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WEEKLY BULLETIN - March 8, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

MEET OUR PRIESTS

Pastor

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305.807.9087 pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Andrawos El Tabchi 978-241-2977 pv@stanthonylawrence.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations:

Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Donations:

Church:\$500

Priest : Free Will

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or una-ble to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home.

Please refer to our web-site for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Daily Liturgies

M & W: 9 AM

Tue. & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies: Saturday:

4 PM Vigil

Sunday Liturgies:

8:15 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH SECRETARY:

Pat McKeever:

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MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou Visiting
Deacon

Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT– HEALING THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

أحد الثاني من الصوم - شفاء النازفة

Sat	Mar.7	4:00 PM	For: 40 Day Anniversary– Ida Thomas <i>By Phyllis Thomas and Family</i>
Sun	Mar.8	8:15 AM	For: + Jamil, Nadia, Angelle Abdel Hay & Abdallah Sfeir <i>By Beshara & Huguette Sfeir and Daughter Tia</i>
		9:30 AM	For: + Elie Boutros <i>By The Pastor</i>
		11:30 AM	For: Saide Alghoul <i>By Her Children Walid, Tony and their families</i>
			For: 40 Day Anniversary—Joseph Jabbour <i>By His Sister Mouna wife of Kamil Hbaiter and Family</i>
Mon	Mar. 9	9:00 AM	For: Private Intentions <i>By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Helou & Family</i>
Tue	Mar. 10	7:00 PM	For: Tony Abou Jaoude (Birthday) <i>By His Parents Tony & Bassima Abou Jaoude and Family</i>
Wed	Mar. 11	9:00 AM	For: +Chris Seiler <i>By Subdeacon James Demers and Family</i>
Thu	Mar. 12	7:00 PM	For: Katherine Veilleux (Birthday) <i>By her Family</i>
Fri	Mar. 13	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT– PARABLE OF PRODIGAL SON

أحد الثالث من الصوم - الأبن الضال

Sat	Mar.14	4:00 PM	For: +Rocco Rossi <i>By his wife Theresa, Sons: Roy & wife Donna, Robert & Wife Lisa and family</i>
Sun	Mar.15	8:15 AM	For: Marc Abou Ezzi (Birthday) <i>By His Parents George and Mirna Abou Ezzi and Siblings</i>
		9:30 AM	For: + Ida Thomas <i>By Subdeacon James Demers and Family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: + Child Marvin Hobeika <i>By His Aunts; Jeicy El-Hajj, Joelle wife of Henry Sader and Family</i>

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

RIGHT & LEFT

Sanctuary Lamps will burn:

In Memory of Ida Thomas

*Offered by Her Daughter in Law
Phyllis Thomas and Grand Children
John and Christine and their
families*

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

First Communion Reconciliation Saturday, March 7

George Ata	Rebecca Merheb
Breanna Ata	Calrice Ramy
Sabine Atallah	Matthew Saab
Anthony Azzi	John Saad
Robert Danus	Isabella Samaan
Kyle Feghali	Selena Santana
Michael Karam	Alexander Saysouk
Eva Marie Khoury	Prestly Sfier
Breanne Maroon	Temmer Zoueïn

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00
Total Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 6,278.58
Total Eparchial Dues	\$3,721.67
Monthly Operational Costs	\$25,260.25
Weekly Collection Needed	\$6,250.00

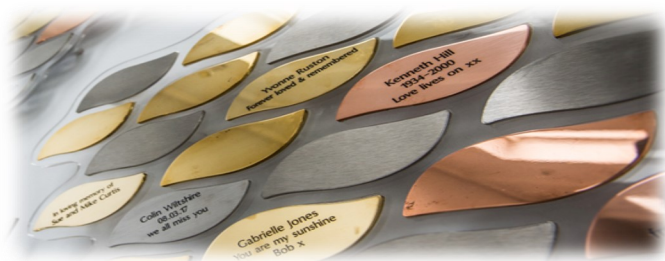
TO MEET OUR FIXED MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL-Parish Dues \$7,500

Supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL. **Apply Online:** stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/



TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 / 4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by phone: **978.685.7233**

E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS Feb.29-Mar.1

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 4,325.18
Short from Our Goal	\$ 1,924.82
Candles	\$ 261.10
Donations	\$ 1,500.00
Utilities: Fuel & Electricity	\$ 1,165.00
Ash Monday	\$ 135.00
Donations (Liturgies, Stipend, Baptism)	\$ 415.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 4,695.00
Total Deposit	\$ 12,496.28

SAINT ANTHONY's Parish depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations.

Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

FORMED Parish Code: N3CCNK
Stanthonychurch.formed.org

WELCOME: Formed.org has been purchased by our parish for you, as a parishioner, to enjoy a multitude of media, at no cost to you! It includes movies, documentaries, books, audiobooks, podcasts, study materials, and so much more!

WHAT IS IT? Think of it like Netflix for Catholics. And there is a lot to see and hear! And best of all, there is no charge to you.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education

ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of Mary

kom@stanthonylawrence.org

Maronite Youth : MYO

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Publishing: Bulletin

bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Daughter's of St. Anthony

Family of St. Sharbel

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

M-WINE

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

Sacristan (s)

Sunshine Committee

Women's Ministry

PARISH RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.stanthonylawrence.org

Membership Registration

Under Welcome

Baptism & Confirmation:

Guidelines & Registration

Under Sacraments –Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:

Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana

Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

CALENDAR & EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

What a wonderful weekend!!! Thank you to the families that brought their children to liturgy on Sunday morning with the Bishop. We had a great turn out and wasn't the Bishop thrilled when the children presented him with a cake to celebrate his anniversary.

Congratulations to the children in the First Communion class that served the liturgy as well.

Just a reminder that there are **no Sunday's off in March**. Religious Education meets weekly up to, and including March 29.

Rice Bowls: Our Religious Education program, along with 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, will participate in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS rice bowls. **Bowls had been distributed Sunday, February 16, and will be collected back on Sunday, March 22.**

Meetings & Events

KNIGHTS OF MARY

kom@stanthonylawrence.org

Upcoming Session: March 14th

MARONITE YOUTH - MYO

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Lenten Retreat: March 14– All Day MVCYC Retreat

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Practice: Sat., March 7 @ 5PM - 6:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Meeting: Saturday, March 7 @ 11 AM

For more information: Sub Deacon Jim at 978-685-8423.

MYA - MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN RETREAT

Wednesday March 11 from 10am-2pm - Parish Center

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - أخوية سيدة لبنان

تجتمع الأخوية السبت الأول والثالث من كل شهر

- **اللقاء القادم: 7 آذار 2020 - الساعة 10:30 صباحاً --** يلي كل لقاء روجي لقاء مشاركة في صلاة الرعية.

FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL— عائلة مار شربل

Thursday, March 19 - آذار 19 أخميس

ARABIC SCHOOL Hitafnammour@gmail.com

Classes are scheduled every Saturday @ 9 AM.



PARISH

LENTEN SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
EVERY FRIDAY AT 7PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday: 7:30PM –8:30PM

BIBLE STUDY

The 20-session *Acts*: Bible Course sessions are held every Wednesday at 6:30PM - Parish Hall

For more information, contact Deacon Michael
Phone 508-982-5130, or

FASTING FOR GREAT LENT—GUIDELINES

Fasting is the abstinence from eating and drinking from midnight till noon with the possibility of drinking water and consuming medication only.

Abstinence restricts us from eating meat and or dairy products. It is advisable that sick people and pregnant women should refrain from fasting.

The guidelines released by His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East are as follows:

- Fasting from midnight to midday on all weekdays: no food or drink is to be consumed, with the exception of water;
- Abstaining from consuming meat or dairy on the Fridays of Lent;
- Abstaining from meat throughout the first and last week of Lent (Holy Week);
- We do not fast or abstain on Saturdays and Sundays, with the exception of Easter Saturday, where fasting and abstinence are to be observed;
- In 2017, the following feast days fall within the Lenten Season: St John Maroun (2 March), The Forty Martyrs (9 March), St Joseph (19 March), St Rafqa (23 March), The Annunciation (25 March). We do not fast or abstain on these feast days.

It is important to note that food and water are always permitted when needed to take medicines or in case of illness or old age. A person who cannot fast or abstain may choose another form of penance.

MINISTRIES & SPIRITUALITIES

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

LENT is a time for Preparation, Repentance, Forgiveness, Cleansing, and Spiritual Growth.

St. Anthony's Men's Lent Retreat will take place at Most Holy Trinity Maronite Monastery in Petersham, MA on the weekend of Friday 03/13/20 to Sunday 03/15/20. Rooms are very limited, please reserve ASAP.

