

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 26 | Sunday 28 April 2024 | Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Jn 21: 15-19



THE GOSPEL

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God). After this he said to him, "Follow me." Jn 21: 15-19



Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection
Ezk 34: 11-16, 23-25a
Eph 2: 1-10
Jn 21: 15-19



**"O mother of God,
wellspring of life,
Pray for us!"**
Blessings for the Month of May



Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We prepare to enter into the month of May consecrated by the Catholic Church to Mary. The veneration of Mary, the Mother of God, is very prominent in the tradition of the Maronite Church. She is devoutly honoured in the liturgies, hymns, and culture of the Maronite Church.

Maronites have always praised and depicted the blessed Mother in connection with Christ her Son. Though the journey has been marked by challenges, persecution and martyrdom, the Maronites have always carried with them their deep faith in God and their veneration to Mary, the Mother of God. It is no coincidence then - that since their arrival in Australia in the 19th Century - the Maronites have kept this tradition alive and have built three Maronite Churches, so far, dedicated to Our Lady of Lebanon.

Mother of God - "Yoldat Aloho" (Syriac)

This is the chief epithet of Mary in the Maronite tradition, for the basis of the honour we accord her is her motherhood of Jesus

Christ, true God and true Man.

The earliest known Syriac text mentioning "Yoldat Aloho", the Mother of God, dates back to around 100AD in Hymn 19 of the *Odes of Solomon*. These hymns represent some of the earliest witnesses to Christianity outside of the New Testament. In this particular ode, Mary is praised for her divine maternity as the Mother of God, and for her roles as a parent and an Apostle.

Further, the profound link between the Eucharist and Mary, the Mother of God, is woven into every Maronite Divine Liturgy. In the preparation for the Eucharist, two Marian hymns are sung. The first hymn connects Mary with the Incarnation of the Lord and the Eucharist: "Of the Virgin Mary I was born, taking flesh as man; as good earth receives a seed, her womb received me." The second hymn extends this connection to her association with prophets, Apostles, priests (as in the Odes of Solomon), and the Church as a whole as we chant: "Alleluia! Honour Mary Mother of Our Lord and God."

I invite you this month to honour Mary in a special way, placing your homes and families under her maternal care and protection.

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 next 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. A documentary about his life will also be screened afterwards, followed by refreshments in the Co-Cathedral hall.

The Maronite Eparchy of Australia is also organising a pilgrimage

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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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, and to register your interest, please contact the Eparchy offices on 02 8831 0000.

I wish you a blessed week!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

"FOLLOW ME"

Today's discourse in the Gospel of St. John is one of the most widely referenced. In fact, it's one of the Readings commonly used in Ordinations. The last two words that Jesus spoke: "Follow Me" are a summary of the entire dialogue between Christ and Simon Peter...an invitation to the Ecclesial Priesthood. It's very fitting that we are reminded of the importance of praying for all vocations, especially that of the Priesthood, the means by which we receive the Sacraments.

Vocation – a calling from God - is not only focussed on the Priesthood though, as we are all called to be holy, without exception. There are 4 vocations that the baptised can answer: Priesthood, Religious Life, Married Life, and Single Blessedness. We all participate in the "ministerial priesthood" of Christ by virtue of our Baptism, but an ordained minister becomes so much more....he becomes "another Christ" and as such we pray for our Priests who in turn continue to offer and pray for us. This is the other message being conveyed in today's Gospel, and it is also most significant. "Feed my lambs; tend my sheep; feed my sheep" is a requisite in the duties of every priest to nourish and care for the flock of the Good Shepherd.

There is also of course, the tri-fold confirmation of Peter's love for the Lord, which would later become his three denials of Christ. It's a perfect combination of events in one discourse, showing the many graces that Jesus had come to bestow upon his people. We may well ask 'why would the Lord entrust Peter as the shepherd of his flock, knowing that Peter would later deny him?' One perspective is to see the unfathomable forgiveness and love that God has for his people, despite him knowing our weaknesses and faults, as long as we have remorse and acknowledge our love for God.

"Do you love me more than these?" Jesus asked Peter, knowing the response, but wanting Peter himself to affirm this love with his own words from his own lips. Many of us justify our faults by saying that "God knows my heart". Yes, He certainly does know our hearts, but in today's Gospel we have a picture of the Son of

God asking to hear what is in the heart of his disciple. Perhaps God is also asking us today to be more vocal in admitting our faults, and thereby availing of the great Sacrament of Mercy – Confession.

