

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



PARISH OFFICE: ... 978.685.7233 ... FAX: 978-688-4475 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

FRI 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SAT By Appointment

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael ... 305-807-9087

... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy

857-390-4838

... pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,

James T. Demers & David Leard

Sub-Deacons: Antoine Nammour

DAILY LITURGIES 9am

MON & WED (Arabic)

TUE & THU (English)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4:00PM (English)

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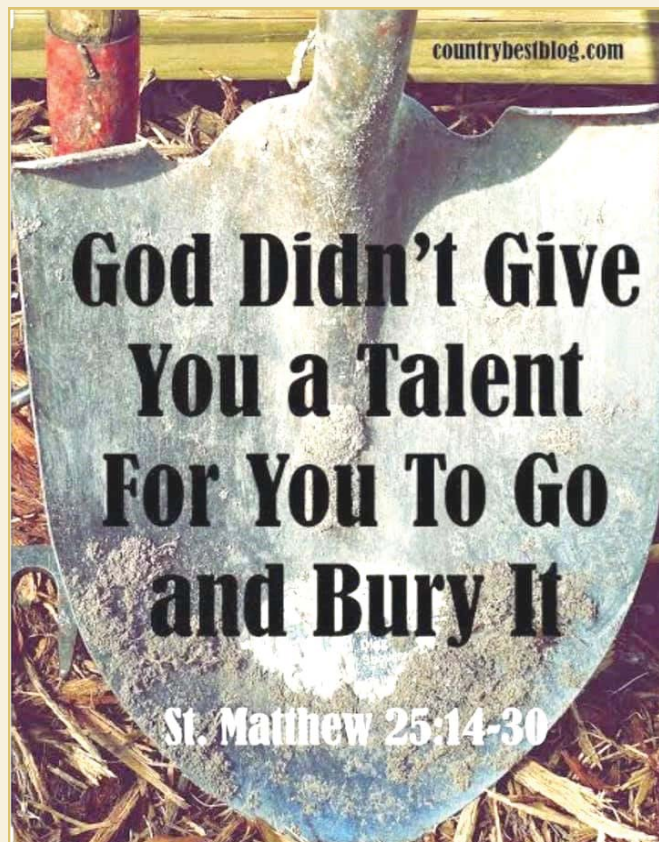
8:00AM (Arabic)

9:00AM (English)

11:00AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation: 1 month in advance with the Pastor, **Donations:** Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made by couples 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 unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines.

LITURGIES

Sixth Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب: مثل الوزنات

6th SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Pope St. John Paul II

4:00 pm For: +Maria Lannon, By Dora Pereira

Sunday, October 23, 2022

*St. Ignatius*8:00 am For: +Sabah Dagher, By his wife, Leila;
Children: Amal, Daad, Charbel,
Nora & Grand-Children9:00 am For: +Antoine Abou Ezzi, By his wife,
Sonia, & Family11:00 am For: + Fr. Abdallah Ramy By Peter &
Jean Sarkis & Family .7TH SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS
SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday, October 29, 2022

St. Anastasia

4:00 pm For: +Private Intentions.

Sunday, October 30, 2022

*St. Macarius*8:00 am For: +Elias Azzi & Deceased members
of his Family, By the Family.

9:00 am For: +Private Intentions.

11:00 am For: +Private Intentions.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday, October 24(Ar.)

St. Arethas & His Comapnions

1 Cor. 6:1-11 / Mt 13:1-9

9AM For: + Fr. Abdallah Ramy

By Deacon & Mrs. James Demers
& Family.

Tuesday, October 25 (En.)

St. Chrysanthus & his wife, Daria

1 Cor. 6:12-20 / Mt 13:10-17

9AM For: +Deceased Members of the
Goulart & Pereira Families,
By Dora Pereira.

Wednesday, October 26 (Ar.)

St. Demetrius

1 Cor. 7:1-3, 8-14,17,24 / Mt 13:18-23

9AM For: +Private Intentions

Thursday, October 27 (En.)

Sts. Capitolina & Eroteis

1 Cor. 7:25-35/ Mt 13:24-30

9AM For: +Robert Sacy, By Dr. & Mrs.
George Abou-Ezzi.

12 NOON -Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 28 -No Liturgy

St. Terence & His Companions

SECOND COLLECTIONS

World Mission Sunday
October 22 & 23Maronite Patriarchal Charities
November 12 & 13

PLEASE NOTE:

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority.
When necessary, they will be scheduled with
other previously reserved intentions.