A \$50.00 is required. For any questions, please contact Deacon Michael at (508) 982-5130.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Hospice Services of MA is looking for volunteers to provide practical & emotional support to patients & families at the end of life.

Call Stacey Sherman @ 857-363-8194 for more details about this program.

CONGRATULATIONS

All Blessings to the **newly born** baby:

Ella Atallah, Child of George Atallah & Guila Fakhoury.

All Blessings to the **newly baptized** baby:

Jayce Joseph Juralewicz, Child of Daniel B. Juralewicz and Joanna Rose Solomon.

40 Days - 40 Items

February 24 -First day of LENT

The M-WINE organization has a challenge for you!!!

Each day of lent, remove one item from your pantry that you gave up on and put it in the attached bag!!

At the end of the Lent, DONATE those items to the families in NEED.

Drop off your bags at the church !!!

Thank you for your commitment.

M-WINE Organization-St. Anthony Maronite Church, Lawrence - MA

SPIRITUAL CORNER

OUR CONGENITAL COMPLEXITY *By Ronald Rolheiser*

The renowned spiritual writer, Ruth Burrows, begins her autobiography with these words: “I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity. For long I have puzzled over the causes of my psychological anguish.”

Unfortunately, to our loss, too many spiritual biographies don’t begin like this, that is, by recognizing right at the start the bewildering, pathological complexity inside our own nature. We’re not simple in heart, mind, and soul, nor indeed even in body. Each of us has enough complexity within us to write our own treatise on abnormal psychology.

And that complexity must not only be recognized, it needs to be respected and hallowed because it stems not for what’s worst in us but from what’s best in us. We’re complex because what beguiles us inside and tempts us in every direction is not, first of all, the wiliness of the devil but rather the image and likeness of God. Inside us there’s a divine fire, a greatness, which gives us infinite depth, insatiable desires, and enough luminosity to bewilder every psychologist. The image and likeness of God inside us, as John of the Cross writes, renders our hearts, minds, and souls “caverns” too deep to ever be filled in or fully understood.

It’s my belief that Christian spirituality, at least in its popular preaching and catechesis, has too often not taken this seriously enough. In short, the impression has too much been given that Christian discipleship shouldn’t be complicated: Why all this resistance within you! What’s wrong with you! But, as we know from our own experience, our innate complexity is forever throwing up complications and resistances to becoming a saint, to “willing the one thing”. Moreover, because our complexity hasn’t been recognized and honored spiritually we often feel guilty about it: Why am I so complicated? Why do I have all these questions? Why am I so often confused? Why is sex such a powerful impulse? Why do I have some many temptations?

The simple answer: Because we are born with a godly fire within. Thus the source of so many of our confusions, temptations, and resistances comes as much what best in as from the wiles of the Satan and the world.

What should we do in in the face of our own bewildering complexity?

Some Counsels for the Long Haul:

- *Honor and hallow your complexity:* Accept that this is a God-given gift inside you and, at the end of the day, it’s what is best inside you. It’s what separates you from plants and animals. Their nature is simple, but having an immortal, infinite soul makes for lots of complications as you struggle to live out your life within the finitude that besets you.
- *Never underestimate your complexity – even as you resist massaging it:* Recognize and respect the “demons and angels” that roam freely inside your heart and mind. But don’t massage your complexity either, by fancying yourself as the tormented artist or as the existentialist who’s heroically out of step with life.
- *Befriend your shadow:* It’s the luminosity you’ve split off. Slowly, with proper caution and support, begin to face the inner things that frighten you.
- *Hallow the power and place of sexuality within you:* You’re incurably sexual, and for a godly reason. Never deny or denigrate the power of sexuality – even as you carry it with a proper chastity.
- *Name your wounds, grieve them, mourn your inconsummation.* Whatever wounds that you don’t grieve will eventually snakebite you. Accept and mourn the fact that here, in this life, there is no finished symphony.
- *Never let the “transcendental impulse” inside you become drugged or imprisoned.* Your complexity continually lets you know that you’re built for more than this life. Never deaden this impulse inside you. Learn to recognize, through your frustrations and fantasies, the ways you often imprison it.
- *Try to find a “higher love” by which to transcend the more immediate power of your natural instincts.* All miracles begin with falling in love. Hallow your spontaneous impulses and temptations by searching for that higher love and higher value towards which they’re pointing. Offering others your altruism and the gaze of admiration will feel so good and right that it will bring to fulfillment what you’re really yearning for.
- *Let your own complexity teach you understanding and empathy.* By being in touch with your own complexity you will eventually learn that nothing is foreign to you and that what you see on the newscasts each day mirrors what’s inside you.
- *Forgive yourself often.* Your complexity will trip you up many times and so you will need to forgive yourself many times. Live, knowing that God’s mercy is a well that’s never exhausted.
- *Live under God’s patience and understanding.* God is your builder, the architect who constructed you and who is responsible for your complexity. Trust that God understands. Trust that God is more anxious about you than you’re anxious about yourself. The God who knows all things also knows and appreciates why you struggle.

