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THE GOSPEL

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

THE EPISTLE

Jesus said, "Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions.

But if that wicked slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mt 24:45-51



Next Sunday's Readings

5th Sunday

after Holy Cross

Phil 2: 12-18 Mt 25:1-13

FAITHFUL

SERVANTS

never retire...

You can retire

from your career,

but

you will

never retire from

serving

God.

~Rick Warren~

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1Thess 5: 1-11

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord,

make me an instrument of Your peace...

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Amen!

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

OLOL Co -Cathedral, Harris Park 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English Family), 11am (Ar/Eng), 5pm (Ar/Eng), 7pm (English Youth)

Mass Centre - St Patrick's, Guildford 6pm (Ar/Eng)

WEEKDAY HOLY LITURGIES (Masses)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7am, 8.45am & 6pm. Wed 7am, **8.45am** & 5:30pm; 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 & Tues 8pm, Wed 6:30pm, Thurs 7:30pm Sun 6:30pm Divine Mercy followed by Rosary Fri 7:30pm Adoration Hour: Thursdays 8pm – 9pm 24 Hour Adoration: Every First Friday of the month from 9:30am - Sat 7:30am

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Light from the word RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Today's Gospel passage is the parable of the faithful and unfaithful slave. Its message is to emphasise the importance of responsibility and to grow in the rolės we are given.

Life is not about having fun. Life is a journey into a greater mystery of love and peace. What we do with our lives matters and what choices we make have repercussions. Today's parable highlights the faithful slave who is called 'blessed' v46. The promise is not because this person has achieved great things or has stumbled into wealth or success. He is 'blessed' because he is 'at work'v46. This unnamed person is making the most of his life, determined to do what is best and to carry responsibility for others. His life has direction and purpose and so has meaning. This is what it is to purpose and so has meaning. This is what it is to purpose and so he has meaning. This is what it is to be blessed. Think about it – why do people desperately search for a job? Aside from earning a wage, it allows one to contribute to building up the world and thus in being useful, a person finds meaning for their lives.

Of course there must be a balance between work and leisure. The second slave in the parable chooses to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards'v49. Neglecting one's responsibilities for the sake of pleasure is a lifestyle that has no depth or substance. If our actions do not contribute to building up the world or positively contributing to our society or community, then it lacks meaning and what we pursued as pleasure becomes our addiction and pain, a life of 'weeping and gnashing of teeth'v51.

So remember we all have rights but more importantly we all have responsibilities that call us to grow in character. We end off with a quote from Martin Luther King Jr, 'I still believe that standing up for the truth is the greatest thing in the world. This is the end of life. The end of life is not to be happy. The end of life is not to achieve pleasure and avoid pain. The end of life is to do the will of God, come what may.' Amen

Sr Margaret Ghosn MSHF

Saint Teresa of Avila Doctor of the church-October 15th



St Teresa was born in Avila in Spain and entered the Carmelite Convent at the age of 20. At the time she entered the Convent, the Carmelite orders were an attractive choice as they provided many comforts for its members and it did not require the same amount of sacrifice as other orders.

As she progressed in religious life, Teresa

made great

progress in contemplative prayer and has a number of mystical experiences. These experiences she treated with suspicion as she considered herself not holy enough to have such a connection with God.

In 1562 in the face of great opposition, Teresa founded the Order of Discalced Carmelites, a reformed order of Carmelite spirituality which aimed to shed the comforts that came with the order. There were many attempts to stop the progression of her order including some of her followed (namely St John of the Cross) to be imprisoned.

In 1580 the order was made official and St Teresa found many more convents, she died worn out by her efforts on 15 October 1582. Through all the trials and tribulations, Teresa remained steadfast in faith and prayer. She remains for us an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action.

Her writings on contemplative prayer (The Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle) remain for the Church a benchmark in the area of contemplation and prayer. She was declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices." St Teresa of Avila

Charbel Dib

Shepherd's Corner Good to be back home!



Brothers and Sisters, The past six weeks have given me the opportunity to spend some time with my family and friends in Lebanon as well as a bit of rest and relaxation after a very busy year. Every time I travel to Lebanon I am reminded of its beauty and my love for it grows stronger as the country of my birth, the country of my ancestry. Being away from Australia, has made me realize just how much I have grown in love with this blessed country and its people. After six weeks away from the parish, it is wonderful to be back home again. Home is where the heart is and I can confidently say that although my body was in Lebanon, my heart was definitely back here in Australia with my parish family.

