

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 24 | Sunday 14 April 2024 | Third Sunday of the Resurrection "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Lk 24: 13-35



THE GOSPEL

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Lk 24: 13-35



Third Sunday of the Resurrection

Job 42: 1-6,12
2Tim 2: 8-13
Lk 24: 13-35

Message from the Bishop



This Sunday, we reflect on the Gospel of the Road to Emmaus, where we meet the Resurrected Christ Himself, accompanying two disciples on their journey. The disciples had indeed heard, just like the apostles, about the empty tomb. Despite being well-prepared by Christ Himself, this knowledge alone did not suffice to convince them that what Jesus had predicted had truly come to pass. For them, the story was over. They returned home saddened and disappointed.

What was missing for them to move from observing the empty tomb to faith? The Gospel of Saint Luke shows us that it is the Risen Christ Himself who enables the disciples to interpret the events. Jesus is the teacher of faith. The

Gospel reveals three decisive aspects of the experience that will lead them to recognise His Resurrection.

The first of these elements lies in the mysterious presence of Christ by their side on the road. Jesus gives them understanding of the Scriptures and enables them to reinterpret the events in Jerusalem in light of what had been foretold since Moses and the prophets, thus helping them understand.

The second moment of this journey into faith is the shared meal with Christ in Emmaus. The meal is the place of recognising the Risen Christ in several Gospel accounts. Just as the Lord did at the Last Supper: "He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them" (Luke 24:30). Their eyes are opened, and they recognise Him. This means that if we want to know the Risen Christ, we cannot do without the celebration of the Eucharist. Without it, we

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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may grasp ideas about Christ but the entire person of Christ is delivered in the Eucharist.

The third aspect of recognising and understanding the Resurrection comes through the testimony of the apostles. The disciples rushed back to Jerusalem to share their extraordinary encounter with Christ. Surprisingly, it's the apostles who confirm Christ's Resurrection to them. Their testimony authenticates the disciples' experience. Thus, the testimony of Christ's Resurrection comes from those whom Jesus Himself instituted to be witnesses, the apostles.

Brothers and sisters, let us pray that the Risen Christ continues to accompany His Church on the paths of history. May He remain present in our hearts and minds and continue to teach us and share with us the bread of life. Amen.

Venerable Patriarch Mar Estephan Al Douaihy

As we prepare for the joyous occasion of the beatification

of the Venerable Patriarch Mar Estephan Al Douaihy, you are all invited to a Divine Liturgy commemorating the 320th Anniversary of his Passing on Sunday 5 May 2024, at 11:00am at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Harris Park. Following the Liturgy, there will be an unveiling of a statue of Patriarch Al Douaihy. After that, a documentary about his life will be screened followed by refreshments in the Cathedral hall.

Furthermore, the Maronite Eparchy of Australia is organising a pilgrimage to participate in the Solemn Mass for the beatification in Lebanon on 2 August 2024. The trip will include visits to holy sites in Rome where the Patriarch studied for many years, as well as Greece and Lebanon. The pilgrimage will take place from 18 July to 3 August 2024. For more information, please contact the Eparchy offices on 02 8831 0000.

I wish you all a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

"Hearts on fire for the Lord (Luke 24:13-35)"

When I look back and see how life has changed me, it is remarkable to observe just how much God can do with so very little, just like a piece of raw timber in the hands of a carpenter, waiting to be chiselled into something magnificent. Look at the transformation of simple fishermen into disciples of the Lord and preachers to all nations. This is the remarkable result when hearts burn with a fire of faith, hope and love for the Lord. This is what motivated all the followers of Christ and what continues to motivate us to this day.

Over six decades ago, as a frightened and shy little Lebanese girl, an immigrant to Australia, I had to learn a new language and adapt to the rejection and name-calling which became a daily ritual at school. Perhaps this set the foundations for my fighting spirit to survive in the coming years. It certainly gave me a hunger to learn and aspire to achieve more in life. Unfortunately, I became an object for abuse, but this only drew me closer to Jesus, my "invisible friend" to whom I ran for comfort and consolation. Yes, I was too young to know much about faith or reason, but I only needed to know that Jesus was there for me.

