



THE GOOD NEWS

FROM YOUR PARISH



Sing Hallelujah with Love & Hope
هللي يا محبة رنم يا رجا

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

VISITATION TO ELIZABETH

The prayer of the sick person is his patience and his acceptance of his sickness for the love of Jesus Christ. Make sickness itself a prayer, for there is none more powerful, save martyrdom.

St. Francis de Sales

THE GOSPEL

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Lk 1: 39-45

THE EPISTLE

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:1-14



PRAYER

Lord of Mercy, You granted the Blessed Mother courage and strength to travel in her frail condition so that she may serve another with charity. Help us not to become discouraged by our own weaknesses, but rather continue to desire helping others in greater need. May we decrease that You may increase. Amen.

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

LOLOL 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:

This Friday 3 December from 9:30am -
Saturday 4 December 7:30am

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THE SERVANTS WORD

Dear brothers and sisters,

The third station in this Season of the Announcements, according to our Maronite Church, is the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. As with all the Gospel stations leading to Christmas, the Gospel passage this week, intensely prepares us for the birth of our Lord. When Mary received the Holy Spirit, and was filled with the grace of our Lord, she went into action. A sense of service was activated in her and led her to travel for many days to visit and serve her cousin Elizabeth. Mary's first encounter with Jesus led her on a journey in which she would make her first spiritual visit, a journey in which she would take Jesus to someone else. And when Elizabeth had her first encounter with Jesus, she was so joyful that the baby in her womb leaped.

In reflecting on these events, we need to ask ourselves: when we encounter Jesus, what is our reaction? Would such encounter activate us so we take Jesus to others? Are we activated to serve others? Do we jump for joy at that moment of encounter? We are so blessed that He has given us the opportunity to meet with Him every day or at least every Sunday in the Eucharist where He is fully present. When I come to Mass, am I really present and experiencing Him or am I just coming because it is obligatory, and I would be in a state of sin if I didn't? When I leave Mass, am I truly taking Him with me to my home or to the homes and places that I visit? We are in so much need of this spiritual visit and our family and friends are in so much need of us paying them a spiritual visit. Let us learn from Mary and Elizabeth as we continue our journey towards the birth of our Lord. By contemplating on their lives, we will be truly preparing the way for the Lord to be born in our lives so that we can leap for joy.

The Most Wonderful Visit

On Visitation Sunday, we ask you Mary to visit our homes workplaces and every other place in our society. Give us the grace to be keen on our Christian mission so we can be always motivated, like you, to serve whenever and wherever a need arises, taking your Son's name with us wherever we go, arming ourselves with the gifts of the Holy Spirit wherever we are, so we can be true witnesses to the compassion of God the Father and His love for the human.

At the parish level, we continue to prepare ourselves for the Birth of the Lord. The theme that has been chosen by the Parish Council for our Christmas celebrations this year is "Sing Alleluia with love and joy". The theme is inspired by one of our hymns. It is a good choice, especially since we are in dire need of the love and hope of the Child of the Manger to continue our journey. You will also notice that Christmas decorations and nativity scenes have started to be displayed on the Church grounds, in the Cathedral and the Pastoral Centre. The Christmas program has been released this week and is filled with many spiritual and social events including the Novena, Christmas Carols, Adoration and other activities. In addition, all our committees have been working tirelessly to prepare for their Christmas events as well. This week, I would like to especially thank the Stewardship Committee, who met last Tuesday, for the wonderful work that they are doing in their management and planning.

Father Tony Sarkis

VISITATION TO ELIZABETH

Continuing our journey towards Christmas, the next account in the Gospel sequence of events, is the visitation by Mary to Elizabeth. There is great joy in the encounter between these two women. Luke the evangelist uses terms including haste, leaped, exclaimed, loud cry, blessed, greeting, joy and filled with the Holy Spirit. It is an encounter that was meant to be.

So, we have two women meeting and supporting each other. This short passage however highlights something essential to all of us – friendship. We are all in need of another, a person we can turn to. In fact, the message throughout the Bible is one of relationships. Our relationship with God and with one another. We are social people, and we need companionship. Right from the very beginning we read about this need.

In Genesis 1:27, 'God created humankind in his image.' Then again in Genesis 2:7 the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.' Very soon after we read in Genesis 2:18, that the Lord God said, 'It is not good that man should be alone' and so the Lord God creates woman.