Bishop Appeal -Lent 2020 Parish Dues: \$7,500

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of preparation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I ask you to recall all the ways in which God has blessed you. As you reflect on that, I also ask you to consider supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

Seminarians: We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. ...Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal** will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: 20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.

Retired Priests: .. 15 retired priests ...we help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**

Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment....**"rainy day fund" if needed in the future.

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter. Gratefully yours in Christ ,

+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

FOOD COLLECTION

The list of recommended items to be donated for the Maronite Monks in Petersham are:

+Peanut Butter +Kashi Cereal +Low Carb Bread +Dried Prunes +Black Russian Pumpernickel Bread

Thank you for your support!

Please leave your donations in the Foyer.

<http://www.maronitemonks.org/>

SAVE THE DATES : July 8-12, 2020

57th National Maronite Convention

St. Anthony of Padua, Cincinnati, OH

For more information, visit: [ww.NAMNEWS.org](http://www.NAMNEWS.org)

Scholarship Application

Applications are now available for the **DCG Scholarships** for incoming CCHS Freshman, 2020-2021, school year. If you have been accepted into CCHS and you are a parishioner of Saint Anthony's, to download the scholarship application, please visit www.dcgfoundation.com.

****Applications are due April 15th****

To download your application, visit their website or contact Ken @ 508-633-0704

www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships/guidelines

Sections 1–6 must be completed in full, **mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2020** and forwarded to ALAA, P. O. Box 2244, Methuen, MA

EPISTLE READING - 2 Corinthians 7, 4-11

Brothers and sisters, I often boast about you; I have great pride in you; I am filled with consolation; I am overjoyed in all our affliction. For even when we came into Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were afflicted in every way disputes without and fears within. But God, who consoles the down-cast, consoled us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was consoled about you, as he told us of your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced still more. For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it (though I did regret it, for I see that I grieved you with that letter, though only briefly). Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance; for you felt a godly grief, so that you were not harmed in any way by us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves guiltless in the matter.

GOSPEL READING - Saint Luke 8,40-56.

When Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, 'Who touched me?' When all denied it, Peter said, 'Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you.' But Jesus said, 'Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me.' When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.' While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.' When Jesus heard this, he replied, 'Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.' When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, 'Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, 'Child, get up!' Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

AS WE PRAY, ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

March 8: Ghassan Abou Ezzi , Ramon Elbeery, Dalia Fakhry, Samer Geha, Therese Jbeily, Mary-Alice Kalil , Jackson Lenotte, Benjamin Nehme

March 9: Joe Lalo, Arthur Mansor IV , Juliana Saad

March 10: Tony Abou Jaoude, Chahine Ramey

March 11: Abraham Bashara, Maryann Hatem, Joshua Pelletier

March 12: Mark Khalife, Katelyn Maroon, Katherine Veilleux

March 13: Jaclyn Becotte, Peter Bou Saada, Sean Houry

March 14: Marc Abou-Ezzi ,Zeidan Ata ,Jessica Avedisian, Assaad Eid, Kamal Haddad, Christian Mazraani

