

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 38 | Sunday 23 July 2023 | Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor" Lk 4:14-21



THE GOSPEL

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Lk 4:14-21



Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Isa 61: 1-4, 8-10a
2Cor 5: 20-6:10
Lk 4: 14-21

Message from the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The readings of this Season of Pentecost, the longest liturgical season in our Maronite Church, focus on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as people of faith.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the 9th Sunday of Pentecost, Jesus gets up to read at the synagogue in Nazareth and reads from the prophet Isaiah "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me..." (Luke 4:18).

This statement from the Prophet Isaiah echoes the Father's Word spoken over His Son and the descent of the Spirit upon Him at the Jordan River (Luke 3:21-22). The common thread running through the narratives, from His baptism to the prayer in the synagogue, is the subtle presence of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1, 14). It is the Spirit who reveals, manifests, fills, guides, accompanies, enlightens, and radiates the entire being and actions of Christ.

Jesus, while reading these verses from the Old Testament, resonates with them in a manner similar to Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). The miracles of proclaiming the Good News, liberation, and healing offered to the poor, captives, blind, and oppressed (v.18) are like the wonders promised to those who fear God, the humble, and the hungry, as sung by Mary.

In Jesus, the prophecy of Isaiah was completed: "Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). However, the closing words of the Gospel passage also echo as a call to action for each one of us. We are called to go forth and serve the Lord, becoming true ambassadors of Christ in our daily lives. Our faith and actions contribute to the resounding of His Name throughout the world.

Let us consider the timeless relevance of God's message of salvation fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Let us dedicate our time and efforts to serving the Lord, becoming His instruments of love and hope to a world in need. May our lives be a testimony to the Good News, as we walk in the footsteps of our Saviour and bring His light to all we encounter. Amen.

World Youth Day Pilgrims from our Maronite Eparchy

Maronite pilgrims for World Youth Day 2023 is Lisbon, Portugal have departed Australia in the past few days. I want to extend my blessings to each one of them embarking on this sacred journey and pray this will be a profound and spiritually enriching experience. May their pilgrimage be filled with the Holy Spirit as they pray, reflect and share meaningful experiences with fellow pilgrims.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

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

CONTACT

Fr Tony Sarkis (Dean): 0433 211 248
Fr Youwakim Noujaim: 0406 060 445
Fr Charbel Dib: 0410 759 795
Fr John-Paul Bassil: 0401 545 454
Fr Alain Fares: 0433 507 389
Fr Sam Wehbe: 0417 171 737
Fr Robert-Pio Al Bayeh: 0414 447 883
Fr Yuhanna Azize: 0435 764 824
Fr Bernard Assi: 0411 811 807
Fr Pierre Khoury: 0411 735 258
Fr Paul Joubair: 0414 900 016
Dcn Ron Hassarati: 0403 504 384
Dcn Ghassan Nakhoul: 0410 524 335
Dcn Sayed Isaac: 0422 886 062

Parish Office:

9689 2899

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday
9am - 4:30pm

Saturday
9am - 1pm

Fax: 9689 2068

Email: info@olol.org.au

Website: www.olol.org.au

“Working together, with Him”

One of my favourite hymns as a young student in the choir at Brigidine College, was “Go tell everyone” which spoke of ‘sending out’ disciples. Words of encouragement to announce that the kingdom of God has come. It made me feel like nothing could tie anyone down or prevent us from literally going out to all the world and sharing the Good News! Alas, this may not always be possible, but at least some of us are still trying in some way. World Youth Day is a good example. It may sound as though it’s simply an opportunity to travel and have some fun, but it’s so much more. Being a pilgrim with a group of delegates on their way to World Youth Day is a testimony of our Faith, our Hope, and our Love for the Church that Christ founded over 2000 years ago.

I can say this, because I too was a pilgrim once upon a time, with my young children. In fact, more than a pilgrim. I was blessed to be on the Organising Committee for the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney, while assisting also with the Maronite08 WYD event in Parramatta Stadium, and representing EWTN media. At the time, all I could focus on was the planning and strategies, bookings and registrations, flights, visas, etc. But that focus changed as soon as I found myself in the presence of our Sovereign Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI – may he rest in peace. Invited to join the conclave on the Sydney 2000 as it carried His Holiness and the entourage of Bishops across Sydney Harbour was the highlight of WYD08 for me.

