

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 33 | Sunday 19 June 2022 | Third Sunday of Pentecost "Those who love me will keep my word" Jn 14: 21-27



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel of this Third Sunday of Pentecost, those who were closest to Jesus receive His last teachings and keep them faithfully. To those who love Him and live by the word of the Father, Jesus promises the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will enliven and perfect their knowledge and their faith. We also have received the Spirit, who brings us to God, puts us in living communication with Him, introduces us to the sacred depths of His mystery, and helps us to keep His word.

This is the heart of the relationship with God and of life with Him: keeping His word. That is to say, not only to know it but to live it. We could indeed know the Bible by heart, but if we do not live it every day, in all areas of our lives, it is of no use to us. To love Jesus is to live with Him, placing Him at the centre and heart of all our days.

Many people say they believe in God and that the Bible is the Word of God, but they only retain what they want, or the parts that suit them or do not inconvenience their lives. Is this love? Imagine two people in a relationship where one person only listens to part of what the other says and ignores the rest. This is certainly not a loving relationship.

In this Gospel, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will teach us everything. This is an important promise! Do we believe it? Do we turn to the Spirit in difficult times for guidance? Do we entrust ourselves to the Holy Spirit, this great gift of the Father to each one of us?

Let us on this Sunday stop for a moment and pray to the Holy Spirit to come and enlighten us, to teach us and help us to live in the love of the Lord.

Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome



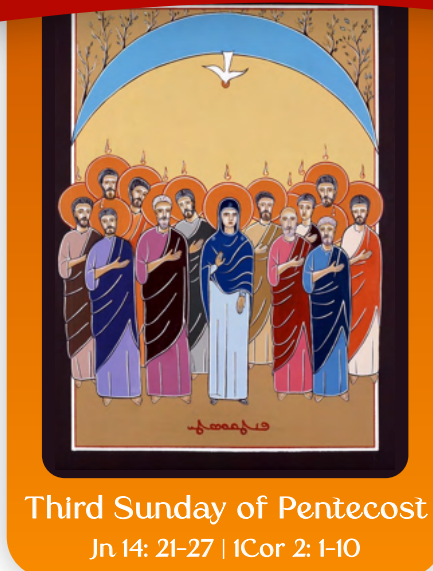
On Monday, I will depart to Rome, along with an Australian group of families, to participate in the Tenth World Meeting of Families from the 22nd to the 26th of June at the invitation of His Holiness Pope Francis. This year's theme is timeless - Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness. It reminds us that family love is a vocation and a way of holiness. It is intended to help us understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships every day.

Our Maronite parishes will also celebrate the World Meeting of Families locally from Friday 24 June to Sunday 26 June. This aims to highlight the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life.

We pray for every family that its members may feel called, guided and supported by the Lord on the path to holiness, especially families going through painful difficulties, that they may find concrete support in our community and never lose hope in God.

I wish you all a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay



SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

LOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8 a.m (Arabic)
9:30 a.m (English)
11 a.m (Ar/Eng)
5 p.m (Ar/Eng)
7 p.m (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7 a.m, 9 a.m & 6 p.m

Wed 7 a.m, 9 a.m & 5:30 p.m (Arabic)
7 p.m (English Youth)
Sat 7:30 a.m & 6 p.m (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday 6p.m
and Sunday Masses or by
appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:
Mon - Sat
8:30am (Arabic) | 7 p.m (English)
Divine Mercy followed by Rosary
Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30 a.m

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Monday to Friday
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9 a.m - 1 p.m

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We live our faith with our Mother, the Maronite Church, on this third Sunday and week of the Season of Pentecost, and we experience this faith in the Gospel of this Sunday to learn if we are truly living our Christian lives faithfully. In his letter, Saint Paul calls us to live by our deeds what the Lord Jesus has asked us to do. This Sunday's Gospel asks: what are the conditions for allowing Jesus to live in our hearts?

We often hear complaints that the "Mass is boring," "the priest is difficult to understand" or "the priest did not wow us with an exciting homily." We also hear complaints around the lack of exciting hymns, attendance on Holy Days of Obligation, etc. In addition, we hear comments such as "why can't our Mass be more like Hillsong?" These are some of the many complaints and criticisms we hear on a daily basis.

