

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 34 | Sunday 25 June 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Pentecost "As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" Mt 10: 1-7



THE GOSPEL

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'" Mt 10: 1-7



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own



Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this 5th Sunday of Pentecost, our Maronite liturgy guides us to reflect on the Gospel according to St Matthew about the call of Jesus to His disciples (Matt 10:1-7). This Gospel emphasises the significance of our personal encounter with the Lord and our response to His invitation.

We witness Jesus summoning the twelve apostles, ordinary men whom He chose with meticulous care. They were not without their flaws and struggles, often wrestling with understanding Jesus' teachings. Nevertheless, Jesus placed great trust in them, empowering them with divine authority and sending them forth as messengers of the Kingdom.

This Gospel also highlights the personal nature of Jesus' call, reminding us that He knows us individually by name. Just as He called Peter, James, Andrew, and John, He calls each one of us. Through our baptism, His personal call to us becomes even clearer, affirming His love for us and His desire for us to follow Him.

Jesus' call to His disciples extends beyond mere discipleship. He sends them on a mission, entrusting them with the proclamation of the Kingdom. They are not merely to listen and observe, but to actively participate in God's work. This call to mission is not confined to the

apostles alone; it extends to each one of us, regardless of our limitations or past failures. Jesus invites us to join Him in His mission, to proclaim the Good News of salvation.

As we reflect on these profound truths, we are reminded that the Lord grants us the strength and grace to fulfil our mission. He does not expect us to rely on our own wisdom or eloquence; rather, He calls us to transmit His Word and His love, with peace and charity. The Word of God is spoken, and individuals are free to accept or reject it. God seeks hearts that are free, hearts that willingly embrace His love.

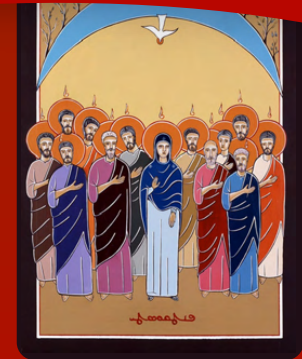
Just as Jesus sent His apostles to the Jews, we are called to proclaim God's love within our own families and communities. Let us not be consumed by the desire to evangelise others while neglecting those right beside us. May this be a wake-up call for us to pay attention to those around us and share the message of God's love with them.

This week, let us express our gratitude to the Lord for His confidence in us, despite our imperfections. He calls us by name and invites us to join Him in His mission. May we respond with open hearts and willing spirits, surrendering ourselves to His will. Let us commit ourselves to live proudly as Catholics, joyfully sharing our faith with others.

May the Lord bless us abundantly and grant us the grace to listen attentively to His call. May our lives bear witness to His love and may His kingdom be proclaimed through our words and actions.

I wish you all a blessed and fruitful week.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 1: 1-7
Phil 3: 7-14
Mt 10: 1-7

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Ar)
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 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

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"Go to the lost sheep"

There are many ways of describing what it means to be "lost". Whether we speak of being physically lost, spiritually lost, or emotionally lost, the common factor is the lack of direction. If I were counted among "the lost sheep" I certainly would have been so relieved to see my shepherd searching for me in the darkness of my soul, alone and afraid. This is how it feels to have no direction in one's life, seeking answers, but not knowing where to look...hoping to be found and saved from the emptiness, unable to get out of that pit of despair. Being "lost" comes in many forms: depression, addiction, or simply not having faith in God. What is the solution to being lost? **Ask for directions – do not be ashamed to seek help.**

We may sometimes question why Jesus would want us to focus on those who stray and choose to not follow His ways. It may leave many of us questioning and rationalizing the logic in searching for those who seem to have no desire to be found. And yet, this is exactly what Jesus asks of us in our call to evangelisation. This doesn't necessarily mean standing on a stage, preaching, or shouting scriptural quotes in the streets – although that would be amazing! Going out to the "lost sheep" is as simple as taking Christ with us, everywhere we go. Being Christ-like in charitable words and deeds, is more magnetic and encouraging to a lost soul than a thousand speeches. After all, as human beings we all need to feel loved and to know that we 'belong' to a family or a community, and not feel isolated or abandoned or rejected.

