

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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His Name Is John

Luke 1:57-66,80

Birth of John the Baptist

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Birth of John the Baptist

Saturday, December 9

St. Francis of Paola

4:00 pm + 1st Anniversary for Joseph Perrone,
By his wife & son

Sunday, December 10

Pope St. Miltiades

8:00 am In Honor of Monica Abou-Ezzi, By
her family

9:30 am + Private Intentions

11:00 am + 40 Day Anniversary– Bassam
Tarabay, By his sister, Samo, & her
husband, Elton McGray
+ Jamileh (Barbar) & Chafic Zaarour,
By their daughters, Georgina Maroun
& Joumana Feghali, & their families

Revelation to Joseph

Saturday, December 16

Haggai the Prophet

4:00 pm + Bomar Kramer, By his wife, Barbara

Sunday, December 17

The 3 Young men: Ananias, Azarias, & Misael

8:00 am In Honor of Eliane Marie Asmar, By
Nada Asmar

9:30 am + In Honor of Fr. Elie Mikhael, By Lola
Abou Khalil

11:00 am + Bechir & Hadla Faris, By their sons,
Robert & Carl Faris, their spouses &
families

+ Marie Tayar & husband Elias El Achi,
By their children Salim El Achi,
Bassima Geha, Viviane Abou Aziz, &
their families

Daily Liturgies

Monday, December 11 (Ar.)

St. Daniel / Rom 9: 1-5 / Lk 1: 67-80

9:00 am In Honor of Abouna Maroon, &
good health for Kozhaya Abou
Khalil, By Lola Abou Khalil

Tuesday, December 12 (Eng.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe/ Rom 9: 6-13 / Mt 11: 11-15

9:00 am + Maurice Hatem, By his wife,
MaryAnn, daughter, Alyce, wife of
Pierre Sader, & grandchildren

Wednesday, December 13 (Ar.)

St. Lucy / Rom 9: 14-18 / Mt 17: 9-13

9:00 am + Deceased members of the Jabbour
Family, By Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter

Thursday, December 14 (Eng.)

St. Nemtallah El-Hardini/ Rom 9: 19-29 / Mt 21: 23-27

9:00 am + For baby Leo Alexander Maroun,
By his parents, Danny & Chantale
Maroun, & brother Lucas

Friday, December 15 - No Liturgy

St. Eleutherius & His Mother/ Rom 9: 30-33 / Mt 11:16-19

7:00 pm Christmas Novena

Sanctuary Lamps



In Loving Memory of Maurice Hatem,
By his wife, MaryAnn



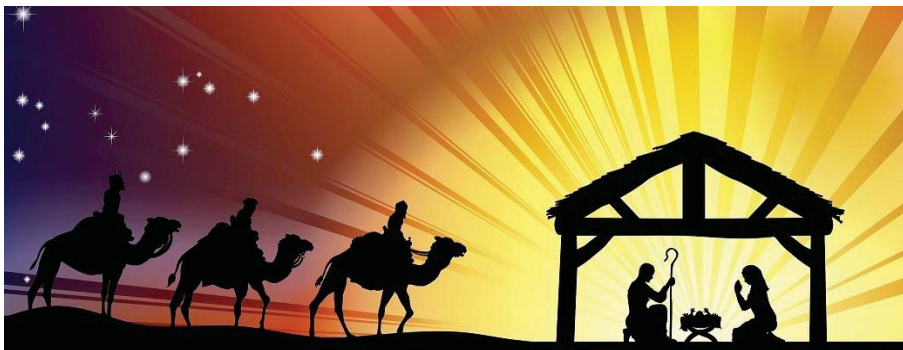
In Loving Memory of Maurice Hatem, By his
grandchildren, Michael, Nadine, & Kristine

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

PLEASE NOTE

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



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023:

10 am - Genealogy Sunday Liturgy (Eng & Ar)

4 pm - Christmas Vigil Liturgy (Eng)

Monday, December 25, 2023

12 am - Christmas Midnight Liturgy (Eng & Ar)

9:30 am - Christmas Liturgy (Arabic)

11 am - Christmas Liturgy (Eng & Ar)

*"It came, a floweret bright. to show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior"*

Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form

Poinsettias are \$15.00. Please make check payable to:

St Anthony Church

Donated By: _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Number of Poinsettias: _____

*Honor or Remember a loved one this Christmas by donating
a Poinsettia to be placed on the Sanctuary*

Observances

Tuesday, Dec 26: Felicitations to the Virgin Mary

Liturgy @ 7pm - Office Closed

Monday, January 1st, 2024: Happy New Year's Day

Office Closed

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Christmas Offering for the Pastor & for his Charities

December 24, & 25

Please remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope.

Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter!

OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm

FRI 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am

MON & WED (Ar)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8 am (Ar)- 9:30 am (Eng)

11 am (Eng.& Ar)

1st Friday of the Month:

6 pm - Confession / 7 pm - Liturgy

1st Sunday of the Month:

Youth Liturgy @ 5:00 pm

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

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:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers &

David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr Elie: Mondays

Fr. Neemtallah: Wednesdays

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.

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH
PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS RECITAL

“AND THE LIGHT SHINETH IN DARKNESS” (JOHN 1,5)

PERFORMED BY

SAINT ANTHONY'S CHOIRS

ACCOMPANIED BY

CHRISTMAS PLAY FEATURING OUR MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS (MYA)

FOLLOWED BY

CHRISTMAS COMPLIMENTARY DINNER IN THE PARISH HALL

Merry Christmas

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16, 2023 / 7:00 PM
145 AMESBURY ST. LAWRENCE, MA 01841

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL! WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ENJOY THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.



*Be a blessing adopt an Angel,
To help make Christmas brighter for others*

*As a Christmas gift of love and friendship
Our Angel Tree supports a neighbor in need
If you would like to help, Please Take an Angel Gift Tag
After purchasing the Gift,
Secure the Gift Tag to the Gift
Return it to the church or parish office by
Sunday, December 17th*

CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed:

Charlotte Mae Solomon
Daughter of Edmond & Jessica Solomon
Eliana Maria Sfeir
Daughter of Rock Sfeir & Nadine (Daou)

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." ~Mark 16:16

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 9 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, December 10 -

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Kyle Feghali

(Ar) Kenaan Tarabay

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 16 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, December 17 -

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Prepare ...
the way of the Lord ... our hearts ... our ways

December 15-23
Weekdays: 7PM
Weekends: Following Liturgies

Advent 2023

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Dec 9:** Anthony Bistany, Richard Habib, TJ Hatem, Amanda Iskandar, Maroun Kanaan, Alessia Karam, David Leard, Micha Tanios
- Dec 10:** Monica Abou-Ezzi, Hogn Belko, Hyam Bou Habib, Paulina Eid, Jaret Farhat, Robert Hamman, Diala Khoury, Lucas Levy, Jovani Nader, Maureen Tridenti
- Dec 11:** Kozhaya Abou Khalil, Rayan Alghoul, Jennifer Bassil, Joelle Ziade
- Dec 12:** William Gabriel, Fuad Hawwa, Roland Parent, Colette Sadek
- Dec 13:** Yolla Harb, Hadi Raad
- Dec 14:** Liam Azzi, Patricia El Hachem, Nicole Jacobs, Viviane Ramy, Linda Shadeed, Willis Thompson
- Dec 15:** Stella Giantonio

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- Dec 9:** David & Marilyn Leard, George & Fatme Ramey
- Dec 12:** Abdullah & Yolla Harb

CHOIR MINISTRY

"The church choir is the heart of the church, singing praises to the Lord."

Love to Sing? Join our Choir Ministry!

We would love to have you join our music ministry if you enjoy to sing or praising the Lord through songs.

Not sure if this ministry is for you? You are welcome to try it out with no obligation!

For further information, please contact Fr. Neemtallah or Patrick Tabet.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session:

Saturday, January 6, 2024 @ 5-7 pm

We are in need of Substitute Teachers! If you are interested, please contact
Ginine Flanagan at: lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Next Sessions:

Saturday, December 9 @ 5-7 pm

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting:

Sunday, December 17 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, January 6, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm

New applicants are always welcome

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Next Meeting:

**Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 12 Noon
in the church hall**

New Ministries Appointment

Ministries Formation Leader & Advisor:

Anthony Abi Awad

MYA Leaders:

Robert Ayoub, Leila Geha, George Hashem, & Marita Merheb

BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH SESSIONS

Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series

Regular Schedule: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

Location will be in conference room and simulcast on Zoom.