These complaints stem from our brains being over-stimulated by video games, addiction to smart phones and information overload from computers, television, social media and so on. But we need to pay careful attention to ensure that this problem is not being spilt over into our spiritual life. The following questions can help identify this issue: are we going from parish to parish seeking a buzz or something we can connect with to keep us entertained? Do we flirt with the idea of attending non-Catholic churches? Are our brains, craving more and more stimulation, incapable of finding peace?

In the closing lines of this week's Gospel we hear Jesus telling His Disciples "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27). We do not deny that the world "gives" us peace but the question is "for how long?" Yes, there are some good things that the world can give, after all God is the creator of the universe, but how do we use these things that the world is giving us? Are we using them to praise and adore the Creator or do we use them to our destruction? Jesus, as we know and are told by him, is "the way, the truth and the life!" (Jn 14:6) This same Jesus offers us peace that is everlasting, eternal and satisfying but the world is slowly trying to make Jesus irrelevant, outdated and too difficult to follow. It distracts us with mod-cons, with entertainment that is mind-stimulating for a few hours, social media apps and games that take away our boredom.

As for us, we go against the world to bear witness to Christ as he is in fact the One who is relevant to our time and every time. In our parish, we bore witness to the peace of Christ through the experience we lived last Thursday on the Feast of Corpus Christi, when we walked up the streets of Parramatta with the Most Holy Eucharist, from Saint Patrick's Cathedral to our own Cathedral. We then spent an hour of adoration before the Eucharist. It was an experience of peace through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the source of the only true peace in this world.

There was also another testimony to the Lord Jesus in our parish. On Saturday, 125 children had their First Holy Communion. On behalf of my brother priests, I would like to congratulate all these children and their families. I would like to also thank the Holy Communion teachers who have accompanied the children for the last five months, preparing them to receive this holy Sacrament. Your hard work and dedication are truly a testament to your love of Christ and His Church. May the Lord who is ever present in the Eucharist, be the source and summit of the abundant love of God in your lives.

I would like to invite you all to experience, once more, the peace of the Lord, by participating in the Rosary, procession and Mass on Friday 24 June, on the occasion of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is the peace of the Lord, to live our faith with our families and parish.

"O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like your heart"

Father Tony Sarkis

QUESTION

What is the plan of God regarding man and woman?

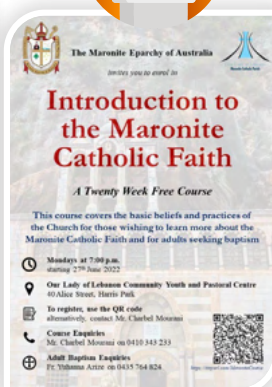
God who is love and who created man and woman for love has called them to love. By creating man and woman he called them to an intimate communion of life and of love in marriage: "So that they are no longer two, but one flesh" (Matthew 19:6). God said to them in blessing "Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28)!

ANSWER

UPCOMING EVENTS



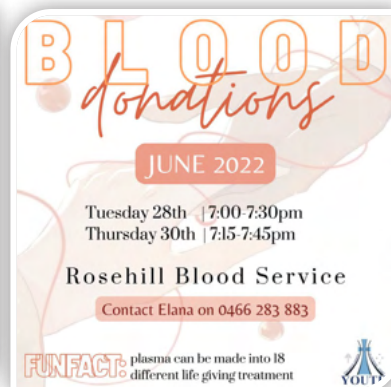
SPORT DAY OUT
TUESDAY, 12TH JULY
2:30PM - 10PM @ OLOL
\$25 ENTRY
WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE SPORTING GEAR OR JERSEY
YEARS 7-12
STRICTLY NO ENTRY AFTER 5PM
CONTACT JOEY 0405 122 064



The Maronite Eparchy of Australia
Introduction to the Maronite Catholic Faith
A Twenty Week Free Course
This course covers the basic beliefs and practices of the Church for those wishing to learn more about the Maronite Catholic Faith and for adults seeking baptism
Mondays at 7:00pm starting 27th June 2022
Our Lady of Lebanon Community Youth and Pastoral Centre
40 Alice Street, North Parramatta
To register, see the QR code alternatively, contact Ms. Charbel Monseur
Course Enquiries: Ms. Charbel Monseur on 0430 343 231
Adult Baptism Enquiries: Fr. Youssef Azzou on 0435 764 824