Throughout our lives we will need others. The covid lockdown and restrictions proved how much we really are social beings and how we crave for company. Even Jesus in his final words to the disciples says, 'I have called you friends' (John 15:15).

So today as we read about the joy of Mary and Elizabeth in their encounter, let us too, take time this week to meet up with friends and celebrate life. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn



Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb....

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear brothers and sisters,

We read on this Sunday the Gospel of the Visitation. At the word of the Angel that her cousin was pregnant, Mary sets out to help her before the birth of John the Baptist. She understands that the word of the Angel is not only to inform her, but to call her to help, therefore to love her cousin concretely. So, without any delay she leaves. Mary's heart is in the joy of service.

When she sees Mary, Elizabeth's soul and face are filled with joy, and the child leaped in her womb. The very words of Mary's cousin will be passed down through the ages: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). The Visitation is such a joyful event that it is part of our Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

This is a real mystery! An explosion of deep joy for Mary who has just become a mother, through the grace and action of the Holy Spirit! It is a deep, intimate joy that is not revealed to the outside. Yet the mountains of Judea were filled with joy. Mary will not derive glory from it, but she will glorify the Lord, the Almighty, in her Magnificat. Such is the humility of Mary's heart!

This encounter between Mary and Elizabeth is joyful, yet marked with simplicity, humility, even discretion. Friends, joy is inseparable from faith. "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?" (Lk 1:43). The joy of God and of Mary has spread throughout the world. If we open ourselves by faith to the constant action of God in our life, and become pilgrims with the Child Jesus, and with Mary who believed, and if we hold on to the strong and loving hand of Saint Joseph, we also become vessels of this joy in our world.



As Christians, we should always carry within us the two dimensions of the faith: union with God and service to others. One remains incomplete without the other. The world will know we are Christians by our joy, by our love and by our service.

On this Sunday, let us ask ourselves: do we really know how to welcome the Lord who makes himself present in our lives? Do we live our faith with joy? Do we spread this joy wherever we go, as Mary did? And when we are in the presence of the Lord, do we rejoice and praise, in the example of Elizabeth?

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

FERSEN CORNER

Dearest Fersen children and families,

Over the past few months, Fersen leaders have committed to delivering fun and engaging lessons via zoom every Saturday. Thank you to our beautiful Fersen children and families for joining us over zoom, engaging in the lessons and allowing us to deliver faith-based content. We enjoyed teaching about liturgical seasons, important feast days and even about Our Mother Mary and her role as the mother of Jesus and as Queen of Heaven and Earth. We also enjoyed seeing your bright faces each week and hearing your wonderful questions. We even challenged the children a few times with kahoot, crafts and activities which they could complete at home!

We are beyond excited to finally welcome back our Fersen children, next Saturday, 4th December, for our annual St Barbara Christmas Party! We encourage you to dress up and use your creativity, (hint: maybe even a Saint). Leaders have begun planning for this and we can't wait to see you all again. It will be a fun day filled with games, activities and challenges - so be ready!

We look forward to seeing you and we hope you all have a safe and blessed journey towards Christmas.

God bless you all and may Our Lady intercede for you always.

Maureen Boutros



KIDS CORNER

THE STORY OF ELIZABETH

Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

JESUS
ZECHARIAH
TEMPLE
MARY

ELIZABETH
JOHN
BABY
OLD

GABRIEL
ANGEL
BORN
WOMB



PARISH CAMERA



Gospel

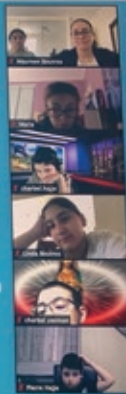
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.'

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.'

For nothing will be impossible with God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

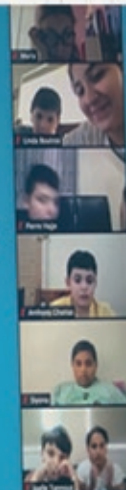
Luke 1:26-38



Fersen zoom lesson

Greeted by the Angel...

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!" - Luke 1:28:



Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

Christmas CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

17 DEC 8 PM

OLOL CHOIRS || LIVE NATIVITY || LIVE ANIMALS
SURPRISE PERFORMANCE || FOOD & DRINKS

FREE OUTDOOR EVENT
40 ALICE ST, HARRIS PARK NSW 2150

VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT
PRESENTED BY THE

MARONITE Vocations CENTRE

DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO A VOCATION?

