

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE CO-CATHEDRAL - HARRIS PARK

Sunday 5 March 2017

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THE GOSPEL

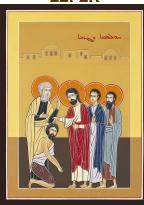
In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

Mk 1: 35-45

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Christ Jesus our Lord, open our hearts to the treasures of God's gracious gifts of love and mercy. Set us free from the temptations of the world. Help us turn to you with pure hearts, souls and spirits. Amen!



Next Sunday's Readings Sunday of the **Haemorrhaging Woman** 2Cor 7: 4-11 Lk 8: 40-56

Praver is the hands of God. at His disposition, & listening to His voice depth of our hearts.

Brothers and sisters,

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 6: 12-23

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer & Adoration of the Cross 6PM Arabic & 8PM English

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth)

Mass Centre - St Patrick's, Guildford 6pm (Ar/Eng)

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7am, 8.45am & 6pm. Wed 7am, 8.45am & 5:30pm; 7pm (English Youth) Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng) ONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6pm and Sunday Masses or by appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm – 9pm 24 Hour Adoration: Every first Friday of the month from 9:30am - Saturday at 7:30am

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Light from the word THE LEPER

As we enter the second week of Lent, our Gospel passage calls us to reflect on the pattern of our lifestyle.

The passage starts with Jesus getting up early to go out and pray. This time alone was important and set the tone for the day. Jesus offers the day to God. Soon after the disciples come and Jesus begins a long day of witnessing, preaching and healing. He makes himself seen and heard, but above all, he makes himself present and accessible to all

Jesus travels widely and befriends all types of people, enjoying company and the social life. He is welcoming and accepting, that even the outcasts dare to approach, as we see with the leper.

The focus of today's Gospel hones in on this leper whom Jesus heals, but we can be assured that the gentle interaction and miraculous healing that takes place between them, is only one of many encounters Jesus had with the people.

Jesus is moved with pity, reaches out, promises love and hope, heals the leper and sends him back into society, restored and dignified. And the story is repeated over and over again, as we read in the final line of today's Gospel, 'and people came to him from every quarter' (v45). The time for compassion, forgiveness and love, is never at an end

So in this Lenten Season, rather than focus on our abstinence and fasting, are we also spending time in prayer and in helping others? Are we making Christ present to those we meet and offering the loving touch they desperately need? Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF

The Catechism Where does the soul come from?



Where does the soul come from?
The spiritual soul does not come from one's parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. At the same time, they have been created

in a reciprocal complementarity insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one for the other to form a communion of persons. They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony "one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). They are likewise called to subdue the earth as "stewards" of God.

What was the original condition of the human person according to the plan of God?

In creating man and woman God has given them a special participation in his own divine life in holiness and justice. In the plan of God they would not have had to suffer or die. Furthermore, a perfect harmony held sway within the human person, a harmony between creature and Creator, between man and woman, as well as between the first human couple and all of creation.

The Servant's Word THE HEALING OF THE LEPER

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

After two and half weeks in Lebanon, it is wonderful to be back with my parish family. Sometimes we don't realise how important our family is until we live away from them. The Lord has blessed me with two families, my family in Lebanon and my parish family in Australia. When I am in Australia, I miss my family in Lebanon and when I am in Lebanon, I miss my parish family here in Australia. This yearning for the people that we love helps us to treasure each moment that we spend with them. The distance which can sometimes be painful, allows us to grow deeper and deeper in love. This is how I feel every time I am away from Our Lady of Lebanon. I feel that I grow closer to you all and this gives me the drive to be able to serve you with so much more love and commitment; of course with the help of God.



On this second Sunday of Lent, we reflect on the healing of the Leper. No other disease can be compared to the ugliness of leprosy. It torments a person for many years, it destroys their human appearance and eventually kills the individual. The leper (as they used to be labelled) becomes utterly repulsive to others but more importantly to himself or herself. This Gospel passage should remind us of ourselves. The physical disease of leprosy can be compared to the spiritual disease of sin. A person who sins eventually loses the divine image which is imprinted on his or her soul. In this sinful state, we become hateful to others but mostly to ourselves. Like the leper, we become repulsive to others but mainly to ourselves. However, we need to be courageous like the leper who came to Jesus to be healed. Jesus gives us this opportunity every day through confession. So what are we waiting for? He is definitely waiting for us!

