, overflowed her with greater love. He did not treat her on the basis of the law or social traditions, as the Pharisee and his companions did. He did not look at her as someone inferior, as the one who invited him did, but according to her human dignity. On the basis of this dignity, he treated her. And because of his great mercy and love, the Lord sought to explain to the Pharisee and the gossiping audience that the repentant deserves forgiveness and love so they may begin a new life worthy of Jesus Christ the forgiving Saviour.

The story of the repentant woman teaches us that our peace and salvation can only come from Jesus Christ, because if it was up to the human, that woman would have been humiliated and offended even more. With the Lord Jesus however, his words changed her and gave her great courage that enabled her to challenge the society's view of her. She was able to walk out from underneath the rubble of sin, the ashes of the bad reputation and the injustice of people, washing his feet with the most precious things she had: her tears, ointment and hair, the symbol of her dignity and honour. And the Lord restored her honour and dignity by honouring her above all the audience and dignifying her with his love and mercy.

We too, the Lord honours us and fills us with his mercy when we have the courage to repent, because we are "God's beloved", as Saint Paul describes us in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians. Since we are God's beloved people, he chose us and saved us with free grace. We only need to live our faith with love. But the question is: do we have today the courage of the sinful woman to reach our goal, which is the Lord Jesus, to prostrate at his feet, putting before him our sins and tears of repentance, in order to recover our dignity, live our peace and set out with his peace? Or are we like the Pharisees, looking down on others, pointing to them the finger of accusation, depriving them of the grace of forgiveness, mercy and love, and depriving ourselves of salvation?

With the repentant woman we learn how to come to the Lord Jesus, as we are, and he takes care of every difficulty in our lives, especially in this hardship that we are going through with the continuous lockdown and the accompanying anxiety and distress. We come to him, as we are, and he showers us with his mercy, love and salvation.

On the pastoral level, we have launched a new initiative, "Dad's Photo & Intention", on the occasion of Father's Day. Send us a photo of your father, with an intention, so we keep you in our prayer. We will place the photos and intentions on the church benches. We will also launch our program for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, from 5 to 14 September, on social media. Stay tuned.

Father Tony Sarkis

A SHOW OF LOVE

Our Sunday Gospel passage focuses on a woman who enters a house uninvited but provides great hospitality. Last week's Gospel gave us Martha's story of her invitation to Jesus to enter her home. This week we have Simon, a Pharisee, invite Jesus.

The theme of welcoming Jesus and hospitality continues on. We will focus this week on the actions of the uninvited woman.

She bathes Jesus' feet with her tears and dries them with her hair. It sounds odd to us today but let us try and see beyond the external actions. The woman, in the presence of all, sheds tears. She is comfortable enough before Jesus to expose her raw emotions. She is the one who feels welcomed in his presence and the one who seeks and draws near with an open heart and with transparency.

The woman kisses Jesus' feet. She has no shame before others. In Jesus' presence she shows great love. Her actions reveal great hospitality. She yearns for Jesus' presence and lovingly seeks him out.

Finally, she anoints Jesus' feet with oil. Her actions are tender and soothing. She caresses, she loves, she attends to the guest.

The woman, who is called a sinner, teaches us, sinners too, that no matter our past, our grievances, our troubles, we can and should always find time for Jesus in our lives. We are invited into a tender loving relationship with the God who lavishly returns the love. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn

FACES OF OLOL - CHAY GITTANY & MARY-JO GITTANY

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

Chay: I've been volunteering with OLOL Fersen since 2019. This year, it's me, my sister and Elise (another great Fersen leader!) that teach our weekly year 2 class. We have around 30 kids in our class, which means we're kept pretty busy!

Mary-Jo: I just started Fersen this year and it's been great! As a Fersen leader my role is to teach kids about their faith. This means I'm working with other leaders to create lessons and activities for the class every week.

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

Chay: I wanted to give back to my community in a way that I can see and that makes a real difference. Teaching children in Fersen means I can make a difference in their life and inspire them.

