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Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

THE GOSPEL

While they were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and ones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of grilled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Lk 24:36-48

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

St Thomas Aquinas

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Next Sunday's Readings

Eph 1: 15-23

Jn 13: 31-35



Conclusion of Month of May Celebration Procession & Rosary with the Statue of Our Lady around the Church grounds next Sat 31 May at 5:00pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm

THE EPISTLE

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?"" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The Scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10:1-13

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Christ,

Open our hearts to love You. Open our ears to hear You. Open our mouths to proclaim Your truth. Open our eyes to be a witness to Your Glorious Resurrection.

When doubt arises within us, help us not to fear and stray from You. Grant us the courage to stand firm in our faith despite our weaknesses, so that one day we may arrive safely at the Port of Salvation, Your Heavenly home. Amen

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Church - Harris Pk 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth) Mass Centres 11am St. Joseph the Worker, Auburn (Ar/Eng) / 6pm St Patrick's, Guildford (Ar/Eng)

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7am, 8.30am & 6pm. Wed 7am, 8.30am & 5:30pm; 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 / Divine Mercy: Mon, Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm – 9pm

24 Hour Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am

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Light from the Word To be Saved



'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved' v13. This is an appropriate quote for us to delve into as often we are asked 'Who is saved?'

For Paul, the answer is clear: everyone is invited into God's presence, be they Jew or Greek. This was a radical message in those times, as the Jews believed they alone were the chosen people. However Paul's understanding of God is not limited. He was able to boldly declare that God's saving grace extends to all people willing to accept God as their Saviour.

Today the question asked is, 'Are non-baptised people saved?' People want to know if Muslims or Hindus or Atheists get to heaven etc etc.

One must understand firstly that God does not draw distinctions along lines of gender, race, creed, nationality, sexual orientation etc. God created each of us in love and what God creates is deemed 'very good' (Gen 1:31).

Secondly being baptised is not a free ticket to heaven! It is not a guarantee that we are now part of the elect! Baptism marks the beginning of our Christian journey and through graces bestowed upon us, assists us to live our life close to God in the hope of final union.

So 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved' is an invitation to publicly declare our faith in God and to strive to bring all people into the saving grace of God's presence. Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF

Shepherd's Corner

New Stewardship Committee Appointed/ Well Done to Previous Members

Dear Parishioners, On Thursday night,

His Excellency, Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, our Maronite Bishop of Australia with the Assistance of Monsignor Marcelino Youssef, Vicar General, received the Oaths and appointed the New Stewardship Committee for our Parish for a three year term (2014-2017). The members were proposed by Priests of the Parish. From the good number of those proposed and being able to serve, 14 accepted and were nominated to the Bishop by myself as Parish Priest/President of the Stewardship Committee. These members were chosen as committed parishioners, their professional experience, community backgrounds and availability to give time for this important role. For continuity and to help with ongoing projects four members who have served previously have been re-appointed. The Bishop opened the meeting with a prayer, then welcomed the new candidates and thanked them very much for their willingness to give of their time, skills and energy for their parish and its mission. The Bishop then explained the importance of the role of the Stewardship Committee in ensuring that the Parish has good and well-maintained material resources to carry out its pastoral mission. Then members were invited to take their Oath before the Bishop.



The members are: Baghous Ghabache, Maroun Nassif, Joe El Sabbagh, George Harb, Pierre Wakim, Camille Harb, Youssef Sleiman, Charles Baltasar, Chahine Chahine, Habib Fayad, Danny Nehmeh, Tina Salame, Dianne Raffoul, Assad Barakat, Raymond J.

After congratulations the members prepared to get straight to work setting some subcommittee meetings and the first monthly meeting for 17 June. On Behalf of the Bishop, the Priests, and the whole Parish I express our GREAT APPRECIATION for the long hours, energy, passion, professionalism, and skills the dedicated members of the previous Committee brought to their years of service as members of the Stewardship Committee, some from as far back as 2005. They include Sid Saad, Patrick Kahwaji, Raghida Younis, George Khouri, Therese Simon, Tony Michael, Raymond Mawad, Gaby Dagher, Loui Abouhamad, George Harb and Baghous Ghabache.