The concept of family is so important in this day and age as its very foundations are being questioned in the society in which we live and the world. Society has lost the sight of and the ability to incorporate the virtues of the family into its life. Thankfully, the church still realizes this importance and as such is in the midst of a Synod on the family in which the Maronite Church is taking part in. We are very lucky to be represented not only by our Patriarch, but also by our Bishop, His Excellency Antoine-Charles.

I have focused so much on the family this year in my homilies, in this Shepherd's Corner and in everything that I do. I do not apologise for this! The family is the nucleus of society and if we want to live in a good society, then we need to nurture good families. It is the church's responsibly, mine and yours, to ensure that this takes place. We must be vigilant and do everything in our power to protect the family of the "domestic church" and the wider parish family. In his weekly General Audience, Pope Francis on Wednesday said that: "in the family we learn of the bonds which unite us, of fidelity, sincerity, trust, cooperation and respect, even when difficulties abound." The family is a school in which we learn much more than any university or academy can teach us. While we look forward to the news that will come from the Synod, we must all continue to do all that is in our power to protect the family unit.

Speaking of families, we welcome back our very own Chahine family (Chahine, Theresa and Sarah) who represented the Maronite Eparchy in the World Meeting of families in Philadelphia as you would have read about in last week's newsletter. We look forward to hearing about all their experiences in the coming days. One way that you can do this is by attending the married couple's retreat that will be held on 18 October. It is not too late to register. The sacrament of marriage is an ongoing sacrament. It is not completed on the day of your wedding. It requires sustenance and energy to keep the flame alive. It needs to be continually renewed in light of all the pressures that it endures. The married couple's retreat will give you some time out to spiritually invigorate your marriage and consequently your family life. Please refer to the notices page for more details. I look forward to seeing as many couples as possible on the day and I look forward to seeing you all around the parish.

Fr Tony Sarkis

Article of the Week In His image ... Or in my image?!



As I continue to journey towards a vocation to the married Priesthood, I feel like Moses. Will I ever get to the Promised Land? Will I get to this new beginning? It has been about 9 years of active discernment and 6 years of part time theology studies and few more stages to come.

Among my hesitations and doubts and there are always some, are the enormous expectations that we place on our priests. Anecdotally, I think this is far greater in the Lebanese and Maronite tradition than elsewhere.

Can I live up to these expectations? How will I handle a life lived on stage, where my gestures, my clothes, my look, my mannerisms, my homilies, my voice and much more are all scrutinized? How will I respond to criticism about the income I earn and the car I drive and the phone I have? What about my wife's dress code or her own lifestyle choices? And later on God willing, some will surely have questions about my children's behaviour?

I hear all of these so often about other priests. I contribute to these often. For many Lebanese families who are committed Catholics, this is the trendy topic of discussion around the table.

Sometimes there seems nothing that a priest can do right. According to the people, a priest today needs to be a shrewd manager, counsellor, doctor, singer, teacher, politician, administrator, leader, etc.

But I wish that was all. The hardest of all is when people have a particular image of holiness that they want every priest to fit in. Ready for this: They want all priests to look like, act like or at least remind them of St Charbel. St Charbel is a saint and a spiritual genius who was a monk, and a hermit for the last 25 years of his life. Perhaps this comes from our yearning for the divine. A noble and essential thirst. But to ask that all priest look like him or some other saint, dress like him and walk like him, is not fair because they are not him. They are not living in the same era as well.

The Holy Spirit who makes us holy, also fosters unity in diversity (not uniformity) in the Church, which means that even though we all strive to the same holiness, we all do it differently, because "there are varieties of gifts", and "varieties of ministries" and "varieties of effects", but the same God who works all things in all persons." (1Cor 12:4-5). Even Lumen Gentium (document of Vatican 2) says: All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, <u>each in his own way</u>, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect".

I should add here, lest I will be misunderstood: Only God knows how much I love and try to live the virtues of Charbel. But we can't all look like him and be like him, least of all the priests. This is not what Holiness is about.

Holiness is not about externalities. It is about being transformed and being the best version of ourselves given who we are, where we are, with whom we are, right here and right now. It is about being conformed to Christ though the power of the Spirit so can become like the Father.

St Charbel is not a saint today because he 'copied and pasted' the life of others but because he opened himself up to the Spirit. He gave his life to the Spirit, entirely so he became consumed by God who is Love and therefore, consumed with love. He is now living eternally, what he lived here temporally.

We need to move beyond petty criticism and externalities and pray for our priests. Accepting that they are not perfect and indeed they make errors which if serious, they need to be held accountable for. And accepting that they have their own limitations as human beings, thus my local parish priest may not be a great homilist or singer or may not relate well to the youth. We need and this includes me, help support their strength and stand beside them as they grow in holiness.