I can see that the Lenten spirit is truly alive in the parish with everything that is taking place. **Lent is a time in which we work on ourselves and reflect on our relationship with God and our neighbour.** Our Maronite spirituality through our Liturgy and traditions helps us to achieve this. I encourage you all to take an additional step this year and possibly do something out of the ordinary to help you on your Lenten journey. This could be celebrating an additional Mass during the week or attending the Lenten course or one of the Bible studies or spending some time with our Lord in adoration of his blessed body. **There is so much on offer here for you, so please do not deprive yourself.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Youwakin Noujaim for taking after the parish in my absence together with all my brother priests. I would also like to wish Father Paul Joubeir a safe trip to Brazil and Father Raphael Abboud a safe trip to Lebanon.

Fr Tony Sarkis

Article of the Week Spiritual Cleansing



"Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness"

Explaining the term cleansing can lead to the response of 'to make something clean'. It can also be defined as *freeing* something unpleasant or tainting. Catholicism teaches us of **Spiritual Cleansing** in which we metaphorically see, both physically and sacredly, in today's gospel. Spiritual cleansing can be described as *absolving* ones soul from intense sin and/or guilt.

It is natural to feel overwhelmed by daily routines, leading many to commit innumerable amounts of sins. This leaves us feeling the emotions of guilt, sadness

and frustration. Due to this many of us have negative experiences submerged in our unconscious mind.

What we know for certain is that Our Lord Jesus Christ can *free us from all these experiences. How? Let's look* at the example of the Leper. Kneeling down in the presence of Our Lord he said: "If you wish, you can make me clean'. We know that after these words were spoken, he was *physically* and *spiritually* healed of any form of sin and guilt. We need to ask our Lord God for help in times where we are fully bounded by the nature of sin. We also need to remember that Jesus Christ defeated sin by coming down in a form of a man. If anything we must fully place our trust into His hands.

Spiritual Cleansing is a practice of renewal in which we regularly see in the Holy Sacraments of **Baptism** and **Confession/Reconciliation.** We are fortunate enough to experience these two sacraments over the course of our lives. The frequent use of Confession/Reconciliation is an example of developing a sacred bond with God, in order to remove the stain of guilt and sin.

I encourage you, during this season of Lent, to be in the *presence* of Our Lord by participating in Holy Mass and Adoration to experience the love that He is so willing to reveal to you.

As we begin our journey through Lent, let us ask the Holy Trinity through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to guide us on a path of spiritual cleaning and renewal as we pray: "Lord Jesus Christ, I place myself at the foot of Your cross and ask You to cover me with Your Precious Blood which pours forth from Your Most Sacred Heart and Your Most Holy Wounds. Cleanse me, my Jesus, in the living water that flows from Your Heart, Amen."

Brinda Njeim

Fersen Corner

Dear Fersen Children,

On Monday we commenced the Journey of Great Lent. This is a journey that Jesus took and we as Catholics choose to take.

Lent is a time where we often give up something that we love. This can be takeaway, chocolate, meat, soft drinks, movies, games and other things. As well as giving up something some people choose to take something up/almsgiving. This can be doing something you wouldn't normally do, such as, helping out a bit more around the house or giving some of your money to the poor/ project compassion.



In our Fersen classes we have explored and will continue to talk about Lent in our Maronite catholic faith.

God Bless

Fersen Al Adra

Heaven on Earth Corner

Growing up my whole life, my parents always taught me that it was important to love and respect our family and friends. This is true, however love knows no limits and I wanted to project Christ's love in my heart to a greater community. I joined Heaven on Earth approximately a year and a half ago, starting off on attending the homeless feeds at Prince Alfred Park, Parramatta.



It is so easy to serve food to the ones that are hungry, to offer a drink to a person that is thirsty but once you look into there eyes, you know its not enough, you know that they want to be loved, to be understood, they want to know that they are not being criticised or judged.

At the start it was not as easy for me to make a connection, as it was for the other Heaven on Earth members. I admired the way the members were able to connect emotionally and passionately as if that was there brother or sister. Jesus said "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine , you did for me" — Matthew 25

My experience with Heaven on Earth over time has allowed me to realise how could I love Jesus so much and not love his children. I truly believe that Jesus has answered my prayers in allowing me to feel a sense of joy and fulfilment through my experiences.