These members helped the priests oversee with all our dedicated staff and volunteers the wonderful growth and works in the Parish over the last nine years. All of them have expressed their willingness to continue to support the work of the parish and the new committee. Please keep the Priests with the new members in your prayers for the very important role we fulfil in our parish.

Mons. Shora Maree PP EV

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



This Thursday the 29th of May we celebrate the feast of our Lords ascension into heaven. The scriptures tell us, 40 days after the resurrection of our Lord, he ascended in to heaven to reign at the right hand of the Father. In the scriptures (in Acts of the Apostles), at the time of his Ascension, Jesus promises his disciples "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses". This is still significant for us as Christians today, as we have also received the power of the Holy Spirit and thus are called to be witnesses to Jesus to everyone in our lives. We also hear as Jesus was ascending, we hear that two men in white robes stood among them and said "this Jesus who was taken up in to heaven will return in the same way you saw him ascend". It is made known to the disciples and to us that Jesus will one day return in glory. The ascension event is calling for us as Christians to fulfil the command of Jesus to be his witnesses and in doing so prepare ourselves for that day when our Lord returns and the sign of his Cross shines brighter than the sun. In our Maronite church, the Ascension of our Lord indicates for the faithful the coming end to the season of the resurrection and calls us to prepare for the feast and liturgical season of Pentecost. Let us use the coming weeks to pray with the disciples and our Lady and make ourselves ready for Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit where we will receive the power to be the light to the world.

Charbel Dib

A tribute to Sr Marie Du Rosaire Saba (1935-2014)

"Compassionately look upon me, O Queen of the Rosary. Your name is sweetness to my heart, Your Rosary is my daily prayer"



With these beautifully written words by Blessed Marie Alphonsine, the Maronite Diocese of Australia welcomed the body of Sr Marie Du Rosaire Saba to Our Lady of Lebanon Church on Thursday 22nd May after she had gone to her eternal resting place on Monday 19th May. Appropriately chosen by her Sisters, the above hymn truly reflected the life of Sr Marie and her love for Our Lady and the Rosary. It wasn't a coincidence that our Lord should call her in the month that was so dear to her heart – the month of Mary. Further, it wasn't a coincidence that she be farewelled on the feast day of another great nun – Saint Rita. Again and again, it wasn't a coincidence that, on this very day, her life be celebrated a few meters above the hall in which she was going to be honoured for all her service and

achievements by the Eparchy that loved her dearly.

As her coffin which was draped with beautiful red roses entered the doors of the Church, tears of sadness and at the same time joy rolled down the cheeks of the many in the congregation and especially her Sisters from the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family. These tears were a testament to the touch that Sr Marie had engraved on the lives of so many people since she arrived in Australia in October 1968 with her Sisters, Sr Marie Henriette and Sr Juliette Ghorayeb. These three nuns were pioneers in establishing educational facilities and institutions for Maronite immigrants in Australia including schools and child care centres.

Sr Marie served at St Maroun's in Redfern where she taught classes in many subject areas. She also served at Our Lady of Lebanon College and her love for music allowed her to serve many parishes in praising and worshipping God through her talents at several Masses, weddings and other celebrations. But her love was the Childcare Centre at Belmore where she was appointed Director for many years. According to her Sisters, this was "the place that she loved the most and called home."

Sr Margaret describes Sr Marie as "intelligent, enthusiastic and full of passion for her vocation....she was ahead of her time and outspoken on many contemporary issues. Very open minded, she enjoyed life to the fullest, travelling all over the world and appreciating the cultures and knowledge that came with travel."

His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay paid a very fitting tribute to Sr Marie during his homily; however it was the tears of Sr Gabrielle Bou Moussa, Mother Superior of the Congregation who flew in from Lebanon, which truly touched everyone that was gathered, as she gave thanks to

God for the life of her beloved daughter. We could all feel the compassion of a mother who was saying good-bye to her daughter. This compassion is truthfully a mark of all the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family.