Mary-Jo: I heard so many good stories about Fersen. For me, it's a way to help children discover their faith and give them a chance to make new friends in a welcoming class and community.

What is a precious memory you have from our parish?

Chay: Definitely the Fersen Consecrations that we hold annually, which includes a ceremony and a social lunch. Before COVID it was our way to welcome new leaders and children to the Fersen community.

Mary-Jo: I love celebrating the Good Friday and Easter celebrations in our parish. They're big events but they always remind me of how lucky we are to be part of a community that's so passionate about bringing people together from all over Sydney.



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

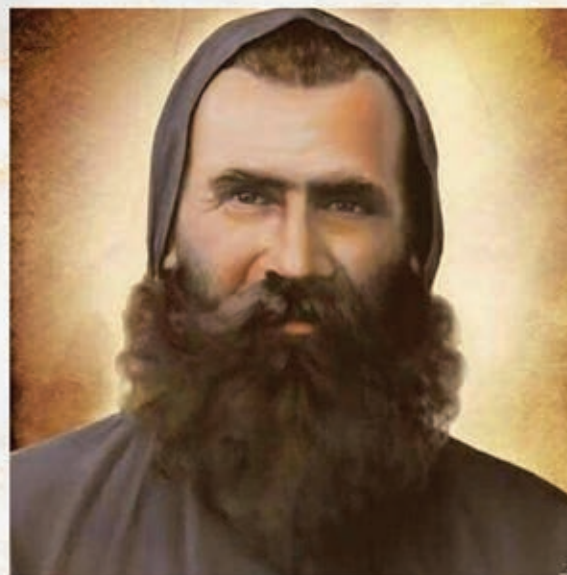
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Maronite Church celebrates on the 30th of August the feast of Blessed Estephan Nehme, born Youssef Nehme in Lehfed, Jbeil on 8 March 1889. He was the youngest boy in a family of six children. He lost both his parents at a young age. In 1905, he entered the Lebanese Maronite Order monastery of Saints Cyprian and Justina, Kfifan as a novice taking the name Estephan.

On 23 August 1907, he pronounced his vows of obedience, chastity and poverty, and became a religious members of the Lebanese Maronite Order. He chose to remain a brother and did not become a priest. He worked the fields of many monasteries where he was appointed and was known for being a peaceful man with a strong build and a joyful nature. He was also known for repeating the words: "God sees me." Living his life in this simple way, Brother Estephan Nehme showed us that sanctity is attainable and that one can become a saint by digging orchards and rendering acts of service to his neighbour.

Living our life aware of God's presence, we can sanctify our lives with simple acts of love that do not appear spectacular from the outside, but are actually heroic in value. Brother Estephan did not become a hermit, like Charbel, nor teach, like St Nehmetallah, nor endure extraordinary suffering, like St Rafqa. But in the evening, after returning from a long day in the fields, instead of resting, he visited the elderly monks in his convent and offered them his services and keeping them company. He died at the age of 49, on August 30, 1939. The day of his entry into eternal joy now marks his feast day.

Friends, on this Sunday let us seek the intercession of Blessed Estephan for our world and for our nation Australia. Our Maronite community is suffering and is under huge financial, emotional and social pressure.



Coupled with fear, the despair amongst many is heightened and has manifested itself in deep anxiety, stress and sometimes even irrational thoughts. We are deeply saddened that the Churches are not open. Now, more than ever, we need to remember that God is present in our world. He is with us in our difficulties and waiting for us to feel His presence and closeness.

