

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 46 | Sunday 17 September 2023 | First Sunday after the Glorious Cross "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" Mk 10: 35-45



THE GOSPEL

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mk 10: 35-45

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



This week we welcome our beloved Patriarch to our Australian shores - to Melbourne first, and then to Sydney. I know you all join me in welcoming His Beatitude to this land where his presence illuminates our hearts with hope and joy.

This Australian visit carries immense significance for our Maronite community, marking the second visitation here, nearly a decade since his last visit in 2014. His Beatitude is here to be a part of the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Maronite Eparchy in Australia and preside over the 6th Congress of Maronite Bishops of Eparchies outside the Patriarchal Territory and General Superiors of Maronite Religious Orders hosted in Sydney this month.

These gatherings address the challenges faced by Maronite communities beyond the Patriarchal Domain, highlighting the global unity among Maronites. Our Maronite identity transcends boundaries and distance; it represents a unique nation with deep roots in Lebanon and a global presence.



First Sunday after the Glorious Cross

Deut 17: 14-20
2Tim 2: 1-10
Mk 10: 35-45

The visit of our Patriarch strengthens the connection among Maronites worldwide, and reminds us of our duty to persevere as people of faith, and to insist on preserving our unique Maronite heritage.

Ultimately, unity among Maronites is rooted in faith and expressed through the Divine Liturgy, and as I make my way to Sydney on Sunday evening with His Beatitude, we look forward with great anticipation to the Golden Jubilee Mass in Sydney, which will take place at Ken Rosewall Arena in Homebush on Sunday 24 September 2023, at 11am.

I call on you to join me in prayer, seeking God's blessings for this significant visit. I also invite you to participate in all public events, as we come together to make this Patriarchal Visitation a spiritually enriching event for our Eparchy.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ 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

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"True greatness is found in service"

In God's eyes, true greatness is not found in prestige or in those who rule over others...it is found in the humble service offered by a generous soul, in imitation of Christ. I can't help but think of the young apostle, Saint John, to whom Christ entrusted His Blessed Mother. The youngest of the Apostles of Christ became known as "John the Beloved." Of course Jesus loved all his apostles, but there was a very special bond between the Son of Man and the man who would replace him as the son of Mary.

Why would Jesus entrust Mary, the Mother of God, to such a young soul? Jesus saw much more than a young follower in John. Jesus saw the depth of his soul, his intentions, his purity of heart, his zeal to serve, and his undying fidelity. I have a beautiful old picture of Saint John leaning upon the heart of Jesus at the Last Supper, which captivates me every time I look at it. I could meditate for hours on this picture of the beloved youth leaning trustfully upon the Sacred Heart, just waiting to serve Him without question. Such a precious image of trust and tranquillity, preceding the tortures and persecution that Christ would endure unto death. Death on a cross - the unique image of humble submission and total abandonment to the Will of God the Father, for our sake. Jesus is the epitome of greatness.... complete self-denial, at the service of others. This is what Jesus saw in John, and which led to their profound and loving relationship.

As I write this article, I'm reminded of Saint John Paul the Great who entrusted the future of the Church to the young people of the world. At the very first World Youth Day in Rome in 1984 he announced: "My dear young people....I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the

world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption." Called to the service of others, how can the youth of our Church not find empowerment and courage in these words of entrustment?

This message is not only for the youth, but for all members of the Church. Just as Christ entrusted the Blessed Mother to "John the Beloved" we have been entrusted with caring for Holy Mother Church, by our fidelity and service. All of us are invited into a loving relationship with Jesus, nourished by our love of neighbour in service. This union of heart, mind, and soul takes a lifetime to develop, but John the Beloved had only 3 years - how many years will it take us to deepen our relationship with Jesus? Let's begin by serving the Lord through others.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

What is the relationship between freedom & responsibility?

Freedom makes people responsible for their actions to the extent that they are voluntary, even if the imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or sometimes cancelled by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, inordinate attachments, or habit.

ANSWER



UPCOMING EVENTS



The MYO are having their first ever Youth Night Markets!! It'll be a night full of fun, food, music and dancing!
If you or anyone you know has a business, please consider assisting us through sponsoring our new and upcoming Youth event on **October 28th!**

All proceeds will be used to support our youth in flourishing and the various sponsorship packages provide a range of advertising opportunities for your business.