As for me, I am left asking the only question that matters: Despite my many limitations, will the priesthood be my journey and that of my family's towards holiness? Will I allow God to consume all my being with his love?

Nehme Khattar www.burninghearts.co

Children's Corner PRAYER

Welcome my dearest brothers and sisters to the 4th Sunday in the Season of the Glorious Cross. I welcome all of you with love and great joy in our Father's house. It gives me great happiness to see you all here with your families each Sunday.

In this week's Gospel I talk about the wise and wicked slaves and how each of them receives a reward according to their actions.

The wise slave is one who always does the right things. They are the good people who come to Church regularly and do good deeds in their lives. The wise slave is one who obeys the teachings of the Gospel especially loving God above all things and loving their neighbour. A good and wise slave is one who forgives and shows mercy to those who need forgiveness and mercy. To this good slave the reward is eternal happiness with me in heaven. The good slave will be rewarded greatly by God.

On the other hand, the wicked slave is one who is lazy in prayer, who does not really come to Mass. The wicked slave is one who does not see it important to do well and to be a good person. They do not forgive when people hurt them and they continuously say, "I will do good later."

These people will not see the face of God and their life, at the end of time, will be one of hardship away from God. The world is full of these wicked people and they try to bring the good people down with them also.

It is important, that from a young age, you try to be like this good slave. You should always remember that whatever you do here and now in your earthly life, will determine whether you live with God in happiness or away from God is sadness. The decision lies in your hands. It is your choice to make and I believe that you all want to be with me and God in Heaven.

I pray that this final term at school is one filled with peace and joy. Make sure that you study hard so that you will do well in your exams. Preparation is everything. Do not be like the lazy and wicked slave.

With all my love and prayers, your brother Jesus

Activity

This week, try to find areas in your life that need to be worked on (areas of laziness). Ask your parents to help you achieve an improvement in these areas. Remember that the effort you put in determines the end result. And if at first you do not succeed, do not get angry, you can always try again.





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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS & FUNERALS

Sunday 11 October: 4th Sunday after the Holy Cross

8:00am Mass for all the members of the Parish and all those who helped

to make the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady successful

9:30am 40 Day Miled Gerges Elias Ibrahim from Karm El Mohr

1 Year Hedwan Tansa Cham from Sebhel 5:00pm

Monday 12 October:

10:30am Funeral for late Samira Loubnan Menassa from Blouza

Saturday 17 October:

6:00pm All the living and departed from Toula

Sunday 18 October: 5th Sunday after the Holy Cross

11:00am 40 Day Jamil Sarkis Antoun from Zgharta

5:00pm 1 Year Joulia Khoudeir from Bane Widow of Late

Joseph Abboud from Basloukit

St Patrick's (Guildford)

6:00pm 40 Day Mary Boutros Ishak Elkhoury wife of Youssef

Makhlouf from Bkaakafra

قدّاسات الأسبوع

11 تشرين الأول: الأحد الرابع بعد عبد الصليب

قداس على نية جميع أبناء الرعية 8:00

والذين ساهموا في إنجاح عيد السيدة

أربعون المرحوم ميلاد جرجس الياس إبراهيم من كرم المهر 9:30

> السنة للمرحوم هدوان طنسا شام من سبعل 5:00

الاثنين 12 تشرين الأول:

10:30 دفن المرحومة سميرة لبنان مَنَسًا من بلوزا

السبت 17 تشرين الأول:

قداس على نية أحياء وأموات بلدة تولا 6:00

الأحد 18 تشرين الأول: الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

أربعون المرحوم جميل سركيس أنطون من زغرتا 11:00

السنة للمرحومة جوليا خضير من بان أرملة المرحوم 5:00 جوزیف عبود من بسلوقیت

سان باتریك (Guildford)

أربعون المرحومة ماري بطرس إسحق الخوري زوجة يوسف

مخلوف من بقاعكفرا

FROM THE COMMUNITY YOUTH & PASTORAL CENTRE

Family Brunch Sunday 11 October after 9:30am Mass



Sunday 18 October 2015 - 8am to 12:30pm

We wash your car while your at mass
Cost: Donation Location: OLOL Lower Carpark

English Faith Formation

o Would have Guessed you Could have been a Judge? One Womans Journey.' Wednesday 21 October 2015 at 8pm after the 7pm English Mass. Presented by Judge Jennifer Boland