OLOL Family Communion group
IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS
i sing for joy
SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2022
8:30AM - 4:30PM
WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY WITH SPEAKER: HOUDA JILWAN
Day includes:
3 Mass, Adoration and Prayers
1 Time alone with a guided reflection
1 Talk
1 Small group discussion
1 Breakfast, morning tea & lunch
TXT Juliette on 0403 133 902 to register
Register before July 31. Cost is \$80. Age 25+
St. Joseph's Retreat Centre, Brookham Hills



BLOOD donations
JUNE 2022
Tuesday 28th | 7:00-7:30pm
Thursday 30th | 7:15-7:45pm
Rosehill Blood Service
Contact Elana on 0466 283 883
FUNFACT: plasma can be made into 18 different life giving treatment



MYO Grand Ball Sponsorship
PLATINUM \$5000
GOLD \$3000
SILVER \$1500
BRONZE \$500
COMMUNITY GIVERS \$250
Contact Chloe 0432 781 179



OLOL FAMILY COMMITTEE PRESENTS
Parenting FOR faith
MONDAY JULY 11, 7:30PM
AT OUR LADY OF LEBANON YOUTH CENTRE
40 ALICE ST, HARRIS PARK
Dr Andrew Mullins
SPECIALIST IN VALUES AND CHARACTER EDUCATION
Email enquiries to: Tonya.famlycommittee@olol.org.au



OLOL Family of Lebanon
Renewal of Marriage Vows
Sunday, 7th August 2022
The Family Committee is organizing a special 9:30am mass for the Renewal of Marriage Vows. It will include a very special recognition of couples celebrating 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 years of marriage any time in 2022. Reserved seats, certificates and a special gift will be presented on the day.
If you are in this category please email famlycommittee@olol.org.au to register your names.



JOIN OLOL FERSHEN AL ADRA TO A
MOVIE/PIZZA NIGHT
BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE
THE HELLBOY
SATURDAY, JULY 2ND OLOL YOUTH CENTRE FROM 6:30PM TO 9PM
NIGHT INCLUDES: FOOD, DRINK, MOVIES
Entry \$15 | Entry fee includes Pizza, Drink, Popcorn and Lollies | For any questions Please Contact Ann on 0466 755 538

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 19 June:

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Masses 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

11:00am One Year Mass for the late Emile Ibrahim Fakhri from Becharre

5:00pm The late Nachideh Elias Hazzouri widow of the late Hanna Melhem Hazzouri from Zgharta (died in Lebanon)

7:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Emile Elias Feghali from Bssous - Aley

Monday 20 June:

6:00pm the Late Samira Fahim Elias wife of Nabil Abou Abdo from Tannourine (died in Lebanon)

Thursday 23 June

10:30am Seniors Mass followed by lunch

Friday 24 June:

Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:30pm Rosary Prayers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Youssef Bakhos Sabat from Hadchit, Followed by Procession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the intention of families

Saturday 25 June:

6:00pm 40 Day Mass for the late Laure Dahdah from Basloukit wife of Farid Reich from Bnachii

Sunday 26 June:

4th Sunday of Pentecost – Blessed Yaacoub Kabbouchi

Masses 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am | 5:00pm | 7:00pm

9:30am One Year Mass for the late Michel Boutros Francis from Mazraat Al Teffah

11:00am Mass for the Feast of the Blessed Yaacoub Kabbouchi

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: x/x/2022

Plates: \$xx | **Donations:** \$xx | **Candles:** \$xx

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,740,247.98

UNITS: \$1,218,907.97

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$31,673 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$10,054 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

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

the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception welcomed 7 new members, three of the new members are now part of the English speaking group. The new members were presented with their books, scarf and medallion. A small gathering was held for them afterwards, a big congratulations to all!! After 9:30am Mass the Family Committee & Fersen hosted their Sunday brunch. It is a great way to meet other parish families and build friendships. Family brunches are held regularly so keep an eye out for the next one!