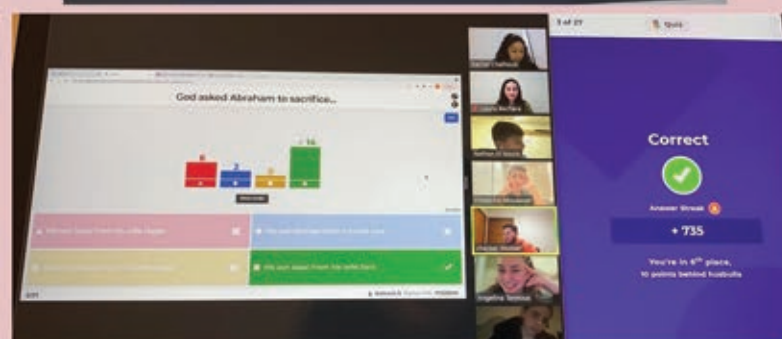
Blessed Estephan says "love does not need any education or science, it just comes out of the heart." Now, more than ever, we can demonstrate we are Christians by our love. We can make small sacrifices to make sure that our neighbours and the most vulnerable are kept safe. We must speak up for the marginalised and those who are suffering. Now we can seize the opportunity and take the message of Christ to Australia in simple acts of love, sacrifice and service.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday and a very blessed feast day to all!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

TEEN'S CORNER

Teen's online zoom activities during lockdown.