Monsignor Shora Maree reflected on knowing Sr Marie from the age of seven at St Maroun's Cathedral. He told the congregation that when he first became a priest, Sr Marie saw him preparing the offertory, she came up to him and asked him: "Did you pray while preparing these gifts?" The then young Fr Shora replied "yes", but Sr Marie asked him again: "But did you really pray?" A question that we can all ask ourselves – are we really praying?

Sr Marie was and will remain a great example for us all. Her passion and zeal for prayer was not only reflected in her name but always in her work and her vocation. After suffering greatly for several months from cancer, Sr Marie called out to Our Lady on Monday, chanting the words of Blessed Marie Alphonsine "visit my heart and save me ... with your mercy nourish me ... at the hour of my death help me...O you who are free from all sin." May she rest in God's peace and love.

Danny Nouh

Children's Corner

Welcome back to our Father's House. I hope that you have had a blessed week. This term is going by so fast and soon it will be half way through the year. This means that it is soon time for half-yearly exams (if your school does them). This is an important time for you all to start studying extra at home. Be sure to take time to do this and ask older brothers and sisters or parents to help you with this. It is very important to really try your best and use all the brain power that God has given you.

In the Gospel this week, I once again appear to my disciples who are all together sitting around. My poor Apostles were always afraid when I appeared to them. It was a very sad experience watching me die on the Cross and to see me again alive was a bit of a shock. But these Gospels that you have been reading and listening to are so important for you. They are important because they are there to help you in believing also. They are there to help you believe that "yes" I truly did rise from the dead.

You must trust that through God and with God everything is possible. There is nothing in this world that is impossible for Him. That is why He is so special and of course because He loves us very much.

Whenever you are in doubt, look up to Heaven and ask God to help you believe. He knows it is hard to do so but slowly and through prayer you will come to trust in Him ever so deeply.

With all my love and blessings, your brother, Jesus.



Parish Camera & Media Page

Married Couples Renewed their vows "Would you jump off a cliff for me?"



In this way Mons Shora last Sunday showed what Jesus was asking Peter when he said "Do you love me?" and is what couples are asked by each other as well as Jesus when they make their vows. At 9.30am Mass couples married_1, 5 & 10 years etc up to 45 years renewed their marriage vows before God, Mons Shora, Fr Tony & the com-munity. Mass was offered for them & they were presented with a prayer frame and certificate from the parish organised by the Family Committee.

Feast of St Rita—Wife, Mother & Nun
Last Wednesday Fr. Tony Sarkis celebrated Mass for the Feast of St Rita which
concluded the Novena held at St Patrick's Mass Centre. The Church was full of parishioners who participated in the Mass with the Rite of Blessing of Roses, Bread and Oil & a beautiful procession inside the Church. It showed the great devotion people have to this Saint who was a wife, mother and nun & is patron of impossible cases. At the conclusion blest roses, bread and oil were distributed.





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Month of Mary Home Visits It has been a beautiful and prayerful experience for those attending & hosting the home visits by the priests, Sodality with the statue of Our Lady.



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Sunday 25 May: Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

11.00am 40 day Nadim Youssef Abboud &1 year for his brother Kabalan Youssef Abboud from Tleil-Akkar

Monday 26 May:

10.30am Sarkis Roumanos Fayad El Koura from Hadchit

Tuesday 27 May: 6.00pm Hanna Youssef Moujalli from Kfardlakous

Wednesday 28 May: 7.00pm 40 day Nemetallah Boutros Moussa from Bann

Thursday 29 May: Ascension Thursday Mass times are: 7.00am, 8.30am and 6.00pm

Saturday 31 May:

5:00pm Rosary and Procession followed by Mass in honour of Our Lady to conclude Month of Mary

Sunday 1 June: Seventh Sunday of the Resurrection

8.00am Marie Jilwan widow of Pierre Saad from Toula 11.00am 40 day George Youssef Masoud from Mansourieh 5.00pm Doura Ibrahim Shoumar widow of Kanaan Saad from Kfarsghab (died in America)