For enquiries and further details, please private message @olol_youth on Instagram or email myoexec@olol.org.au



PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 17 September:

1st Sunday after the Glorious Cross

11:00am Mass for all Living and Departed of Karem Al Mohr for the Feast of St Moura

2:00pm Mass for all living and Departed of Kfarsghab for the Feast of St Awtel

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Nakie Younis from Hadchit widow of the late Joseph Kodssi from Tripoli

Tuesday 19 September:

10:30am Funeral of the late Kaissar Youssef Dagher from Tannourine

Wednesday 20 September:

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Nkoula Bechara Gebran from Saghbine

Thursday 21 September:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Nabil Rizk from Tannourine

Friday 22 September

8:00pm Adoration with our Patriarch, His Beatitude & Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai

Saturday 23 September:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Eveline Moussa widow of the late Jamil Toufic Abou Hamad from Saghbine

Sunday 24 September:

2nd Sunday after the Glorious Cross

8:00am Mass

11:00am Golden Jubilee Solemn Mass of the Maronite Eparchy celebrated by our Patriarch, His Beatitude & Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai at Ken Rosewall Arena Sydney Olympic Park Homebush

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 03/09/2023

Plates: \$13,678 | **Donations:** \$246 | **Candles:** \$100

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,400,833

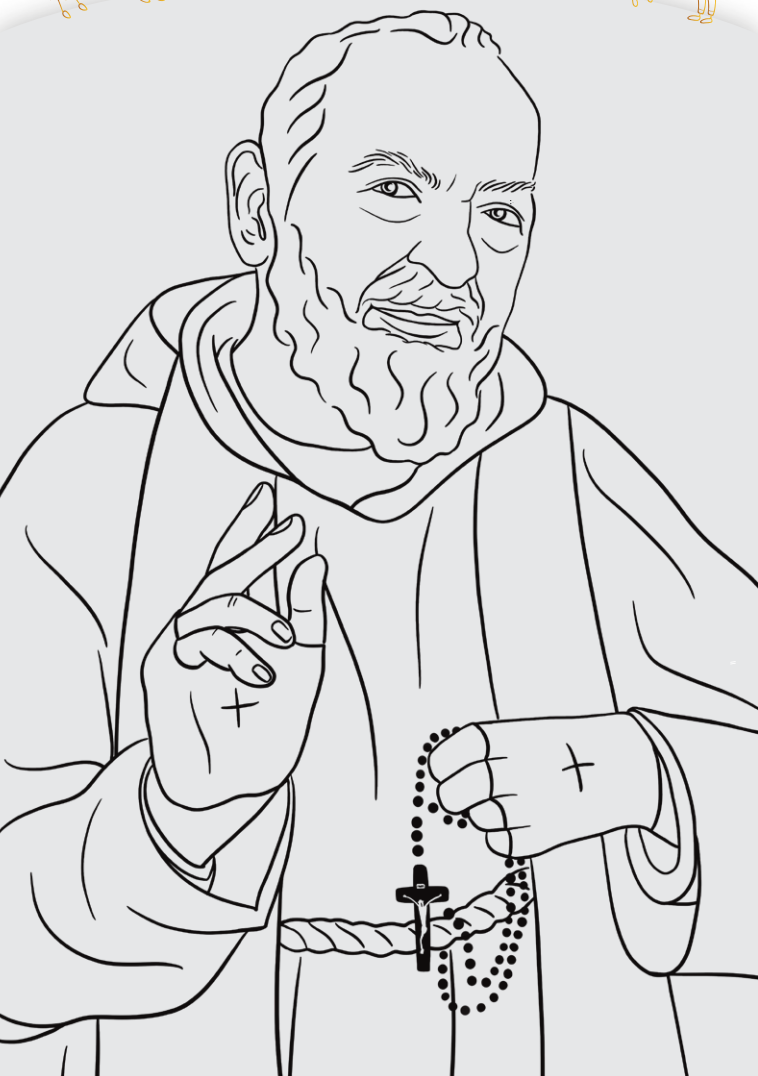
UNITS: \$1,116,546

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$37,681 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