I can only imagine how the apostles must have felt when Jesus read that passage in the synagogue and then announced to all that the prophecies had been fulfilled in Him that day. The thoughts and emotions that run through our minds when we realise we are in the presence of ‘something more’ is awesome. This is the same feeling of

awe and wonder that fills me every time I am before His Real Presence...whether it be in adoration or in receiving the Holy Eucharist. Each time is like the first time, and I’m reminded of why I am where I am, and why I do what I do, every day.

I can do all things in Him who strengthens me - whether it be on pilgrimage as a witness to my faith, on the radio sharing my faith, in classes teaching the faith, or simply at home with family, practising and witnessing to the faith by example. Working together as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, can only be achieved with Him – with Christ as our centre and our only focus. God bless all who strive to go out and spread the Good News – remember that our actions speak louder than words.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

ANSWER

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself, our Pasch. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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:
f Maronite Eparchy of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania
@ maronite_eparchy_australia

GOLDEN JUBILEE PARTNERS





MYO TUESDAY SPORTS NIGHT

8PM | REC ROOM

INDOOR SOCCER
TABLE TENNIS
BOARD GAMES

17+ years of age



VOLUNTEERS FOR FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION 2023 CELEBRATIONS NEEDED!

Please contact Chloe on 0432 781 179
or George on 0423 451 722 for further details

Or complete the form by scanning the QR Code



PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 23 July:

9th Sunday of Pentecost

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Zeina Hanna Sassine widow of the late Mounir Younan from Wadi Qannoubine

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Samira Antoun Hachem from Tannourine

Monday 24 July:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Raymond Youssef Dib Younan from Wadi Qannoubine

Thursday 27 July:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass Alia Moussa Al-Bahri from Bazoun wife of George Ibrahim Jabbour from Karem Al Mohr

Saturday 29 July:

10:30am Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons: Ron Hassarati, Joseph Maatouk and Mekhael Gebrael celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Sunday 30 July:

10th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30am Mass for the Renewal of Marriage Vows

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Joseph Bachir Bechara from Karem Al Mohr

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Josephine Antonios Nader wife of Badr Younes from Mejdlaya

7:00pm First Mass celebrated by Fr Ron Hassarati

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 09/07/2023

Plates: \$- | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$-

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,428,734

UNITS: \$1,127,177

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$37,202 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

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



KIDS CORNER

Jesus in the Synagogue

And he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:21 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
T	V	Q	R	X	Z	P	W	A	K	F	E	D	J	U	N	C	Y	H	M	O	L	I	S	G	B

- 11-15-22-11-23-22-22-12-13 _____
- 7-4-12-9-17-19 _____
- 26-22-23-16-13 _____
- 25-21-21-13 _____
- 16-12-8-24 _____
- 24-23-25-19-1 _____
- 11-4-12-12-13-21-20 _____
- 7-21-21-4 _____

preach	news	freedom	blind
good	poor	sight	fulfilled

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All rights reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

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!

Thursday 13 July

The sodality along with parishioners celebrated the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima followed by Mass celebrated by Father Saliba and assisted by Father Paul.

On Tuesday

FDW gathered with Deacon Ghassan for a meditation night to discuss further on the topic of "Charbel's peace heals our ailments".

On Thursday

The Maronite Catholic Faith course embarked on discovering the Holy Spirit. We had a guest speaker Sonya Corbit from America joining us to present "Who is the Holy Spirit?". Sonya is a Catholic author, speaker and evangelist.

On Friday

Our Maronite World Youth Day Pilgrims left for their trip! We pray that for your safety during your trip and may you all be filled with the Holy Spirit as you pray, reflect and share meaningful experiences with fellow pilgrims. We pray you return home safe and sound, carrying with you a renewed spirit to share with the rest of us upon your return.