TOPIC: MARONITE VOCATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Mass AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY A Q&A WITH A PANEL OF PRIESTS

WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER | 2021

TALK IN THE COMMUNITY & PASTORAL CENTRE SENIORS ROOM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

"NOTEBOOK & PENS RECOMMENDED"

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Lebanese Family APPEAL

AN APPEAL BY THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA TO SPONSOR A **LEBANESE FAMILY** IN NEED FOR 12 MONTHS

Just 4 MONTHS HELPS TO PROVIDE BASIC NECESSITIES FOR A FAMILY

Donations of \$50 per month or \$600 per year

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE USING THE ENVELOPES AT THE CHURCH DOORS OR BY VISITING: MARONITE.ORG.AU/APPEALS

Through your generous support, we supported 510 Lebanese families in 2021. We hope to continue this initiative and support more families in distress in 2022.

For more information, please contact the Chancery on 02 8831 0000 or info@maronite.org.au

MARONITECARE COMMUNITY & YOUTH CENTRE PLANNED GIVING TARGET

TARGET **2000** PARISHIONERS \$5 ONLY A WEEK
133 PARISHIONERS COMMITTED

Pledge forms for your monthly Tax Deductible donation made through Direct Debit or Credit Card payments are available at the Parish Office.
For Enquires contact the Parish Office on 02 9689 2899

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 21/11/2021
Plates: \$12,337.95 | Donations: \$1,860 | Candles: \$815.60

PARISH LOANS
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 28 November: Visitation to Elizabeth

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM – 5:00 and 7:00 PM
5.00pm 40 Day Mariam Halim Taouk widow of the late Saïd Assaad Taouk from Becharré

Monday 29 November

6.00pm Lichaa Hanna Tarabay from Memneh Akkar (died in Lebanon).

Wednesday 1 December

7.00pm One year Ghattas Moses from Kfarsghab

Thursday 2 December

9.30am Mass with OLOL Priests

6.00pm Josephine Sahyoun from Kfarfou, widow of the late Ignatios Khoury from Qobayat

Friday 3 December

6.00pm 40 Day May Semaan Masri wife of Boutros Mikhael Geittany from Zgharta

Saturday 4 December: St Barbara

6.00pm One year Maureen Boutros Moussa from Ban widow of the late Aniss Jamil Haddad from Kfarsghab

Sunday 28 November: Birth of John The Baptist & Feast of Saba the Hermit

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM – 5:00 and 7:00 PM
9.30am One year Tony Roumanos Draiby from Hadchit
11.00am 40 Day Victoria Ann Touma wife of Antonios Youssef Melhem from Wadi Qannoubine
5.00pm One year Fouad Antoun Issa from Tannourine

الأحد ٢٨ تشرين الثاني: أحد زيارة العذراء لأليصابات

القداسات ٨:٠٠، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً و ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة مريم حليم طوق أرملة المرحوم سعيد أسعد طوق من بشري الإثنين ٢٩ تشرين الثاني

٦:٠٠ المرحوم ليشع حنا طريه من ممنع - عكار (متوفي في لبنان)

الأربعاء ١ كانون الأول

٧:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم غطاس Moses من كفرصغاب

الخميس ٢ كانون الأول

إستثنائياً ٩:٣٠ صباحاً قداس مع الكهنة.

٦:٠٠ المرحومة جوزفين صهيون من كفرطو أرملة المرحوم إغناطيوس خوري من القبيات

الجمعة ٣ كانون الأول

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة ماي سمعان المصري زوجة بطرس مخايل الجعيتاني من زغرنا

السبت ٤ كانون: الشهيد بربارة

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة مريم بطرس موسى من بان أرملة المرحوم أنيس جميل الحداد من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٥ كانون الأول: أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان - مار سابا الناسك

القداسات ٨:٠٠، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً و ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم طوني رومانوس الدربي من حشيت

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة فيكتوريا أن توما زوجة أنطونيوس يوسف ملحم من وادي قنوبين

٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم فؤاد أنطون عيسى حرب من تاورين

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program 2021
 Sing Hallelujah with Love & Hope
 هلاي يا محبة رنم يا رجا