Last Thursday

the seniors committee with their spiritual leader Fr Youwakim celebrated Mass with the seniors and afterwards had lunch together with some entertainment. Fr Paul & Fr Bernard joined us, and it was nice to have been able to spend some time with them. We also celebrated some members birthdays, it was beautiful to see so many smiles on the seniors faces which brings us so much joy!

On Wednesday night

the Youth held their Faith on Fire talk presented by Fr Youssef Elias on the topic of "The Eucharist as a call to service".

Last Saturday

the teens held a games night after their spiritual lesson. The event was filled with a competitive bunch of young ones who also enjoyed dinner and drinks together. Whilst in the Fersen classrooms in the kindy students were learning about God the Father being a creator through hands on building craft. They also learnt the uniqueness of each person of the Trinity. Year 2 students learnt about the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

On Thursday evening

our parish celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. We started off with an opening Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. Afterwards we began our procession through the streets of Parramatta to OLOL chanting prayers & hymns. Once we arrived at OLOL we adored Jesus with solemn Adoration and then we concluded our evening with Mass followed by a light supper. It was such a joy to see so many parishioners join in celebrating this blessed feast.

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.

Pentecost
Spread the Flame



PARISH CAMERA



لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الجمعة ٢٤ حزيران

عيد قلب يسوع

٥:٣٠ صلاة مسبحة قلب يسوع
٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم يوسف باخوس صابات من حدشيت
يلي القداس زياح وتطواف قلب يسوع على نية العائلة

السبت ٢٥ حزيران

٦:٠٠ أربعون المرحومة لور ددح من بسلوقيت زوجة فريد رعيش من بنشعي

الأحد ٢٦ حزيران

الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة - الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي
القداسات ٨:٣٠ و ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم ميشال بطرس فرنسيس مطران صيدا
١١:٠٠ قداس بمناسبة عيد الطوباوي أبونا يعقوب الكبوشي

الأحد ١٩ حزيران

الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة

القداسات ٨:٣٠ و ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم إميل إبراهيم فخري من بشري
٥:٠٠ المرحومة نشيدة الياس الحزوري (أم البدوي) أرملة المرحوم حنا
ملحم الحزوري من زغرتا (متوفاة في لبنان)
٧:٠٠ أربعون المرحوم إميل الياس الفغالي من بسوس - عاليه

الإثنين ٢٠ حزيران

٦:٠٠ المرحومة سميرة فهيم الياس زوجة نبيل أبو عبود من تورتين (متوفاة في لبنان)

الخميس ٢٣ حزيران

١٠:٣٠ قداس للمسنين يليه غداء



نقهم ونعرف ونؤمن ونشارك في القداس الإلهي

رتبة الدخول " هي إحتفال يضم موكب المحتفلين والمعاونين. يسير في " مقدمة الموكب حامل الصليب يتبعه حاملو الشموع والبخور. يرافق هذا الاحتفال نشيد او مزموير يوافق العيد والحدث الطقسي. يُختم احتفال الدخول بالوقوف أمام المذبح والسجود أمامه مرفقا بترتيل "لبيتخ الوهو" ويجب أن يُرتل في السريانية في كل الكنائس المارونية. وفي القداس الماروني ثلاث أناشيد الزامية في السريانية هي: نشيد الدخول ونشيد قديسات الوهو" ونص الكلام الجوهرى".



صلاة

ربّي وإلهي إستيقظت اليوم على سماع صوتاً يهمسُ بأذني "أنت إبنّي، وأنا اليوم ولدتُك" وأدركتُ كم هي عظيمةُ حكمك التي أحتيتني أنا الإنسان الخاطيء. أجل، كم هي عظيمةُ نعمتك عليّ إذ أعطيتني بالإبن الحبيب وروحك القدوس أن أمجد أسمك القدوس: أن أُطيعك خُباً بك يا أبّي؛ أعطيتني أن أكون إبناً لك يعرفُك ويحمل أسمك القدوس. لذا أرجو أن أخدمك بخدمة الآخرين جسدياً وروحياً من دون خوف بكلّ صدق وأمانة بقلبٍ رحوم على مثال قلبك القدوس، والشكر لك على الدوام، **أمين**



القلب الأقدس

عيد قلب يسوع ٢٤ حزيران

في ضوء الكتاب المقدس، مصطلح "قلب يسوع الأقدس" يدل على سر المسيح الكامل، وكيانه كله، وشخصه بتجليه الأكثر جوهرية: ابن الله، الحكمة غير المخلوقة. الصلاح اللامتناهي، أساس خلاص وتقدس البشرية.