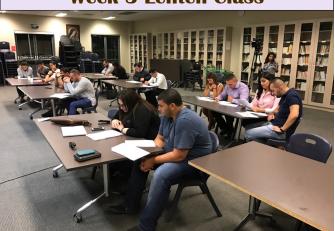
Heaven on earth has grown dramatically over the years. It started off with just pizzas being fed in the park to homeless people, to now meals being provided several times a week, international missions to Fiji and Lebanon, visits to jails, and children sponsorships across the world. The growth of this committee has been inspirational and is not possible without the continuous love and support of its members, volunteers and the wider community.

The heaven on earth committee has allowed me to open my eyes and my heart to the ever-growing needs of continuous dedication and selfless sacrifice in spreading the love of Christ.

Charly Chidiac

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Week 3 Lenten Class







Ash Monday Masses at OLOL "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."







Sodality Lenten Lunch

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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Sunday 5 March: Sunday of the Leper

8:00am All the Livings and Departed of the members of Sodality

11:00am 1 Year Chaina Chalita Sadek from Knat

3:00pm 40 Day Joe Rached from Kfifane

5:00pm 1 Year Maroun Tannous Youssef from Memneh-Akkar

Monday 6 March

6:00pm Doumit Fayed Efram from Jbeil (died in Lebanon)

Tuesday 7 March

6:00pm Youssef Khalil Chaaya from Bazoun (died in Lebanon)

Wednesday 8 March

5:30pm Mass celebrated by his Excellency Bishop Antoine-

Charbel Tarabay for International Women's Day

7:00pm 1 Year Youssef Known as Joe Batour from Zgharta

Thursday 9 March

6:00pm Siham Mansour Elkhoury Rahme widow of the late Mtanios Chehade Chalfe Rahme from Becharre (died in Lebanon)

Saturday 11 March

6:00pm 1 Year Tony Michael from Wadi Qannoubine

Sunday 12 March: Sunday of the Haemorrhaging Woman

11:00am 40 Day Ibrahim Khoury from Saghbine

5:00pm 1 Year Nazih Chalala from Jieh

قدّاسات الأسبوع

الأحد ٥ آذار: أحد شفاء الأبرص

٨:٠٠ قداس على نية أبناء الأخوية أحياء ومرضى وأموات
 ١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم شينا شليطا صادق من قنات

أربعون المرحوم دجو رأشد من كفيفان ٣:٠٠

السنة للمرحوم مارون طنوس يوسف من ممنع - عكار 0: . .

الإثنين ٦ آذار

المرحوم ضوميط فايد إفرام من جبيل (متوفّى في لبنان) 7: . .

الثلاثاء ٧ آذار

المركوم يوسف خليل شعيا من بزعون (متوفّى في لبنان)

الأربعاء ٨ آذار

قداسٌ يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان- شربل طربيه السامي 0:4. الإحترام بمناسبة اليوم العالمي للمرأة

السنة للمرحوم يوسف المعوف بد دجو باتور من زغرتا V: . .

الخميس ٩ أذار

المرحومة سهام منصور الخوري رحمة أرملة المرحوم مطانيوس شحادة شلفة رحمة من بشري (متوفاة في لبنان) ٦:٠٠

السبت ۱۱ آذار

السنة للمرحوم طونى مايكل من وادي قنوبين ٦:٠٠

الأحد ١٢ آذار: أحد شفاء المنزوفة

۱۱:۰۰ أربعون المرحوم إبراهيم خوري من صغبين السنة للمرحوم نزيه شلالا من الجية

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

MAR 2017

EFF Maronite Lenten Course

Continues Monday 6 March 2017 at 7pm

MAR 2017

The Family of Divine Word

Tuesday 7 March 2017 "Chastity before marriage and in the married life".

MAR 2017

"The Bible Project"

English Weekly Catholic Bible Studies Thursday's at 7pm in the Seniors Room OLOL CYPC Led by Mons Shora and Team. All Welcome.

Movies after English Stations of the Cross

Continues 10 March 2017 & Ends of Good Friday 14 April 2017 Movies shown will consist of: The early life of Saint Pope John Paul II -Hacksaw Ridge - Mary Mackillop - St Charbel - For Greater Glory - St Rafga - Ending with The Passion of the Christ in **OLOL CYPC Seniors Room.** This event is free for all. Please note that under 18 year olds will need an accompanying adult for attendance otherwise they will be refused entry due to the nature of these films. Movies may be subject to change.

