

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

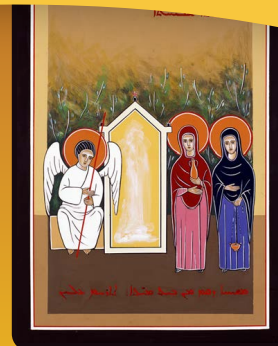
Issue 25 | Sunday 21 April 2024 | Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

"Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some" Jn 21: 1-14



THE GOSPEL

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them: "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter: "It is the Lord!". When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. Jn 21: 1-14



Fourth Sunday
of the Resurrection
Gen 1: 20-23
Heb 13: 18-25
Jn 21: 1-14

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all saddened by the recent acts of violence in NSW over the past week; such senseless attacks are always to be condemned. The Maronite Eparchy of Australia denounces violence in all its forms and expresses deep concern over the incidents that took place in Bondi Junction and at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Wakeley.

Our hearts are heavy as we think of the victims of the violence that unfolded at Bondi Junction Westfield shopping centre last Saturday. We pray for the six victims, their families, the first responders, all those who witnessed the senseless violence and all those affected by this tragedy in any way.

We are also very concerned by the incident in the Church in Wakeley on Monday evening. As people of faith, we respect one another's religions and we must all ensure that no one feels intimidated when attending their places of worship. We are reassured that Mar Mari Emmanuel and all those injured



are in a stable condition, and we pray for their complete healing and recovery.

The events of recent days challenge us all. This week's Gospel reminds us that we are also fishermen. We are also called to draw people to Christ and that must be through our words and actions. During challenging times, we must be even more prudent about how we speak and what we share with others, including what we post on social media. I ask that you be mindful of what you share in WhatsApp groups, especially given young people in those groups may be viewing the content.

What we do and say defines us all as Christians and can inspire others. "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." - Ephesians 4:29

As a community of fishermen, we must work together to keep building each other up and remain calm. As citizens we are responsible for doing our part to help protect the security and order of this Nation. That includes taking lawful direction from Police and Government, in order to help prevent a repeat

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

PARISH CLERGY CONTACTS

Fr Danny Nouh (Dean): 0477 008 787
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 Ron Hassarati: 0403 504 384
Fr Joseph Maatouk: 0413 245 501
Dcn Ghassan Nakhoul: 0410 524 335
Dcn Sayed Isaac: 0422 886 062

Safeguarding Officers:
Younan Friefer: 0400 080 000
Joanne Elias: 0427 503 008

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

of what occurred last week. And we thank them for all they do for us. I invite you to join me in continued prayer for everyone impacted and for all the victims of senseless violence both in Australia and around the world. Let us also actively advocate for dialogue and the use of proper channels in solving problems and differences.

In these weeks of the Glorious Resurrection, let us all remain calm in the joy of the Risen Lord. Remember that Our Lord conquered fear and darkness to bring hope and light. May the love and light of our Lord Jesus Christ guide our actions as we navigate through these times.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Recognizing Jesus in others

"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the Church door, you will not find him in the chalice" ~ St John Chrysostom

How many times have we turned a blind eye to a drunk or homeless person that we happen to see on our way? It's probably common also to look away when we see a beggar approaching us, or unashamedly asking for money. Let's be honest, we've all done this at least once, if not more, in our lives. If we as Christians, remember that God created every human being "in His own image and likeness" and then He breathed His Spirit into each one of us, we would never turn away from another person, whether in need or otherwise. I'm referring to every person in our lives, the ones we know and the ones we don't know. It's not easy to see Jesus in the person that bullies you, persecutes you or abuses you. Impossible! But that is what's asked of us, to find Jesus in every person we meet in our lives, even the most obnoxious and unlovable of all. How can we do this? We may also ask how was it possible for the apostles to encounter Jesus after his resurrection and not recognize him? How was that possible?

Sometimes we are blinded by our own fleeting emotions, misinformed perceptions, or just plain indifference. In order to recognize Jesus, whether in a given situation or in our neighbour, we must persevere in praying daily with Our Lady beside us, and receive the Sacraments regularly, so that we may grow in faith, with compassion and mercy for others. When we've been hurt or offended, we must put ourselves in the other person's position in order to understand why they act in a particular way, rather than judge them without regard. Consequently, over time we would be able to forgive those who have hurt us, empathetic to the pain in their own darkness, due possibly

to not knowing the love of Christ themselves. This is how we begin to find Jesus in others, and therefore, able to love them despite their attitudes or aggressions.