♦ January 10, 17, 24, 31

♦ February 7, 21, 28

**More sessions to be posted at a later date.*

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY & FORMATION

New sessions coming soon



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204

KOC Next Meeting:

Monday December 11 @ 7 pm, church hall

Men 18yrs and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOC16204@gmail.com

NOVEMBER MONTHLY COLLECTION

Account Totals By Week
For 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023

Week of 11/05/2023

Candles	136.00	Maronite Patriarchal Charity	573.00
Sunday Collection	3,678.50	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	720.00
Total \$5,107.50			

Week of 11/12/2023

Candles	171.25	Maronite Patriarchal Charity	197.00
Sunday Collection	4,169.00	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	180.00
Total \$4,717.25			

Week of 11/19/2023

Candles	229.00	Maronite Patriarchal Charity	40.00
Sunday Collection	3,046.25	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	85.00
Total \$3,400.25			

Week of 11/26/2023

Candles	60.00	Maronite Patriarchal Charity	120.00
Sunday Collection	5,244.35	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	75.00
Total \$5,499.35			

Total \$18,724.35

*I was sick
and you visited me.*
 -Matthew 25:36

We are currently making Christmas visits to our parishioners who cannot join us at church. If you have a loved one who would like a visit, give the rectory a call and we will put them on the list for after the Christmas holidays.

Those who like to give a helping hand, we are always looking for volunteers, especially, Arabic-speaking. If you would like to join us, please contact, Katy Abraham, or leave your name at the parish office.

Have a Blessed Christmas & a Healthy New Year

SAINT ANTHONY SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL HAFLI
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

5 FULL DAYS
JUNE 24-29
MON - SAT



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MARONITE YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE

FOR

THE 2024 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE
 LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY • PITTSBURGH, PA

Sunday of the Birth of St John the Baptist

1st book of Samuel 1,9-11.19b-23

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him.

Letter to the Galatians 4,21-31.5,1

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, 'Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.' Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? 'Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.' So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 1,57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان

سفر صموئيل الأول 1:9-11:22

وَقَامَتْ حَنَّةُ، مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا أَكَلُوا فِي شَيْلُو وَشَرِبُوا، وَكَانَ عَلَيَّ الْكَاهِنُ جَالِسًا عَلَى الْكُرْسِيِّ إِلَى دِعَامَةِ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ، فَصَلَّتْ إِلَى الرَّبِّ فِي مَرَارَةٍ نَفْسَهَا وَبَكَتُ بُكَاءً وَنَذَرْتُ نَذْرًا وَقَالَتْ: «يَا رَبَّ الْفُؤَاتِ، إِنَّ أَنْتَ نَظَرْتَ إِلَى بُوسِ أَمْتِكَ، وَذَكَرْتَنِي وَلَمْ تَنْسَ أَمْتَكَ وَأَعْطَيْتَ أَمْتَكَ مَوْلودًا ذَكَرًا، أُعْطِيَهِ لِلرَّبِّ لِكُلِّ أَيَّامِ حَيَاتِهِ، وَلَا يَغْلُو رَأْسُهُ مُوسَى». وَعَرَفَ أَلْقَانَةُ حَنَّةَ زَوْجَتَهُ، وَذَكَرَهَا الرَّبُّ. فَكَانَ فِي أَنْقِضَاءِ الْأَيَّامِ أَنَّ حَنَّةَ حَمَلَتْ وَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، فَدَعَتْهُ صَمُوئِيلَ، لِأَنَّهَا قَالَتْ: «مِنَ الرَّبِّ التَّمَسُّهُ». وَصَعِدَ زَوْجُهَا أَلْقَانَةُ وَكُلُّ بَيْتِهِ لِيُقَدِّمَ لِلرَّبِّ الذَّبِيحَةَ السَّنَوِيَّةَ وَيُفِي بِنَذْرِهِ. وَأَمَّا حَنَّةُ، فَلَمْ تَصْعَدْ، لِأَنَّهَا قَالَتْ لِزَوْجِهَا: «مَتَى فُطِمَ الصَّبِيُّ، أَذْهَبُ بِهِ لِيُمَثِّلَ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ وَيُقِيمَ هُنَاكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 1:5-21:4