MAR 2017

World's Greatest Shave Sunday 19 March 2017 after 7pm Mass

Recreation room level 1 in CYPC

Cost: \$20 includes donation towards the leukaemia foundation, dinner & drinks. For more info contact Barbara on 0432 597 457

ساعة سجود كل نهار خميس الساعة الثامنة مساءً

Adoration every Thursday night at 8pm

MAR 2017

MYO Lenten Retreat Friday 31st March 2017 - Sunday 2nd April 2017

7pm sharp arrival Friday & 2pm departure Sunday. Place: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre- Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale 2753 Cost: \$220pp - Rooms of 4 and all meals provided. Please let us know names in rooms and any dietry requirements. Contact Mary Raffoul on 0418 214 010

MAY 2017

Mother's Day Event Please keep Tuesday 9 May 2017 free

for an upcoming Mother's Day event. Details will be available soon.

JUL 2017

World Maronite Youth Day 2017

15th July to 23rd July 2017 in Beirut, Lebanon

Join thousands of Maronite Youth from around the world in this first ever event that will be hosted in Lebanon. Cost is \$100 (\$75US) for registration. This includes accommodation, food, transport throughout the 7 days. Tickets to Lebanon are self-funded. For your information pack, contact John-Claude Tadros (0422643203) or Moussa Hawa (0401586244).

Limit of 100 per Eparchy. Registrations close 13 March 2017!

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

MAR 2017

Do you understand NDIS? National Disability Insurance Scheme

MaroniteCare in collaboration with CEADA will be holding an information session to help you understand and manage NDIS. 7 March 2017 at 10am & 7pm in OLOL CYPC Level 1 - Discussion Room For more info contact Subdeacon Danny Nouh on 0477 008 787 or Kay Ishac on 0411 080 276

MAR 2017 Under the Patronage of His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, The Maronite Ladies of the Gospel invite you to attend

International Women's Day

8 March 2017 - Mass at 5:30pm at OLOL followed by Dinner at OLOL Hall.
Cost: \$60pp (incl. wine & soft drinks) Proceeds go to the work and mission of MaroniteCare.
For bookings contact Shirley 0409 330 028 - Noelle 0433 373 720 - Zita 0412 789 042 - Chadia 0412 009 779

MAR 2017

Called to the Priesthood? A Retreat for men discerning a call to the Priesthood.

The Maronite Eparchy of Australia invites all men discerning a vocation to the priesthood or diaconate to a Vocations Retreat with Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay from the **10th to the 12th of March 2017** at the **House of Divine Mercy in Bilpin.** For more information, please contact Fr Yuhanna Azize on 0435 764 824 or the Eparchy offices on 8831 0000.

غاية الصوم

. صوم مبارك

إن غاية الصوم هي إظهار المحبة للآخرين وليس الإنقطاع عن طعام معين فقط. فهذا يقول انه صائم عن الحلويات وآخر عن السيجارة وآخر عن اللحم وآخر عن الكحول وآخر عن الكلام السيء الى ما هنالك من اماتات وتضحيات وكسر للنفس. وكل هذه الافعال إماتات تقوية مقبولة عند الله شرط أن لا نصنع صياماً على قياسنا وعلى حسابنا وبحسب مفهومنا. فالصوم مرتبط بالتوبة والمودة الى الاب الحنون، والإبتعاد عن كل الرزائل والتمسك بجميع الفضائل. ومن فقد نقاوة قلبه فصومه غير مقبول. وعليه ان ينقي قلبه ويحفظ لسانه ويمنع يده عن فعل الاثم....ولكن، أوليست حياة المسيحي الحقة كلها فترة صيام؟ والصيام الحقيقي الذي غايته "المحبة" ليس محصوراً بفترة زمنية محددة؟ أليس هذا ما قصده القديس بولس

الرسول حين كتب: "إجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَكُم عَبيدًا لَلبِرِّ في سَبيلِ القَدَاسَة"؟ لماذا يُقال أن الصوم دون الصدقة هو صيام ناقص؟ ألا يعرف الإنسان المسيحي أن الصدقة هي جزء أساسي من حياته كل الأيام كونه مسيحي ولا تقتصر على أيام مُحددة تأتي مرة في السنة لبضعة أيام؟ ألا يعرف المؤمن أنّ عليه أن يعيش المحبة مع الآخرين طيلة أيام حياته؟ هل يعرف المؤمن أن هدف الصوم المؤقت لحياته هو أن تتحول حياته كلها إلى صوم وصلاة على مدى العمر أي أن يُصبح عبدًا للبِر بالطاعة لكلمتك محبةً بك؟

ما أحلى "القداسة"، وما أصعب تحقيقها في أقوالنا وأفكارنا وأعمالنا. كم من الأمور علينا التخلّي عنها لنصل إلى القداسة! ولعل "التكبّر أو التعالي" على الآخرين من أهمها، فهو داءٌ كالبرص يبعدنا عنك وعن الآخرين، فتحنن علينا وأشفنا مِن هذا الداء لنمجّد اسمك مع قدّيسيك الى الأبد.