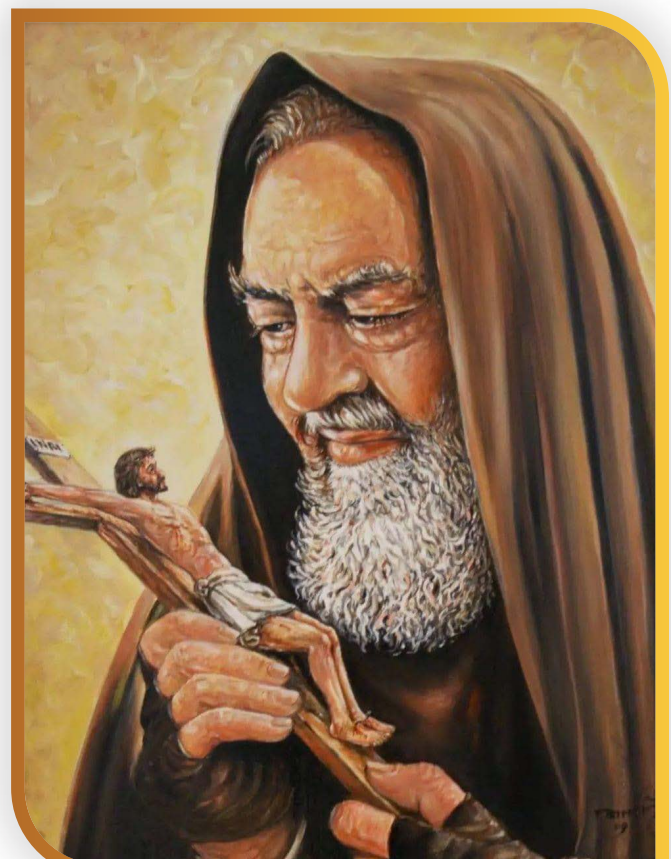
UNITS: \$12,503 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER



The longer the trial to which God subjects you, the greater the goodness in comforting you during the time of the trial and the exaltation after the combat."

St Padre Pio





UPCOMING EVENTS





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

21st Thursday September 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

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 **Bank of Sydney**



**HIS BEATITUDE AND EMINENCE
MAR BECHARA BOUTROS CARDINAL RAI
AUSTRALIA 15 ~ 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

SATURDAY | 16 SEPTEMBER

7PM: Welcome Dinner in the Maron Hall, Thornbury VIC

SUNDAY | 17 SEPTEMBER

10:30AM: Solemn Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon, Thornbury VIC

SUNDAY | 17 SEPTEMBER

6:30PM: Welcome and Thanksgiving Prayer at St Maroun's Cathedral, Redfern NSW

MONDAY | 18 SEPTEMBER

7PM: Carechesis (televised for Tele Lumiere Noursat), St Charbel's Parish, Punchbowl NSW

THURSDAY | 21 SEPTEMBER

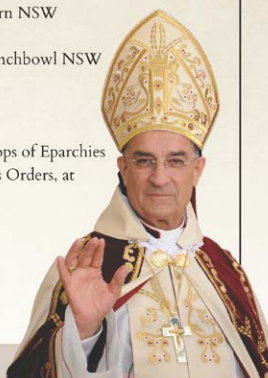
7PM: Formal Reception Dinner at Rosehill Gardens, Rosehill NSW

FRIDAY | 22 SEPTEMBER

8PM: Adoration and Prayers for Lebanon and Australia with the visiting Bishops of Eparchies Outside the Patriarchal Territory and General Superiors of Maronite Religious Orders, at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Harris Park NSW

SUNDAY | 24 SEPTEMBER

11AM: Jubilee Solemn Mass at Ken Rosewall Arena, Homebush NSW



Our Maronite Patriarch, His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East to Australia, has arrived in Australia.

He will be here **until 24 September** and will lead celebration of the **Eparchy's Golden Jubilee Mass on Sunday the 24 September at 11am** (Ken Rosewall Arena Sydney Olympic Park).

The visit of His Beatitude is an important moment in the history of our community. It is a historic occasion to come together and to pray with our Patriarch and Shepherd as one community, and to give thanks for the 50 Years of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia and for all that we have achieved in this land, together.

A reminder that if you have booked your Golden Jubilee Mass tickets but have spares please contact the Maronite Eparchy.

We encourage and welcome you to attend these events where and when you are able to and be a part of this historic visit to Australia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling for Volunteers for the Golden Jubilee Mass on 24/9/23

We are calling for volunteers to support at this once in a lifetime event: The Maronite Eparchy's Golden Jubilee Mass, to be celebrated by our Patriarch, Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, and our Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, along with Maronite Bishops of the Expansion. The Mass will be held at 11am, on Sunday 24 September at Ken Rosewall Arena, Sydney Olympic Park and we are expecting almost 10,000 people.

We invite you to put an expression of interest to volunteer for roles including ushering, crowd marshalling, directing the congregation during communion and plate collection.