I recall hearing a story about a soldier who was imprisoned in a P.O.W. camp by the enemy. He was a Christian, and shared his cell with a non-believer who had been tortured almost to death. The soldier cared for his dying cell mate with so much love and genuine concern, until his final breath, sharing stories of Jesus with him. The last words he heard from the dying man were these: "If Jesus is anything like you, I can't wait to meet Him."

Imagine losing Jesus in our anxieties and fears, and then suddenly finding Him in the person who shows you kindness, compassion and fraternal love...now, go forth and be that same person of consolation, so that others may find Jesus in YOU.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

ANSWER

The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because "he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).



UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY MASS
THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024
MASS AT 5:30AM
CELEBRATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY
BISHOP ANTOINE CHARBEL TARABAY
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST

OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Co-Cathedral
THE MYO PRESENT A
Sports Night TENNIS EDITION
TUESDAY | 23RD APRIL 2024
7PM - 10PM AT PARRAMATTA CITY TENNIS
PH JEFFERY RESERVE
COST: \$10
18+ EVENT ONLY
TO BOOK CONTACT
GEORGE ON 0423 451 722

OUR LADY OF LEBANON
Co-Cathedral
THE MYO PRESENT
AN ENGLISH FAITH FORMATION SEGMENT ON
THE DESCENT TO THE DEAD & SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT
PRESENTED BY SUBDEACON STEPHAN GERGES
WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2024
TALK WILL BE HELD IN THE SENIORS ROOM

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 21 April:

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

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

5:00pm One Year Mass for the late Joseph Salim Elbayeh from Kfardlakos

Monday 22 April:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Toufic Moussa Tannous from Bekaakafra

Wednesday 24 April:

7:00pm Deacon Anthony Koury from Kfarsghab (died in America)

Thursday 25 April:

Anzac Day

Masses 5:30am, 9:00am and 6:00pm

5:30am Anzac Day Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Saturday 27 June:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Therese Mansour Bahri widow of the late Antonios Coorey Antonios from Kfarsghab

Sunday 28 April:

5th Sunday of the Resurrection

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Abba Michel Sader from Bsous wife of Boutros Toubia Moussa-Harb from Tannourine

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 14/04/2024

Plates: \$12,708 | **Donations:** \$150 | **Candles:** \$1,086

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,300,797

UNITS: \$1,078,231

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

O V S U R Y S Y T C T Q Z S Y Q X
A O J H E Y I P O Z E O Y T Q O A
P P I X E I D T L O N L K E C O I
P A A A R Q F E Y A M U T X H X F
E X Q H H G M A G J O S D D D I Z
A L Y G T S E H T O L C R X S K P
R S T V Y D Q I D H H A R H J D N
E T P E T B T B S N G Q I A V F R
D J D O F R A Q C G F N S A H V I
T A O S I Z E X E V G S Y Y T C X
E R R A F H O D V S U C T G T M W
N E A E R S F B L S P B U M B I R
F T N U T I X Z E Y H U N D R E D
J E H C N F Y J D A H U S P R A M
H P Q W W C M A N R K K D A E R B
N D I S C I P L E S O U T T K W N
L K M H H M O A C D C L Q P O T U

fifty-three disciples charcoal appeared
hundred dragged clothes fishing
Peter Jesus bread Lord
fish eat net

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

The Sodality along with parishioners came together in honour of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The rosary was prayed followed by Mass. We encourage all parishioners to join us on the 13th of each month, for an hour of prayer and devotion to Our Lady

On Wednesday

After 7pm Mass the MYO came together for their English faith formation talk. This week's topic "The Road to Emmaus" was led by Fr Danny Nouh. It was a fruitful topic to be part of after hearing the Gospel last weekend

On Thursday

Our beloved parish seniors were warmly welcomed by the OLOL Seniors Committee for a beautiful Mass, followed by a delicious lunch and some wonderful entertainment. It was truly a heartwarming gathering filled with love, laughter and cherished moments.

We invite all families to mark their calendars and bring their beloved seniors every second Thursday to experience this joyous occasion. It's a fantastic opportunity for our seniors to come together, share stories, and create lasting memories in the company of their church community.

Together, we can make every second Thursday a day to look forward to for our cherished elders

On Friday & Saturday

Our parish Mothers came together to bake delicious Saj bread along with oregano and spinach manoush for our parishioners. They were up early baking away whilst enjoying one another's company. Thank you to all who came and showed their support! A big thank you to our beautiful church Mum's who continue to serve our parish with so much love

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

FAMILY of DIVINE WORD
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

Grace is the gift of the word
Amoris Laetitia 1-3

النعمة عطية الكلمة
فرح الحب - الفصول 1-3

By **SR. Juliette Abi Khalil**
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral - Seniors Room

TUESDAY 23 APRIL @7:30PM

LOL 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 | LOL

Contact: Subdeacon Joseph Khoury
0405 122 064

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
المكرّم البطريرك 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
في كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان، هاريس بارك

يلي القداس إزاحة الستار عن تمثال المكرّم الدويهي
يتبعه عرض فيلم وثائقي عن حياته في صالة الكاتدرائية
يُختتم الاحتفال بكوكتيل للمناسبة.