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 the

GOLDEN JUBILEE *Dinner*



**Celebrating the past,
building together the future**

In the presence of His Beatitude & Eminence
Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

Dinner proceeds will go towards supporting
struggling Maronite students in Lebanon

Thursday
September
21 2023
6.30 PM

Rosehill
Gardens
Grand Pavilion, Rosehill

Dress Code: Formal

\$300 per person
\$3000 per table of 10
Sponsorship Packages available

To secure your table or sponsorship
contact the Maronite Chancery
02 8831 0000 | events@maronite.org.au

**GOLDEN
JUBILEE
PARTNERS**

 **DASCO**
CREATING WITH CARE SINCE 1993



 **Bank of Sydney**

Be a part of the Golden Jubilee Dinner in the presence of His Beatitude & Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East.

It is an opportunity to come together as one community around our Patriarch, and help students in need in Lebanon.

Christian education institutions are crumbling under the weight of our country's economic collapse, and some of them are for the first time on the brink of closing their doors. With many unable to afford even partial tuition fees, schools can no longer maintain their facilities, let alone remunerate their teaching staff adequately. As a result, an entire generation is at the risk of missing out on schooling, with many children as young as 11, forced to attend school less frequently in order to work support their families financially.

We are calling for your help.

Table sales are now open, and everyone is invited to be a part of this event on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.00pm at the Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Gardens.

For more information or to secure your table or sponsor, please contact the team at our Maronite Eparchy on 02 8831 0000 or email events@maronite.org.au



Diamond Yearly Sponsor

\$50,000 (ex GST)

Diamond Sponsor for the Reception Dinner in honour of His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai at Rosehill Gardens to be held on **Thursday 21 September 2023**, with an expected attendance of 1500 people.

- Premium Reserved Seating for 20 at the Dinner
- Reserved Parking for up to 4 cars at Rosehill Gardens
- Full page advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising throughout the night
- 2 complimentary bottles of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables (1 per table)
- Patriarchal Medal presented by Patriarch Rai at the Dinner
- Large business logo on Media Wall at the event

Maronite Mass celebrated by Patriarch Rai at Ken Rosewall Arena on **Sunday 24 September 2023** with an estimated attendance of 10,000 people.

- Reserved Seating for 20
- Acknowledgment in the event booklet
- Advertising at appropriate events of the Jubilee Year
- Promotion of Diamond Sponsorship on website and social media pages throughout the year



Gold Sponsorship

\$25,000 (ex GST)

- Premium Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Reserved Parking for 2 cars at Rosehill Gardens
- Half page advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Gold Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Gold Sponsor throughout the night
- 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
- Promotion of Dinner Gold sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in July, August and September 2023
- Company logo to be placed on the Red Carpet Sponsorship Wall
- Presentation of an Appreciation Plaque during the formalities of the Event



Silver Sponsorship

\$10,000 (ex GST)

- Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Reserved Parking for 2 cars at Rosehill Gardens
- Quarter page advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Silver Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Silver Sponsor throughout the night
- 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
- Promotion of Dinner Silver sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in August and September 2023
- Company logo to be placed on the Red Carpet Sponsorship Wall
- Presentation of an Appreciation Plaque during the formalities of the Event



Bronze Corporate Sponsorship

\$5,000 (ex GST)

- Reserved Seating for 10 at the Dinner (1 table with company logo)
- Advertisement in the Dinner Event Booklet
- Acknowledgement of Corporate Sponsorship by the Master of Ceremonies on the night
- On-Screen advertising as Corporate Sponsor throughout the night
- 1 complimentary bottle of Blue Label Scotch Whiskey on dinner tables
- Acknowledgement of Dinner Corporate sponsorship on website and Eparchy social media pages in September 2023
- Company logo to be placed on the Red Carpet Sponsorship Wall



New OLOL Statue

Feast of the

Assumption

Our Lady of Lebanon Feast Week 4-15 August 2023

MARY CARRIES THE SAVIOR OF HUMANITY WITH HER OBEDIENCE TO GOD

صَريم تحمل مُخلص البشرية بفضل طاعتها لله



Friday 4 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:30 PM: Rosary
6:00 pm : Opening Mass for feast week celebrations.
7:00 pm : **OLOL SOUK NIGHT** Australian Food Market
Featuring Live English Band