WED 15 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 1 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

THU 16 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 2 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

FRI 17 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 3 CHRISTMAS NOVENA
8 PM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT | CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SAT 18 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 4 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

SUN 19 DEC:
 MASSES: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 7 PM
 DAY 5 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

MON 20 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 6 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

TUE 21 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 7 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

WED 22 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 8 CHRISTMAS NOVENA

THU 23 DEC:
 6 PM MASS, 7 PM DAY 9 CHRISTMAS NOVENA
8 PM SOLEMN ADORATION & PROCESSION UNDER THE STARS | O Come let us adore Him

FRI 24 DEC:
 7 AM MASS (ARABIC), 9 AM MASS
6 PM CHRISTMAS VICIL FAMILY MASS
11 PM The Glorious Birth of our Lord
MIDNIGHT MASS WITH RITE OF ADORATION OF CHRISTMAS

SAT 25 DEC:
The Glorious Birth of Our Lord
CHRISTMAS DAY
 MASSES: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 7 PM

SUN 26 DEC:
Praises of the Mother of God
 MASSES: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 5 PM & 7 PM

FRI 31 DEC:
NEW YEAR'S EVE
 MASSES: 7 AM, 9 AM & 6 PM

SAT 1 JAN:
The Communion of the Lord Jesus
NEW YEAR'S DAY
 MASSES: 8 AM, 10 AM & 6 PM

WED 5 JAN:
Even of the Feast of the Glorious Epiphany
 MASSES: 5:30 PM, 7 PM & 10 PM
 WITH THE RITE OF BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER.

THU 6 JAN:
Feast of the Glorious Epiphany of Our Lord
 MASSES: 7 AM, 9 AM & 6 PM
 WITH THE RITE OF BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY WATER.

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KICK IN IT UP FOR CHRISTMAS
11th of December
OLOL MARONITE FINE Christmas Dinner

Location: Top Level Carpark (in front of youth centre)
Dresscode: Smart casual, sneakers required
Price: \$50.00

Time slots for ticket purchase:
 Saturday 20th of November 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Saturday 4th of December 2:00pm - 4:00pm
 Saturday 11th of December 6:30pm - 7:30pm
 Link in our Instagram Bio

JOIN OLOL FERSEN AL ADRA TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNUAL
Saint Barbra
END OF YEAR PARTY

DAY INCLUDES:
 FOOD, DRINK, MUSIC, ACTIVITIES & BEST DRESSED PRIZES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
 OLOL YOUTH CENTRE
 FROM 1PM TO 3PM

Entry By Donation | **Dress-up and Christmas Party** | **For any questions Please Contact Rita on 0466 755 838**

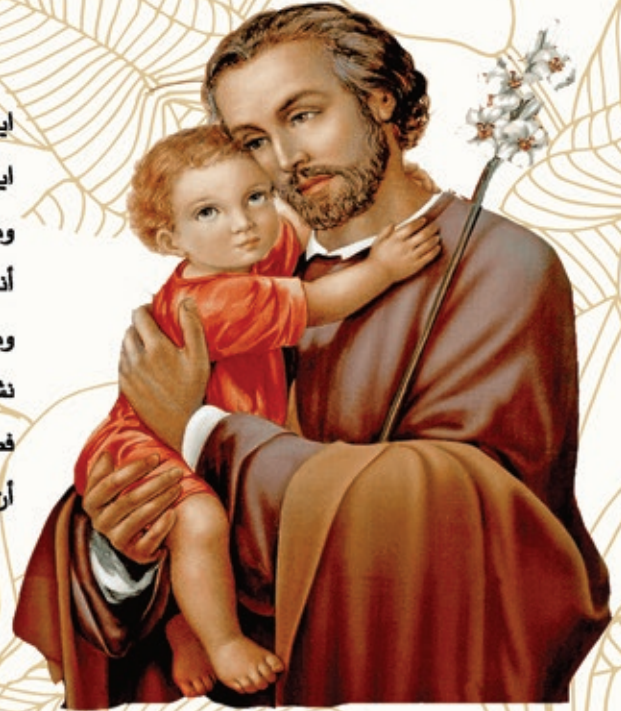
قَامَتْ مَرْيَمُ فَمَضَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ

إن الابتهاج والفرح كانا قوّة سيدتنا مريم. هذا ما جعل منها الأمة المندفعة للرّب ابنها، لأنها ما إن "انصرّفت الملائك من جندّها" حتى "قَامَتْ... فَمَضَتْ مُسْرِعَةً". إنّ الفرح وحده كان جديرا بإعطائها القوّة للمغادرة على عجل إلى ما وراء تلال يهوذا لكي تصبح خادمة نسيبتها. الأمر هو نفسه بالنسبة إلينا؛ علينا أن نكون مثلها خادمت حقيقيّات للرّب وكل يوم بعد المناولة المقدّسة نُسارع إلى ما وراء جبال الصعوبات التي نواجهها مُقَدِّمين من كل قلبنا خدمتنا إلى الفقراء. أعطوا الرّب يسوع للفقراء بصفحتكم خادمت الرب. إن الفرح هو الصلاة، الفرح هو القوّة، الفرح هو الحبّ، هو شباك حبّ تستطيعون بفضل اصطلياد النفوس. إنّ الله يُحبّ مَنْ أَعْطَى مُتَهَلِّلًا مَنْ يعطي بفرح يعطي أكثر. إن صادفتم في العمل صعوبات وتقبّلتموها بفرح وببسمه عريضة، في هذا كما وفي أشياء أخرى كثيرة، فسوف نرى أن أعمالكم جيّدة والآب يُمَجِّد من خلالها. أَفْضَلُ طريقة لإظهار امتنانكم لله والبشر هي قبول كل شيء بفرح. قلب فرح يأتي من قلب ملتهب بالحب.

الطوباوية تيريزيا الكالكوتية

مع مار يوسف نصلي...

ايها القديس المعظم مار يوسف، أنت هو ذلك العبد الأمين الذي أقامه الله على أهل بيته. اياك قد جعل الله ناظرا ومحاميا لحياة ابنه يسوع المسيح، ومسلما ومساعد لأمه المباركة ومشتركا في امر فداء العالم، طوباك لانك عشت مع يسوع ومريم، ومت بين ذراعيهما، أنت هو الخطيب العفيف لأم الله. أنت هو قدوة النفوس الطاهرة المتواضعة الحليمة النقية ومحاميها. فآلفت إلينا.. نحن الذين وثقنا بك و اقتبل منا هذا التوقير الذي نكرمك به. وأننا نشكر الله على المنن التي من بها عليك ونطلب اليه بشفاعتك أن يجعلنا ان ننشبه بفضائلك فصل اذا لأجلنا ايها القديس العظيم بحب يسوع ومريم لك وبحبك لهما صل لأجلنا وأستمد لنا أن نحيا ونموت في حب يسوع ومريم. امين..



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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, Zahie & Amal Costantine Al Khoury (B) Charbel Bazouni & Hamid & Barbara Bazouni, Boulos Bayssari & Deebe Bayssari & Elias Bayssari (C) Akl & Saide Chebat (D) (E) Azar Estephane (F) (G) (H) Anis & Maureen Jamil Haddad, Raymond Hannie, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) Fred Issa (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph & Family, Elias & Mariam Jahjah (K) Tanios Elias Kazzi & Family, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair (L) Peter & Mary Lichaa (M) Youssef & Ghssoun Maroon, Charlie Boutrous Moussa, Robert Charlie Moussa, Betty Merhi, Youssef Moussa & his son Hanna & his brother Moussa & Frances Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Peter Chehade Roumanos, Jamal Roumanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his children Kevin & Emille, Sassine Grandchildren (T) Jamil Kemil Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)



المحطة الثالثة في زمن البشارة، بحسب طقس كنيسة المارونية، هي زيارة العذراء مريم لإليصابات. كما هو الحال مع كل محطات الإنجيل التي توصل إلى الميلاد، يحضرنا إنجيل هذا الأسبوع بحرارة لميلاد ربنا. عندما تلقت مريم الروح القدس، وامتلت من نعمة ربنا، بادرت إلى العمل. لقد فعل فيها ذلك حب الخدمة، فإذا بها تسافر لأيام عدة من أجل زيارة نسيبتها إليصابات وخدمتها. أول لقاء لمريم مع يسوع قادها إلى رحلة قامت من خلالها بأول زيارة روحية لها، رحلة حملت فيها يسوع إلى شخص آخر. وعندما حصل لقاء إليصابات الأول مع يسوع، كانت بمنتهى الفرح لدرجة أن الجنين ارتكض في بطنها.