كلمة الرحمة: عطر الملكوت



"سرّ الزواج في الكنيسة" كان عنوان تأمل عائلة الكلمة الإلهية في رعية سيدة لبنان مسا الثلاثاء الماضي مع خادم رعية مار يوسف كرويدن الخوري لبنان طربيه.

الكنيسة لم تخترع الزواج، فالبشر كانوا يتزوجون قبلها، وقد وضعوا له قوانين واضحة في الحضارات القديمة. لكن الكنيسة أضافت إليه شيئاً جديداً لم يكن موجوداً من قبل. ولكي نفهم هذا "الجديد" علينا أن نفهم الكنيسة أولاً. أساس الكنيسة القيامة، وأول إنجيل كان "المسيح قام". هذا أول ما بشّر به الرسل. ومنذ ذلك الحين، حياتنا كلها محاطة بالقيامة. ومع هذه القيامة صار الزواج سرّاً لأنه علامة لحبّ الله لكنيسته واقترانه بها. كل متزوج ومتزوجة يحملان هذه العلامة والشهادة، وهي حضور الله في زواجهما واتحاده بهما، لتصبح العائلة كنيسة بيتية. الزواج المسيحي ليس عقداً بين شخصين بل هو عهد بين الرجل والمرأة من جهة والله من جهة ثانية. هكذا ينقلنا سرّ الزواج إلى واقع آخر ليصبح صورة

أكثر ما يهدد الزواج العزلة وانغلاق الزوجين على بعضهما البعض. عندما ينقطع التواصل بين الزوجين يموت الحب، ويموت معه الملكوت. الحبّ مثل الوزنات، عطيةً معدّة للاستثمار علينا أن ننمّيها.

لسرّ الزواج ثلاثة أبعاد. البُعد الأول هو أنه حبِّ فدائي يقوم على قبول الآخر بلا شروط. يمنح كلِّ من الزوج والزوجة ذاته للآخر بكل فرح وحرية ووعي ومسؤولية، ويسعيان دائماً لتحقيق الخير الشخصي الشامل والنمو لبعضهما البعض. البُعد الثاني هو أنه حبِّ موحِّد، الاقتران من خلاله يكون بشخص واحد مع تصميم صادق للاتحاد به في شركة حبّ وحياة. والبُعد الثالث هو أنه حبِّ خلاق، لا يعرف الجمود، ينمو باستمرار، يكتشف فيه الزوجان بعضهما البعض كل يوم.

في سرّ الزواج تتجلى صورة الله على رغم كل ضعفنا البشري والمصاعب والتحديات التي يمرّ به الزوجان. وجْه زوجتِكَ هو وجه الله في حياتكَ. ووجهُ زوجِكِ هو وجه المصلوب أمام عينيكِ. هذا هو الحب الحقيقي في سرّ الزواج. والحب الحقيقي بين الزوجين هو عطر الملكوت. كل شيء يتعطّر بسرّ هذا الحب: الزوجان، الأولاد، العائلة، الجيرة والعالم.

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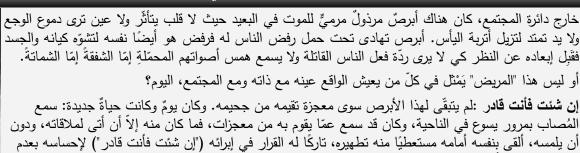
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IN OUR PRAYERS

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: All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, Jabbour Azizi, Hawa Azar, Raymond Anjoul, Salim