قدّاسات الأسبوع

الأحد 25 أبار: الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

11:00 أربعون المرحوم نديم يوسف عبود والسنة للمرحوم شقيقه قبلان يوسف عبود من التليل - عكار

الاثني<u>ن 26 أيار:</u>

10:30 دفن المرحوم سركيس رومانوس فيّاض الكورا من حدشيت الثلاثاء<u> 27 أيّار</u>

6.00 المرحوم حنا يوسف مجلّي من كفرد لاقوس

الأربعاء 28 أيّار 7:00 أربعون المرحوم نعمة الله بطرس موسى من كفرصغاب.

الخميس 29 أيار: خميس الصعود

القداسات: 7:00 و 8.30 صياحاً و 6:00 مساءً

السبت24 أيّار

5:00 تطواف وقداس بمناسبة ختام الشهر المريمي

الأحد 1 حزيران: الأحد السابع من زمنالقيامة

8:00 المرحومة ماري جلوان أرملة المرحوم بيار سعد من تولا

11:00 أربعون المرحوم جورج يوسف مسعود من المنصورية

5:00 المرحومة دورا إبراهيم شومار أرملة المرحوم كنعان سعد من كفرصغاب



FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE



Parish Groups and Committees

Pastoral Council Meeting: TBC

Family & Adults

Family of the Divine Word, Bible Discussion: Tues @ 7:30pm Anyone wishing to **borrow spiritual/religious books** from the Library of the Divine Word Family please contact Jennifer Farah:0401 694 589

A talk for parents: "Parenting Teens with Jesus"
...to be the Saints of the Third Millenium
Friday 27th June from 7:30pm till 9:15pm in CPYC Seniors Room Presenter: Andrew Mullins

Children

Arabic Classes: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm call Antoinette: 0414819663 Fersan Al-Adra: Saturdays 1pm -3pm

Children's Playgroup Tues & Wed 9:30am - 11:30am in CPYC

Teens

Teens Faith Discussion & Activities: Saturdays 4pm-6pm

Youth

Blood Donation 5 June at 5.45pm contact Myrna 0421677998

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Wed 28 May after 7pm Mass
Entry Adults Gold Lounge \$20, Teens \$15 including Dinner

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General Notices

Youth: Voice your Values to our Maronite Politicians
Under the Patronage of His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel
Tarabay, the Maronite Catholic Society Youth invite you to
"Voice your Values" and engage with our mational Maronite

Politicians followed by a free Cocktail.

Tues 27 May 2014 at 6.30pm OLOL Church Hall Eng: Gebran Habib 0414 897 345 & Sarah Yamin 0402 743 330

MaroniteCare Services

Youth Services & Facilities Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study Centre open 10am – 10pm for Youth 18 & over Under 18s only with adult supervision

Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues 3:30pm - 6pm Bookings essential call Anthony Chidiac 0417 426 103

Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

Nada Coorey Psychology for confidential counselling at Westmead. Areas of Specialisation include Depression and Anxiety/Panic Attacks, Relationship difficulties and Family/

Parenting.

Mobile: 0434642509 or PH: 88981526

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For young people 12-18 years and their families.

Call Amanda Nassif: 0433 217 063 or Lisa Makhlouf: 0430 332 888 Adults and Youth Debbie Draybi 0435 407 911 Email: counselling@maronitecare.org.au

Women's Well-being Office – Leila: 0423 207 905
Natural Fertility Services We offer daytime and evening appointments. For further info., please contact Leila Jessimer on 0423-207-905.
Ladies Fitness & Wellbeing conact Abir 0410122999
Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am –11:30am
Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months before wedding: 9642 0211

OLOL St Vincent De Paul Conference call Kim Moussa 0424658190

General Notices



The Divine Liturgy for the First Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Excelellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay
Will be celebrated at St. Charbel's Church Punchbowl

on Sunday 25 May 2014 at 11.15am

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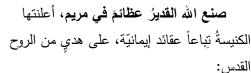
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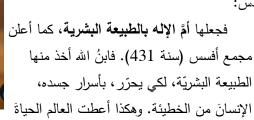
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"الإفخارستيا" ذبيحة الشكران. (بتصرّف)



الخوري طونى سركيس





نفسَها التي تجدّد كلّ شيء، وقد أغناها الله بالعطايا الملائمة لهذه المَهمّة. ولهذا دعاها الآباء والدة الإله.