لدى تأملنا بهذه الأحداث، لا بدّ من التساؤل: عندما نلتقي بيسوع، ما هي ردة فعلنا؟ هل يفعلنا اللقاء فنأخذه إلى الآخرين؟ هل يفعلنا لنخدم الآخرين؟ هل نرتكض فرحاً في لحظة ذلك اللقاء؟ إنها لنعمة كبيرة جداً أن يعطينا الرب فرصة اللقاء به كل يوم أو على الأقل كل أحد في الإفخارستيا حيث يمكنه. عندما آتي إلى القداس، هل أكون فعلاً حاضراً وأختبره أم أنني آتي فقط لأنني ملزم ولكي لا أكون في حالة الخطيئة إن لم أفعل؟ عندما أغادر الكنيسة بعد القداس، هل أحمله حقاً معي إلى المنزل أو إلى البيوت والأمكنة التي أزورها؟ نحن بحاجة ماسة لهذه الزيارة الروحية، وعائلتنا وأصدقائنا بأمر الحاجة لكي نقوم بزيارة روحية لهم. فلنتعلم من مريم وإليصابات ونحن نواصل مسيرتنا نحو ميلاد الرب. بالتأمل بحياتهما، نحضر فعلاً طريق الرب لكي يولد في حياتنا فترتكض فرحاً.

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عصا هارون أورقت، والخشبة اليابسة أثمرت.
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الآيات ١٧ - ٢٠

تأمل في الإنجيل

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الخبر السّار من رعيّتك



Sing Hallelujah with Love & Hope
هللي يا محبة رنم يا رجاء



أحد زيارة العذراء
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يا مريمُ الإناءَ المَجِيدُ الذي منه
ظَهَرَ النُّورُ ظُهوراً عَجيباً، إسألني
النُّورَ الأزلِي الذي خَلَّ في
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والقُدَّاسَةِ!

الليتورجية المارونية

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

الإنجيل

الرسالة



صلاة

طوبها أليصابات قرب العذرا بين
الدُّمَعِ والنِّسَمَاتِ! تدعو مِنْ غُورِ
السَّنِينِ: يا عَذْرَاءَ أَنْعَشْتِ فِي الْخَبْنِ
هَلْولِيَا جُنَّ الْخَبْنِ! أَنْتِ الْفُلْكَ، مريمُ
فيكَ خَلَّ اللهُ، الْكَنْزُ الْأَعْظَمُ! أَبْخَرْتُ
بَيْنَ الْأَنْوَاءِ قَدْ أَغْنَيْتِ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ خَيْرِ
السَّمَاءِ! هَلْولِيَا فَاضِ الْعَطَاءِ! هَلَّا
رُزِّتِ، يا عَذْرَاءُ كُلَّ قَلْبٍ أَنْعَشْتِ فِيهِ
الرَّجَاءَ! يا نورَ وادي الدُّمُوعِ بَلْغِينَا
مِينَاءَ تِلْكَ الرُّبُوعِ هَلْولِيَا نَلْقِ يَسُوعَ!

يا إخواني، مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللهِ، إِلَى
الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أَسْهُنِ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ:
النِّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ
اللهُ أَبُو رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَاتٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي
السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ،
لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا غَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ
فَخَدَدَنَا لِلْبُوءَةِ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَمِنْ أَجْلِهِ، بِخَسْبِ رِضَى
مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَذْحِ مَجْدٍ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْخَبِيبِ؛
وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْغَدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَيْ مَغْفِرَةُ الذُّلَّاتِ، بِخَسْبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ،
الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ
مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِخَسْبِ رِضَاءِ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَعَجَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيُحَقِّقَ
تَتَبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَرْمَنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ
شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا
اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَخَدَدَنَا بِخَسْبِ قَضْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي
يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ
الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَعَجَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رَجَاءً؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا،
بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَيِ الْإِنْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمْنَتُمْ،
خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عُرْبُونُ مِيرَاثِنَا، لِفَدَاءِ
شَغْبِهِ الَّذِي افْتَنَاهُ، مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ.

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قَدَاسَاتُ يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ

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الإعترافات

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

ساعات السجود

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