You will still be able to participate in the Mass.

All you need to do for now is be:

- Over 18 years of age and have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Available on Saturday 23 September for a rehearsal and on Sunday 24 September all morning, until 2pm
- If interested, please fill out the form here <https://form.jotform.com/232130826972860> or scan the QR code below
- We will then be in touch with next steps and induction details

Please feel free to contact the Maronite Chancery direct on 02 8831 0000 if you have any queries.



Bus Transport to the Golden Jubilee Mass

If you are seeking transport to the Golden Jubilee Mass on 24 September, Our Lady of Lebanon has buses arranged to transport to and from the Mass.

Departure: 9:00am sharp from OLOL

Arrival: 1:30pm to OLOL **Cost:** \$15 per person

If you would like to book transport please contact the parish office on 02 9689 2899.



Registrations for First Holy Communion for 2024 are now open online

To register

Please visit our website:

www.olol.org.au/bookings/forms



UPCOMING EVENTS



GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS INFORMATION GUIDE

SUNDAY | 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 11AM

KEN ROSEWALL ARENA

CORNER OF OLYMPIC BLVD & SHIRLEY STRICKLAND AVE, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

DAY SCHEDULE

- 9:00AM Ken Rosewall Arena precinct to open (Coffee & Food trucks available)
- 9:30AM Arena opens for seating
- 10:15AM Relics Welcome and Procession into the Arena followed by Prayers and Rosary
- 11:00AM Mass begins

NOTES

Parking: Sydney Olympic Park P3 car park is the closest & pre-booking is recommended
Sydney Olympic Park

Train: T7 line -Olympic Park

Parish Buses: Contact your parish office for more information

Access: Via Bridge B on Olympic Blvd

Volunteers in GREEN vests will be there to help! Mass will begin 11am sharp (No food will be permitted into the Arena)

MAP



CONTACT

E-MAIL events@maronite.org.au
WEBSITE www.maronite.org.au
PHONE 02 8831 0000

There's just 7 days to go until our Golden Jubilee Mass at Ken Rosewall Arena.

We wanted to give you some brief information to help you plan your trip to Sydney Olympic Park.

And remember – there will be loads of volunteers helping direct you to Ken Rosewall so look out for them!

Please make sure you do attend if you have booked your tickets.
If you have spares please go to the Eparchy Facebook or Instagram to learn how to transfer your tickets to others or call their office on **02 8831 0000**.



OLOL MARONITE FLAME

FLAME

YEAR 7 TO 9
RUNS EVERY SATURDAY 4-6 PM
in the Youth Centre

COME ALIVE

YEAR 10 TO 12
RUNS FORTNIGHTLY WEDNESDAY 7-9 PM
in the Seniors Room

RACHEL 0477 27 60 77

OLOLMARONITEFLAMES



Ignite Your Teen's Faith Journey with Maronite Flames!



Dear Parents,

We invite you to give your teenagers the opportunity to strengthen their faith, build lasting friendships, and grow as individuals by joining our Maronite Flames group at the church. Our welcoming community is dedicated to nurturing their spiritual growth and personal development in a fun and supportive environment.

Don't miss out on this chance to empower your teens with faith, friendship, and purpose. Contact us today to learn more and enroll them in the Maronite Flames group!

Together, let's ignite their faith journey!

Contact Rachel on 0477 27 60 77

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٧ أيلول:

الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب

١١:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات كرم المهر بمناسبة عيد القديسة مورا

٢:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات كفرصخاب بمناسبة عيد مار أوتل
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة نقية يونس من حديث أرملة المرحوم جوزيف قدسي من طرابلس

الثلاثاء ١٩ أيلول:

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحوم فيصير يوسف داغر من تنورين

الأربعاء ٢٠ أيلول:

٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم نقولا بشاره جبران من صغبين

الخميس ٢١ أيلول:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم نبيل رزق من تنورين

الجمعة ٢٢ أيلول:

٨:٠٠ مساءً ساعة سجود مع صاحب الغبطة والنيافة البطريرك الكاردينال مار بشاره بطرس الراعي الكلي الطوبى

السبت ٢٣ أيلول:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة افلين موسى أرملة المرحوم جميل توفيق أبو حمد من صغبين

الأحد ٢٤ أيلول:

الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

٨:٠٠ صباحاً قداس

١١:٠٠ صباحاً قداس إحتفالي لليوبيل الذهبي لأبرشيتنا المارونية، يترأسه صاحب الغبطة والنيافة البطريرك الكاردينال مار بشاره بطرس الراعي الكلي الطوبى في كين روزوول أرينا سيدني أوليمبيك بارك هومبوش

• لنذكر أنّ قلب يسوع قد دعانا ليس فقط لتقديسنا، بل أيضًا لأجل تقديس النفوس الأخرى. إنه يريد منا أن نساعد في خلاص النفوس.