نرفع صلوات الشكر لإعلان تطويبه في ٢ آب ٢٠٢٤
في الصرح البطريركي في بكري، لبنان

الدعوة عامة

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT MARONITE.ORG.AU

**A PILGRIMAGE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF
THE VENERABLE ESTEPHAN EL DOUAIHY**

The tour is under the
Patronage of His
Excellency Antoine-
Charbel Tarabay, and in
the company of tour
chaplain Father Sam
Wehbe.

**ITALY, GREECE &
LEBANON**

18 JULY - 3 AUGUST 2024

Places are limited BOOKINGS CLOSE 21 JUNE 2024

COST FOR PILGRIMAGE

Flights & Acc. (per person twin share) - \$9,500
Flights & Acc. (per person single room) - \$11,590
*T&C's Apply



UPCOMING EVENTS




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
MOTHER-DAUGHTER FIGURES
GRANDMOTHERS - GRANDDAUGHTERS
GODMOTHERS - GODDAUGHTERS
AUNTIES - NIECES

FAMILYCOMMITTEE@OLOL.ORG.AU





SAVE *the* DATE

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

LET'S BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS TOGETHER

OLOL ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER
AT DOLTONE HOUSE WESTERN SYDNEY



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الخميس ٢٥ نيسان:

عيد شهداء أستراليا Anzac Day

القداسات ٥:٣٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

٥:٣٠ صباحاً قداس على نية شهداء أستراليا بمناسبة Anzac Day ، يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام

السبت ٢٧ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة تريز منصور البحري أرملة المرحوم أنطونيوس الخوري أنطونيوس من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٢٨ نيسان:

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة عبلا ميشال صادر من بسوس زوجة بطرس طوبيا موسى - حرب من تاورين

الأحد ٢٩ 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 تاورين
٥:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم جوزيف سليم البايغ من كفر دلاقوس

الاثنين ٢٢ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم توفيق موسى طنوس من بقاعكفرا

الأربعاء ٢٤ نيسان:

٧:٠٠ الشماس أنطوني خوري من كفرصغاب (متوفي في أميركا)

الشر كله نتيجة البغض وبعدها عن الرحمة. بيوتنا جحيم بسبب حقدنا. **الحب هو الحل.** أحبوا الخاطئ فيتوب ويصبح قنبلة حب تنفجر في بيته وتملأ كل من حولها حباً. عيشوا حب الله ولطفه تصبح عائلاتكم مقدسة. عندها تستطيعون تغيير العالم.

لتكن مشيئتك

عبارة نرددها دائماً عندما نصلي الأبانا ولكن غالباً ما نزرع أمام مشاكل الحياة ونبدأ بتحقيق ارادتنا بدلا عن ارادة الله. فيبقى الإنسان في بحث دائم عن ما هي مشيئة الله وعن تحقيقها في حياته اليومية. وبين مشيئة الله من جهة ومشيئتنا الخاصة من جهة أخرى نعيش صراع دائم، قلق وحزن.

لا بد لك أيها الإنسان أن تختار أي مشيئة تريد: مشيئة الله أو مشيئتك؟ وجه الله أو وجهك أنت؟

لماذا يجب الاختيار؟ لأن الاختيار يعني الوصول. فلا نستطيع أن نسلك طريقين متعارضتين أو أن نبحث عن كنزين في مكانين مختلفين في الوقت عينه، لأن عندئذ سنراوح في مكاننا ولن نصل أبداً.

أخي الإنسان مشيئة الله هي أن نحب بعضنا بعض، أن نكون أسياد هذا الكون ونعيش فيه بسلام. مشيئة الله أن نكون على صورته: أحراراً، نتمتع بالإرادة، العقل، الطموح، الجهاد والصبر وأن لا نكون عبيداً لنزواتنا وشهواتها.

مشيئة الله هي أن تشبه الأرض السماء حيث الكل على رأي واحد وهو تسبيح الله وتمجيده. في السماء الله هو المالك المحب الذي يسكن الناس في جميع منازلهم، الله هو الملك الكريم الذي يجلس الجميع على مائدته.