From these past experiences I found myself instinctively defending anyone who was being treated unfairly, or helping those in need of assistance. It became clear to me, as I grew in maturity and wisdom, that God had allowed me to carry many crosses so that I may know how to help others in carrying theirs. Jesus was no longer my "invisible friend" – He is my Lord and my God, for whom my heart continues to burn.

Only by the grace of God has my life progressed to this stage. My career path was set on becoming a social worker, but in the hands of Jesus I was to become more, in various fields. The Carpenter and His chisel are still at work in me every day. I was inspired recently by a dear friend, with the words of Edith Stein "A woman's soul is fashioned to be a shelter in which other souls may unfold" (Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross). This gave me great consolation in knowing that the diverse roles in my vocation have led me to be a 'spiritual mother' for many souls, and I pray they have found that God alone is the shelter and refuge they seek. He alone is the guiding Light to which their journey must lead. It has been empowering to know that I may serve Him by 'making disciples' in my own little part of the world. All glory to God!

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles?

ANSWER

Jesus accompanied his words with signs and miracles to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over "the ruler of this world" (John 12:31)

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 14 April:

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30am One Year Mass for the late George Habib Esho from Egypt husband of Nadia Geres Hanna Maroun from Karem Al Moher

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Matthew Sam Azar from Baabda

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Souad Moussa El-Bayeh widow of the late Hanna Boutros Albayeh from Kfardlakos

Tuesday 16 April:

6:00pm The late Hanna Mtanious Faddoul from Bazoun (died in Lebanon)

Thursday 18 April:

10:30am Seniors Mass followed by Lunch

Friday 19 April:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Laudy Elias widow of the late Bassil Bassil from Azour

Saturday 20 April:

6:00pm Mass for all living and departed of Zgharteghrine for the Feast of St George

Sunday 21 April:

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30am 40 Day Mass for the late Yvette Emile Diab widow of the late Elias Mtanios Chalhoub from Daraya

11:00am 40 Day Mass for the late Raymond George Harb from Tannourine

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 07/04/2024

Plates: \$19,500 | **Donations:** \$- | **Candles:** \$360

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,316,421

UNITS: \$1,084,125

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

On the Road to Emmaus

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called _____, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, _____ himself came up and _____ along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly _____; the _____ is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the _____ with them, he took _____, gave _____, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their _____ were _____ and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:13-16, 28-31 (NIV)

bread	Emmaus	eyes	opened	thanks
day	evening	Jesus	table	walked

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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!

Family of Divine Word

On Tuesday 26th of March, Sister Rita Bou Raffoul led our weekly talk with the topic, God's Grace in Abraham's Life: Trust without Guarantees (Genesis 12).

God spoke to Abraham during his anguish and asked him to leave his land and his people. God made a covenant with Abraham and promised to give him a son and make him a great nation. Abraham silently obeyed and trusted in God's promise and will, although his wife Sarah was barren. After his victory to save his nephew Lot, Abraham met King Melchizedek, a priest of God who gave him bread and wine, a symbol of the King, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

What an honour, God revealed himself to Abraham and granted him the honour of filiation. He was also gifted with the blessing of intercessory prayers. Through baptism, we are also called the children of God. Let us pray for more unity with Christ in the Eucharist, as He shed His precious blood on the cross for our salvation. Amen.

Senior's Committee

On Thursday 4th of April, the seniors committee celebrated their annual Easter party with our precious seniors. It was a wonderful day which started off with Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Maatouk, then a delicious lunch and entertainment in the church hall. We look forward to seeing them every second Thursday

Last Sunday

After 7pm Mass, the MYO held Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations. It was a night filled with great entertainment and food trucks serving delicious food for everyone. We had a great turn out and would like to thank you all for attending and making it a memorable 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



OUR LADY OF LEBANON
CO-CATHEDRAL

Mother's day

DELUXE SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

DEPARTURE 9AM SHARP FROM OLOL. RETURN 3 PM

\$150 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

DELUXE LUNCH & SOFT DRINKS - 4 HOURS HARBOUR CRUISE
BUS TRANSPORT FROM OLOL TO CRUISE BOAT & RETURN - ENGLISH & ARABIC ENTERTAINMENT
ALCOHOL CAN BE PURCHASED.