Saturday 5 August

7.30 am Mass.
10:00 am : **Arabic School Mass**, followed
by Entertainment & Brunch
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 1
6:00 pm : Vigil Mass of the Feast of the Transfiguration
7:00 pm : **OLOL SOUK NIGHT** Market Festival
Featuring *Arabic Music*

Sunday 6 August

Feast of the Transfiguration
8.00 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm Mass.
9:30 am: **RENEWAL OF FERSEN AL ADRA VOWS** Mass
6:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 2
7:00 pm : **YOUTH** Mass, Feast of the Transfiguration
followed by **BBQ** Entertainment. All day Bakery.

Monday 7 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 3
6:00 pm : **Eparchy Sodalities** Mass
followed by **Refreshments**. All day Bakery.

Tuesday 8 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 4
6:00 pm : **Family of Divine Word** Mass
& **St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop** Feast
Consecration & Renewal FDW vows
followed by **Refreshments**. All day Bakery

Wednesday 9 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 5
6:00 pm : **Teens** Mass
7:30 pm : **English Faith Formation** Talk,

Thursday 10 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 6
10:30 am : **Seniors** Mass followed by Lunch
6:00 pm : **Heaven on Earth** Mass
8:00 pm : **Adoration & Procession of the Blessed**
Sacrament. Confessions Available.

Friday 11 August

7.00 & 9.00 am: **Mass**
5:00 pm: **MARIAN PROCESSION** & Novena Day 7
followed by **MASS** at 6:00 pm
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm: **RECONCILIATION & CONFESSIONS**

Saturday 12 August

The Relics of the Saints arriving to the Cathedral
5:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 8.
6:00 pm : Mass for all Vocations
7:00 pm : **ANNUAL PARISH HAFLEH & FESTIVAL**
RIDES, Lebanese & English Entertainment & Raffle
Draw. Entry \$35 pp (includes all Rides & Food.) Free
entry for children under 5yo. Tickets on sale at the
door or online www.olol.org.au/tix

Sunday 13 August

The Relics of the Saints present inside the Church
8.00 am, 9:30 am & 11.00 am, 5pm & 7 pm Mass.
10.30 am to 3.00 pm **FAMILY FUN DAY** Entry \$ 20
per child incl. unlimited Rides, Free Sausage sizzle.
6:30 pm: Rosary & Novena Day 9

Monday 14 August

7.00 am & 9 am: **Mass**
6:00 pm : **SOLEMN MASS** for **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**
Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel
Tarabay, **Unveiling, Lighting and Blessing**
of the new statue of Our Lady of Lebanon.
Hrissi Night & Entertainment. Church open untill midnight.
Departure of the Relics of the Saints.

Tuesday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption
Mass: 7.00 am, 9:00 am, 11.00 am, 6:00 pm



Our Lady of Lebanon Co- Cathedral | 40 Alice Street, Harris Park NSW 2150

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

السبت ٢٩ تموز:

١٠:٣٠ السيامة الكهنوتية للشمامسة: رون الحصرياتي، جوزيف معتوق ومخايل جبرائيل بوضع يد صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام

الأحد ٣٠ تموز:

الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة

٩:٣٠ قداس إحتفالي لتجديد مفاعيل سر الزواج
١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم جوزيف بشير بشاره من كرم المهر
٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة جوزفين أنطونيوس نادر زوجة بدر يونس من مجدليا
٧:٠٠ القداس الأول للخورى الجديد رون الحصرياتي

الأحد ٢٣ تموز:

الأحد التاسع من زمن العنصرة

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة زينة حنا ساسين أرملة المرحوم منير يونان من وادي قنوبين
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة سميرة أنطون الهاشم من تنورين

الاثنين ٢٤ تموز:

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم ريمون يوسف ديب يونان من وادي قنوبين

الخميس ٢٧ تموز:

١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة عليا موسى البحري من بزغون زوجة جورج إبراهيم جبور من كرم المهر

بأجابه فيعيد إليها البصيرة ويزرع بداخلنا الرحمة المرجوة، لأن حضور الله في حياتي هو الرحمة بعينها ولكن المطلوب أن نستجيب لذلك التدخل ونوكل إليه كل ما تزعزع ونثق بأنه قادر على كل شيء. وما أن يتدخل يفعل، ونثمر ثمراً يليق بنا كأبناء الله.