وعصمها الله من دنس الخطيئة الأصلية، لكي تكونَ أمَّ المخلّص الكلّية القداسة. هذه عقيدة أعلنها الطوباوي البابا بيوس التاسع في 8 كانون الأوّل 1854، معلناً أنّ الطوباوية العذراء مريم عُصمت من وصمة الخطيئة الأصليّة، منذ اللّحظة الأولى من الحبل بها، بنعمة وإنعام خاصّين من الله الكلّي القدرة، وكأنّ الروحَ القدس كوّنها وجعلها خليقة جديدة، استباقاً لاستحقاقات يسوع المسيح مخلّص الجنس البشري". ولهذا حيّاها الملاك جبرايل يوم البشارة "بممتلئة نعمة" (لو 1: 28).

وأراد أن تبقى أم يسوع عذراء، قبل الميلاد وفيه وبعده. فمنذ أولى صيغ الإيمان، والكنيسة تعترف بأنّ يسوع، ابنَ الله، حُبل به، بقدرة الروح القدس وحدها، في حشا العذراء مريم. هذا ما كشفه الملاك ليوسف في الحلم (متى1: 20). وبذلك تحققت نبوءة أشعيا النبي: "ها إنّ العذراء تحبل وتلد ابناً يدعى عمانوئيل" (اش 7: 14). فأعلنت الكنيسة في المجمع المسكوني القسطنطيني الثاني (سنة 553) (ق6) عقيدة بتولية مريم الحقيقيّة والدائمة، حتى في ولادة ابن الله إنساناً.

وأشرك الله مريم في وساطة ابنها يسوع الخلاصية. فتبتهل إليها الكنيسة كمحامية شفيعة ومعينة ووسيطة. لقد ساهمت في عمل المخلّص مساهمة لا نظير لها، بطاعتها وإيمانها ورجائها، وبمحبّتها المتقدة، لكي تحظى جميع النفوس بالحياة الإلهية. وأصبحت على صعيد النعمة، أمًا لنا، ومثالاً في قولها "تعم" لإرادة الله وتصميمه الخلاصي. عندما قالت مريم "نعم" في فرح البشارة، أصبحت أمً يسوع ابنِ الله؛ وعندما قالت "نعم" في غمرة ألم الصليب، أصبحت أمً جسده السرّي أي الكنيسة.

البطريرك مار بشاره بطرس الراعى الكّلى الطوبي

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هل يمكن أن يُكسر حاجز الموت الرهيب؟



نتكرّر حادثة الظهور مرّات عديدة في زمن القيامة. وتصرّ الكنيسة على أن نقرأ على مسامعنا ظهورات يسوع في الآحاد المنتالية من هذا الزمن المقدس . كلّ ذلك لأن القيامة أمر لا يصدّقه العقل ويرتاب منه حتى العقلاء والفهماء. هل يمكن أن يُكسَر حاجز الموت الرهيب؟ هذا الوحش الذي غلب ممالك الأرض كلّها وحاربه جبابرة التاريخ فانتصر عليهم وأرداهم. حيّر عقول الحكماء فسهروا الليالي يفكرون وهو كلّ ليلة ينتزع من روزنامة عمرالإنسان ورقة. وما من أي إنسان استطاع الوقوف أمام هذا الصامت الهائل واستطاع أن ينجو من مخالبه . وها إن يسوع اليوم، بالرّغم من أنه علّق على خشبة العار ومات أشنع ميتة يعلن لرسله، بكلّ بساطة، بأنّه داس الموت بالموت . لقد أراد الرسل أن يصدّقوا ولكنهم وقعوا بسهولة في