TICKET PURCHASE FROM CHURCH OFFICE & OLOL GIFTSHOP - PH 02 9689 2899

TO FACILITATE SEATING ARRANGEMENT, WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING A TABLE OF 10 FOR A GROUP OF FRIENDS
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARIA 0433 182 246 OR JOAN 0411 709 249



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Committee of the
Venerable Patriarch Mar Estephan Al Douaihy in Australia
invites you to a

Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the
320th Anniversary of his Passing

Celebrated by
His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay
Maronite Bishop of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

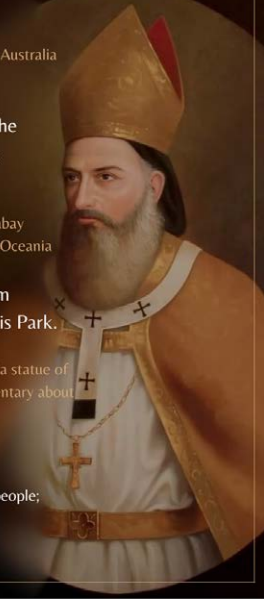
on Sunday 5 May 2024 at 11:00am
at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Harris Park.

Following the Liturgy, there will be an unveiling of a statue of
Patriarch Al Douaihy and the screening of a documentary about
his life in the Cathedral hall.

Refreshments will be served.

"Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name." (Psalm 30:4)

This is a public invitation.



بدعوة من لجنة
المكتم البطريك مار إسطفانوس الدويهي في أستراليا

يحتفل صاحب السيادة

المطران أنطوان-شربل طرييه، راعي الأبرشية،
بالقداس الإلهي بمناسبة ذكرى ٣٢٠ سنة على وفاته

وذلك يوم الأحد ٥ أيار ٢٠٢٤ الساعة ١١ صباحاً
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الدعوة عامة



OLOL Vocations Discernment Group

"Come follow Me" - Mt 4:19

Do you feel called to serve the Lord?
Do you feel a calling to the Priesthood?



Prayer I Fellowship
4 May 2024
10AM | OLOL

Contact: Subdeacon Joseph Khoury
0405 122 064



VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024
MASS AT 6:00PM

AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL

FOLLOWED BY TALK IN THE
MARY MACKILLOP ROOM

LED BY FR MICHAEL DE STOOP
THE RECTOR OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SEMINARY



Sodality of OUR LADY Bakery

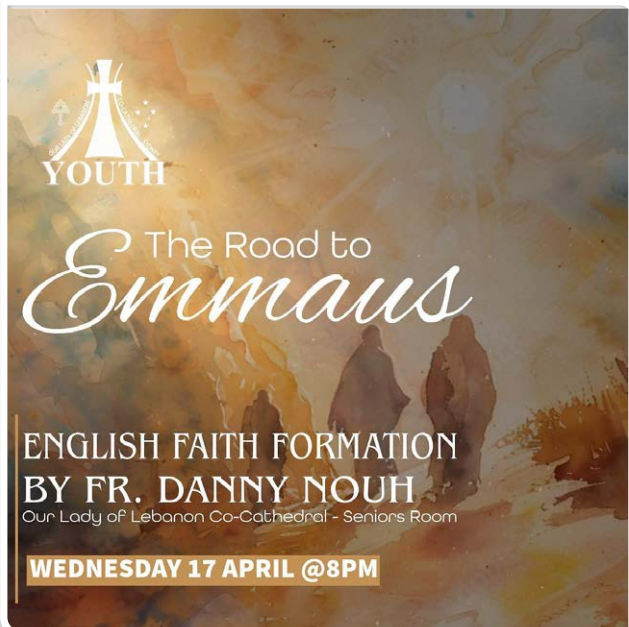
FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024
SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024
FROM 7AM - 1PM



The Road to Emmaus

ENGLISH FAITH FORMATION
BY FR. DANNY NOUH
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral - Seniors Room