الرَّاحَةُ تَمُرُّ التَّعَبُ

هَلْ تَعْمَلُ لِحُبِّ الْجَسَدِ وَخَسْبٍ، حِينَ تَأْتَسُّ بِرَغْبَةٍ فِي الْعَمَلِ؟ أَلَا تُجَاهِدُ حَتَّى وَلَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَكَ رَغْبَةٌ فِي الْعَمَلِ؟ أَعَلَمْ أَنَّ غَضَبَ النَّفْسِ عَلَى الْعَمَلِ أَمْرٌ هَامٌ جَدًّا فِي الْأُمُورِ الدُّنْيَوِيَّةِ وَالرُّوحِيَّةِ عَلَى السَّوَاءِ؟ كَالصَّلَاةِ وَقِرَاءَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْكَتَبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ، الْإِشْرَاقِ بِالْخِدْمَاتِ الْإِلَهِيَّةِ فِي الْكَنِيسَةِ، لِلتَّعْلِيمِ وَالْوَعْظِ وَخِدْمَةِ الْكَلِمَةِ. لَا تَرْضُخْ لِلْغَاشِ الْجَسَدِ الْكَسُولِ، لِأَنَّهُ مُفْعِمٌ خَطِيئَةٍ، يَسْتَهْيِي وَيُنْشُدُ الرَّاحَةَ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ غَيْرَ مُكْتَرِبٍ بِالْهَلَاكِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

لَا تَطْلُبْ رَاحَةَ الْجَسَدِ بِلَ صَلِّ! صَلِّ جَادًّا مُهْتَمًّا، وَلَوْ عَقَبَ نَهَارٌ مُرْهِقٌ. لَا تَكُنْ رَجِيَّ الْهَمَّةِ فِي الصَّلَاةِ الْقُدْسِيَّةِ، بَلْ اثْلُ صَلَاتِكَ مِنْ قَلْبِكَ حَتَّى الْخَاتِمَةِ. لِأَنَّهَا حَقٌّ لَكَ عَلَيْكَ. أَمْ إِذَا سَامَحْتَ نَفْسَكَ بِأَنْ تُصَلِّيَ فِي حَالٍ طَيشٍ، بِالشَّفَقَتَيْنِ لَا بِالْقَلْبِ، فَلَنْ تَجِدَ فِي صَلَاتِكَ أَوْ بَعْدَهَا رَاحَةً. إِنْ شِئْتَ أَنْ تَسْتَرِيحَ، فَاعْسِلْ خَطَايَاكَ بِالذَّمُوعِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ.

إِنْ كُنْتَ قَدْ رَتَبْتَ لَكَ نِظَامَ أَنْ تَتْلُو عَدَدًا مِنَ الصَّلَوَاتِ، أَقْصِيَرَةً كَانَتْ أَمْ طَوِيلَةً، فَاتَمَّ تِلَاوَتَهَا بِاعْتِنَاءٍ حَتَّى آخِرِ كَلِمَةٍ. اقْرَأْ بِكُلِّ يَقَظَةٍ. لَا تَعْمَلْ عَمَلِ اللَّهِ بِقَلْبٍ مُنْقَسِمٍ، يَضْفُهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ، وَيَضْفُهُ الْآخَرُ يَطُوفُ الْعَالَمَ. الرَّبُّ إِلَهُ غَيُورٌ لَنْ يَسْكُنَ عَنْ خِدَاعِكَ وَاشْفَاؤِكَ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ. وَقُولْ أَنْتَ تُصَلِّي، وَأَنْتَ لَا تُصَلِّي!