March 15: Anthony Azzi, Ashley Hashem, Kristen Kassas, Adriana Ramey

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس 7:4-11

يا إخواني، إن لي عليكم دالة كبيرة، ولي بكم فخرًا عظيمًا. ولقد أمثلتُ تعزية، وأنا أفيضُ فرحًا في ضيقنا كله. فإننا لما وصلنا إلى مقدونية، لم يكن لجسدنا شيء من الراحة، بل كنا متضايقين في كل شيء، صراع من الخارج، وخوف من الداخل! لكن الله الذي يعزي المتواضعين عزانا بمجيء طيطس، لا بمجيئه فحسب، بل أيضًا بالتعزية التي تعزها بكم. وقد أخبرنا بأشقيتكم إينا، وحزنكم، وغيرتكم علي، حتى إني أردتُ فرحًا. وإذا كنتُ قد أحزنتكم برسالتي فلستُ نادياً على ذلك، مع أنني كنتُ قد ندمتُ، لأني أرى أن تلك الرسالة، ولو أحزنتكم إلى حين، قد سببت لي فرحًا كثيرًا، لا لأنكم حزنتم، بل لأن حزنكم أدى بكم إلى التوبة. فقد حزنتم حزنًا مرضيًا لله، كي لا تحسروا بسببنا في أي شيء؛ لأن الحزن المرضي لله يصنع توبة للخلاص لا ندم عليها، أما حزن العالم فيصنع موتًا. فأنظروا حزنكم هذا المرضي لله كم أنشأ فيكم من الاجتهاد، بل من الاعتدال، بل من الاستنكار، بل من الخوف، بل من الشوق، بل من الغيرة، بل من الإصرار على العقاب! وقد أظهرتم أنفسكم في كل ذلك أنكم أبرياء من هذا الأمر.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8:40-56

لما عاد يسوع، استقبله الجمع، لأنهم جميعهم كانوا ينتظرونه. وإذا برجل اسمه يائيرس، وكان رئيس المجمع، جاء فأرتمى على قدمي يسوع، وأخذ يتوسل إليه أن يدخل بيته، لأن له ابنةً وحيدة، عمرها نحو اثنتي عشرة سنة، قد أشرقت على الموت. وفيما هو ذاهب، كان الجموع يزحمونه. وكانت امرأة مصابة بنزف دم منذ اثنتي عشرة سنة، ولم يقدر أحد أن يشفيها. دنت من وراء يسوع، ولمست طرف رداءه، وفجأة وقفت نزف دمها. فقال يسوع: «من لمسني؟». «وأنتك الجميع. فقال بطرس ومن معه: «يا معلم، إن الجموع يزحمونك ويضايقونك!». «فقال يسوع: «إن واحدًا قد لمسني! فأني عرفت أن قوة قد خرجت مني!». «ورأت المرأة أن أمرها لم يخف عليه، فدنت مرتعدة وأرتمت على قدميه، وأعلنت أمام الشعب كله لماذا لمستته، وكيف شفيت للحال. فقال لها يسوع: «يا ابنتي، إيمانك خلصك! إذهبي بسلام!». «وفيما هو يتكلم، وصل واحد من دار رئيس المجمع يقول: «ماتت ابنتك! فلا تزعج المعلم!». «وسمع يسوع فأجابته: «لا تخف! يكفي أن تؤمن فتخيا ابنتك!». «ولما وصل إلى البيت، لم يدع أحدًا يدخل معه سوى بطرس ويوحنا ويعقوب وأبي الصبية وأمه. وكان الجميع يبكون عليها ويفرعون صدورهم. فقال: «لا تبكوا! إنها لم تمت. لكنّها نائمة!». فأخذوا يضحكون منه لعلمهم بأنها ماتت. أمّا هو فأمسك بيدها ونادى قائلاً: «أيتها الصبية، قومي!». «فعدت روحها إليها، وفجأة نهضت. ثم أمر بأن يطعموها. فدهش أبواها، وأوصاهما يسوع ألا يخبرا أحدًا بما حدث.

LECTORS

Sat., March 7 4:00 PM Christine Ryan

Sun., March 8

8:15 AM Huguette Sfeir

9:30 AM Jean Sarkis

11:30 AM Eng.: Christian Hbaiter

Arabic: Claudine Raad

Sat., March 14 4:00 PM Roy Rossi

Sun., March 15

8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour

9:30 AM CCD

11:30 AM Eng.: Serena Sader

Arabic: Joelle Sader

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., March 7

4:00 PM Elias Saab, Anthony Ata

Sun., March 8

8:15 AM Volunteers

9:30 AM Charbel Yammine - George Hbaiter

11:30 AM Anthony Sadek, Jason Maroun

Sat. March 14

4:00 PM Elias Saab, Anthony Ata

Sun., March 15

8:15 AM Volunteers

9:30 AM Caleb Hassan - Jason Demers

11:30 AM Andrew Azzi - Elias Azzi