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL @8PM





UPCOMING EVENTS




OUR LADY OF LEBANON
FAMILY COMMITTEE

OLOL FAMILY COMMITTEE
PRESENTS A

MOTHER & DAUGHTER
brunch

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

AT MISC PARRAMATTA
10AM - 1PM

\$90 PER PERSON | SMART CASUAL

 A GENERATIONAL BRUNCH FOR ALL
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GODMOTHERS - GODDAUGHTERS
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Our Lady of Lebanon
Co-Cathedral

SAVE *the* DATE
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

LET'S BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS TOGETHER

OLOL ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER
AT DOLTONE HOUSE WESTERN SYDNEY




Anzac Day
Mass
Thursday
25th April 2024
at 5:30am

Celebrated by His
Excellency Bishop
Antoine- Charbel
Tarabay
followed by
Austalian Breakfast



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٤ نيسان:

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم جورج حبيب إيسو من مصر زوج ناديا جرس حنا مارون من كرم المهر
١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم الشاب ماثيو سام عازار من بعبد
٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة سعاد موسى البايغ أرملة المرحوم حنا بطرس البايغ من كفر دلاقوس

الثلاثاء ١٦ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ المرحوم حنا مطانيوس فضول من بزعون (متوفي في لبنان)

الخميس ١٨ نيسان:

١٠:٣٠ قداس المسنين على نية كبارنا في الرعية يليه غداء

الجمعة ١٩ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة لودي الياس أرملة المرحوم باسيل باسيل من عازور

السبت ٢٠ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات زغرتغرين بمناسبة عيد القديس جرجس

الأحد ٢١ نيسان:

الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

٩:٣٠ أربعون المرحومة إيفات اميل دياب أرملة المرحوم الياس مطانيوس شلهوب من داريا
١١:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم ريمون جورج حرب من تنورين
٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم جوزيف سليم البايغ من كفر دلاقوس

من حياتكم وأنتم تشعّون بهذا الحب؟ أن نكون مسيحيين حقيقيين يعني أن نستقبل المسيح حقاً وأن نتحوّل إلى مسيح آخر. يعني أن نحبّ كما نحن محبوبون، كما أحبنا المسيح على الصليب".

قوة الحب

قيامه المسيح من بين الأموات هي الرجاء الحقيقي للعالم، ذاك الذي لا يخيب أبداً. إنها قوة حبّة القمح، ذلك الحب الذي يتنازل ويبدل نفسه حتى النهاية والذي يجدد العالم بحق. فلم يعد للموت والوحدة والخوف الكلمة الأخيرة. إنّ قوة الحب تحمل الثمار اليوم في أخايد تاريخنا، الذي يشوهه الظلم والعنف: إنها تحمل ثمار الرجاء والكرامة حيث يوجد البؤس والاستبعاد، حيث يوجد الجوع والبطالة وبين ضحايا الاتجار بالمخدرات والبشر والعبودية في زماننا هذا. ليحمل المسيح القائم من بين الأموات ثمار الحياة الجديدة للعالم أجمع فالاحتفال بعيد الفصح يعني الإيمان مجدداً بأن الله يدخل ولا يكف عن الدخول في تاريخنا، متحدّياً حتميتنا الموحدة والمعيقة. الاحتفال بعيد الفصح يعني أن ندع يسوع يقهر ذاك التصرف الجبان الذي غالباً ما يحاصرنا ويحاول أن يدفن كلّ أنواع الرجاء.

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صلاة

أيها الإبن السماوي، أيها القائم من بين الموت، نشرك لك لأنك تسير على دروب حياتنا وترافقنا بكلماتك المحيية وبغذاء جسديك ودمك الأقدسين فنعرفك أكثر ونحبك أكثر ونمضي في البحث عنك أكثر، يا من تحيا وتملك مع الآب والروح القدس، إلى أبد الآبدين. **أمين**



تَعَلَّمُوا مِنِّي، لِأَنِّي وَدِيعٌ وَمُتَوَاضِعٌ الْقَلْبِ

في عالم اليوم الذي يعزّز الكبرياء والغرور وينمّي الفردية بواسطة التسويق والدعايات التي تدعو إلى المظاهر ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي والموضة التي تدفع إلى الأضواء والشهرة، يدعونا يسوع أكثر من أي وقت للتعلّم منه الوداعة وتواضع القلب وهو منطق يسير بعكس اتجاه العالم.