فيا ليت الله يكون هو أيضاً المالك المحب والملك المحب على الأرض. لماذا لم نعلنه بعد؟

علّمنا يا رب أن نصرخ دائماً لتكن مشيئتك أمام جميع صعوبات هذه الحياة واثقين بك وثابتي في خطانا نحوك قائلين: "إذا الله معنا فمن علينا؟"



هكذا نغير العالم

كيف يمكننا أن نؤثر بالعالم ونغيره طالما يزداد ظلمة والخطيئة تكبر والمؤمنون قلّة؟ كثيرون أضاعوا البوصلة وأضاعوا معها الحب فأخذت المآسي بالازدياد: حالات طلاق، خلافات بين الأخوة، خيانات زوجية، إدمان، قمار، شتائم، أولاد يغيرون جنسهم، زواج مثليين. في الماضي، كانت الورود في كل مكان، نشمّها ونسبح الله. اليوم المخدرات في كل مكان، نشمّها وننسى الله! المشكلة فينا نحن لأننا خرجنا من حشى المعمودية أولاداً لله لكننا عدنا إلى حياة الجسد. نخاف ظلمة العالم لأننا لا نؤمن بالنور الذي فينا! مهما كانت ظلمة العالم حالكة، لن نستطيع أن تنزع حبّ الله منا. خلقنا الله من العدم وخلصنا من اللامعنى لنكون كل المعنى ونحمل قوة الخلاص بقوة الخلق التي فينا. أندرك معنى ذلك؟

لا تقولوا "نحن قلّة، كيف نغير العالم؟". الخميرة ترفع العجينة كلها. نحن الروح في الجسد! نحن نور العالم، هكذا قال الرب. نُشبه الله بجماله لأنه خلقنا على صورته ومثاله، حتى ولو لم تصدّقوا ذلك! تقولون: "الخطيئة جعلتنا قبيحين!" لكن ماذا عن التوبة؟ بسرّ التوبة يتوقف الله عن كلّ شيء ليهتمّ بك! فرحة الله بتوبة خاطئ واحد لا تحصى. تذكّروا الابن الضال، زكّا العشار، المرأة الزانية، السامرية ولص اليمين، جميعهم شهود على حبّ الله وفرحه بالتائبين.

مع ذلك، لا أستطيع تغيير عائلتي وأولادي وبلدتي، لماذا؟ لأنني بحاجة إلى أن أغير ذاتي أولاً. لو نعرف حقاً قيمة وصيّته "أحبوا بعضكم بعضاً كما أنا أحببتكم" لغيرنا وجه الأرض. اثنا عشر تلميذاً نشروا البشرى السارة في كل الأرض، سلاحهم حبّ الله وكلمته وروحه. طالما أنك تصلي، تشارك في القداس وتصوم، فلماذا أنت غضوب ولسانك يسبق تفكيرك؟ ما أن تخرج من الكنيسة حتى يستفزك أقل شيء وكأنك لم تعرف المسيح. أنت خاصة يسوع! أنتم الذين تعمّدتم، لبستم المسيح، فهل تتحلّون بأخلاقه؟

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٥ | الأحد ٢١ نيسان ٢٠٢٤ | الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة "الْقُوا الشَّبْكَهَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا" يو ١: ٢١-١٤

الإنجيل



الأحد الرابع من
زمن القيامة
سفر التكوين ١: ٢٠ - ٢٣
عب ١٣: ١٨ - ٢٥
يو ١: ٢١ - ١٤

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بَحِيرَةِ طَبْرِيةَ، وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ، وَثَوَمَ الْمُقْبَبُ بِالنُّوَامِ، وَتَتْنَانِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَابْنَا زَبْدَى، وَتَلْمِيذَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ: "أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَصْطَادُ سَمَكًا". قَالُوا لَهُ: "وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ". فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَضَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنْ التَّلَامِيذُ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ شَيْءٌ يُؤْكَلُ؟". أَجَابُوهُ: "لَا!". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "الْقُوا الشَّبْكَهَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا". وَأَلْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدَرُوا عَلَى اجْتِدَابِهَا مِنْ كَثْرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلْمِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسَ: "إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ". فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، اِتَّزَرَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عَرِيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبَحِيرَةِ. أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاوُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبْكَهَ الْمَمْلُوءَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا يَعِيدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِائَةِ ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصْبَحْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ". فَصَعِدَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَذَبَ الشَّبْكَهَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَبِيرًا، مِثْلَ وَثَلَاثٍ وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثْرَةِ لَمْ تَمْتَلِكِ الشَّبْكَهَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: "هَلُمُّوا تَعْدُوا". وَلَمْ يَجْزُوا أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَ: "مَنْ أَنْتَ؟"، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَلمُوا أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَنَاولَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةً ثَلَاثَةً ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. يُو ١: ٢١ - ١٤

"تَقَرُّوا أَنَا غَلِبْتُ الْعَالَمَ"

يسوع القائم من الموت يظهر فجأة للتلاميذ على بحيرة طبرية بعدما تعبوا الليل كله في رحلة صيد لم يصيبوا فيها شيئاً من السمك، فكان عملهم باطلاً وفاشلاً وعديم النتيجة.