KIDS CORNER

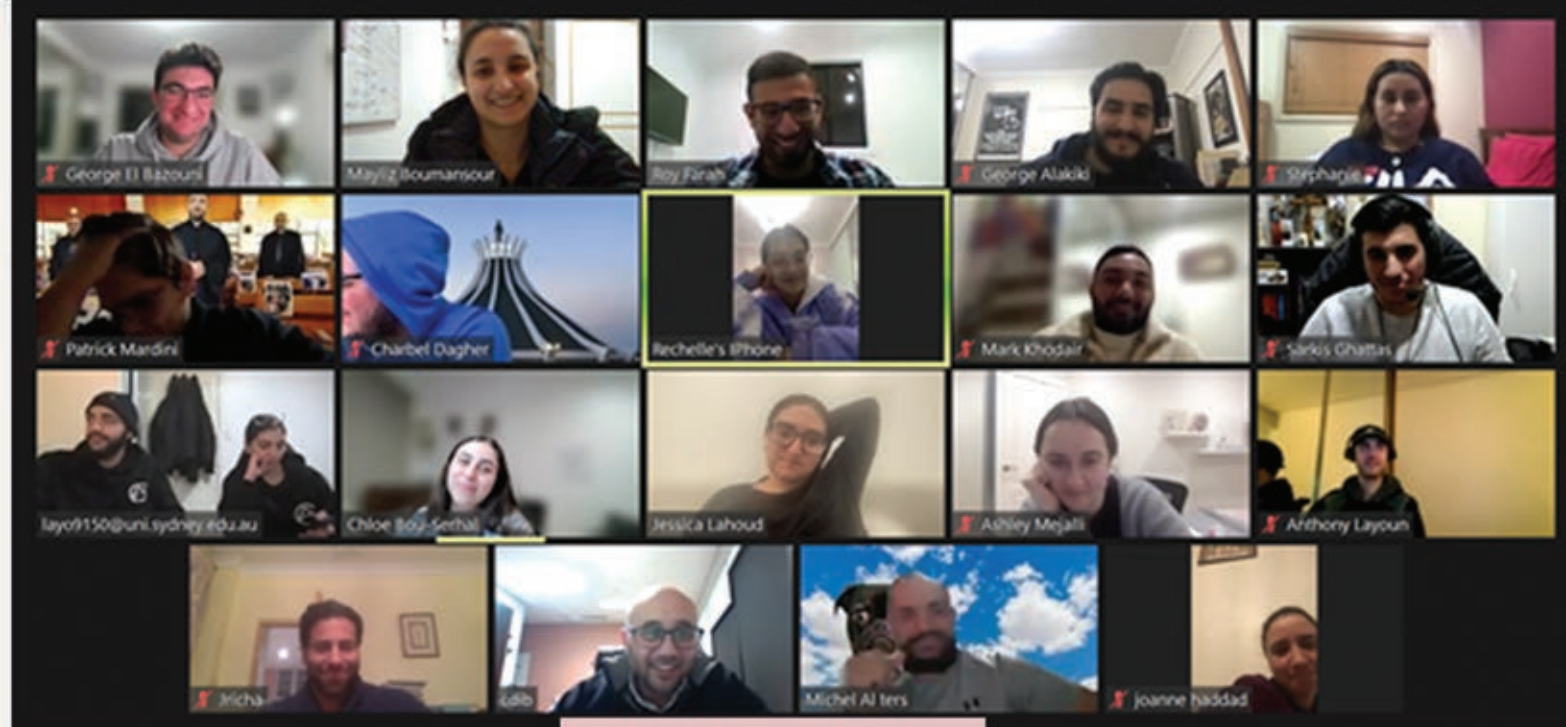
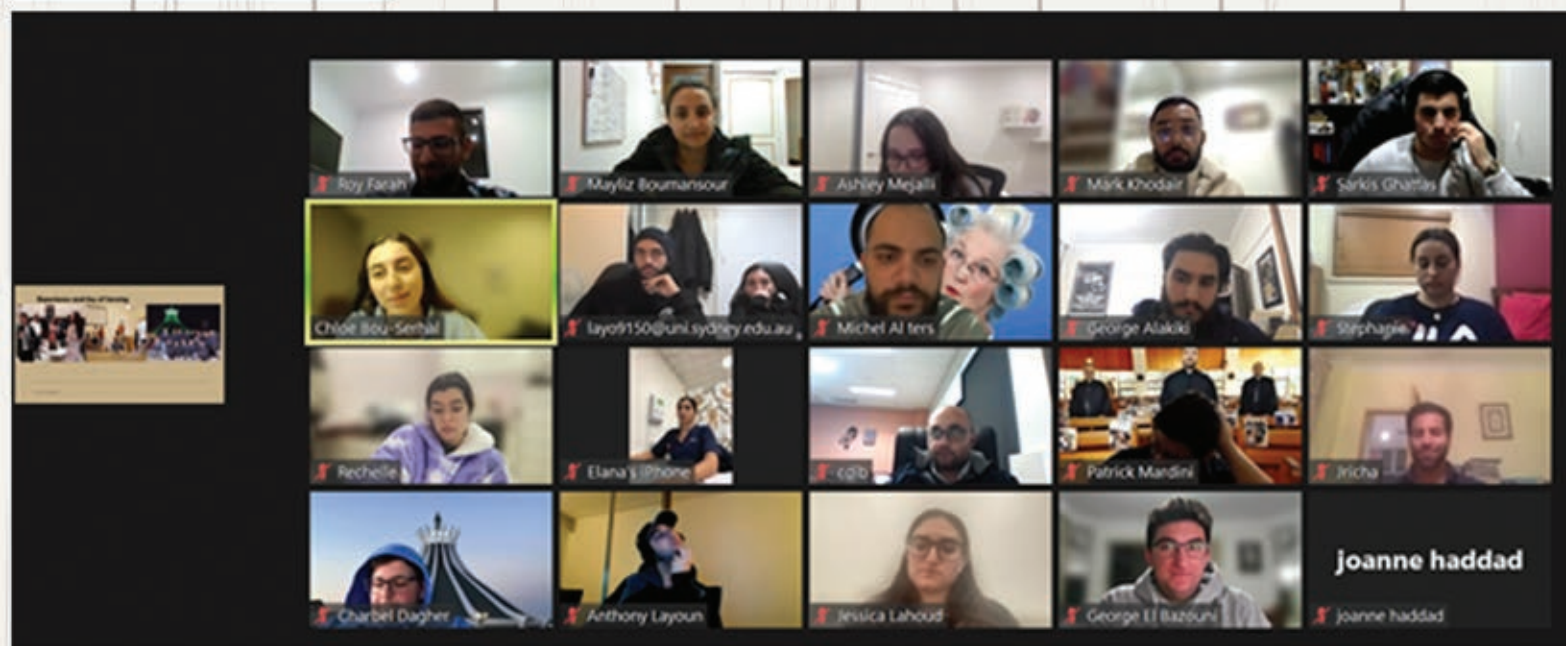
Saved By Faith

Luke 7:36-50

The sinful woman anointed Jesus' feet with perfumed oil from her alabaster flask. Color the flask. Draw the perfumed oil flowing from the flask onto the footprints representing Jesus' feet.