There are many messages in the Word of God today, but the most outstanding of all is "Follow Me" for if we truly love Jesus, we will love His Church on earth, and we will love those whom he has placed as shepherds for the flock. If we truly love Jesus, we will follow him every day just by keeping him in our thoughts and in our actions. Do we honour him by attending the Sacred Liturgy? Do we take Christ with us everywhere we go? Does our language express Christ in our lives? Do we love others as Christ loved us? Today Jesus is asking each of us "do you love me?" How will we respond to this calling...to the vocation that God has chosen for us to follow? To answer any of the above, it is simply a matter of choosing to do what Christ would do, and to say what Christ would say. Let us be another Christ to all around us...let us follow him, so that by our words and actions we can securely say "yes, Lord, I love You."

Salwa Elias

QUESTION


In what does the mission of the Apostles consist?

ANSWER

The Word "Apostle" means "one who is sent". Jesus, the One sent by the Father, called to himself twelve of his disciples and appointed them as his Apostles, making them the chosen witnesses of his Resurrection and the foundation of his Church. He gave them the command to continue his own mission says, "As the Father has sent me, so I also send you" (John 20:21); and he promised to remain with them until the end of the world



UPCOMING EVENTS



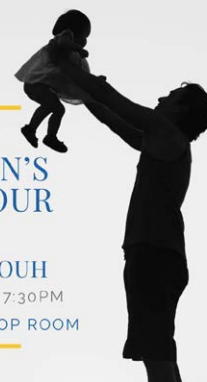
Men's Faith Formation

YOUR CHILDREN'S HOLINESS IS YOUR MAIN PROJECT

BY FATHER DANNY NOUH

MONDAY 29 APRIL 2024 AT 7:30PM

LOCATION: MARY MACKILLOP ROOM



OUR LADY OF LEBANON Co-Cathedral

Opening of
THE MONTH OF MAY

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY 2024

SODALITY ROSARY AT 5PM
MASS AT 5:30PM
FAMILY & YOUTH ROSARY AT 6:30PM AT THE GROTTA
MASS & ZIYEH AT 7PM



SENIORS MASS
and lunch

THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024

MASS AT 10:30AM
FOLLOWED BY
BBQ LUNCH



PARISH NOTICE BOARD

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

Monday 29 April:

10:30am Funeral of the late Chaiban Majid Akel Alcham from Sebhel

6:00pm The Late Hanneh Alkhouri Antoun Moubarak widow of the late Louie Badway from Kfarsghab

Wednesday 1 May:

Month of Mary

5:00pm Rosary Prayers with the Sodality

5:30pm Mass

6:30pm Rosary Prayers in the Grotto

7:00pm Mass for the beginning of the Marian Month

Friday 3 May:

10:30am Funeral of the late Saide Massoud Eid Boughosn from Darbachtaar widow of the late Boutros Nasser from Tannourine

Saturday 4 May:

6:00pm One Year Mass for the late Cecilia Kaisar widow of the late Kozhaya Awtel Moussa from Kfarsghab

Sunday 5 May:

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30am One Year Mass for the late Nader Toufic Nader from Mejdaya

11:00am Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the 320th anniversary of the passing of the Venerable Patriarch Estephan Al Douaihy, celebrated by his Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay. Following the Liturgy, there will be an unveiling of the statue of the Patriarch Al Douaihy and the screening of a documentary about his life, in the Cathedral's Hall, followed by cocktail. Everyone is welcome.

5:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Antoinette Najm Bou-Absi from Al Chouf

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 21/04/2024

Plates: \$13,196 | **Donations:** \$200 | **Candles:** \$430

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

"Jesus' Followers Follow Him"

John 21:15-25



Draw a picture of Jesus and Peter talking together.

Jesus
asked
Simon,
Do you
love me
more
than
these?

John 21:15

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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!