Nobody wants to remain lost, but to admit that one is lost and needs directions, is even more difficult than being lost at all. The most

generous soul is one that has received the greatest mercy - to be forgiven, to be loved, to be understood...saving the lost soul is as easy as showing all of these attributes of mercy to those who cannot find their way. Another sure way of helping the lost, is to direct their path toward faith formation. This topic is very dear to my heart, being a teacher of the faith in several roles within the Catholic Church. In fact, our Maronite Eparchy is inviting all to enroll in a free 20-week course of Faith Formation to begin on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, 29th June, at OLOL. Please pass on this information to family and friends, and especially to anyone who may be curious about our Catholic Faith. This is one way of going out to the lost sheep as Christ has requested. Pray, fast, and do penance for a lost soul to find their way today.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"?

ANSWER

The term "prophets" mean those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament



UPCOMING EVENTS

OLOL Teens
HOLIDAY PARTY
July 14th
DRESS CODE: ALL BLACK CASUAL
OLOL PARISH HALL
6:30-10:30PM
DOORS CLOSE 8:30PM
\$20 ENTRY
FOOD & DRINKS INCLUDED

Maronite Flame Teens
Years 7-9 run every Saturday
4-6pm
Youth Centre
Come Alive
Years 10-12 run fortnightly Wednesday
7-9pm
Seniors room
Contact Rachel 0477276077 for more information

OLOL Vocations Group
"Come Follow Me" - Mt 4:19
Do you feel called to serve the Lord?
Do you feel a calling to the Priesthood?
Prayer Fellowship
Our Next Event: 1 July 2023
10AM | OLOL
Contact: Joseph Khoury 0405 122 064

OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Maronite Catholic Parish
THE FAMILY COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO
Renewal of Vows
Sunday, 30th July 2023
The Family Committee is organising a special mass
@9:30am for the Renewal of Marriage Vows.
It will include a very special recognition of couples
celebrating 5,10,15,20,25.....50 years of marriage any time
in 2023.
Reserved seats, certificates and a special gift will be
presented on the day.
If you are in this category please email
familycommittee@olol.org.au to register your names
contact Rana- 0425 335 707



MaroniteCare is presenting three seminars on the topic of The Trouble with Electronic Media. We shall examine the problems associated with electronic media and how to deal with them, especially with addiction. The seminars are for those of or over the age of 18 years, only.

It will be taken by Fr Yuhanna Azize with the assistance of some volunteers, in the Chancery Board Room, level 2, OLOL Community Centre, between 7:00 and 8:00pm on Monday 26 June and 3 July.

MaroniteCare also seeks volunteers to assist with the experiment of an "accessible church," suitable for people such as those on the autism spectrum who would prefer to attend a specially constituted liturgy.

Please direct enquiries to
Fr Yuhanna on 0435 764 824 between
9:00am and 9:00pm.

The Maronite Eparchy of Australia
invites you to enrol in
Introduction to the Maronite Catholic Faith
A Twenty Week Free Course
This course covers the basic beliefs and practices of the Church for those wishing to learn more about the Maronite Catholic Faith and for adults seeking baptism
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
starting 29th June 2023
Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre
40 Alice Street, Harris Park
To register, use the QR code
alternatively, contact Mr. Charbel Mourani
Course Enquiries
Mr. Charbel Mourani on 0410 343 233
Adult Baptism Enquiries
Fr. Yuhanna Azize on 0435 764 824
<https://www.maronite.org.au>

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 25 June:

5th Sunday of Pentecost

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Albert Youssef Kandalaft from Zgharta

5:00pm Mass for the Feast of the Blessed Yaacoub Kabbouchi

Thursday 29 June:

Saints Peter and Paul and Rite of Blessing of the Water

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Marie Abi Chmouni from Haref Miziara wife of Youssef Mikhael Khoury from Miziara

Saturday 1 July:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Assad Said Sarkis from Sir Al Donieh

Sunday 2 July:

6th Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am Sodality Mass

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Cecilia Kaissar widow of the late Zeidan Awtel Moussa from Kfarsghab

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 18/06/2023

Plates: \$13,860 | **Donations:** \$0 | **Candles:** \$1,795

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,442,284

UNITS: \$1,132,312

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$36,726 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,201 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER



WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH



What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

Last Saturday

Fersen Al Adra leaders of OLOL went on their spiritual retreat with their assistance chaplain Sr Rita to the Franciscan shrine of the Holy Innocents. Words cannot describe the spiritual and blessed day we had together

On Tuesday

The FDW came together with Sister Juliette for their weekly talk. They explored further on the topic of "The Cross of goodness". Join us next week to listen to the word of God

Last Sunday

The OLOL family committee organised a Women's Retreat Day titled "Be transformed: the power of knowing and following Christ". In the morning, the program consisted of two talks, a group discussion and time spent alone with a guided meditation. After lunch, there was a discussion on transformation in Christ and on friendship. The day concluded with Adoration, Confession and Mass which was led by our chaplain Fr Alain Fares. Many thanks to each person who attended, we offer gratitude to God for all His graces.

After 7pm Mass the youth hosted a kaak and coffee night. It was great to eat up a freshly cooked kaak and warm coffee on a cold night!

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



THE MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

GOLDEN JUBILEE SOLEMN MASS

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 11 AM
KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

Sydney Olympic Park NSW

celebrated by

HIS BEATITUDE AND EMINENCE
MAR BECHARA BOUTROS CARDINAL RAI
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East



TO BOOK YOUR SEATING AT THIS FREE EVENT,
please visit www.ticketmaster.com.au
or Scan the QR Code

FOR LATEST DETAILS, PLEASE FOLLOW US ON:



Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania



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A JOURNEY OF HOLINESS & OPENNESS

9 FEBRUARY - 8 DECEMBER 2023

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS TICKETS NOW OPEN

Let's fill Ken Rosewall Arena (Homebush) on **Sunday 24 September at 11am for the Golden Jubilee Mass of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia.**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of a historic event: 10,000 people coming together as one to participate in a Maronite Divine Liturgy, celebrated by His Eminence and Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, along with Bishops and Superiors of Religious Orders from Lebanon and all over the world.

So let us fill the stadium, invite you families, friends, neighbours, work colleagues; we can so much to be grateful for, and in particular, the guiding presence of the Lord throughout these years of the Maronite presence in Australia.

Thanks to the generous support of the Golden Jubilee event partners, this is a free event but booking via Ticketmaster is essential to ensure everyone who wants to be there has a seat.

HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

1. To access and book ticket, click the link below: <https://www.ticketmaster.com.au/event/25005EA8C4A11402> or scan the QR Code on the poster below, or search the word 'maronite' on the Ticketmaster website.
2. Select the tickets you want on the interactive stadium map
3. There is a ticket limit of 20 per account. Please only reserve tickets that you need and if you are sure you will attend.
4. All seats are good seats; plus large screens will be in use.
5. Follow The Maronite Eparchy of Australia on Facebook and on Instagram to keep up to date on news.

If you need assistance booking your tickets, please contact [Parish Office on 02 9689 2899].

تذاكر القداس الاحتفالي لليوبيل الذهبي أصبحت متوفرة

يسرّ الأبرشية المارونية في أستراليا إعلامكم بأن تذاكر القداس الاحتفالي لليوبيل الذهبي لأبرشيتنا أصبحت متوفرة على الانترنت عبر تطبيق تيكيت ماستر Ticketmaster. سيجتفل بالقداس غبطة أبينا البطريرك الكاردينال مار بشارة بطرس الراعي، وذلك **نهار الأحد الواقع فيه ٢٤ أيلول ٢٠٢٣ الساعة الحادية عشرة صباحاً في Ken Rosewall Arena في هومبوش.**

وتشكّل المناسبة حدثاً تاريخياً فريداً حيث يجتمع آلاف الموارنة الأستراليين للمشاركة في القداس الإلهي، والاحتفال باليوبيل مع غبطة البطريرك وأساقفة الانتشار الماروني ورؤساء الرهبانيات من لبنان وجميع أنحاء العالم.