PARISH CAMERA



MYO Zoom Catch Up



FDW talk led by Subdeacon Ghassan



Adoration

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CYPC: \$3,937,500.00
UNITS: \$1,267,810.66

LOAN REPAYMENTS

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

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 29 August: 15th Sunday of Pentecost- Beheading of St John the Baptist

9:30am 40 Day Adele Safi from Toula widow of the late John Monof

Friday 3 September

6:00pm All living and departed of Hadchit for the Feast of St Raymond offered by Hadchit Association

Saturday 4 September

6:00pm 40 Day Youssef Mehmeh Salim Moses from Kfarsghab

Sunday 5 September: 16th Sunday of Pentecost – St Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Father's Day

11:00am One Year Elias Antonios Abou-Mehrez from Zgharta

7:00pm 40 Day Boutros Maroun Sleiman Maroun from Kfarsghab

الأحد ٢٩ آب: الأحد الخامس عشر من زمن العنصرة – قطع رأس يوحنا المعمدان
٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحومة أدال صافي من تولا أرملة المرحوم جان مونوف Monof

الجمعة ٣ أيلول
٦:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء، مرضى وأموات حدثت بمناسبة عيد مار رومانوس مقدمة الجمعية

السبت ٤ أيلول
٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم يوسف ميمه سليم Moses من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٥ أيلول: الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة – القديسة الأم تريزا دي كالكوتا – عيد الأب

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم الياس أنطونيوس أبو محرز من زغرثا
٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم بطرس مارون سليمان مارون من كفرصغاب

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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EVERY DONATION SAVES 3 LIVES

We are more than half-way through 2021 and we have reached a total of 105 lives saved! We need your help to reach our goal of 300 lives saved by the end of 2021!

Stuck in Lockdown? LifeBlood is an essential service, and is still open for Blood and Plasma Donations!

Our next Blood Donations are Thursday 9th September from 6:15pm-7:15pm, or we can find another date/ time that suits you!

How can I book?

Contact Louis on 0412 844 524 to find out more or to book your donation!

What if I already donated blood and/ or book my own appointments?
You can call LifeBlood to add your donations to Team OLOL! From that moment on, all your donations will go towards reaching our Goal!

Where does the Donated Blood go?

34% Cancer and Blood Diseases

19% Other Causes of Anaemia

18% Surgical Patients - including Open-Heart Surgery and Burns

13% Other Medical Problems - Including Heart, Stomach & Kidney Disease

10% Orthopaedic Patients - including Fractures & Joints Replacements

4% Obstetrics including Pregnant Women, New Mothers & Young Children

2% Trauma - including accidents

Who can Donate?

If you are aged between 18 and 75, weigh 50kg or more, and feel fit and healthy, you are eligible!

How long does it take?

Maximum of 15 minutes for a Blood donation, a little longer for Plasma Donations.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"
Matthew 25:35

SEND YOUR
DAD'S PHOTO & INTENTION

TO CELEBRATE
FATHERS DAY

AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL

Send the photo and intention by
WhatsApp to **0404 475 044**

All Photos and Intentions will be displayed on the pews of the Cathedral. Prayers and Masses will be offered for all Fathers and intentions. Happy Fathers Day.