• ليس لقلب معلّمنا الإلهي شريعة أكثر تحببًا من شريعة الطيبة والتواضع والمحبة.

• في ضجيج الأهواء والمعاكسات، يسندنا رجاء رحمته اللامتناهية. فلنُسرّع بثقة إلى منبر التوبة حيث ينتظرنا كل لحظة بلهفة الأب، معترفين أمامه بعدم استحقاقنا، ولا نشكّن من الحصول على الغفران لكل أخطائنا. فلنضع عليها، كما فعل الرب، حجر القبر.

• إنّ كل قدّاس نحتفل به جيدًا وبتقوى يُولّد في نفسنا مفاعيل عجيبة ونعمًا روحية ومادية وافرة، نحن أنفسنا لا نعرفها. لأجل هذه الغاية لا تصرف مالك بلا جدوى بل ضحّ به وتعال لتسمع القداس الإلهي.

• عليك أن تتحلّى دومًا بالحكمة والحب. للحكمة عيون وللحب أرجل. الحب الذي له الأرجل يهرول نحو الله لكن الاندفاع في الانطلاق إليه أعمى ويمكنه أن يصطدم أحيانًا إذا لم يكن مرشدًا بالحكمة التي عندها عيون.

"إِنَّهُ كَلِمَةُ الصَّلَيبِ
عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ جَهَالَةٌ، وَأَمَّا
عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ
فَنَرِيهِ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ"
١ كور ١: ١٨



ماذا يقول لنا القديس
البادريه بيو الكبوشي
في عيد ٢٣ أيلول؟

نتشارك معكم أبرز الأقوال التي طبعت مسيرة القديس البادريه بيو المذكورة في كتابه "نهاركم سعيد":

• المجد الباطل هو عدوّ خاص للأُنفس المكرّسة للرب التي وهبت ذاتها للحياة الروحية. لذا، والحق يُقال إنه سوسة النفس الساعية إلى الكمال. ويتعبّر القديسين، إنه "عثّ" القداسة.

• كل الصلوات صالحة عندما ترافقها النية المستقيمة والإرادة الطيبة.

• لكلّ صليبه على هذه الأرض، يبقى ألا تكون لص الشمال بل بالحريّ لص اليمين.

• إنّ إله المسيحيين هو إله التحويل والتبديل، إرموا في أحضانهم الآلام واستمدوا منه السلام. إنزعوا اليأس فترون الرجاء يتدفّق.

• سير يفرح وبقلب صادق منفتح قدر الإمكان وعندما لا تستطيع دائمًا الحفاظ على هذه الغبطة المقدّسة لا تفقد أقلّه شجاعتك وثقتك بالله.

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٤٦ | الأحد ١٧ أيلول ٢٠٢٣ | الأحد الأول بعد عيد الصليب "لأن ابن الإنسان أيضًا لم يأت ليخدم، بل ليخدم" مر ١٠: ٣٥-٤٥

الإنجيل



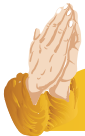
قال مرقس التبشير: دنا من يسوع يغفوب ويوحنا، ابنا زبدي، وقالوا له: "يا معلم، نريد أن نضع لنا كل ما نملك". فقال لهم: "ماذا تريدان أن أضغ لكما؟". قالوا له: "أعطنا أن نجلس في مجدك، واحد عن يمينك، وواحد عن يسارك". فقال لهم يسوع: "إنكما لا تعلمان ما تطلبان: هل تستطيعان أن تشربا الكأس التي أشربها أنا؟ أو أن تتعمدا بالمعمودية التي أتعمد بها أنا؟". قالوا له: "نستطيع". فقال لهم يسوع: "الكأس التي أنا أشربها ستشربانها، والمعمودية التي أنا أتعمد بها ستتعمدان بها. أما الجلوس عن يميني أو عن يساري، فليس لي أن أمنحه إلا للذين أعد لهم". ولما سمع العشرة الآخرون، بدأوا يغتاطون من يغفوب ويوحنا. فدعاهم يسوع إليهم وقال لهم: "تعلمون أن الذين يغتبطون رؤساء الأمم يتشودونهم، وغطاءهم هم يتسلطون عليهم. أما أنتم فليس الأمر بينكم هكذا، بل من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيما، فليكن لكم خادما. ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبدا للجميع؛ لأن ابن الإنسان أيضًا لم يأت ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبتذل نفسه فداء عن كثيرين". مر ١٠: ٣٥-٤٥