تجربة الشك . ولكنّ يسوع كان مدركاً لصعوبة الأمر وعالماً بأنّ الحدث ما زال اكبر من إمكانات تلاميذه الإيمانية لأنهم لم يكونوا قد نالوا بعد الرّوح القدس . لذلك قدّم لهم الدليل تلو الآخر على قيامته: ظهوره لمريم المجدلية ولتلميذي عماوس وللرسل ولتوما... واليوم نراه يعاود الكرّة معهم جميعاً رغم معرفته بأنّ الشكّ لا بد أن يساورهم من جديد ولذلك سوف يقدّم لهم إثباتات حسيّة دامغة بأنّه هو: جسّوني ... هل عندكم طعام؟ يتجلّى الربّ عبر ضعف الجسد ومحدوديته في اللحم وحاجته إلى الطعام. فعلى الرغم من أن يسوع هو اليوم بجسده الممجّد المتعالي عن المادة بمحدوديتها وحاجاتها إلا أنه من أجل أن يثبّت الرسل في الإيمان يعود فيتنازل إلى "اللحميّة" ويتّخذ طبعاً لم يعد بعد من طبعه، وكأنّ الربّ يقوم بعملية تجسّد أخرى ليشارك التلاميذ حياتهم اليومية من جديد كما شاركهم سابقاً طوال حياته العلنية فيعرفوا إذ ذاك أنه فعلاً هو . لقد قدم له الرّسل قطعة من سمك مشوي ومن شهد عسل فهذا الطعام له مرزيّته فالسمك رمز إفخاارستيّ بامتياز، به دعى المعلم تلاميذه الأولين (الصيد العجائبي) وبه أشبع الجموع الجائعة وأعدَّهم لعظته عن الإفخارستيّ (أنا خبر الحياة...) وبصيد عجائبي أيضاً ظهر لهم ليثبت قيامته ويومها قدّم لهم سمكاً مشوياً. فالرسل يعيدون اليوم الفعل ويقدمون له السمك المشوي: إنّه تنبادل العطايا ودخول في شركة مع المسيح وفي منطقه ومشروعه. أما شهد العسل فهو رمز الفرح والعيد. يقدّمه الرسل ليسوع وهذا تأكيد من الرسل على أنتهم صدّقوا القيامة. فبالسمك و العسل يقوم الرسل باحتفال إفخارستي رمزيّ. إنه قداسهم الفصحيّ . وهنا بإمكاننا أن نشير إلى أن القداس هو سر حب الله وعطائه اللامحود وقمة عطاء المسيح لنا ومكان اللقاء بالحبيب الأسمى. إننا نبحث عن القشور وعما هو هزيل وزائل من مآكل وسهرات و ... لا يبقى منها وعطائه اللامحود وقمة عطاء المسيح لنا ومكان اللقاء بالحبيب الأسمى. إننا نبحث عن القشور وعما هو هزيل وزائل من مآكل وسهرات و ... لا يبقى منها فماذا ننتظر إذاً؟!

"روح العلم يفتح عيوننا على رؤية الكون بعيون الله"



سلط البابا فرنسيس اليوم الضوء على موهبة أخرى من مواهب الروح القدس، موهبة العلم، وذلك في معرض المقابلة العامة في ساحة القديس بطرس في الفاتيكان. وشرح الأب الأقدس في مطلع التعليم أن العلم الذي نحن بصدده ليس المعرفة العلمية البحتة، أي معرفة قوانين الطبيعة ومبادئها، بل هو علم يربط بين معرفة الخليقة والتعرف على الخالق. بكلمة هو رؤية محبة الخالق وإبداعه في الخليقة والطبيعة. "عندما تستنير عيوننا بالروح القدس، تتفتح على التأمل بالله، في جمال الطبيعة وفي عظمة الكون، وتحملنا على اكتشاف كيف أن كل شيء يحدثنا عن الله وعن حبه." يمكننا أن نفهم موهبة العلم من خلال النظر إلى الفصل الأول من سفر التكوين. ففي هذا الفصل يرافق خلق الله "اليومي" فعل تعجب وبركة "ورأى الله أن ذلك حسن".وعندما قام الله بخلق الإنسان نقرأ أنه رأى ذلك "حسن جدًا." وشرح