(A) All departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, Jabbour Azizi, Hawa Azar, Raymond Anjoul, Salim Asmar & his wife Zarifeh and their deceased children, Catherine Assmar, Mikhael Assmar, Sussan Assmar, Rabi Assmar, Antoine Azar & their deceased, Tannous Abboud & his wife Loulou & their parents (B) Raymous & Hanneh Bazouni and their son Charbel, Joseph Saad Boutros, Elias & Antoun Bechara, Maroun & Dibeh & Ramza & Elias Boumelhem, Wadih Said Boustani (C) Boutros Chbat & his wife & his son Joseph (D) Dibeh Diab, Derohannession Family (E) Hanane Wahibe Mounir El-Bazouni (F) Faithful Departed of Dardorit, Elias Francis & his faithful departed (G) Colleen Madeline George, Youssef Salim El Khoury Gebrael, Helen George, Majid George, Deceased of Greige Family (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph Haddad, Anis Jamil Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Dr Jim Haddad, Chafika Sara George Hawi, Tansa Diby Diab Hawi, Tanous Wadiaa Youssef Hady, Salim Najib Habkouk & his wife Milia Hossairati & their son Ziad, Youssef Hashem & Marie Hashem (I) Marie Issa (J) Youssef & Ghanagi Joseph (K) Karam Antonios Karam, Hanneh & Youssef & Marie Kabboura, Mikhael Badwi Khoury & his

Lahoud and his wife & their deceased children, Youssef Lahoud, Makhoul Lahoud and his wife Mariam Farah and their deceased children, Hanna Lahoud, Maroun Lahoud (M) Therese Melhem, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Boutros & Johra Moussa and their daughter Malki, Semaan & Karime Masri, Anthony Marmah Moses, Departed of Moses Family, Youssef & Ghssoun Maroun, George & his father Chehade Maroun, John Makhoul (N) Wajih Nader, Gerges Nachar, Makhoul & Ramiz & Maroun Nachar and their parents, Elias Diab Nachar, Makhoul Nachar & his daughter Golda (O) (P) (Q) (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Elie Saba Rahme, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Therese & Najib & Nabiha & Chafic Rajiha, Elham Habr Ghassan Rmaileh, Mourched Raad & his wife Maryn & their sons Youssef & Antoun & Victor Aziz (S) Souls in Purgatory, Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Matilda Abboud Sadek, Nabih Nasim Saad, Youssef Michael Shaheen, Evyone & Layla & Joseph Succar (T) Bernadette Tanna, Youssef Habib Daher Taouk, Hamid Tawil (U) (V) (W) Adelle Wehbe, Jamil & Barbara Wehbe (Y) Youssef Dib Younan (Z) Fadel Zahoul & Joseph Hawa & their son Tony Remhan Salim Abed, Fadel Zahoul & his wife Hawa and their son Tony & their faithful departed



-تحتّن يسوع: مدّ يده كالأب ، ليعرب له عن قبوله له كما هو ، وعن استعداده للدخول إلى عالمه المريض الخائف

القدرة على فعل أيّ شيء وهو المرذول...فما كان موقف يسوع؟

لمسه: كي تمرّ عبر هذه اللمسة قوّة الحبّ فتشفيه ودخل إلى أعماقه ليأخذ منه عاره ويعطيه من حياته حياة.

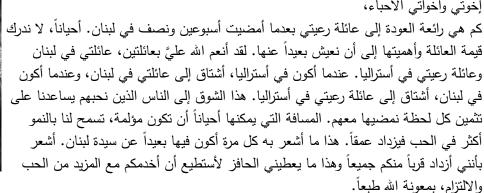
- كلمه وشفاه: لتلتقي الإرادتين: رغبة هذا الإنسان الكبيرة في استرجاع الحياة، وإرادة يسوع في منحه إيّاها. "قَدْ شِئْتُ" لأنّ الله لم يرد للإنسان سوى الحياة، والحياة بفرح وكرامة. "قد شئت" بذلك يُسكَبُ نقاء الله في النفس المريضة ليغسلها فتشفي. "قد شئت فابرأ" ويبقى أن نقبل ذواتنا بكلّ ما فيها من برص ونقوم بالخطوة الثابتة نحوه: وهو معطى الحياة.

- انتَهره: طالبًا منه الصمت والتأمّل في سرّ الله وإداء المطلوب "إذهب وأر نفسك للكاهن" لينخرط من جديد في الحياة الإجتماعيّة. أمّا هو (الرجل)، لقد غرّد خارج السرب وراح يذيع الخبر: ألشدّة فرحِهَ واستعادته هويّته مع كامل حقوقه الإجتماعية؟ هل لِلَفت النظر إلى شخصه ليصبح هو الأهم في نظر المجتمع تعويضًا عمَّا حُرِم منه قبل الشفاء؟ والأسئلة كثيرة... لكن مهما كان من دافع، يبقى الحدث الماثل والمعاش حتى اليوم: إن يسوع الّذي ً كان في وسط الجماعة، شفى ذاك الذي كان مرميًا خارجها بإعطائه الحياة، لكن هذا الأخير عاد واستبعده بالمقابل بثرثرته، وكأنه يسلمه إلى الموت، فالتصق بذاته بدل أن يلتصق بمن أعاد إليه الحياة.