نرجو مساهمتكم الفعّالة بملء مدرّجات Ken Rosewall Arena من خلال حضوركم ودعوة أفراد العائلة والأصدقاء والجيران والزملاء للمشاركة معكم. ومعاً سنرفع صلاة شكرٍ لله على فيض نعمه وبركاته علينا جميعاً طوال هذه السنوات من الحضور الماروني في أستراليا.

وبفضل المؤسسات الداعمة، تمكّننا من أن يكون الاحتفال مجاني، لذلك ندعوكم اليوم لحجز تذاكركم بأسرع وقت، من خلال تطبيق Ticketmaster وهذا أمر ضروري لضمان الدخول والحصول على مقعد.

كيفية الحجز والحصول على التذاكر:

١. اذهب إلى موقع Ticketmaster وابحث عن كلمة Maronite. أو امسح رمز الاستجابة السريعة QR Code عن النشرات الموجودة على مداخل الكنيسة أو اضغط على الرابط: <https://www.ticketmaster.com.au/event/25005EA8C4A11402>
٢. حدّد عدد التذاكر التي تريدها على الخريطة التفاعلية.
٣. الحدّ هو ٢٠ تذكرة لكل حساب. الرجاء عدم حجز التذاكر إذا لم تكن متأكداً من الحضور.
٤. كل مقعد في المدرّجات هو مقعد جيد، كما وأن الشاشات الكبيرة ستكون قيد الاستخدام.
٥. للمزيد من المعلومات، ندعوكم لمتابعة صفحة الأبرشية Maronite Eparchy of Australia على Instagram و Facebook.

إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة في حجز التذاكر، فيرجى الاتصال بمكتب الرعاية 02 9689 2899



PARISH CAMERA



COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Mercy Health, the operators of the brand-new aged care home at Harris Park is pleased to provide an update on the progress of construction and the anticipated opening of Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park.

In pride of place adjoining our wonderful Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, this new home will offer beautiful accommodation right in the heart of our community.

Mercy Health is currently working towards holding open days and tours in July and at this stage are anticipating welcoming the first residents to live at Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park in August 2023.

Both local and global events had resulted in supply chain disruptions, some of which delaying the building of the new home to opening slightly later than expected.

For those members of the community who are seeking further details relating to the home, Mercy Health can be contacted on (02) 6022 5800 or via email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au.

Mercy Health looks forward to bringing their healthy ageing approach to the local Harris Park community and honouring the local Maronite Catholic community's vision to deliver better living for people as they age.

Mercy Health brings healthy ageing to Harris Park



Mercy Health is a trusted, leading Catholic provider of health, aged and community services with 30 residential aged care homes in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

In collaboration with the Maronite Catholic community, we are excited to announce the opening of our newest home, Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park.

This 85-bed purpose-built facility, with an on-site wellness centre, café and hairdresser, offers quality aged care with a focus on family, friendship and community.

To find out more, call us on 6022 5800, email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au or visit our website mercyhealth.com.au

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٥ حزيران:

الأحد الخامس من زمن العنصرة

١١٠٠ السنة للمرحوم ألبرت يوسف القندلفت من زغرنا
٥٠٠ قداس بمناسبة عيد الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي

الخميس ٢٩ حزيران:

عيد الرسولان بطرس وبولس ورتبة تبريك المياه

٦٠٠ السنة للمرحومة ماري أبي شمونة من حرف مزيارة زوجة
يوسف مخايل الخوري من مزيارة

السبت ١ تموز:

٦٠٠ السنة للمرحوم أسعد سعيد سركيس من سير الضنية

الأحد ٢ تموز:

الأحد السادس من زمن العنصرة

٨٠٠ قداس على نية أبناء الأخوة أحياء ومرضى وأموات
٥٠٠ أربعون المرحومة سيسيليا قيصر أرملة المرحوم زيدان أوتل
موسى من كفرصغاب



الرسولان بطرس وبولس ٢٩ حزيران

هما قديسان عظيمان في الكنيسة ومن
أعمدتها الأساسية.