رحلة روحية الى باريما نهار السبت 2015/10/31 الانطلاق 8 صباحا والعودة 4 بعد الظهر الترويقة والغذاء مؤمنين ثمن البطاقة 40 دولار للمعلومات الاتصال بالسيدة غلادس هواش على 210 265 1040

Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 3 November at 12pm in the Church Hall

For booking contact parish office on 02 9689 2899

مليورن كاب يوم الثلاثاء الواقع في ٣ تشرين الثاني في تمام الساعة ١٢ ظهرا في هول الكندرانية الرجاء الإتصال بمكتب الرعية للحجز



New book on the life of Patriarch Elias Howayek
The Founder of the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy
Family. He is being considered for sainthood. This book summarises
his extraordinary life. It is available for \$5 from Sr Margaret or from the Maronite College of the Holy Family admin office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015 Photos & DVD
Collection from Parish office between 9:30am - 4pm Mon - Fri ONLY
Registrations for 2016 Holy Communion are NOW OPEN and
Will close on 10 January 2016.

To register email hcommunion@olol.org.au or contact Church office 02 9689 2899

DIOCESAN NOTICE

Maronites on a Mission Annual Fundraising Dinner "a Spring Soiree" Friday 23 October at The Imperial Paradiso, Fairfield.

Tickets \$110 pp or \$1000 for table of 10. Includes Mezza, Dinner & Entertainment.

For more details and tickets visit the Maronites on Mission Facebook page or see a volunteer

عشاء جمعية الرسالة المارونية السن

يوم الجمعة ٢٣ تشرين الأُول في صالة الْإِمْنيريول باراَديزو، فيرفيلد. البطاقة ١١٠ دولاراً للشخص الولحد أو ٢٠٠٠ دولاراً لطاولة ١٠ أشخاص يتخلل السهرة ميزاً ، عشاء وترفيه لمزيد من التفاصيل وللحجز يرجى زيارة صفحة الرسالة المارونية على الفيس بوك أو الاتصال بأحد لأعضاء

First Holy Communion for People with Special Needs Sat 14 November at 11am 2015 at St Charbel's Parish

For registrations and more information, Contact St Charbel's Parish on 9740 0998 or Mrs Anita Chaghoury on 0434 429 980.

المناولة الأولى لذوي الاحتياجات الخاص

السبت ١٤ نوفمبر ٢٠١٥ الساعة الحادية عشرة صباحاً في كنيسة مار شربل

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

Activities for Seniors

Activities for Seniors every fortnight if you wish to bring a parent or grandparent, call Elias Doro on 0414 495 955 or the Parish office on 9689-2899

نشاطات كبار السن كل أسبوعين وتتضمن هذه النشاطات العاب الطاولة، الحياكة، والرسم، والطبخ، تُجرى نشاطات كبار السن كل أسبوعين وتتضمن هذه النشاطات العاب الطاولة، الحياكة، والرسم، والطبخ، مشاهدة الأفلام، الخ . لمن يهمه إحضار أحد الوالدين أو الجدين الإتصال بـ الياس دورو على الرقم ٩٦٨٩٢٨٥٠ أو الإتصال بمكتب الرعية ٩٦٨٩٢٨٩٩

Arabic Classes: Sat 9:30am-12:30pm call Margo on 0400 001 758 Fersan Al-Adra: Sat 1pm -3pm

Youth & Teens Event

Teens Faith Discussion & Activities: Saturdays 4-6pm
Blood Donation Contact Myrna 0421677998
Nursing Home Visit contact Therese 0431792205
Youth Meeting First Tue of the month 8-9pm contact Connie 0411830349
Prayer with the Youth First Fri of the month 7-8pm contact Connie 0411830349

p MaroniteCare Services

Youth Services & Facilities
Youth Drop in Recreation Room & Library & Study
Centre open 10am – 10pm for Youth 18 & over - Under 18s only with adult supervision
Homework Help for Students K-10 Tues 3:30pm - 6pm
Bookings essential call Anthony Chidiac 0411 217 103

Women's Well-being Office

Natural Fertility Services. Evening appointments.
Nelly Azize 0430 332 888 or 9689 2899

Ladies Fitness & Wellbeing contact Abir 0410 122 999
Children's Playgroup Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30am –11:30am

Marriage Preparation Sessions book 8 months prior to the wedding: 9642 0211

St Vincent De Paul Conference call Kim Moussa 0424 658 190

Respite for Carers of People with Mental Health Issues
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Counselling Services (English/ Arabic)

Nada Coorey-Psychologist, confidential counselling for relationship, family/parenting, Anxiety, Depression Mobile: 0434 642 509 Phone: 8840-9475.