مار اسحق السرياني (أواخر القرن السابع)



صلاة

نشكرك لأنك أتيت ليُنشِرَ بإطلاق الأسرى وعودَةِ الْبَصَرِ إِلَى الْعُمَيَانِ،
نشكرك لأنك تسعى دوماً كي نُصَالِحَا مَعَ الْآبِ،
نشكرك على جسدك ودمك رمز هذه المُصَالِحَةِ،
نشكرك مع أبوك وروحك القدوس من الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين



"الله الارب الرحوم"

ولأنه الله، رحمته بلا حدود، لقد حنا على شعبه، ليعيده إليه. لم ينتظر الله الإنسان ليأتي إليه، لأنه يعرف مدى جهلنا، بل جاء هو إلينا، بتجسده بأقنوم الابن الذي تجلّى مجده على الصليب ليخلصنا. "كيف أتخلى عنكم؟" يسأل الرب (هو ١١: ٨). هكذا يكون الله قد قبلني كما أنا. إذا أردت أن أعيش المحبة والرحمة على مثاله، عليّ بدوري أن أقبل الآخر كما هو، فلا أدينه. هل ندرك ماذا تفعل إدانتنا لبعضنا البعض بمجتمعنا؟ كم هو حزين وضع الكثير من عيالنا المسيحية حيث يقاطع الأخوة في البيت الواحد بعضهم البعض! لم كل هذه القساوة؟ إذا وضعنا أسباب خلافات الأخوة على الطاولة ونظرنا إليها لخلصنا من أنفسنا!

نحن سريعو الغضب وقليلو الإحسان. ننفعل فلا نعود نرى بوضوح، وتضحي نفوسنا كقوهة بركان تنتظر شرارة لتنفجر وتخلف وراءها أضراراً وأضرار، وكم هم كثيرون ضحايا ذاك الدمار!

الصّحّة الأولى هي "نحن"، فكلّ حقد يدخل إلى قلبنا لا يولد إلّا شرّاً، ولا يبني إلّا حواجز- الحاجز تلو الآخر- بحيث يصبح من الصّعب علينا أن نتواصل مع أنفسنا، فننقطع حتّى عن داخلنا، وبذبل القلب الذي كانت تزويه ماء الحياة وتغذّيه كلمة الله؛ فلسبب ما فار غضبنا فحكمنا على أنفسنا بالإعدام.

الصّحّة الثّانية هي "الآخر" الذي تصيبه شظايانا بلا رحمة، فتقتله كلماتنا لأننا نسلط أنفسنا ديانين عليه، وتختفي من الرّأفة والعطف والحنان.

ووسط الـ"نحن" و"الآخر" يأتي الآب الرحوم. يصغي إليّ، يسبر أعماقي، ويساعدني في مسيرتي لكي أفهمه فأختار ملكوته بملء إرادتي. وعندما أفهم الله، تبدأ مسيرة شفائي لأنها مسيرة العودة إليه، تماماً مثلما فعل الابن الشاطر. عندها يطرد الله من قلوبنا القساوة ويصوّب أنظارنا

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس برك

عدد ٣٨ | الأحد ٢٣ تموز ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد التاسع من العنصرة "رُوحُ الرَّبِّ عَلَيَّ، وَلِهَذَا مَسَحَنِي لِأَبْشُرَ الْمَسَاكِينِ" لو ١٤:٤-٢١



الأحد التاسع
من عيد العنصرة
أشعيا ٦١: ١-٨، ٤٠-١١
كو ٥: ٢٠-٦: ١٠
لو ١٤: ٤-٢١

الإنجيل



عاد يسوع بقوة الروح إلى الجليل، وذاع خبره في كل الجوار. وكان يُعَلَّم في مجامعهم، والجميع يُمَجِّدُونَهُ. وجاء يسوع إلى الناصرة، حيث نشأ، ودخل إلى المجمع كعادته يوم السبت، وقام ليقرأ. ودفع إليه كتاب النبي أشعيا. وفتح يسوع الكتاب، فوجد الموضع المكتوب فيه: "روح الرب عليّ، ولهذا مسحني لأبشر المساكين، وأرسلني لأنادي بإطلاق الأسرى وعوده البصر إلى العميان، وأطلق المقيهورين أحزازاً، وأنادي بسنة مقبولة لدى الرب". ثم طوى الكتاب، وأعادته إلى الخادم، وجلس. وكانت عُيُونُ جميع الذين في المجمع شاخصة إلیه. فبدأ يقول لهم: "اليوم تمت هذه الكتابة التي تليت على مسامعكم" لو ١٤: ٤-٢١