اليوم إن أحببنا، فلنحبّ حتّى الثمالة، وإن رغبنا أن تترمم علاقتنا بالله فلنلتصق به ليكون هو محور حياتنا ولا شيء سواه، فنحن نعلم أنّه يدفع حياته ثمنًا لشفائنا في كلِّ مرَّة "تبرص" فيها.

كلمة الخادم: شفاء الأبرص

إخوتي وأخواتي الأحباء،





في الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، نتأمل بشفاء الأبرص. لا يمكن مقارنة أي داء ببشاعة مرض البرص، فهو يعذّب الإنسان لسنوات، يشوّه هيئته البشرية، ويقتله في النهاية. الأبرص (كما كان يوصم)، يصبح مموقوتاً من قِبل الآخرين، لا بل ممقوتاً من قِبل ذاته. يجب أن يذكّرنا هذا الإنجيل بأنفسنا. البرص الجسدي يمكن مقارنته بالبرص الروحي الناجم عن الخطيئة. فالشخص الذي يخطئ يفقد الصورة الإلهية المطبوعة في نفسه. في حالة الخطيئة، نصبح مبغضين للآخرين، ولأنفسنا أيضاً. نصير كالأبرص تماماً، ممقوتين من قبل الآخرين، وخصوصاً من قبل أنفسنا. لكنْ علينا أن نكون شجعاناً لنعمل مثل الأبرص الذي جاء إلى يسوع طلباً للشفاء. يعطينا يسوع هذه الفرصة كل يوم في كرسيّ الاعتراف. ماذا تنتظرون إذن؟ إنه في انتظارنا هناك حتماً!

إنني أرى روح الصوم حية حقاً في الرعية من خلال كل النشاطات التي تجري فيها. الصوم هو الزمن الذي نشتغل فيه على أنفسنا ونتأمل خلاله بعلاقتنا مع الله والقريب. روحانيتنا المارونية تساعدنا عل تحقيق ذلك عبر ليتورجيتنا وتقاليدنا. أشجعكم جميعاً على أخذ المبادرة والقيام بعمل غير عادي لمساعدتكم في مسيرتكم خلال الصوم. قد يكون ذلك عن طريق حضور قداس إضافي خلال الأسبوع، أو المشاركة في إحدى السهرات مع الإنجيل، أو تمضية بعض الوقت مع ربنا في فترة السجود لجسده المقدس. هناك نشاطات كثيرة متاحة لكم هنا، أرجو ألا تحرموا أنفسكم منها.

أخيراً، أود أن أغتتم هذه الفرصة لأشكر الخوري يواكيم نجيم على اهتمامه بشؤون الرعية في غيابي مع جميع إخوتي الكهنة. وأتمنى للخوري بول جبير أن يسافر بالسلامة إلى البرازيل، وللخوري رفايال عبود أن يسافر بالسلامة إلى لبنان.

الخبر السار من دعيتاك

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يا إِخوتي، لا تَمْلِكَنَّ الْخَطيئَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ الْمَائِت، فَتُطيعُوا شَهَوَاتِهِ. وَلا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَ كُم سِلاَحَ ظُلْم للخَطيئَة، بَلْ قَرِّبُوا أَنْفُسَكُم شِهِ كَأَحْيَاء قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْن الأَمْوَات، واجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَ كُم سِلاحَ بِرِّ الله. فلا تَتَسَلَّطُ عَلَيْكُمُ الخَطِينَة، لأَنَّكُم لَسْتُم في حُكْمِ الشّريعَةِ بَلْ في حُكْمِ النِعْمَة. فَمَاذَا إِذًا؟ هَلْ نَخْطأُ إِنَّنَا لَسْنَا في حُكْمِ الشّرِيعَة، بَلْ في حُكْم النعْمَة؟ حَاشًا! أَلا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُم عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِيدًا لأَحَدِ فَتُطيعُونَهُ، تَكُونُونَ عَبِيدًا للَّذي تُطيعُونَه: إمَّا عَبيدًا لِلخَطِيئَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إلى الْمَوت، وامَّا لِلطَاعَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إلى البِرِّ. فَشُكْرًا شِهِ لأَنَّكُم بَعْدَمَا كُنْتُم عَبِيدَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، أَطَعْتُم مِنْ كُلِّ قَلْبِكُم مِثَالَ التَعْلِيمِ الَّذي سُلِّمْتُمْ إِلَيْه. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرِّرْتُم مِنَ الْخَطِيئَة، صِرْتُم عَبيدًا لِلبرِّ. وأَقُولُ قَوْلاً بَشَريًا مُرَاعَاةً لِضُعْفِكُم: فَكَمَا جَعَلْتُم أَعْضَاءَكُم عَبِيدًا لِلنَجَاسَةِ وَالإِثْم في سَبِيلِ الإِثْم، لذَلِكَ اجْعَلُوا الآنَ أَعْضَاءَ كُم عَبِيدًا لَلبِرِّ في سَبِيلِ القَدَاسَةِ. فَلَمَّا كُنْتُم عَبيدَ الْخَطِيئَة، كُنْتُم أَحْرَارًا مِنَ البرّ. فأَيَّ ثَمَر جَنَيْتُم حِينَئِذِ مِنْ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي تَسْتَحُونَ مِنْهَا الآن؟ فإنَّ عَاقبَتَهَا الْمَوْتِ. أَمَّا الآنِ، وقَدْ صرْتُم أَحرارًا منَ الْخَطيئة وعَبيدًا لله، فإنَّكُم تَجْنُونَ ثَمَرًا لِلقَدَاسَة، وعَاقِبَتُهَا الْحَيَاةُ