For Teens 12-18 years and their families. Call Lina Ishac 0433 217 063 or Anthony Chidiac 0411 217 103

For Youth 18 & over & Adults & Couples Lisa Makhlouf 0413 061 102 Email: counseling@maronitecare.org.au

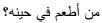
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Is your family impacted by addictions ? Psychologists and Social Workers can assist you For information, contact: 9633 2900 Or visit us at: 128a Alfred St, Harris Park Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9am-5pm.

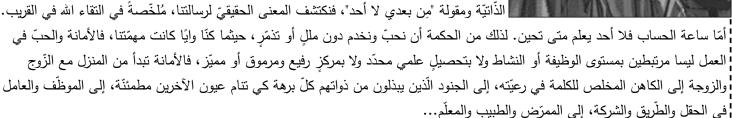
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لقائى بالله فى القريب

من هو هذا السيّد الّذي يمتلك العبد، يأمره كما يشاء، وله السلطان والحقّ أن يفعل به ما يشاء، فنراه بكلّ قلبه وفكره ولسانه يضع مصيره المتمثّل بأهل بيته وحياتهم بين يديه، عاهدًا إليه السّهر بأمانة على إطعامهم في حينه؟ سيّد هو؟ كم أحبّ عبده هذا حتّى أنّه حسبه الرّاعي الأمين الوفيّ لرعيّته؟ لم يخب ظنّه فيه، فعند عودته أقامه على جميع ما يملك وأصبح شريكًا له بالميراث.



الله الذي أحبنا ونحن عبيدًا، حرّرنا وسلّمنا مفاتيح الملكوت كي نرعى إخوتنا، أي القريب، بمحبّة كاملة لا تشوبها أي مصلحةٍ شخصيّة. لقد أرادنا أن نرى الحياة بمنظار المسؤوليّة الشُّجاعة، الّتي تتخطّى حدود الذّاتيّة ومقولة "مِن بعدي لا أحد"، فنكتشف المعنى الحقيقيّ لرسالتنا، مُلخّصةً في التقاء الله في القريب.



إذا كنّا من الّذين نقف لامبالين أمام كلّ الحاجات الّتي نراها بأعيننا وتلامس أهداب اكتفائنا الّذاتي ، فننظر إليها وكأنّنا لا نرى وتطرق آذاننا وكأنّا لا أنسمع، كنّا كذاك العبد الشرّير الّذي ضرب الأمانة بعرض الحائط وراح يسعى لتحقيق رغباته الجامحة في غياب سيّده المؤقت غير آبهٍ بعودته مُسْقِطًا من حساباته الحساب الأهمّ الّذي سيؤدّيه له متجاهلاٍ المصير المؤلم والمميت الّذي ينتظره.

¦أيّ عبد أنا؟

هنا أطرح السؤال على نفسي أوّلاً: أيّ عبدٍ أكون أمام شرّ يحصل ويلتهم الآخر؟ ماذا أفعل حيال ذاك الشّر؟هل أقف مكتوف الأيدي أتفرّج ، فأكون مُشاركًا بالجرم؟ إن كنت كذلك، أصلّي الآن إلى أبي السّماوي كي يهبني الثقة به.

فكما أعطاني بذاته نعمة معرفة الخطيئة وتمييزها، كذلك أعطاني نعمة الإيمان والرّجاء، فأتوب عن تخاذلي وينقص عدد الأشرار والخطأة واحدًا بين النّاس، كما ويتضاءل الشّر حتّى زواله إن صلّى اليوم كلّ خاطىءٍ تائبًا إلى الله بقلبٍ مخلصٍ متواضعٍ صادقٍ لأمانته عل ما أولاه الله عليه من خير.

الشاطر يلى بيخلص نفسه...

قد يبدو شعار القديس نعمة الله كساب الحرديني - "الشاطر يلي بيخلِّص نفسه" - أنانيًا للبعض.

أفلسنا مدعوين لكي نهتم بالآخرين؟ من يعرف سيرة القديس وغيرته الأخوية، لفهم أن مقصد الراهب اللبناني لم يكن الاستهتار بالآخرين. فجوهر المسيحية هو المحبة، ويخلص من يحب. ما المسألة إذا؟

نعمة الله يدعونا لنهتم دون أن ننهمّ، يدعونا لكي نعتني بالآخرين دون أن نضحي شرطة التفتيش في شؤونهم الشخصية ومسيرتهم الشخصية ومسيرتهم الشخصية نحو الرب (إلا إذا كنا المسؤولين الروحيين المباشرين عليهم) وإلا إذا كان ذلك من باب الإصلاح الأخوي الصادق الذي يتم نحو الشخص وليس من وراء ظهره.