CLERGY DAY OFF

Beginning this November

Fr Elie's DAY OFF: Mondays

Fr. Neemtallah's DAY OFF: Wednesdays



Sanctuary Lamps

*In Honor of Abouna Maroun
Bou-Khalil (Birthday)
& Lola Abou Khalil.*

*In Honor of
Kozhaya & Lola Abou Khalil & Family.*

KASSAS FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Scholarship Program -In Memory of Ibrahim, Sadie & Dalal Kassas

Scholarship applications are now available for the 2023 School Year.

This program is open to all sons and daughters of Saint Anthony's Church who are High School students going into College in 2023 or Students beginning their FIRST College Semester in January 2023.

**Please note- this Scholarship will be awarded strictly towards the students FIRST Semester of College.*

The financial need and the quality of the application are sole determinant of the selection.

For your convenience, applications can be found on our website:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/weekly-bulletin/>

or contact the Rectory during office hours.

APPLY TODAY!

Deadline to apply is October 31, 2022

The Feast Days of

All Saints & All Souls



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

All Saints Day—

Liturgy will be celebrated:

Monday, October 31st at 7PM, Ar.

Tuesday, November 1st at 9AM, En.

All Souls Day—

Liturgy will be celebrated:

Wednesday, November 2nd @ 9AM

Envelopes are available in the back of the Church for you to write the name of your loved ones. Kindly drop the envelope in the collection basket or to the office during office hours.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Banns of Marriage:

Nabil Bou Mitri & Tamar Aroyan

Third & Final Banns of Marriage:

Meghan Moses & Matthew Hutton

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DATE

FOR

Christmas Concert

12.17.2022

Reception to Follow



ENGLISH & ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

*Sessions will be held in person & virtually.
Virtual links will be sent to you via text
prior to each session.*

English Bible Study- October 27

Thursdays 7-8:30 pm

**With Deacon Jim Demers
& Deacon David Leard**

Arabic Bible Study-October 25

**Tuesdays 6-7pm
with Fr. Neemtallah**

Knights of Mary 2022-2023

Regular Session, November 5, 2022

Knights of Mary sessions will be
Bi Weekly from 5-7PM

Full Calendar:
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/>

BIBLE CAMP 2023

Looking forward to next year's
LOL Bible Camp!!! Save the dates -
July 12 -15, 2023

JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS
AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

Enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or in your Parish.

For more information about the Order, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel

Vice President, Charlene Hiffa at mchiffa@bellsouth.net or ask your Parish Priest.

If you are interested in becoming a Priest, Religious Sister, or Deacon, contact Vocations Director

Father Dominique Hanna at (718) 624-7228 or cathrectory@verizon.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-2023

SATURDAYS- TWICE A MONTH: 5PM-6:30 PM

Full Calendar Year: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/
calendar-classes-and-events/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/)

Next class:

October 22nd during our regular scheduled time.

We are in need of substitute teachers. If you would
like more information please contact us at lawrencere-ligiously@gmail.com

-Religious Education Team

Maronite Youth Organization - MYO

Meetings 6-7:30 PM

Sunday, October 30 - MYO Halloween Party

Full Calendar:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/>

MYO Regional Lock-in: December 3, 2022
St. Anthony of the Desert, Fall River, MA

Knights of the Altar 2022-2023

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/>

Full Altar Server Schedule can be found:
<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/knights-of-the-altar-calendar/>

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SYSTEM- Preparing for the New Year

Have you changed your address? Are you a new member or current member interested in being a part of our envelope system? Prefer to donate online and dislike wasting the paper envelopes? We can fix that!

As we approach the last Quarter of 2022, please be sure to update your records with the Parish office. Call or e-mail us at your earliest convenience and let us know!

Maronite Young Adults - MYA

MYA Registration now open to new members,
Ages 18-35

Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965

ST. ANTHONY'S BASKETBALL

5TH - 8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE

STARTING IN NOVEMBER

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO
REGISTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 7**



- Yours is the first of Christ's faces to greet God's people as they assemble for prayer.
- Yours is the word that welcomes the stranger to be at home.
- Yours is the task of discretion: knowing how to welcome, & when and where to seat the latecomer.
- Yours is the Lord's face and voice.
- Assist in passing the collection baskets
- Help the Communion flow
- Assist those who become ill or need aid
- Distribute bulletins & other materials
- After mass area check

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Support Saint
Anthony's
Church while

you shop this Holiday Season!