البابا فنرسيس أن موهبة العلم تجعلنا نرى هذا الجمال، ولذا نسبح الله، ونشكره لأنه وهبنا هذا القدر الكبير من الجمال. فموهبة العلم تضعنا "بتناغم عميق مع الخالق وتجعلنا شركاء في نظرته الصافية وفي حكمه". وفي هذا الإطار يمكننا أن نرى كيف أن الرجل والمرأة هما قمة الخلق، وكمال مشروع حب مطبوع في كل منا والذي يجعل منا جميعًا إخوة وأخوات. لقد توصل القديسون، مثل فرنسيس الأسيزي إلى عيش نظرة الله نحو الخليقة، نظرة صفاء ونور. أمام هذه النظرة السامية هناك تجربتين: التجربة الأولى تتمثل باستغلال الخليقة، التجربة الثانية تتمثل بجعلها صنمًا وكأن الخلائق كافية لكي تملأ قلب الإنسان الذي يملأه الله وحده حقًا. وأخبر البابا في معرض التعليم عن لقاء شخصي قام به في الماضي مع شخص بسيط يعتني بالورود قال له "نيجب أن نحمي هذه الأمور الجميلة التي وهبها الله وأخبر البابا في معرض التعليم عن لقاء شخصي قام به في الماضي مع شخص بسيط يعتني بالورود قال له "نيجب أن نحمي هذه الأمور الجميلة التي وهبها الله فالخليقة أعطيت لنا لكي نستفيد منها بشكل إيجابي، لا لكي نستغلها، بل لكي نحميها، لأن الله الله يغفر لنا دومًا، نحن البشر نغفر أحيانًا، أم الخليقة فلا تغفر لا الإنادة والله فستدمرك."!

GROUP 1 Month of May— Mary Home Visits GROUP 2

Sun 25	Elias Barbar	27 Harris St Harris Park
Mon 26	Sonia Anjoul	39 Graham St Auburn
Tues 27	Therese Gerges	3B Monaro St Seven Hills
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Wed 28	Hadchit Assoc.	13 Jamieson St Granville
Thur 29	Maroun Habib	8/180 Station St Wentworthville
Frid 30	Sarkis Francis	6 Warnock St Guildford West

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Mon 26	Toni Haouchab	10 Barcom St Merrylands West
Tues 27	Nabil Abboud	D1/57 Boronia St South Wentworthville
Wed 28	Vince Tanna	46 Boundary St Parramatta
Thur 29	Silvana Elcham	2 David St South Wentworthville
Frid 30	Saydie Rizk	5 Roche St Merrylands

الخبر السار من رعيتك

۲۰۱٤ أيار ۲۰۱٤

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إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وتَضَرُّعِي إلى اللهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ

بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُم أَنَّ

فيهم غَيْرَةً الله، وَلَكِنْ بدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَحِيحَة.

فقَدْ جَهلُوا برَّ الله، وحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا برَّ

أَنْفُسِهِم، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ الله؛ لأَنَّ غَايَةَ

الشَّريعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ المَسِيحِ، لِكَي يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ

مُؤْمِن. وقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ البِرِّ الَّذي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ الشَّرِيعَةِ

يَحْيَا بِهَا". أُمَّا عَنِ البرِّ الَّذي هُوَ مِنَ الإيْمَان

فَيَقُول: "لا تَقُلْ في قَلْبكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إلى

السَّمَاء؟"، أَيْ لِيُنْزِلَ المَسِيحَ مِنَ السَّمَاء. ولا

تَقُلْ: "مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَاوِيَة؟"، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ

المَسِيحَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتَ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولَ؟