روح الرب عليّ: مسحني وأرسلني (لوقا ٤: ١٨)

دخل يسوع كعادته يوم السبت إلى مجمع الناصرة. وقام ليقرأ من نبوءة أشعيا كلاً ما قيل فيه قبل خمسمائة سنة وهو: "روح الرب عليّ: مسحني وأرسلني" (لوقا ٤: ١٨). بهذه النبوءة انجلت هويته ورسالته التي أشرك فيها الكنيسة. جسده السري وهو رأسها. فأصبحت بالتالي هوية المسيحيين ورسالته يقبلونها بمسحة الروح القدس في المعمودية والميرون. وفي النبوءة أي رسالة المسيح الخلاصية بحسب نبوءة أشعيا تشمل ستة أبعاد، وسلمها للكنيسة ليقوم بها رعاتها وأبنائها وبناتها. بالوسائل الروحية والأسرار، وبواسطة مؤسساتها على اختلاف أنواعها. هذه الأبعاد هي: تبشير المساكين أي حمل البشرى الإلهية لكل إنسان منفتح العقل والقلب على الله، بوداعة وتواضع.

-شفاء منكسري القلوب يعني الغفران للتائبين، والتعزية للحزائي، والتشجيع للذين يعيشون ألم التهميش أو عدم فهمهم أو العزلة.

-تحرير الأسرى بممارسة العدالة الملطفة بالانصاف والرحمة؛ والمنزلة من كل كذب وتظليل وافتراء. وتحرير من هم أسرى مواقفهم وأرائهم المتصلبة، وأسرى الإدمان على المخدرات أو المسكرات.

-إعادة البصر للعميان يعني بصر العقل المنحرف عن نور الحقيقة، وبصر الضمير الذي يخنق صوت الله، وبصر القلب المتحجر ورافض الحب والمشاعر الإنسانية.

-الإفراج عن المظلومين من كل أنواع الظلم والعبوديات، ومن الاستغلال الاجتماعي والسياسي والاقتصادي، وانتشالهم من حالة الخطيئة والعادات السيئة.

-إعلان سنة مرضية عند الرب: هذا هو الزمن المسيحي الجديد. إنّه زمن ملكوت الله. ملكوت الحقيقة المحبة والحرية والعدالة والأخوة والسلام. هذا الزمن يشكّل التزام الكنيسة بنشر هذه الثقافة المسيحية.

لم يضعنا الرب في هذا الزمن بالصدفة بل اختارنا لُظهر بأننا "خدّام المسيح" ولتحدث تلك الثورة الحقيقية التي يحملها الإنجيل لأنه "حيث يكون الإنجيل تكون هناك ثورة لأنّ الإنجيل لا يتركنا أبداً خمولين بل يدفعنا، ولذلك السبب فهو "ثوروي" (البابا فرنسيس)

فالحياة المسيحية الحقّة لا تقوم إلّا على الإيمان والمعرفة الحقيقية للكتب المقدسة وممارسة الأسرار وخاصة الإفخارستيا والإلتزام والثبات أمام التحديات الصعبة، في الوقت الذي فيه أضحت الحياة الروحية معرّضة جدّاً لشبّي الإهتمامات الدنيوية، وإلّا يبقى المطلوب واحداً أمام كلّ هذه التحديات التي تطرأ على مجتمعا.

“إنّه قد استلّه قريته منلّه،
في عمللّه اليوميّ البسيط.
فما للّه سويّه أنّه تعمللّه إرادة الله
كما تظهر للّه كلّ يوم.”
الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب

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) (C) (D) Wadiha Draybi (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 & the departed souls of the Khoury and El-Zahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus 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, Emile Nabih Saad, Saydeh Saab, Boutros & Therese & Kenny Sassine (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Raymond Youssef Dieb Younan (Z)