يدعونا يسوع دائماً للتشبه به وهذه هي دعوة الله للإنسان لإستعادة صورته البهية التي شوّهتها الخطيئة. وخطيئة الكبرياء هي أمّ الخطايا وجذر كلّ شرّ. الكبرياء هو سبب السقوط، هو عندما نستبدل مشيئة الله بمشيئتنا ونضع أنفسنا مكان الله ومن الكبرياء تأتي كلّ الخطايا. لقد عاش يسوع التواضع في كلّ ما عمل. علّم التواضع ودعا إليه باستمرار لأنّ التواضع هو المدخل إلى القداسة والحصن المنيع ضدّ الخطيئة وتجارب الشرّير.

إنّ الله متواضع، ويسوع ابن الله وصورته يعكس لنا هذا التواضع وهو على ما يقول مار بولس "لم يحسب مساواته لله غنيمة بل أخلى ذاته آخذاً صورة العبد". فسِرّ التجسّد هو قفّة تواضع الله. يسوع يدعونا للإقتداء به بإخلاء ذاتنا والإمتلاء من الله.

وكما تقول القديسة تيريزا دي كالكوتا "إذا كنّا مسيحيين، يجب أن نشبّه بالمسيح، لأنّ قلبه كان متواضعاً وكان دائم الانتباه إلى حاجات البشر. حيث كان يمرّ يسوع، كان يزرع الخير الآن وقد علمتم بأنّ الله يحبكم، أليس من الطبيعي أن تمضوا الفترة المتبقية

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٥ | الأحد ١٤ نيسان ٢٠٢٤ | الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة "حقاً إن الرب قام، وتراءى لسمعان!" لو ٢٤: ١٣-٣٥

الإنجيل



في اليوم عينه، كان إثنان من التلاميذ ذاهبين إلى قرية تدعى عقاوس، تبعد نحو سبعة أميال عن اورشليم. وكانا يتحدثان بكل تلك الأمور التي حدثت. وفيما هما يتحدثان ويتساءلان، إذا يسوع نفسه قد اقترب منهما، وراح يسير معهما. ولكن أعينهما أمسكت عن معرفته. أما هو فقال لهما: "ما هذا الكلام الذي تتحدثان به، وأنتما تسيران؟" فوقفا عابسين. وأجاب أحدهما، واسمه كليوباس، فقال له: "هل أنت وحدك غريب عن اورشليم، فلا تعلم ما حدث فيها هذه الأيام؟" فقال لهما: "وما هي؟" فقالا له: "ما يتعلق بيسوع الناصري، الذي كان رجلاً نبياً قوياً بالقول والفعل، قدام الله والشعب كله. وكيف أسلمه أبحارنا ورؤساؤنا ليحكم عليه بالموت، وكيف صلبوه! وكنا نحن نرجو أن يكون هو الذي سيفدي إسرائيل. ولكن مع هذا كله، فهذا هو اليوم الثالث بعد تلك الأحداث. لكن بعض النساء من جماعتنا أدهشنا، لأنهن ذهبن إلى القبر عند الفجر، ولم يجدن جسد يسوع، فرجعن وقلن إتهن شاهدن ملائكة تراءوا لهن وقالوا إته حي! ومضى قوم من الذين معنا إلى القبر، فوجدوه هكذا كما قالت النساء، وأما يسوع فلم يروه". فقال لهما يسوع: "يا عديهي الفهم، وبطيخي القلب في الإيمان بكل ما تكلم به الأنبياء! أما كان يجب علي المسيح أن يعاني تلك الآلام، ثم يدخل في مجده؟ وفسر لهما ما يتعلق به في كل الكتب المقدسة، مبتدئاً بموسى وجميع الأنبياء. واقتربا من القرية التي كانا ذاهبين إليها، فتظاهرا يسوع بأنه ذاهب إلى مكان أبعد. فتمسكا به قائلين: "أمكث معنا" فقد حان المساء، ومال النهار" فدخل ليمكث معهما. وفيما كان متكئاً معهما، أخذ الخبز، وبارك وكس، وناولهما. فانفتحت أعينهما، وعرفاه، فإذا هو قد توارى عنهما. فقال أحدهما للآخر: "أما كان قلبنا مضطرباً فينا، حين كان يكلمنا في الطريق، ويشرح لنا الكتب؟" وقاما في تلك الساعة عينها، ورجعا إلى اورشليم، فوجدا الأحد عشر والذين معهم مجتمعين، وهم يقولون: "حقاً إن الرب قام، وتراءى لسمعان!"