Remember to add *Saint Anthony Maronite Church* as you charity!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 22: Robyn Harb, Tony Kassas, Kaleigh Maroon, James Maroun, Norma Matar, James Pehl, Mounir Rizkallah, Renee Saad, Elie Tabet, Matthew Tarness

Oct. 23: Christopher Korbani, James Salem

Oct. 24: Mary Anne Alliegro

Oct. 25: Jessica Chaya, Jay Hachem, Samir Ramey, Joelle Sader

Oct. 26: Gary Abdulla, Christien Abi-Moussa, John Abi-Moussa, Roy Francis, Noreen Murphy, Kayla Salloum, Licia Zaaroor

Oct. 27: Karen Pelletier

Oct. 28: Jenna Beshara, Joanna Hayek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Oct. 22: Pierre & Eugenie Sahyouni

Oct. 23: Henry & Eleanor Abi-Moussa, Elias & Yulissa Azzi, George & Cynthia Kazanjian

Oct. 24: Roger & Diane Feghali, Kenneth & Linda Gabriel

Oct. 25: Elias & Marlene Chaya

Oct. 27: Elia & Carol Hbaiter

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22 - 4PM

Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, October 23-

8AM - Hitaf Nammour

9AM - David Brousseau

11:00AM Eng: Mounira Daher

Ar: Sleiman Ramy

Saturday, October 29 - 4PM

Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, October 30-

8AM - Mouna Hbaiter

9AM - Joseph Safi

11:00AM Eng: Mansour Chaya

Ar: Amale Chantiri

HOW TO PRAY WHEN WE DON'T FEEL LIKE IT*By Ronald Rolheiser*

If we only prayed when we felt like it, we wouldn't pray a lot.

Enthusiasm, good feelings, and fervor will not sustain anyone's prayer life for long, good will and firm intention notwithstanding. Our hearts and minds are complex and promiscuous, wild horses frolicking to their own tunes, with prayer frequently not on their agenda. The renowned mystic, John of the Cross teaches that, after an initial period of fervor in prayer, we will spend the bulk of our years struggling to pray discursively, dealing with boredom and distraction. So, the question becomes, how do we pray at those times when we are tired, distracted, bored, disinterested, and nursing a thousand other things in our heads and in our hearts? How do we pray when little inside us wants to pray? Especially, how do we pray at those moments when we have a positive distaste for prayer?

Monks have secrets worth knowing. The first secret we need to learn from them is the central place of ritual is sustaining a prayer-life. Monks pray a lot and regularly, but they never try to sustain their prayer on the basis of feelings. They sustain it through ritual. Monks pray together seven or eight times a day ritually. They gather in chapel and pray the ritual offices of the church (Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, Vespers, Compline) or they celebrate the Eucharist together. They don't always go there because they feel like it, they come because they are called to prayer, and then, with their hearts and minds perhaps less than enthusiastic about praying, they pray through the deepest part of themselves, their intention, and their will.

In the rule that St. Benedict wrote for monastic life there's an oft-quoted phrase. A monk's life, he writes, is to be ruled by the monastic bell. When the monastic bell rings, the monk is immediately to drop whatever he is doing and go to whatever that summons is calling him to, not because he wants to, but because it is time, and time is not our time, it's God's time. That's a valuable secret, particularly as it applies to prayer. We need to go pray regularly, not because we want to, but because it's time, and when we can't pray with our hearts and minds, we can still pray through our wills and through our bodies.

Yes, our bodies! We tend to forget that we are not disincarnate angels, pure heart and mind. We are also a body. Thus, when heart and mind struggle to engage in prayer, we can always still pray with our bodies. Classically, we have tried to do this through certain physical gestures and postures (making the sign of the cross, kneeling, raising our hands, joining hands, genuflection, prostration) and we should never underestimate or denigrate the importance of these bodily gestures. Simply put, when we can't pray in any other way, we can still pray through our bodies. (And, who is to say that a sincere bodily gesture is inferior as a prayer to a gesture of the heart or mind?) Personally, I much admire a particular bodily gesture, bowing down with one's head to the floor which Muslims do in their prayer. To do that is to have your body say to God, "Irrespective of whatever's on my mind and in my heart right now, I submit to your omnipotence, your holiness, your love." Whenever I do meditative prayer alone, normally I end it with this gesture.