Last Sunday

Our 7pm youth Mass was celebrated by the newly ordained Fr Elia Abboud. It was truly a special occasion as we filled the church with our voices and hearts and lifted up our prayers for his continued blessings and success in his ministry. May God continue to call forth vocations to serve His church, spreading His love and light to the world

On Tuesday

Our youth came together at Parramatta City Tennis court for a tennis sports night. It was a great night to catch up, get competitive and show some good sportsmanship. Please keep an eye out for our next sports night and be sure to join us! The Family of Divine Word along with Sr Juliette came together for their weekly talk. This week we explored further on the topic of "Grace is the gift of the world"

On Wednesday

After 7pm Mass the youth came together for an English faith formation segment on "the descent to the dead & Saturday of the light. This talk was led by subdeacon Stephan Gerges, it was a great talk reflecting on the moments leading toward to Resurrection of Christ

On Thursday

Our parish came together to commemorate Anzac Day, with a Dawn Service Mass at 5:30am.

The service was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay, we honoured and prayed for the courageous men and women of Australia, including those of Lebanese descent, who served as Anzacs and made tremendous sacrifices, ultimately giving their lives for a brighter future for us all. After Mass, we came together and shared breakfast in the courtyard whilst enjoying one another's company

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



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

MISC. DR SAX



**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 | Fellowship
4 May 2024
10AM | OLOL

Contact: Subdeacon Joseph Khoury
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**Our Lady of Lebanon
Co-Cathedral**

FAITH ON FIRE PRESENTS

Why Mary? Why May?

PRESENTED BY
FATHER BEN SALIBA

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024
AT 8PM

**TALK WILL BE HELD IN THE
SENIORS ROOM**



 **Our Lady of Lebanon
Co-Cathedral**

*I am the handmaid
of the Lord*

Luke 1:38

هَآ أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ

لوقا ١ - ٣٨

By Fr. Youssef Elias
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral - Seniors Room

TUESDAY 30 APRIL @7:30PM



UPCOMING EVENTS



Month of May Mary home visits

Group 1

Wednesday 1 May	Julie Dagher	3 Lance Crescent, Greystanes 2145
Thursday 2 May	Marliene Dagher	59 Beechwood Ave, Greystanes 2145
Friday 3 May	Vanessa Dimrajian	78 Adler Parade, Greystanes 2145

Group 2

Adel and Laura Darjani	15 Churchill St Guildford 2161
Yasmine Moussa	45 Robertson Street, Merrylands 2160
Lichaa Saba	122 Harris Street, Merrylands 2160



DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE 320TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS PASSING

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024 AT 11AM
CELEBRATED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP ANTOINE CHARBEL TARABAY