تعليم القديس الحرديني يسلط ضوءًا جميلاً على معنى الحياة المسيحيّة الحقيقيّة.

ففي نهاية المطاف على ماذا يوبخنا يسوع؟ لا يوبخنا بالطبع على اهتمامنا به وبالآخرين بل على اهتمامنا بما لا يجب أن يهمنا، شأن الأمور الدنيويّة، وابتعادنا عن محور قداستنا الشخصية المتمثلة بقيامتنا بخدمتها بفرح، لأن الرب "يحب المعطي الفرحان". والشاطر يلي بيخلص نفسه...

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 departed souls, Fr Elias Ayoub, Antoun Azar, All the lost souls (B) Raymond, Hanne & Charbel Bazouni, Milia Bou Raidan (C) Youssef & Salha Chaya(D) Roumanos Dahdah and his parents and sister (E) (F) Ibrahim Hanna Fakhry and his deceased family (G) Colleen Madeline George, Helen George, Majid George, Youssef Salim El Khoury Gebrael (H) Madeline & Paul Haddad and son Joseph Haddad, Anis Jamil Haddad, Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Boutros & Lamia Hanna, Harbieh Family (I) (K) Naim & George Khattar, Karam Antonios Karam (J) (L) Peter Lichaa and his wife Marie, Youssef Lichaa, Simon & Hannah Licha (M) Anthony Mamah Moses and Moses Family, Arthur (Otre) Moses, Elias Barbar Moussa, Boutros & Johra Moussa, John Toufic Merhi, Ghantous Jabbour Mikhael and his wife Jamile, Therese Melhem, Semaan & Karimeh Masri, Youssef Leechaa Malkoun, Youssef Maroun and his wife Ghssoun, Hamid George Masri (N) Jamil, Badwi, Hasna & Yasmine Ndaira (O) (P) (Q) (R) Milia Bou Raidan, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus, Raymond & Etour Romanos and their son Joseph, Rouhana & Elaine Rahme, Raphael & Wajiha Rahme, Jabil Labbi Roumanus, Raidy Family (S) Boutros Kozhaya Sassine, Joseph John Saad & his wife Marie, Souls in Purgatory (T) (U) (V) (W) Jamil & Barbara Wehbe (Y) Saadallah Younan & Bis wife Raffa Maskingh (Z)

من العبودية الى القداسة... القديسة جوزفين بخيته

لا يعرف الاسم الحقيقي لجوزفين بخيته ولا تاريخ ميلادها, وانما يعرف بانها ولدت في دارفور حوالى سنة المعرف الاسم الحقيقي لجوزفين بخيته ولا تاريخ ميلادها, وانما يعرف بانها ولدت في دارفور حوالى سنة عندما بلغت التاسعة من عمرها هاجم تجار العبيد قريتها وتمكنو من خطف اختها البكر فقد كان السودان سوقا نشطا لعمليات خطف السود وتحويلهم لعبيد وفي ذالك الوقت كان السودان يخضع للسيطره المصريه البريطانيه، وفي عام ١٨٥٦ منعت تجاره العبيد في البلاد الا ان الحكومه كانت تغض الطرف عن

تعرضت بخيته لنفس مصير اختها عام ١٨٧٦ وسيقت للعبوديه, وقد دونت في مذكراتها ان خاطفيها كانو من النخاسين العرب(انذاك) الذين قاموا ببيعها مرات عديده في الاسواق وتعزو بخيته نسيان اسمها الحقيقي لما واجهته من عذاب وترهيب.وكان اسم (بخيته) هو الاسم الذي اطلقه عليها مالكوها و كتبت في مذكراتها انها عانت اشد الالام النفسية و الجسدية التي تركت اثرا بالغا رافقها طوال حياتها.

في النهايه بيعت بخيتة الى القنصل الايطالي كاليستو ليجاني بالخرطوم وكان هو وأسرته يعاملونها جيدا و صارت مربية لابنتيهما.

سنة ١٨٨٥ حينما قامت ثورة المهدى بالسودان اضطر القنصل الايطالى الى مغادرة السودان الى ايطاليا حيث اصطحب بخيته معه بعدها امتلك فندقا على ميناء سواكن على البحر الاحمر و لازمته اسرته واودعوا بخيتة لدى راهبات من فينسيا وهناك امنت بالمسيحية و بقيت معهم و لم ترغب في العودة الى السودان و حررت من العبودية حسب القانون الايطالى الذى لا يعترف بالعبودية اصلا.