يَا إِخْوَتِي، قُولُوا لِي، أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَرُدُّونَ أَنْ تَكُونُوا فِي حُكْمِ الشَّرِّ يِعَى، أَمَا تَسْمَعُونَ الشَّرَّ يِعَى؟ فَإِنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: كَانَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ ابْنَانِ، وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ، وَوَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ. أَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْجَارِيَةِ فَقَدْ وُلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ، وَأَمَّا الَّذِي مِنَ الْحُرَّةِ فَبِقُوَّةِ الْوَعْدِ. وَفِي ذَلِكَ زَمَنٍ: فَسَارَهُ وَهَاجَرُ ثَمَثِلَانِ عَهْدَيْنِ، عَهْدًا مِنْ جَبَلِ سِينَاءَ يُلِدُ لِلْعُبُودِيَّةِ، وَهُوَ هَاجَرُ؛ لِأَنَّ هَاجَرَ هِيَ جَبَلُ سِينَاءَ الَّذِي فِي بِلَادِ الْعَرَبِ، وَتَوَافَقَ أَوْرَشَلِيمُ الْحَالِيَّةِ، لِأَنَّهَا فِي الْعُبُودِيَّةِ هِيَ وَأَوْرَشَلِيمُ. أَمَّا أَوْرَشَلِيمُ شَلِيمُ الْعُلْيَا فَهِيَ حُرَّةٌ، وَهِيَ أُمْنَا؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِفْرَحِي، أَيَّتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ؛ اِنْدَفِعِي بِالْتَرْتِيمِ وَاصْرُخِي، أَيَّتُهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَخَضْ؛ لِأَنَّ أَوْلَادَ الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَوْلَادِ الْمُتَزَّجَةِ». «أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَإِنَّكُمْ أَوْلَادُ الْوَعْدِ مِثْلُ إِسْحَقَ. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا كَانَ دِينِيذُ الْمَوْلُودُ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ يَضْطَهُدُ الْمَوْلُودَ بِحَسَبِ الرُّوحِ، فَكَذَلِكَ الْآنَ أَيْضًا. وَلَكِنْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ؟ «أَطْرِدِ الْجَارِيَةَ وَابْنَهَا، لِأَنَّ ابْنَ الْجَارِيَةِ لَا يَرِثُ مَعَ ابْنِ الْحُرَّةِ». إِذَا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، لَسْنَا أَوْلَادَ جَارِيَةٍ، بَلْ أَوْلَادُ الْحُرَّةِ. إِنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَدْ حَرَّرَنَا لِنَبْقَى أَحْرَارًا. فَانْتَبِهُوا إِذَا وَلَا تَعُودُوا تَخْضَعُونَ لِنِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1:57-66

تَمَّ زَمَانُ الْيَصَابَاتِ لِتَلِدَ، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا. وَسَمِعَ جِيرَانُهَا وَأَقَارِبُهَا أَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَظَّمَ رَحْمَتَهُ لَهَا، فَفَرَحُوا مَعَهَا. وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّامِنِ جَاءُوا لِيَخْنِتُوا الصَّبِيَّ، وَسَمَوْهُ بِاسْمِ أَبِيهِ زَكَرِيَّا. فَأَجَابَتْ أُمُّهُ وَقَالَتْ: «لَا! بَلْ يُسَمَّى يُوْحَنَّا!». فَقَالُوا لَهَا: «لَا أَحَدَ فِي قَرَابَتِكَ يُدْعَى بِهَذَا الْأَسْمِ». وَأَشَارُوا إِلَى أَبِيهِ مَاذَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُسَمِّيَهُ. فَطَلَبَ لَوْحًا وَكَتَبَ: «إِسْمُهُ يُوْحَنَّا!». فَتَعَجَّبُوا جَمِيعُهُمْ. وَأَنْفَتَحَ فَجْأَةً فَمَزَكَرِيَّا، وَأَنْطَلَقَ لِسَانُهُ، وَجَعَلَ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَيُبَارِكُ اللَّهَ، فَاسْتَوْلَى الْخَوْفُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ جِيرَانِهِمْ، وَتَحَدَّثَ النَّاسُ بِكُلِّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي كُلِّ جَبَلِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ مَنْ سَمِعَ بِذَلِكَ يَحْفَظُهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ قَائِلًا: «مَا عَسَى هَذَا الطِّفْلُ أَنْ يَكُونَ؟». وَكَانَتْ يَدُ الرَّبِّ حَقًّا مَعَهُ.



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