Grocery Hampers FOR FAMILIES

Reach Out TO US

WERE HERE TO HELP FAMILIES STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET DURING THE COVID LOCKDOWN

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أنت نورى



إلهي... إن حرمانى من أنوارك يفضي إلى الموت أو بالحري إلى العدم. وليس الموت بشئ في ذاته ولكنه موت للروح بفعل الخطية. أخطأنا تجرنا بقوة كماء ينصب في منحدر. ولنا عقاباً عادلاً جزاء ما إقترفنا. وما دام حقاً يا إلهي أنه بدونك لم تكن للحياة وجود. فما من شك أن الخطية تدمرنا... وتدمرنا لأنها تفصلنا عنك أنت يا أصل الخليقة وطلة الوجود! يا كلمة الله. يا سيد الكل. بك كل شئ كان وبدونك لم يكن شئ مما كان. يا لشقائي! فالظلمات كثيراً ما إكتفتني وأنت النور ولم أهدد. ويل لي! فما أكثر الحماقات التي إرتكبتها. وأنت الحقيقة ولم أطلب مشورتك. وأنت الطريق وضللت طريقي زماناً وملت عن طريقك. ويل لي! فقد ضربني الموت بضربات متعددة وأنت الحياة وكنت ميتاً بإنفصالي عنك. ويل لي! فقد أصبت بجراحات كثيرة وكنت أنت سلامي وتهالوت. ويل لي! فإني كثيراً ما إرتميت في أحضان الشر وما فيها من هلاك وإستسلمت. أنت الطريق والحق والحياة... بددت الظلمة وكسرت شوكة الموت. أيها النور بدونك تخوض كل الأشياء في الظلمات. أيها الطريق كل من حاد عنه ضل سبيله. أنت الحقيقة وكل من يتوارى عنها لا يجد إلا الرياء، أنت الحياة وبدونك يجتاح الموت كل مكان. ردد هذه الكلمة: ليكن نور. لأرى النور وأبتعد عن الظلمة. لأبصر الطريق وأتجنب الطرق الملتوية. لأرى الحقيقة وأنأى عن الباطل. لأرى الحياة وأنجو من الموت. إلهي... أضئ حياتي فأنت نورى، إلهامي وسلامي. أمجدك يا إلهي. أحبك يا أبي. أطيعك إطاعة العروس لعريسها. اغفر لي فإني أخشى عدلك. أيها النور واهب الخيرات أسرع لتهب النور لمن لا يبصر فتسميله إليك. فالظلام يحيط به وظلام الموت تخنقه. أرشده الى طريق السلام طريق مائدتك إلى مسكنك الدائم. أنت وحدك طريق الحياة بلا جدال.

القديس أغسطينوس

مع يوسف نصلي...



نصلي لنستقي من سيرة يوسف البار التواضع والوداعة والفطنة، فلا نمدح ذاتنا ولا نصبو إلى أن يمدحنا الآخرون، بل نميت الكبرياء المستشري فينا طالبين مجد الله وحده.

نصلي لنكون على مثال يوسف النجار طائعين لمشيئة الله ومتعممين إرادته بقوة تامة وإيمان ثابت.

نصلي لنستمد منه الإيمان الذي شكّل غناه الأسمى، مفوضين أمورنا ليسوع "الطريق والحق والحياة".

نصلي لنتمسك بصبر يوسف الذي انتصر به على كل المحن، مسلماً ذاته إلى القدير صابراً على كل المشقات التي واجهها مع مريم ويسوع.

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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 (B) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey (F) (G) Colleen George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Anis & Maureen Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad and their son Joseph (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph & Family (K) Tanios Elias Kazzi & Family, Sarkis Chucir 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) (X) (Y) (Z)

إخوتي وأخواتي الأحباء بالمسبح،

في الأحد الخامس عشر من زمن العنصرة، نتأمل بإنجيل القديس لوقا عن المرأة الخاطئة التي أتت تبكي خطيئتها وتعلن توبتها عند قدمي يسوع، متخطية بجرأتها الفريدة عيون المجتمع القاسي، وأقاويل المغرضين، وهمسات الثرثارين، وألسنة المتزلفين، وأحكام أصحاب الوجاهة الذين يظنون أنفسهم أفضل من سواهم فيما هم قبور مكسوة.