القديس بطرس هو سمعان بن يونا من صيدا (الجليل) وكانت مهنته صيد السمك. دعه يسوع قائلا: إتبغي فأجعلك صياد الناس، فلأزمه ولم يفارقه وهو من نكر يسوع وتدم على خطيئته. بطرس هامة الرسل قال له السيد المسيح "أنت الصخرة وعلى هذه الصخرة سأبني كنيسة وأبواب الجحيم لن تقوى عليها وأعطيك مفاتيح السماء، ملكوت الله، ما تحله على الأرض يكون محلولاً في السماء، وما تربطه على الأرض يكون مربوطاً في السماء". هذه سلطة هامة الرسل بطرس، أعطاه المسيح لبطرس وحده، بعدئذ أعطاه لساير الرسل، سلطان ربط الخطايا وحلها.

أما القديس بولس فقد كان إسمه شاول كان مضطهداً للمسيح ولأتباعه، أصبح بعد اهتدائه من كبار معلمي الكنيسة، وكان رسول الأمم وأسس الكنائس وعرف بتعاليمه في أعمال الرسل وكان قطبا هاما في تثبيت الكنيسة الناشئة كما شارك الرسول بطرس ليكونا معا هامتي الرسل.

وقد استشهد كلاهما في روما أيام الامبراطور نيرون حيث قطع رأس القديس بولس أما القديس بطرس فصليب مثل سيده لكن رأسه الى الأسفل ورجلاه الى الأعلى وبنيت كنيسة مار بطرس على تل الفاتيكان أيام الملك قسطنطين في القرن الرابع.

ليؤهلنا الرب أن نلبي دعواه كما لبي تلك الدعوة الرسولان بطرس وبولس وأن نتحمل في سبيل الإيمان به كما تحملوا المشقات بل أيضا أن نبذل ذواتنا حتى الدم في سبيل المسيح يسوع والإيمان به الذي سقك دمه من أجلنا على الصليب لنقوم معه قيامة الحياة.



لنتأمل به... في عيدِه!

عيدك يطلّ في ٢٦ حزيران يا أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي ليعيد الرجاء إلى قلوبنا اليائسة ويطمئن هواجس عقولنا التعب.

أنت من بطوباويتك حملت التضحية إلى مراتب عالية من القداسة، أنت من بصلاتك واطبت على الصلاح والبر.

سكنت في أرض لبنان عبيراً مسكراً، عبير القداسة الطيب فأضفت إلى شربل ورفقا والحرديني اختبارك الحي مع المسيح لتعكس إلينا نحن المؤمنين كيفية العيش.

رفعتم المؤسسات الخيرية والأديرة والمستشفيات بثقة كبيرة أنّ الرب سيدبر خطواتك، علمنا أن نتكل على العناية الإلهية متى نقر الخير قلوبنا.

أنت الذي كان الصليب بوصلة حياتك، اجعلنا نتمثل بحبك إله، فنحمل صعبنا بفرح، ونحمل صلبنا ببراء ونسير طريق الجلجلة بصمت وأمل وصبر وإيمان.

المريض هدفك والفقير رسالتك والمحتاج غايتك، أنت من تؤمن الدواء للداء والغنى للعوز والعطاء للمحتاج، اجعلنا في عيدك نتبع خطاك المباركة فنتحلّي بالإنسانية والمحبة والكرم والتضامن ونبتعد عن العنصرية ونمد يد العون إلى كل من يغرق في محيط الإثم والوجع.

Noursat



صلاة

أيها الروح المحي، يا روح الآب والابن، اسكُب في قلوبنا تعزياتك الروحية، فنعيش الفرخ الداخلي والعزاء الملائكي. ضع المحبة في قلوب جميع الناس، والألفة في معاشراتهم، والفضيلة في أحاديثهم وتصرّفاتهم.