الأمر الأول
بعد عيد الصليب

سفر تثنية الاشتراع ١٧: ١٤ - ٢٠
ط ٢: ١-١٠
مر ١٠: ٣٥ - ٤٥

الملوكوت الإلهي المبني على التواضع والتضحية والخدمة وبذل الذات، خلافاً لمفهوم الإنسان للسلطة، القائم على التسلط والقوة والعظمة المزيفة.

إنجيل اليوم إذ يؤكد لنا أن العظمة خدمة، طالباً منا التسليم الكلي للرب والانفتاح على مخططة الأبوي الإلهي من دون خوف، والتمثل به هو الإله الذي بذل نفسه من أجل خلاصنا. لا بالتسلط ولا بالقوة ولا بالبحث عن المنافع الشخصية، بل ببذل الذات في سبيل الآخر. فحين يتحول الآخر من غريب إلى أخ أدخل في منطق المسيح، حين يصبح كل شخص ألقية موضوع حب وخدمة لا وسيلة نفع ومصلحة، عندها نكون مسيحيين حقاً.



صلاة

أيها الإبن السماوي، نقدم لك، في زمن الصليب، كل شكرنا وعرفاننا على الخلاص الذي منحته لنا بآلامك الخلاصية وبموتك وقيامتك من أجلنا ومن أجل خلاصنا فأظهرت لنا بنور الروح القدس محبة الآب اللامتناهية، يا من تحيا وتملك على قلوبنا من الآن وإلى الأبد، آمين

منطقه المسيح ومنطقه البشر

مع بداية زمن الصليب، تدعونا الكنيسة لنحضر إيماننا ونقويه بقوة الصليب الفادي والمنتصر والممجد، صليب سيدنا يسوع المسيح ببعديه العامودي والأفق.

قال المسيح "من أراد أن يكون فيكم عظيماً، فليكن لكم خادماً" (مر ١٠: ٤٣)، راسقاً لنا خارطة طريق مختلفة وفريدة ليفهمنا أن السلطة والعظمة هي بالخدمة والحق، هذا ما كشفه يسوع لتلاميذه، عندما طلب الأخوان يعقوب ويوحنا الجلوس عن يمينه ويساره في مجده الآتي.

وأضاف قائلاً "ومن أراد أن يكون الأول بينكم، فليكن عبداً للجميع" (مر ١٠: ٤٤). أراد المسيح أن يوضح لنا أن السلطة تكتسب بالخدمة والتواضع والمحبة اللامتناهية من خلال الإهتمام بالفقير، بالمهمل والمريض على مثاله، "لأن ابن الإنسان أيضًا لم يأت ليخدم، بل ليخدم، ويبتذل نفسه فداء عن كثيرين" (مر ١٠: ٤٥)، معلناً بذلك ثقافة جديدة تركز على التضحية من أجل عالم أكثر إنسانية، مقتدين به لنصل إلى مجد المصلوب القائم والمنتصر على الموت.

وعندما ندرك ثقافة يسوع العظيمة، نلاحظ محدودية تلميذه ابني زبدة، يعقوب ويوحنا، بمنطقهما البشري والمادي والأناي البعيد عن فكر الله ومشروعه الخلاص، مشروع يتخطى محدوديتنا ليدهشنا في كل لحظة من حياتنا، ويخلصنا ويرفعنا إليه، فأظهر لهما المسيح منطق

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, Tony Abdul-Ahad (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Sadie Bazouni (C) (D) Linda Draybi, Peter Draybi (E) Tanius Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family, Matthew Essey, Zahia & Amal Costantine Elkhouri, Shmoooni Elhosn, Tannous Elhosn (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George, Lim Eu Heng (I) Youssef Ishac (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Genevieve Khoury & the departed souls of the Khoury & El-Zahoul families, Sarkis Chucir Khoudair, Ibrahim Khodeir & his wife Layla, Bakhous Khodeir, John Kaawi, Wadih Khodeir (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghosoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family, Rouhana Rahme, Helen Rahme (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad (T) Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) Elias Zahra