نالت بخيتة سر المعمودية بعد عشر سنوات تقريبا اى فى سنة ١٨٩٥ واعطى لها اسم جديد وهو جوزفين و بعدها كرست حياتها بالكامل للخدمة الكنسية فى رهينة القديسة المجدلية راهبات الرحمة و الاحسان و ذلك فى ٨ ديسمبر ١٨٩٦ ثم انتقلت الى دير اخر بمنطقة شيو و قضت حوالى خمسين سنة و كان الجميع يحبها و لقبوها بالام السوداء الصغيرة . مرضت جوزفين بخيتة فى شيخوختها و انتقلت الى السماء فى ٨ فبراير ١٩٤٧ اعلنها قداسة البابا المتتبح طيب الذكر " يوحنا بولس الثانى" طوباوية فى ١٧ مايو سنة ١٩٩٢ ثم قديسة فى الاول من اكتوبر سنة ٢٠٠٠ و الجدير بالذكر ان القديسة جوزفين بخيته هى اول سودانية يتم اعلان قداستها تقديرا لسيرتها والتضحيات التى قدمتها خلال حياتها.

سينودس الأساقفة ... على الكنيسة أن تكون صديقة وتحنو حنو الأم على أولادها!



تضمن السينودس مواضيع عدة من بينها: مهمة الكنيسة التي لا يجب أن تخاف أن تذهب في الشوارع، وموضوع الكهنوت للأشخاص العازبين وقد تحدث عدة رؤساء أساقفة تباعاً وسلط منهم الضوء على أهمية الأشخاص الكبار في السن كمرجع للكنيسة والمجتمع.

تم التأكيد على أهمية الأشخاص الكبار في السن في الرعايا وبخاصة المتطوعين في الرعايا لأنه يوجد اليوم تفاوتاً في السعارف بين الاجيال ويشعر الكبار في السن اليوم بأنهم أقل أهمية من غيرهم ومع تطور التكنولوجيا والأمور اليومية بدأوا يصبحون منسيين في نظر البعض.

هذا ووجب التأكيد على قبول الأشخاص كما هم بحضورهم الملموس ومهمة الكهنة بمساعدة من اختبروا العشل لكي يبنوا الطريق للإتحاد الكامل مع الكنيسة. لا يجب

على الراعي أن يستثني الأغنام بل أن يجمعها ومن هنا يجب العمل على أمور توصل الجميع الى هذه النتائج من خلال تأمل روحي للكهنة.

التحضير لسر الزواج مهم مع أن الكنيسة تشهد لبطلان زواج كثير إلا أن الأمر يجب أنه يجب مع ذلك أن يرافق كاهن دائماً الشريكين اللذين يتحضران لسر الزواج لتفادي أي مشكلات ممكن أن تتأتى لاحقا بسبب تغييرات فكرية وثقافية...ويجب أن يعرف الزواج كتأسيس لعائلة مسيحية، ويجب إيجاد حلول للمشاكل على الصعيدين القاري والوطني.

كيف تتم مساعدة العائلة؟ بعيش العدالة بين الرجل والمرأة، والعلاقة الواعية بين الأجيال، ومفهوم العائلة اليوم بحسب المعاني التي تحاصرها من حولها. الى جانب ذلك طرح موضوع حول كيف تتم الاستجابة للتحديات والصعوبات في المجتمع المعاصر التي تضم العائلات، وفقدان الإيمان بسبب الأعمال الدرامية المرتبطة العنف والاضطهاد والهجرة؟

يجب مرافقة كل الناس ودعمهم وضمان استمرارية الزواج وكل استجابة رعوية اليوم يجب أن تنطلق من كلمة الله وما يود الله أن يكشفه للعائلة والزواج الى جانب بالطبع المدافعة عن سر الزواج. يجب على الكنيسة أن تكون صديقة للجميع وتحنو عليهم حنان الأم والمعلمة ومن هنا تتم إعادة اكتشاف العائلة التبشيرية وجمال العائلة التي تعيش الرسالة المسيحية.

لم تغب عن المحادثات التغييرات العصرية التي تطرأ الى جانب التحديات التي تواجهها العائلات بسبب العنف وبخاصة بما يتعلق بالأطفال والراشدين واللاجئين اليوم الذين هم على وشك خسارة هويتهم الكنسية...وهنا تم التطرق الى الزيجات من أديان مختلفة وتمت الدعوة الى حوار معمق بين الأديان.