نشكرك لك زعماء سكبتنا فينا، وفضائل تقودنا لعيشها، ومواهب تفعلها فينا، فنعيش المحبة بلا رياء، والخدمة بلا تذمر، والعطاء بلا حساب، والتضحية بى أسف، والمسامحة بلا تراجع، فيتمجد بأعمالنا الصالحة اسم الآب السماوي القدوس، وبتبارك الابن الوحيد بشهادتنا الصادقة، لك المجد والحمد معهما الى الأبد.

أمين

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٣٤ | الأحد ٢٥ حزيران ٢٠٢٣ | أحد الخامس من العنصرة " وفيما أنتم ذاهبون، نادوا قائلين: لَقَدْ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ " مت ١٠:١٠-٧

الإنجيل



دعا يسوع تلاميذه الاثني عشر، فأعطاهم سلطاناً يَطْرُدُونَ به الأرواحَ النَجِسةَ وَيَشْفُونَ الشعبَ مِنْ كُلِّ مَرَضٍ وَكُلِّ عِلَّةٍ. وهذه أسماءُ الرُّسُلِ الاثني عشر: الأوَّلُ سِمْعَانُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى بُطْرُسَ، وَأَنْدَرَاوَسُ أَخُوهُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ زَبْدَى وَيُوْحَنَّا أَخُوهُ، وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَبَرْثُولَمَاوَسُ، وَتُومَا وَمَتَّى الْعَشَّارُ، وَيَعْقُوبُ بْنُ حَلْفَى وَتَدَّاوُسُ، وَسِمْعَانُ الْغُيُورُ وَيَهُوذَا الإِسْخَرْيُوطِيُّ الَّذِي أَسْلَمَ يَسُوعَ. هَؤُلَاءِ الاثْنَا عَشَرَ أَرْسَلَهُمْ يَسُوعَ وَقَدْ أَوْصَاهُمْ قَائِلًا: لَا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْوَتْنِيِّينَ وَلَا تَدْخُلُوا مَدِينَةَ الْإِسْأَمَرِيِّينَ، بَلْ اذْهَبُوا بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى الْخُرَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَفِيمَا أَنْتُمْ ذَاهِبُونَ، نَادُوا قَائِلِينَ: لَقَدْ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ. مت ١٠:١٠-٧



أحد الخامس من
العنصرة
سفر الخروج ١: ١-٧
في ٣: ٧-١٤
مت ١٠: ١-٧

شهر قلب يسوع
المقدس

يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب
اجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك



دعوتنا واحدة

جَدَّدَ يسوع لِرسله الطريق والأسلوب. أمَّا الطريق فَالتَّوَجُّهُ أَوَّلًا إِلَى الشَّعْبِ الْمُؤْمِنِ الْيَهُودِيِّ، الْمَعْرُوفِ يَوْمَهَا "ببَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ": "لَا تَسْلُكُوا طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْوَتْنِيِّينَ، وَلَا تَدْخُلُوا بَيْتَ الْإِسْأَمَرِيِّينَ، بَلْ اذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْخُرَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ" (الآيَاتَان ٥ و ٦).

هَذَا لِلدَّلَالَةِ أَنَّ الرِّسَالَةَ الْحَقِيقِيَّةَ تَبْدَأُ فِي الدَّخَالِ ثُمَّ تَنْتَقِلُ إِلَى الْأَبْعَدِ، عَمَلًا بِالْقَوْلِ: "أَيُّهَا الطَّبِيبُ طَبِّبْ نَفْسَكَ" (لوق: ٢٣). سَيُرْسَلُ يَسُوعُ رِسله وَالْكَنِيسَةُ فِي مَا بَعْدَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ وَالشَّعُوبِ