تماماً عند فشلهم تراءى لهم يسوع عند الفجر واقفاً على شاطئ البحيرة، ولم يعرفوه (الآية ٤). ذلك أن بعد القيامة أضحى جسمه البشري جسماً روحانياً، على ما يقول بولس الرسول (١ كور ١٥: ٤٤). فلا نعرفه بعد الآن بعين الجسد، بل بعين الإيمان. هذا كله يعني أن الرب يسوع حاضر دائماً بيننا ومعنا، لكننا لا نعرفه بالحواس الخارجية، بل بالإيمان والرجاء والحب، ونراه من خلال أنواع حضوره الكثيرة: في كلامه، في صلاة الجماعة كما وعد: "حيثما اجتمع إثنان أو ثلاثة باسمي، فأنا أكون هناك في وسطهم" (متى ١٨: ٢٠)، في الفقراء والمرضى والمساجين (متى ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦)، في الأسرار التي وضعها، وبخاصة في ذبيحة القداس، في شخص خادم السر، الأسقف والكاهن، وبأعلى درجة في الأشكال الإفخارستية.

نحن خلقنا وفي أنفسنا فراغات لا يملأها سوى الله. تماماً كما ملأ شباك بطرس ورفاقه. وإذا أبقينا أن نلجأ إليه لكي يملأها ونحاول بما فينا من ضعف بأن نملأها بأنفسنا يصيبنا ما أصاب

التلاميذ - البحارة فيكون عملنا باطلاً فاشلاً. لذلك عندما يأتيك صليب الألم، إحمله وابحث عن يسوع وهو يساعدك. وفي الصعوبات والمضايق والمحن، هو يضمن لنا الغلبة والانتصار: "سيكون لكم في العالم ضيق. لكن تقووا أنا غلبت العالم" (يو ١٦: ٣٣).

لذلك، في كل مرة نمر بصعوبة، يأتي يسوع ويساعد على حلها، ويدعونا لشيء ما جديد. فلا يفرغنا النجاح ولا تنسينا خيرات الدنيا أن الله مصدرها ومعطيها، وأنها الوسيلة، التي تمكّننا من أن نعرف الله أكثر ونحبه أكثر، ونخدمه أكثر. لذلك فمهما انتابنا الفشل ومهما طال زمن المحنة وخيم ظلام الليل حيث كل شيء لم يعد يُجدي نفعاً، فنحن مدعوون بأن نؤمن **أَنْ وِراءَ كُلِّ غَيْمَةٍ سُدُودٌ شَمْسٍ ساطعة، وبعد كُلِّ لَيْلٍ مَظْلِمٍ وَتَعَبٍ مُضِنٍّ فَجْرُ قِيَامَةٍ لَا مُحَالَةَ أَتِ.**



صلاة

أيها المسيح صانع الحياة، يا مَنْ حَوَّلْتَ فِشْلَ وَضَعْفٍ تَلَامِيذَكَ إِلَى نَجَاحٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، أَنْعِمْ عَلَيْنَا لِكَيْ نَعْمَلَ الْأَعْمَالِ الَّتِي تَرِيدُ وَنَشْهَدَ لَكَ فِي حَيَاتِنَا الْيَوْمِيَّةِ، فَنَكُونُ كَالصَّيَادِينَ الْمَاهِرِينَ، نَعْتَمِدُ عَلَيْكَ فِي جَذْبِ إِخْوَةٍ لَنَا إِلَى أَحْضَانِ خِلَاصِكَ وَسُطْرٍ ضِيَاعٍ وَضُجُجِ الْعَالَمِ، فَيَتِمَّجِدَ بِنَا وَبِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَسْمُكَ الْمُبَارَكِ وَأَسْمُكَ أَبْنِيكَ وَأَسْمُ رُوحِكَ الْقُدُّوسِ، إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ، **أَمِينَ**

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) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (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 Chucri 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 Ghosoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends, Raymond & Etour Romanos & their son Joe Romanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) Karma Yammine & Sayed Yammine (Z)