القلب الأقدس هو المسيح، الكلمة المتجسد، المخلص، التي يحتوي جوهرية، في الروح، حب إلهي بشري لا متناهي للآب ولإخوته. في عام ١٨٨٩ رفعه البابا ليون الثالث عشر إلى رتبة الأعياد الأولى وكّرس العالم كله الى قلب يسوع قائلاً: "من خلال تكريس ذواتنا، لا نعتزف فقط بسلطته ونقبل بها علناً وبحرية، بل نشهد في الحقيقة أن لو كان ما نعطيهِ هو ملكنا، لكننا نعطيهِ برغبة أكبر، ونطلب منه أن يقبل منا بلطافة ذلك الشيء على الرغم من أنه ملكه". وكانت عبادة القلب الأقدس أيضاً عنصراً أساسياً في تعليم القديس البابا يوحنا بولس الثاني عن أهمية الكرازة الإنجيلية الجديدة في حياة الكنيسة الكاثوليكية فلا بد من الاعتراف بقلب المسيح كقلب الكنيسة: هو الذي يدعونا إلى الاهتداء والمصالحة. هو الذي يرشد القلوب النقية والمتعطشة إلى العدالة على درب التطويات. هو الذي يُتمم الشركة الودية لأعضاء الجسد الواحد. هو الذي يسمح لنا بالتقيد بالبشرى السارة وقبول الوعد بالحياة الأبدية. هو الذي يرسلنا لنقوم بمهمتنا. فالعلاقة القلبية مع يسوع توضع القلب البشري على مستوى شامل. لنأمل اخوتي بعضمة هذا القلب المحب ونسأل الرب يسوع أن يجعل قلبنا مثل قلبه.

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) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Tanos Elias Elkazzi and all his faithful departed, Matthew Essey (F) Latife Francis (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph (K) Genevieve Khoury & all departed of Elzahoul & Khoury Families, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Anthony Mamah Salim Moses, Yvonne Kathleen Salim Moses and all the departed of the Moses Family, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa, Boutros & Mountaha Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibe Roumanus, Peter Chehade Roumanos, Rizk Family (S) Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny Sassine, Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Salim & Saad Families, Saba Family, Youssef Bakhos Sabat, Marie Youssef Sleiman (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Gerages Tohme, Tanna Family (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)



عَيْتِنَا

كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس برك

عدد ٣٣ | الأحد ١٩ حزيران ٢٠٢٢ | الأحد الثالث من زمن العنصرة "مَنْ يُحِبُّنِي يَحْفَظْ كَلِمَتِي" يو ١٤، ٢١-٢٧



الأحد الثالث
من زمن العنصرة
يو ١٤، ٢١-٢٧ | ١٠-١١

شهر قلب يسوع
الأقدس

يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب
اجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك



كلمة الحارم

سلام المسيح سلامنا

إخوتي وأخواتي الأحباء،

وكما أخبرنا بنفسه، هو "الطريق والحق والحياة!" (يو ١٤: ٦). إنه يسوع نفسه الذي يمنحنا السلام الدائم الأبدي الكافي، لكنّ العالم يحاول رويداً رويداً أن يجعل منه شخصاً غير ملائم للعصر، فاته الزمن ومن الصعب جداً اتباعه. العالم يلهمنا بأحدث الأجهزة، وبوسائل تسليّة تحفز الفكر لوضع ساعات، وتطبيقات ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي وألعاب بحجة تخليصنا من الضرر.

أما نحن، فنمشي عكس هذا العالم لنشهد للمسيح لأنه هو من يلائم عصرنا وكل عصر. وقد شهدنا لسلام المسيح من خلال الخبرة التي عشناها الخميس الماضي، عيد خميس الجسد، حين قمنا بتطواف بالقربان الأقدس في شوارع باراماتا، من كاتدرائية القديس باتريك إلى كاتدرائيتنا، ثم أمضينا ساعة سجود أمام القربان. لقد كان اختباراً للسلام من خلال سر القربان، مصدر السلام الحقيقي الوحيد في هذا العالم.