"الكَلِمَةُ قَريبَةٌ مِنْكَ، في فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ"، أَيْ

كَلِمَةُ الإِيْمَانِ، الَّتِي نُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِن اعْتَرَفْتَ

بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَبِّ، وآمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ

الله أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ، تَخْلُص. فالإِيْمَانُ

بِالقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى البِرّ، والاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ

إِلَى الخَلاص؛ لأَنَّ الكِتَابَ يَقُول: "كُلُّ مَنْ

يُؤْمنُ بِهِ لا يُخْزَى". فلا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُوديِّ

ويُونَانِيّ، لأَنَّ الرَبّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَميعِهِم، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ

رو ۱۰: ۱ – ۱۳

مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَبِّ يَخْلُص.

الرسالة

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

الإنجيل

قراءات الأحد القادم أ**ف ١ : ١٥** – ٢٣ يو ١٣ : ٣١ – ٣٥

من أقوالهم...

"حملت مريم "النار" في يديها. واحتضنت اللهيب بين زراعيها."

مار أفرام السرياني



وفيمَا التَّلامِيذُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بهذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ في وَسَطِهم، وقَالَ لَهُم: "أَلسَّلامُ لَكُم!". فارْتَاعُوا، واسْتَوْلي عَلَيْهِم الخَوْف، وكَانُوا يَظُنُونَ أَنَّهُم يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فقَالَ لَهُم يَسُوع: "مَا بَالُكُم مُضْطَرِبين؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هذهِ الأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُم؟ أُنْظُرُوا إلى يَدَى وَرجْلَى، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُّوني، وانْظُرُوا، فإنَّ الرُّوحَ لا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!". قالَ هذَا وَأَرَاهُم يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْه. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصِدِّقِينَ مِنَ الفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبينِ، قَالَ لَهُم: "هَلْ عِنْدَكُم هُنَا طَعَام؟". فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكِ مَشْوي، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَل. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرْأًى مِنْهُم، وقَالَ لَهُم: "هذَا هُوَ كَلامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُم بِهِ، وَأَنا بَعْدُ مَعَكُم. كانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي في تَوْرَاةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالمَزَامِيرِ". حِينَئِذِ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُم لِيَفْهَمُوا الكُتُب. ثُمَّ قالَ لَهُم: "هكذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ المَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّم، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ في اليَوْمِ الثَّالِث. وبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرةِ الخَطَايَا، في جَمِيعِ الأُمَم، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلِيم. وأنْتُم شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

لو ۲۲: ۳۲ – ۲۸

صلاة الأسبوع

يا رب، في أغلب الأحيان، ندّعي معرفتك بالعمق، رغم إنّنا لا نتحدّث إليك في صلاةٍ صادقةٍ وعميقة... ندعو روحك القدّوس اليوم، أن ينير عقولنا ونفوسنا لنعود ونبصر حقيقة قيامتك، فتضحي حياتنا، بكلّ تفاصيلها، حواراً دائماً معك فنتمكن من الشهادة لك، حيثما حللنا، أنت يا من تحيا وتملك، مع الآب والرّوح القدس، إلى أبد الآبدين، آمين.

قدّاسات يوم الأحد

كنيسة سيدة لبنان – هاريس بارك 8:00 (عربي)، 9:30 (إنكليزي)، 11:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 5:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 7:00 (عربي، إنكليزي) مراكز قداس 11:00 ق.ظ. في كنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفورد (عربي، إنكليزي) مراكز قداس 11:00 ق.ظ. في كنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفورد (عربي، إنكليزي) قداس 11:00 قدّاسات الأسبوع

الإثنين – الجمعة 7:00، 8.30 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً، الأربعاء 8.30،7:00 صباحاً و 5:30؛ 7:00 مساءً (انكليزي) السبت 7:30 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً ا**لإعترافات**

مؤمنة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة 6:00 مساءً وقدّاسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع ساعات السجود: كل يوم خميس 8:00 صباحاً لغاية السبت 7:30 صباحاً