أما هما فكانا يخبران بما حدث في الطريق، وكيف عرفا يسوع عند كسر الخبز. لو ٢٤: ١٣ - ٣٥

الأحد الثالث من
زمن القيامة
سفر أيوب ٤٢: ١ - ١٢، ٦
٢ طي ٨: ١٣ - ١٣
لو ٢٤: ١٣ - ٣٥

إن إنجيل تلميذي عقاوس هو قصتنا نحن اليوم حين نظن أن شرّ العالم هو أقوى من حضور المسيح. هذا الإنجيل هو مختصر سيرة حياتنا: نعجز عن رؤية أنوار القيامة. نهرب لأن ليل اليأس والشك أقبل، نظن أن المسيح قد تركنا، لا نلتفت إليه يسير إلى جنبنا، يسندنا كما سند ضعف التلميذين. المسيح يريدنا أن نطرح عنا الشك ونعود إليه، فهو حاضر معي كما كان حاضراً مع تلميذي عقاوس، يقول لي: لا تخف الموت، لا تخف الشر الذي يحيط بك، لا تخف المرض فأنا قبلك حملت أوجاعك لأشفيك. لا تخف القبر فما هو إلا إنتقال، لا تدع الظلم يفقدك الرجاء، فأنا احتملت الظلم، حكموا علي كمجرم، أسلمت الروح بين لصين، وعلمت أن لا بدّ للآب من أن يحوّل الظلم إلى أمل، واليأس إلى رجاء، والموت إلى قيامة. أنا المسيح معكم، فما بالكم تقفون قلوبكم ترفضون الإصغاء، لا تخافوا، دعوا رجاء القيامة ينتصر فيكم.

إنّهُ هُنَا، مَعَهُ وَمَعِيَ يَسِيرُ

نحن في الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة. لكن ظهور الرب لتلميذي عقاوس، الذي يرويه إنجيل لوقا، جرى في مساء أحد قيامة الرب يسوع. إنّه ظهور قرباني، بل نستطيع القول أنّه قداس يسوع الأوّل بعد عشائه السري. وبه كرس يوم الأحد يوماً للرب، تلتقي فيه الجماعة المؤمنة حول المائدة المثلثة: الكلمة والذبيحة والمناولة.

التلميذان يعودان إلى عقاوس بلديهما كئيبيّن مصدومين من حادثة صلب يسوع. إذ سقطت كلّ آمالهم. وهذا سبب لهما وجعاً نفسياً كبيراً. في هذا الوقت الصعب تراءى لهم يسوع بمنظر إنسان عاديّ غريب يسير معهما في الطريق فلم يعرفاه، كما لم تعرفه مريم المجدلية (يو ٢٠: ١٤) ولا الرسل عند بحيرة طبرية (يو ٢١: ٤). ما يعني أنّ يسوع الممجد أصبح يسوع الإيمان. لا نراه بأعين الجسد، بل بأعين القلب المستتير بالإيمان.

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, Sayed Hanna Albayeh (B) Milia Bou Raidan, Elias Boutros (C) (D) Zakaria Doumit, Nakia Doumit (E) Matthew Essey (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucir Khoudair, Tanious Elias Kassi and the deceased of his family, Genevieve Khoury and all the departed of Khoury & Elzahoul families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) Rozaline Obeid (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends, Rizk Family, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joe Romanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Janette Semaani, Louis Semaani, Saba Family (T) Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Rimoun Younan (Z)