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أُمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأَوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، فلا حَاجَةَ بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَبِّ يأْتي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَقُولُون: سَلامٌ وأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاصِ لِلحُبْلي، ولا يُفْلِتُون. أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإِخْوَة، فَلَسْنُم في ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِنَّكُم ذلكَ اليَومُ كالسَّارِق.

فأَنْتُم كُلُّكُم أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ ، وأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ ؛ ولَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيلِ ولا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَة. إِذًا فلا نَنَمْ كَسَائِرِ النَّاس، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرْ وَنَصْحُ؛ لأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فَفي اللَّيلِ يَنَامُون، والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهَارِ، فَلْنَصْحُ لابِسِينَ دِرْعَ الإِيْمَانِ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلاص.

فإِنَّ اللهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلغَضَب، بَلْ لإِحْزَازِ الخَلاصِ بَرَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيح، الَّذي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نِائِمِين. فَاذِلْكَ شَجِّعُوا بَعضُكُم بَعْضًا، وَلْيَبْنِ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرِ، كَمَا أَنْتُم فَاعِلُون.

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فل ۲ : ۱۲ – ۱۸ متی ۲۵ : ۱ – ۱۳ تريد الأن أن ترث الأرض حذار من أن <mark>ترثك هي.</mark>

قراءات الأحد القادم الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب

إن كنت وديعا ورثتها أو قاسيا ورثتك

<mark>سوف ترث</mark> الأرض حقًّا م<mark>تی تمسّکت</mark> بصائع ١ تس ٥ : ١ - ١١ السماء والأرض

~القديس اغسطينوس~

قَالَ الرّبُ يَسُوع: "مَنْ هُوَ العَبْدُ الأَمِينُ الحَكِيْمُ الَّذي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ في حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِذِلِكَ العَبْدِ الَّذي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلاً هكَذَا! أَلحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُم: إِنَّهُ يُقِيْمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعٍ مُمْتَلَكَاتِهِ.

ولكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذلِكَ العَبْدُ الشِّرِّيرُ في قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رِفَاقَهُ، ويَأْكُلُ ويَشْرَبُ مَعَ السِّكِّيرين، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ العَبْدِ في يَومِ لا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وفي سَاعَةٍ لا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، ويَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ المُرَائِينِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ البُكَاءُ وصريف الأسننان".

متى ۲٤ : ٤٥ – ٥١

صلاة الاسبوع

ربّي وإلهي، أعطني أن تكون وحدك الينبوع

الَّذي أستقى منه كلَّ شيء... وأن تكون مصدر كلّ شيء...وغاية كلّ شيء... فأستحق أن أهديك حياتي، في هذه الحياة التي هي منك، وأن أنتظر لحظة لقائك بشوق

وبأن أعيش الحياة الحقيقية الأبدية التي هي بقربك والتي أعددتها لمحبيك... لأجل كلّ هذا أعيش نعمة الإنتظار لا بخوف بل بفرح

فأنشد من المزمور ١٣٠:

"من الأعماق صرخت إليك يا رب يا سيد إستمع صوتى، لتكن أذناك مصغيتين إلى صوت تضرعي... إنتظرت الرب، إنتظرته نفسي ورجوت كلمته... إنتظار نفسي للرب أشد من انتظار الرقباء للصبح والساهرين للفجر، فإنّ عند الرحمة وعنده فداءً كثيرًا"،

لك المجد والتسبيح إلى الأبد."

آمين!



قدّاسات يوم الأحد

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان – هاريس بارك 8:00 (عربي)، 9:30 (إنكليزي)، 11:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)،5:00 (عربي، إنكليزي)، 7:00 (إنكليزي) مركز قداس 6:00 ب. ظ. في كنيسة سانت باتريك، غيلدفورد(عربي، إنكليزي)

قدّاسات الأسبوع

الإثنين - الجمعة 7:00، 8.45 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً، الأربعاء 8.45،7:00 صباحاً و 5:30؛ 7:00 مساءً (انكليزي) السبت 7:30 صباحاً و 6:00 مساءً الإعترافات

مؤمنّة قبل وخلال قداس السبت الساعة 6:00 مساءً وقدّاسات الأحد أو بتحديد موعد خلال أيام الأسبوع

ساعات السجود

ساعات السجود: كل يوم خميس 8:00 – 9:00 مساءً 24 ساعة سجود أمام القربان: كل أول نهار جمعة من الشهر من الساعة 9:30 صباحاً لغاية السبت 7:30 صباحاً