ضعيفة هي تلك المرأة بخطيئتها، لكنها جبارة بجرأتها وإيمانها وحبها. لمس الرب حبها الكبير فغفر لها الكثير. لم تطلب سوى رحمته، طلبتها بدموع التوبة، جذت وراءها بحب، فأفاض عليها نبع الحب، الرب يسوع، حباً أكبر. لم يعاملها الرب على أساس الشريعة أو تقاليد المجتمع كما فعل الفريسي وأصحابه. لم ينظر إليها بدونية كما فعل صاحب الدعوة، بل وفق كرامتها الإنسانية. وعلى أساس هذه الكرامة عاملها. ولشدة رحمته وحب، سعى الرب ليقيم الفريسي والحضور الثرثار أن الخاطئ التائب يستحق الغفران والحب لتكون له بداية حياة جديدة تليق بيسوع المسيح المخلص الغفور.

قصة المرأة التائبة تعلمنا أن سلامنا وخلصنا لا يأتيان إلا من يسوع المسيح، لأنه لو ترك الأمر للإنسان لكانت تلك المرأة ذلت وأهينت أكثر. أما مع الرب يسوع، فإن كلامه غيرها وأعطاه شجاعة كبيرة مكنها من تحدي نظرة المجتمع إليها، فخرجت من تحت ركام الخطيئة، ورماد الصيت السيء، وظلم الناس، لتغسل قدميه بأثمن ما عندها، دموعها وطيبها وشعرها، رمز كرامتها وشرفها، فرد لها الرب شرفها وكرامتها بأن شرفها فوق جميع الحضور وكرمها بحبه ورحمته.

هكذا نحن أيضاً، يكرمنا الرب ويغمرنا برحمته عندما تكون لدينا شجاعة التوبة، لأننا "أحباء الله" كما يصفنا القديس بولس في رسالته الثانية إلى أهل تسالونيكي. ولأننا أحبباء الله، فقد اختارنا وخلصنا بنعمة مجانية، وما علينا سوى أن نعيش إيماننا بحب ومجانية. لكن السؤال هو: هل لدينا اليوم جرأة المرأة الخاطئة لنصل إلى هدفنا وهو الرب يسوع، فنسجد عند قدميه، واضعين أمامه خطايانا ودموع توبتنا لكي نسترد كرامتنا ونعيش سلامنا وننتقل بسلامه؟ أم أننا مثل الفريسيين، ننظر إلى الآخرين بدونية، ندل عليهم بإصبع الاتهام، ونحرمهم من نعمة الغفران والرحمة والحب، ونحرم أنفسنا من الخلاص؟

من المرأة التائبة نتعلم كيف نأتي إلى الرب يسوع، كما نحن، وهو يتكفل بكل صعوبة في حياتنا، خصوصاً في هذه الشدة التي نمر فيها مع استمرار الإقبال العام وما يرافقه من قلق وضغط نفسي. نأتي إليه، كما نحن، وهو يغمرنا برحمته وحبه وخلصه.

رعياً، أطلقنا مبادرة "صورة نية" بمناسبة عيد الأب. أرسلوا إلينا صورة للوالد مع النية التي تريدونها لكي نصلي من أجلكم معاً. سوف نضع الصور والنوايا على مقاعد الكنيسة. كذلك، سنطلق برنامج عيد الصليب، من ٥ إلى ١٤ أيلول، عبر وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي. تابعونا.

الخوري طوني سركيس

الله يرافقه

تأمل في الإنجيل

في هذا الأحد نتأمل الكنيسة في رحمة الله وغفرانه من خلال مثل المديونين والحوار عن المرأة الخاطئة... الإشكالية الأساسية التي يعالجها إنجيل اليوم هي في إعتبار بعض الناس كسمعان الفريسي بأنهم أحق بمغفرة الله وبرحمته من باقي الناس وتمثلهم في النص هنا المرأة الخاطئة.

كثيرون منا، متى نالوا المغفرة في سر التوبة، يظنون بأنهم أصبح لهم الحق في دينونة الآخرين...