أَمَّا الْأُسْلُوبُ فَهُوَ الْمَنَادَةُ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ: "نَادُوا فِي الطَّرِيقِ وَقُولُوا: لَقَدْ اقْتَرَبَ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ" (الآيَة ٧). مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ هُوَ دُخُولُ اللَّهِ فِي حَيَاةِ الْإِنْسَانِ، وَالْإِنْسَانِ فِي حَيَاةِ اللَّهِ، أَيْ الْإِتِّحَادُ بَيْنَ اللَّهِ وَالْإِنْسَانِ. "مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ فِي دَاخِلِكُمْ" (لوق: ١٧: ٢١). إِنَّهُ مَلَكُوتُ الْقِدَاسَةِ وَالسَّلَامِ، وَانْطِلَاقًا مِنْ هَذَا الْإِتِّحَادِ بِاللَّهِ، وَمِنْ السَّلَامِ فِي دَاخِلِ الْإِنْسَانِ، تَبْدَأُ رِسَالَةُ بِنَاءِ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ فِي الْمَجْتَمَعِ الْبَشَرِيِّ. وَهُوَ مَلَكُوتُ الْمَحَبَّةِ وَالْحَقِيقَةِ وَالْعَدَالَةِ وَالْحَرِيَّةِ وَالْتِضَامِ وَالتَّكَامُلِ.

دَعْوَتُنَا الْيَوْمَ إِنْ لَا نَقْصِي قُلُوبَنَا أَمَامَ جُرُوحِ أَخِينَا الْإِنْسَانِ. وَلِنَحْذَرُ مِنْ أَنْ نَنْظُرَ أَنْفُسَنَا أَفْضَلَ مِنْ غَيْرِنَا، وَأَنَّهُمْ لَا شَيْءَ. فَنَصْبِحُ عَمِيَانٌ بِالرُّوحِ وَنَرْفُضُ الْمَسِيحَ وَنَطْرُدُهُ بِكِبْرِيَانِنَا وَطَمَعِنَا. لَكِنْ فليَكُنْ لَنَا فِكْرُ الْمَسِيحِ وَحُضُورِهِ وَمَحَبَّتِهِ.

استودع الرب يسوع الرسل الاثني عشر، رسالة الخلاص التي أتقها، لكي يواصلوها هم وخلفاؤهم، باسمه وبشخصه، ومعهم انطلق التقليد الرسولي الحي، وهو أن المسيح الذي فيه اكتمل كل الوحي الإلهي، وأعلن إنجيل الخلاص بقمه، أمرهم بإعلانه لجميع الناس، كمصدر لكل حقيقة خلاصية، وكقاعدة أخلاقية للحياة. ومنحهم لهذه الغاية مواهبه بالروح القدس.

"تلاميذ يسوع" أصبحوا "رسله" بإرسالهم حاملين السلطان الإلهي. هؤلاء دعاهم واختارهم وأرسلهم. ثلاثة أفعال تدل على مصدر إلهي واحد. وهي أفعال تتجدد في كل دعوات الحياة، أكانت دعوة إلى الخدمة الكهنوتية والأسقفية، أم إلى حالة التكريس الرهباني على خطى المسيح في طريق المحبة الكاملة، أم إلى الزواج وإنشاء عائلة، لخدمة الحياة البشرية إبلاذاً وتربية. لكنه لا يدعو مرة في البداية، بل يجدد الدعوة كل يوم وفي كل ظرف وحالة. وكونه هو الذي يدعو فهو أيضاً يساعد ويؤيد.

أعطاهم سلطاناً مزدوجاً: طرد الأرواح الشريرة، وشفاء الشعب من مرضه وعلله (الآية ١). هذا السلطان يشمل كل ما يعاني منه الناس في أجسادهم وأرواحهم ونفوسهم. وأسس لهذه الغاية سرّي الشفاء، وهما سرّي التوبة للشفاء من الخطايا، وسرّي مسح الرضى لشفاء النفس والجسد. واتسعت خدمة الكنيسة الشافية بإنشاء مؤسسات إجتماعية: المدارس والجامعات للشفاء من الآفة، والمستشفيات ودور المسنين واليتامى والحالات الخاصة لشفاؤهم من الوحشة والإعاقة والإهمال.

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: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) (E) Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Genevieve Khoury & Departed souls of Khoury & El-Zahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Josephine Antoine Makdissi (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanos and all the deceased from their family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad, Najidi Eid Semaan (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