FOLLOWED BY THE UNVEILING OF THE STATUE AND
DOCUMENTARY IN THE HALL

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

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

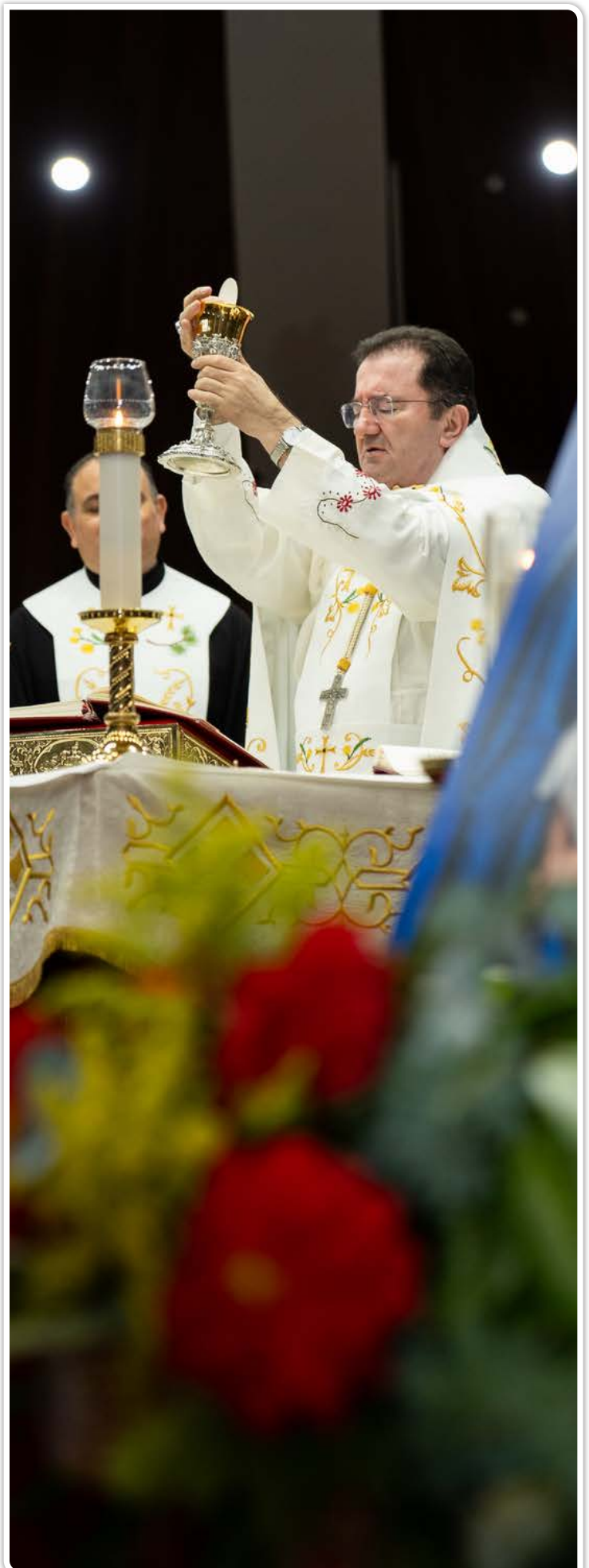


SAVE *the* DATE

FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2024

LET'S BUILD THE NEXT 50 YEARS TOGETHER

LOL ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER
AT DOLTONE HOUSE WESTERN SYDNEY



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٨ نيسان:

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة

القداسات ٨:٠٠، ٩:٣٠، ١١:٠٠ صباحاً، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

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

الاثنين ٢٩ نيسان:

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحوم شيبان مجيد عقل الشام من سبعل
٦:٠٠ المرحومة حنة الخوري أنطون مبارك أرملة المرحوم لوي Louie البدوي من كفرصغاب (متوفاة في أميركا)

الأربعاء ١ أيار:

شهر العذراء مريم

٥:٠٠ صلاة المسبحة مع الأخوية

٥:٣٠ قداس

٦:٣٠ صلاة المسبحة في المغارة

٧:٠٠ قداس

الجمعة ٣ أيار:

١٠:٣٠ دفن المرحومة سيدة مسعود عيد بو غصن من درب عشتار أرملة المرحوم بطرس ناصر من تورين

السبت ٤ أيار:

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحومة سيسيليا قيصر أرملة المرحوم قزحيا أوئل موسى من كفرصغاب

الأحد ٥ أيار:

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم نادر توفيق نادر من مجدليا

١١:٠٠ قداس إحتفالي بمناسبة مرور ٣٢٠ سنة على وفاة المكرم البطريرك مار إسطفانوس الدويهي، يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران - أنطوان شربل طريه السامي الإحترام، يلي القداس إزاحة الستار عن تمثال المكرم البطريرك الدويهي وعرض وثائقي عن حياته. في صالة الكاتدرائية يليه حفل كوكتيل. الدعوة عامة

٥:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة أنطونيت نجم بو عبيسي من الشوف

دعونا نطلب من القديس يوسف ومن العذراء مريم أن يعلمونا أن نكون أمناء في التزامنا اليومي، ولنحيا إيماننا عبر الأفعال اليومية ولكي نعطي مكانا أكبر للرب في حياتنا، وحتى نتوقف لتأمل وجهه.

أبونا يعقوب: ما تفعله الأم لابنها، كيف لا تفعله مريم نحو كل منا؟؟؟

مريم أمنا.... نلتجئ إليك... أصغيت إلى كلام ابنك، عندما قال للجموع: " تعالوا إليّ يا ثقيلي الأحمال.... إني وديع ومتواضع القلب... هكذا أخذت اللطف، والوداعة من ابنك يسوع... أنت أم الزّافة، والرّحمة...

نعيش في عالم من الإرهاق، نسير خلف ما لا يوصلنا إلى الأمان، والزّاحة... نغرق في لجة الهَمّ... بحر عالمنا مليء بالتزاعات التي تضرب وعينا، لتغرقنا في عالم الضّباب، والسّواد.... لأجل ذلك دعاك أبونا يعقوب، أمنا مريم، سيّدة البحر، ونجمته، بحر هذا العالم المملوء شرواً... أحبك الكبوشي وكزملك... دعانا إلى صلاة المسبحة، قائلاً: "أمك عظيمة... كرمها، وصلّ مسبحتها..." آمن أنك سيّدة الكون... وسلطانة الملائكة... لأنك أم ملك الملائكة....