Sometimes spiritual writers, catechists, and liturgists have failed us by not making it clear that prayer has different stages – and that affectivity, enthusiasm, fervor are only one stage, and the neophyte stage at that. As the great doctors and mystics of spirituality have universally taught, prayer, like love, goes through three phases. First comes fervor and enthusiasm; next comes the waning of fervor along with dryness and boredom, and finally comes proficiency, an ease, a certain sense of being at home in prayer that does not depend on affectivity and fervor but on a commitment to be present, irrespective of affective feeling.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer used to say this to a couple when officiating at their marriage. Today you are very much in love and believe that your love will sustain your marriage. It won't. Let your marriage [which is a ritual container] sustain your love. The same can be said about prayer. Fervor and enthusiasm will not sustain your prayer, but ritual can. When we struggle to pray with our minds and our hearts, we can still always pray through our wills and our bodies. Showing up can be prayer enough.

In a recent book, *Dearest Sister Wendy*, Robert Ellsberg quotes a comment by Michael Leach, who said this in relation to what he was experiencing in having to care long-term for his wife suffering from Alzheimer's. Falling in love is the easy part; learning to love is the hard part; and living in love is the best part. True too for prayer.

St Anthony-Grave Purchase & Burial

Grave Purchase—*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase–Double Depth: \$1900 (*one time fee*)
- Perpetual Care: \$200 (*one time fee*)
- Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100
- Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (*one time fee paid upon installation*)

Burial Costs (*Itemized*)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend (Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

**Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.*

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

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" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

CEMETERY LOT SALES & AVAILABILITY

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.

For more information:

By Phone (*During Office Hours*) 978-685-7233

Email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

or Visit: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: <https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>.

Please note: Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

Your contribution is tax deductible. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 or email us at:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

Sixth Sunday after the Cross

Book of Proverbs 6,6-11.

Go to the ant, you lazybones; consider its ways, and be wise. Without having any chief or officer or ruler, it prepares its food in summer, and gathers its sustenance in harvest. How long will you lie there, O lazybones? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want, like an armed warrior.

Letter to the Galatians 6,1-10.

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 25,14-30.

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



الأحد السادس بعد عيد الصليب: مثل الوزنات

سفر الأمثال 6:11-11

إِذْهَبْ إِلَى النَّمْلَةِ أَيُّهَا الْكَسْلَانُ. أَنْظِرْ إِلَى طُرُقِهَا وَكُنْ حَكِيمًا. إِنَّهَا لَيْسَ لَهَا قَائِدٌ وَلَا مُشْرِفٌ وَلَا حَاكِمٌ وَتُعِدُّ فِي الصَّيْفِ طَعَامَهَا وَتَجْمَعُ فِي الْحَصَادِ غِذَاءَهَا. إِلَى مَتَى تَرْقُدُ أَيُّهَا الْكَسْلَانُ؟ مَتَى تَنْهَضُ مِنْ نَوْمِكَ؟ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، قَلِيلٌ مِنَ الْعَفْوِ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ التَّكْثُفِ لِلرَّقَادِ، فَيَأْتِي عَوْرُكَ كَجَوَالٍ وَفَاقَتْكَ كَرَجُلٍ مُتَسَلِّحٍ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 6:1-10

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ أَخَذَ إِنْسَانٌ بَزَلَةً، فَأَصْلَحُوهُ أَنْتُمْ الرُّوحِيِّينَ بِرُوحِ الْوَدَاعَةِ، وَأَحْذَرِ أَنْتَ لِنَفْسِكَ لِنَلَّا تُجَرَّبَ أَيْضًا. إِحْمِلُوا بَعْضُكُمْ أَنْقَالَ بَعْضٍ، وَهَكَذَا أَيْتُمُوا شَرِيعَةَ الْمَسِيحِ. إِنْ ظَنَّ أَحَدٌ أَنَّهُ شَيْءٌ، وَهُوَ لَا شَيْءٌ، فَقَدْ خَدَعَ نَفْسَهُ. فَلْيَمْتَحِنْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ عَمَلَهُ، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَكُونُ افْتِحَارُهُ فِي نَفْسِهِ فَقَطْ لَا فِي غَيْرِهِ. فَإِنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ سَيَحْمِلُ جَمْلَهُ الْخَاصَّ. مَنْ يَتَعَلَّمُ كَلِمَةَ الْإِيمَانِ، فَلْيُشَارِكْ مُعَلِّمَهُ فِي جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ. لَا تَضِلُّوا! فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُسْتَهْزَأُ بِهِ. فَكُلُّ مَا يَزْرَعُهُ الْإِنْسَانُ، فَإِيَّاهُ يَحْصُدُ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي جَسَدِهِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الْجَسَدِ فَسَادًا؛ وَالَّذِي يَزْرَعُ فِي الرُّوحِ، يَحْصُدُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً. فَلَا نَمَلْ عَمَلِ الْخَيْرِ، وَلَا نَكِلْ، لِأَنَّنَا سَنَحْصُدُهُ فِي أَوَانِهِ. إِذَا فَمَا دَامَ لَنَا مُتَسَعٌ مِنَ الْوَقْتِ، فَلْنَصْنَعْ الْخَيْرَ إِلَى جَمِيعِ النَّاسِ، وَخُصُوصًا إِلَى أَهْلِ الْإِيمَانِ.