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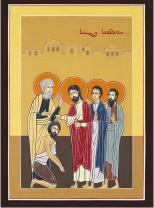
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الأَبَديَّة. لأَنَّ أُجْرَةَ الْخَطيئَة هيَ الْمَوت. أَمَّا مَوْهبَةُ اللهِ فَهيَ

الْحَيَاةُ الأَبْدِيَّةُ في الْمَسيح يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا.

مراحل درب الصلیب، صلاة المساء و زیاح الصلیب مراحل درب العربي) و ۲:۰۰ (إنكليزي)

أحد شفاء الأبرص



قراءات الأحد القادم أحد شفاء المنزوفة ٢ قور ٧: ٤-١١ لو ٨ : ٠٠ - ٢٥

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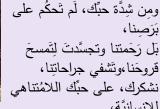
قَامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الفَجْر، فَخَرَجَ وذَهَبَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ قَفْر، وَأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاك. ولَحِقَ بِهِ سِمْعَانُ وَالَّذِينِ مَعَهُ، ووَجَدُوهُ وَقَالُوا لَهُ: "أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ". فقالَ لَهُم: "لِنَذْهَبْ إِلَى مَكَانٍ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "أَلْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ". فقالَ لَهُم: "لِيَذْهَبْ إِلَى مَكَانٍ خَرَجْتُ". وسَارَ في كُلِّ الجَلِيل، وهُو يَكْرِزُ في مَجَامِعِهِم وَيَطُرُدُ الشَّيَاطِين. وأَتَاهُ أَبْرِصُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْه، فجَنَا وقالَ لَهُ: "إِنْ شِئْتَ قَأَنْتَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ تُطَهِّرِنِي!". فتَحَنَّنَ يَسُوعُ ومَدَّ يَدَهُ ولَمَسَهُ وقَالَ لَهُ: "قَدْ شِئْتُ، فَاطْهُرْ!". وفي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهُرُ ، لا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِن، الْنَظُرُ، لا تُخْبِرْ أَحَدًا بِشَيء، بَلِ اذْهَبْ وَأَرِ نَفْسَكَ لِلْكَاهِن، وَقَدَمْ عَنْ طُهُرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ". أَمَّا هُو وَقَدَمْ عَنْ طُهُرِكَ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ". أَمَّا هُو فَخَرَجَ وبِدَأَ يُتَادِي بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهِ ويُذِيعُ الخَبَر، حَتَّى إِنَّ فَعْمُ فَوَمَ وَمِنَ المَّالِ يَلْكُون، ويَدُع مُوسَى النَّاسُ يَأْنُونَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ يُومُ مَنْ كُلُ مَكَان. مُقْورَة، وكانَ النَّاسُ يَأْنُونَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَكَان.

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الأحد ٥ آذار ٢٠١٧

صلاة





نشكرك على وجودك الّذي يُوجِدُ الحياةَ في بَرارينا المُقفَرَة، ويمنح معنًى لِوُجودِنا،

يَّ مَن عَمدُكُ، وَنعبدكَ مع أبيكَ وروحِك القدَّوس إلى الأبد، آمين.



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