مريم الملكة، أم الرّحمة... إنك أم الخطاة التّائبين... إنك البتول النّقيّة، معينة المنازعين.. مريم الشّفيعة، والمسعفة في الوصول إلى الخلاص الأبدي... أنت نجمة الصّباح، تشرق علينا أنوار فرحك، وحكمتك، وسلامك... أنت كرسيّ الحكمة... "إنها أبهى من الشّمس، وأسمى من الأفلاك. ولا تتقدّم على نور النّهار، لأنّ النّهار يتبعه اللّيل، أما الحكمة فلا يغلّبها الشّر". (الحكمة ٧: ٢٩)

علينا أن نثق بك كلّ الثّقة، فالربّ العظيم، صنع بك العظائم... علينا أن نحبك، ونقتدي بك، لأنّ الولد يتبع خطوات أمّه. أنت أمنا الحلوة، أنت أمنا الطّاهرة والقديسة، نرتقي بين أحضانك، ونطلب منك أن تغمرنا بطهر وشاحك... نعمة كبرى أن نتمسك بسبحة مريم، لنحيا السّلام، والفرح، والرّجاء.

الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي



أليس هذا هو ابن النجار؟

نحتفل في الأول من أيار بعيد القديس يوسف العامل ونبدأ الشهر المكرّس تقليدياً للعذراء مريم. فلا بد لنا من التوقف عند هاذين الشخصين المهمّين في حياة يسوع، وحياة الكنيسة، وفي حياتنا.

في إنجيل لقديس متى، في إحدى الأوقات التي عاد فيها يسوع إلى بلده، إلى الناصرة، ليتحدث في المجمع، نجد التركيز على اندهاش معارفه من حكمته، والسؤال الذي يطرحونه: "أليس هذا هو ابن النجار؟" (١٣، ٥٥). إن يسوع يدخل إلى تاريخنا، ويأتي في وسطنا، مولود من مريم بعمل الله، ولكن بحضور القديس يوسف، الأب القانوني الذي حرس يسوع وعلمه حرفته. إنّه يوسف النجار الفقير.

غناه قلبه، ثروته أخلاقه، اصطفاه الله بين جميع رجال إسرائيل ليؤدي أعظم رسالة دُعي إليها بشري، فكرّس حياته وتعبه للعذراء مريم وليسوع ابنها.

لم يذكره الإنجيل كثيراً في صفحاته، ولكن أظهر صورة يوسف الخياط والأب الذي لم يضعف إيمانه لحظة بل كان يقوى عليها مطيعاً الأب متكللاً عليه. فالحكمة هي التي هدّت البار سبلاً مستقيمة تكلّت برقوده بين يدي مريم ويسوع مملوءاً نعمة وقداسة، إذ أعدّ له إكليل المجد في السماء، ليصبح شفيح الميثة الصالحة والنجارين والعَمال والعائلات.

أودّ، في شهر أيار هذا، أن أذكر بأهمية وجمال صلاة المسبحة والوردية. فبتلاوة "السلام عليك يا مريم" نحن مدعوون لتأمل أسرار يسوع، أي التأمل في الأوقات المحورية في حياته، لكي، كما كان لمرم العذراء وللقديس يوسف، يصبح هو مركز أفكارنا، واهتماماتنا وأفعالنا. سيكون رائعا إذا، لا سيما في هذا الشهر، صلينا سويا مع الأسرة، ومع الأصدقاء، في الرعية، المسبحة أو بعض الصلوات ليسوع وللعذراء مريم! فالصلاة الجماعية هي وقت ثمين لجعل حياة الأسرة، والصداقة، أكثر رسوخاً!

عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٦ | الأحد ٢٨ نيسان ٢٠٢٤ | الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة "يا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟" يو ٢١: ١٥-١٩

الإنجيل



بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسَمْعَانَ بَطْرُسَ: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟". قَالَ لَهُ: "نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أَحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ خُمْلَانِي". قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ نَعَاجِي!". قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: "يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟". فَحَزَنَ بَطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: "يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أَحِبُّكَ". قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِزِعْ خِرَافِي! الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ جِزَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَأَخْزُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ جِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ". قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمَيْتَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِّدُ بِهَا بَطْرُسَ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: "إِتَّبِعْنِي!". يو ٢١: ١٥ - ١٩

"أَنْتِ التَّفِيحُ الْأَكْرَمُ
عِنْدَ ابْنِكَ يَا مَرْيَمُ"
شهر مريمي مبارك



بطرس راعي الخراف

في ختام لقاء المحبة القرباني الذي أجراه يسوع مع التلاميذ على شاطئ بحيرة طبرية الأحد السابق ، وقد أتم الصيد العجيب، وهياً المائدة، وكسر الخبز وناولهم وكذلك السمك، سلم الرب يسوع في إنجيل هذا الأحد، سلطة رعاية الكنيسة إلى سمعان-بطرس. وحدد مفهوم سلطته بأنها خدمة محبة المسيح للخراف أي للنفوس التي افتداهما بدمه الثمين على الصليب.

وجّه يسوع سؤاله إلى بطرس: "أتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟" لَكِنَّهُ يُوَجِّهُهُ إِلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا، وَخَاصَّةً فِي إِطْعَامِ الْجَائِعِ وَمَدَاوَةِ الْمَرِيضِ وَتَعْزِيَةِ الْحَزِينِ وَتَقْوِيَةِ الضَّعِيفِ...إِنَّهَا الْمَحَبَّةُ "لَا بِالْكَلَامِ بَلْ بِالْعَمَلِ وَالْحَقِّ" (١٨: ١٨). كُلُّ مَسِيحِي رَسُولٌ بِحُكْمِ مَعْمُودِيَّتِهِ وَمَسْحَةِ الْمَيرون. إِنَّهُ مَسْئُولٌ تَجَاهَ أَخِيهِ الْإِنْسَانَ، عَنْ الشَّهَادَةِ لِمَحَبَّةِ الْمَسِيحِ الظَّاهِرَةِ فِي الْأَعْمَالِ وَالْمَبَادِرَاتِ وَالْمَوَاقِفِ وَإِشَاعَةِ الْفَرَحِ. لِأَنَّنَا مِنَ الْمَسِيحِ دُعِينَا لَنَكُونَ رِعَاةً لِقَطِيعِ الرَّبِّ الصَّغِيرِ.



الأحد الخامس من
زمن القيامة

سفر حزقيال ٣٤: ١١ - ١٦، ٢٣ - ٢٥
أف ١: ١ - ١٠
يو ٢١: ١٥ - ١٩

ما علّنا نجيب عندما يسألنا الرب اليوم: "أتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ؟"، هل نستطيع أن نقول: "أنت تعلم أنني أحبك" ونكراننا له يتم كل يوم ثلاث مرات؟ هل نجرؤ على الدخول في مسؤولية الحب هذه؟ هل نقبل أن نكون له رسلاً ننشر تعليمه في عالم اليوم؟ هل نحب المسيح فوق أي شخص أو كائن آخر؟ أين هو المسيح في حياتي؟ فكل واحد منا هو بطرس؛ وكل يوم، يسألنا يسوع السؤال ذاته: "هل تحبني؟" وانا وحدي لذي الجواب، وهو الإفتداء ببطرس الذي لم يغرق في لوم ذاته، بعد أن أنكر يسوع ثلاث مرات، بل استجاب لدعوة الرب المتجددة له ليقود سفينة الكنيسة وسط عواصف العالم. فهل أقود سفينة حياتي وفي قلبي الرجاء بالمخلص القائم من بين الأموات؟! دعوتنا مع بطرس نقول ليسوع "نعم يا رب أنا أحبك". فنكون مسيحيين حقيقيين نستقبل المسيح في حياتنا ونتحوّل إلى مسيح آخر، فنحب كما نحن محبوبون، كما أحبنا المسيح على الصليب.



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هلوليا، جِسْمُكَ الْأَنْقَى الْأَطْهَرُ يَا بَتُولَ أُمِّ اللَّهِ،
إِخْتَارَ فِيهِ سُكْنَاهُ مُبَدَعُ الْكَوْنِ الْأَكْبَرِ
الليتورجيا المارونية

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) (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) Peter & Mary Lichaa, Arthur Lichaa (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, 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, Joseph & Nazha Raheb, Jamal Roumanos (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)