في هذه الحالة، ودون أن يدركوا ذلك حتى، يرتكبون ما هو أشنع من خطاياهم السابقة، وهو الدينونة التي طالما حذرنا منها الرب! إنجيل اليوم يدعوكم إلى تقبل توبة الخطاة كما تقبل الله توبتك أنت!



لنتعرف على العصب الروحي لروحانية الطوباوي اسطفان نعمة الراهب اللبناني وعلى كيفية بناء الثقة بالله. على العمياني - ثقة بالله لا توصف لازمت الطوباوي اسطفان طيلة حياته الأرضية، فاختبر من خلالها حقيقة الثقة بالله والإستسلام لعنايته المقدسة، وكيفية مطابقة الفكر والقلب والارادة مع نظريته المقدسة. فبالرغم مما مر به من تجارب صعبة، إلا انه ظل راسخاً في سلام روحي عميق، مستمداً قوته من تلك النظرة الإلهية "الله يراني". فما بين قلب وعقل اسطفان والله علاقة تختصرها نظرة كلها محبة. نظرة الله ونظرة الانسان المخلوق، في ثقة حوارية دائمة. ثقة لا قلق - ثقة اسطفان بالله جعلته يتحرر من القلق والخوف من الغد والارباب والحنق، فكانت نظرة الله المحبة عصب حياته الروحية والإنسانية، فالله الذي عاشه الأخ اسطفان، لا يراه إلا بالحب والرحمة والحنان والعذوبة والفرح. فيسوع حاضر في كل شيء: يرافقه في عمله ان في الحقل او بالنجارة او بالراحة. إنه إله محب لا ينعمس لا ينام، زاد في اسطفان بصيرة داخلية لكي يفهم بواسطتها يقظة المحبة المتقدمة بالثقة.



الخبر السّار من رعيّتك

الأحد الخامس
عشر من زمن
العنصرة

لنطلب من الرب أن يساعدنا كي نكون ثابتين ونكافح بشجاعة ضد ما يبعدنا عن الحقيقة وعن إيماننا!

البابا فرنسيس

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الإنجيل

الرسالة



صلاة

أيها السّاعا الذي بدّد ضباب الخطينيّة عن وجه عالمنا المظلم، وأنار وجه البرايا الكئيب، وقد كانت تنتظر تعليمه، والشعوب الجالسة في ظلال الموت أبصرت نور الغلظيم، وتجا به الأحياء والأموات. إنا نشكرك وشبّحك وأباك وروحك القدوس إلى الأبد. آمين.

يا إخوتي: من يؤلّن وسلوانس وطيموثاوس إلى كنيسة الثسالونيكين التي في الله الأب والرب يسوع المسيح: النعمة لكم والسلام! نشكر الله دائماً من أجلكم جميعاً، ونذكركم في صلواتنا بغير انقطاع. ونذكركم في حضرة إلهنا وأبينا عمل إيمانكم، وتعب محبتكم، وثبات رجائكم، كما في ربنا يسوع المسيح. ونعلم، أيها الإخوة، أحبّاء الله، أن الله اختاركم، لأن إنجيلنا لم يصّر إليكم بالكلام وحسب، بل أيضاً بالقوة وبالروح القدس وبملاءة اليقين، وأنتم تعلمون كيف كنّا نبتكم من أجلكم. فقد صيرتم تفتنون بنا وبالرب، إذ قبلتم الكلمة، في وسط ضيقات كثيرة، بفرح الروح القدس، حتّى صيرتم مثلاً لجميع المؤمنين في مقدونية وأخائية؛ لأنّها منكم دأعت كلمة الرب، لا في مقدونية وأخائية وحسب، بل في كلّ مكان انتشر إيمانكم بالله، حتّى لم يغد بنا حاجة إلى أن نقول في ذلك شيئاً. فهم أنفسهم يُخبرون علناً كيف كان دخولنا إليكم، وكيف رجعتكم عن الأوثان إلى الله، لكي تعبّدوا الله الحيّ الحق، وتفتنّروا من السماوات ابنة، الذي أقامه من بين الأموات، يسوع، منجّينا من الغضب الآتي.

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