إنجيل القديس متى 25:14-30

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «يُشْبِهُ مَلَكُوتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ رَجُلًا أَرَادَ السَّفَرَ، فَدَعَا عَبِيدَهُ، وَسَلَّمَهُمْ أَمْوَالَهُ. فَأَعْطَى وَاحِدًا خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ، وَآخَرَ وَزْنَتَيْنِ، وَآخَرَ وَزَنَةً وَاحِدَةً، كُلًّا عَلَى قَدْرِ طَاقَتِهِ، وَسَافَرَ. وَفِي الْحَالِ مَضَى الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، وَتَاجَرَ بِهَا فَرَبِحَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى. وَكَذَلِكَ الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزْنَتَيْنِ رَبِحَ وَزْنَتَيْنِ أُخْرَيَيْنِ. أَمَّا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ فَمَضَى وَحَفَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَأَخْفَى فِضَّةَ سَيِّدِهِ. وَبَعْدَ زَمَانٍ طَوِيلٍ، عَادَ سَيِّدُ أَوْلِيكَ الْعَبِيدِ، وَحَاسَبَهُمْ. وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، فَقَدَّمَ خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَائِلًا: يَا سَيِّدِ، سَلَّمْتَنِي خَمْسَ وَزَنَاتٍ، وَهَذِهِ خَمْسُ وَزَنَاتٍ أُخْرَى قَدْ رَبِحْتُهَا! قَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتُ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرْحِ سَيِّدِكَ! وَدَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزْنَتَيْنِ فَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِ، سَلَّمْتَنِي وَزْنَتَيْنِ، وَهَاتَانِ وَزْنَتَانِ أُخْرَيَانِ قَدْ رَبِحْتُهُمَا. قَالَ لَهُ سَيِّدُهُ: يَا لَكَ عَبْدًا صَالِحًا وَأَمِينًا! كُنْتُ أَمِينًا عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ، سَأُقِيمُكَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ: ادْخُلْ إِلَى فَرْحِ سَيِّدِكَ! ثُمَّ دَنَا الَّذِي أَخَذَ الْوَزَنَةَ الْوَاحِدَةَ وَقَالَ: يَا سَيِّدِ، عَرَفْتُكَ رَجُلًا قَاسِيًا، تَحْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَزْرَعْ، وَتَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ تَبْذُرْ. فَخِفتُ وَذَهَبْتُ وَأَخْفَيْتُ وَزْنَتَكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، فَهَا هُوَ مَا لَكَ! فَأَجَابَ سَيِّدُهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا عَبْدًا شَرِيرًا كَسْلَانًا، عَرَفْتُ أَنِّي أَخْصُدُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَرْزَعْ، وَأَجْمَعُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ أَبْذُرْ، فَكَانَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تَضَعَ فِضَّتِي عَلَى طَاوِلَةِ الصَّيَّارِفَةِ، حَتَّى إِذَا عُدْتُ، أَسْتَرْجَعْتُ مَا لِي مَعَ فَائِدَتِهِ. فَخُذُوا مِنْهُ الْوَزَنَةَ وَأَعْطُوهَا لِمَنْ لَهُ الْوَزَنَاتُ الْعَشْرُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ لَهُ يُعْطَى وَيُزَادُ، وَمَنْ لَيْسَ لَهُ يُؤْخَذُ مِنْهُ حَتَّى مَا هُوَ لَهُ. وَهَذَا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي لَا نَفْعَ مِنْهُ أَخْرَجُوهُ وَأَلْقُوهُ فِي الظُّلْمَةِ الْبَرَّانِيَّةِ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيفُ الْأَسْنَانِ.

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