وكانت هناك شهادة أخرى للرب يسوع الأسبوع الماضي في رعييتنا. فأمس السبت، قبل ١٢٥ طفلاً قربانتهم الأولى. باسم إخوتي الكهنة، أود أن أهنئ جميع هؤلاء الأطفال وعائلاتهم. أود أيضاً أن أشكر معلّمي القربانة الأولى الذين رافقوا الأطفال خلال الشهور الخمسة الأخيرة لتحضيرهم لاستقبال هذا السر المقدس. عملكم الدؤوب والتزامكم شهادة حقّة لحكم للمسيح وكنيستته. ليكن الرب الحاضر دائماً في الإفخارستيا، مصدر حبّ الله السخي في حياتكم وقمة هذا الحب.

وأدعوكم جميعاً لإختبار آخر لعيش سلام الرب، من خلال المشاركة في مسيحة وزياح وقداش قلب يسوع يوم الجمعة المقبل ٢٤ حزيران لمناسبة عيد قلب يسوع الأقدس. هذا هو سلام الرب، أن نعيش إيماننا في قلب عائلتنا ورعييتنا.

"يا يسوع الوديع والمتواضع القلب، اجعل قلبنا مثل قلبك"

الموحي طوفيه سرّيسه

نعيش إيماننا مع أمنا الكنيسة المارونية في الأحد والأسبوع الثالث من زمن العنصرة، ونختبره في إنجيل هذا الأحد لنعرف إن كنا نعيش حقاً حياتنا المسيحية بأمانة. يدعونا القديس بولس في رسالته لنعيش بأعمالنا ما يطلبه منا الرب يسوع. وإنجيل هذا الأحد يسأل: ما هي الشروط للسماح ليسوع لكي يعيش في قلوبنا؟

لطالما سمعنا تذكّرات من أنّ "القداش مضجر"، أو أنّ "فهم الكاهن صعب" أو أنّ "الكاهن لم يدهشنا بعضة مذهلة". ثم نسمع تذكّرات من الافتقار إلى ترانيم رائعة أو من الحضور في الأيام المقدسة الملزمة، إلخ. نسمع أيضاً تعليقات مثل "لماذا لا يمكن لقداشنا أن يكون مثل الهيلسونغ؟" هذا بعض من الشكاوى والانتقادات الكثيرة التي نسمعها يومياً.

تتبع هذه الشكاوى من كون أذهاننا محفّزة بشكل مفرط بألعاب الفيديو، والإدمان على الهواتف الذكية، والمعلومات الفائضة الآتية من الكمبيوتر، والتلفزيون، ووسائل التواصل الاجتماعي، وسواها. لكن يجب علينا أن ننتبه بعناية للتأكد من عدم تسرب هذه المشكلة إلى حياتنا الروحية. من الأسئلة التالية تساعد في تحديد المسألة: هل نذهب من رعية إلى رعية بحثاً عن الثروة أو عن شيء نستطيع الانتساب إليه لننسى؟ هل نغازل فكرة الذهاب إلى كنائس غير كاثوليكية؟ هل أن أذهاننا التّوّاقة إلى التحفيز أكثر فأكثر غير قادرة على العثور على السلام؟

في السطور الأخيرة من إنجيل هذا الأسبوع، نسمع يسوع يقول لتلاميذه "السلام أستودعكم، سلامي أعطيتكم. لا كما يعطيه العالم أنا أعطيتكم" (يو ١٤: ٢٧). لا ننكر أن العالم "يعطينا" السلام، لكنّ السؤال هو "إلى متى؟ نعم، هناك أشياء جيدة يستطيع العالم أن يقدمها، ففي نهاية المطاف، الله هو خالق الكون. لكن كيف نستعمل هذه الأشياء التي يعطيها العالم؟ هل نستخدمها لتسبيح الخالق وعبادته، أم نستخدمها لتدمير أنفسنا؟ إن يسوع، كما نعلم