

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed & loved by St Anthony's Community.

We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship.

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Third Sunday Of Great Lent

Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير: شفاء النازفة



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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

3rd SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday, February 24 *St. Margaret the Penitent*

4:00 pm + Private Intentions

Sunday, February 25 *Pope St. Felix II*

8:00 am Private Intentions

9:30 am + Private Intentions

11:00 am + Saadallah Azzi, *By his wife Nabiha, daughter, Rita, & family*

4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT The Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 2 *St. John Maron*

4:00 pm + Yvonne Yameen, *By her family.*

In Honor of Bishop Gregory Mansour
- Episcopacy Ordination Anniversary,
By Fr. Elie & Fr. Neemtallah.

Sunday, March 3

Sts. Thomas Aquinas & Katharine Drexel

8:00 am + Private Intentions

9:30 am + Private Intentions

11:00 am + Joseph & Nancy Azzi, *by their Children & their Families.*

5:00 pm Healing Liturgy

Daily Liturgies

Monday, February 26 (Ar.)

St. Alexander / 1 Tim 4:9-16 / Jn 8:21-27

9:00 am + Daad Cherabie, *By Mr. & Mrs. Fadi Bouchrouche.*

Tuesday, February 27 (Eng.)

St. Thalaleus / 2 Cor 8:1-9 / Mt 23:1-12

9:00 am + Andrew Rollins, *By the Demers Family.*

Wednesday, February 28 (Ar.)

Sts. Koura & Marana / Gal 2:1-7 / Mt 17:10-13

9:00 am + Daad Cherabie, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi.*

Thursday, February 29 (Eng.)

Pope St. Leo the Great / Gal 1:1-10 / Lk 17:20-37

9:00 am + Larry & Dora M. Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*

9:30 am - 12 pm Adoration

7:00 pm Adoration & Confessions

Friday, March 1 - No Liturgy

Sts. Domnina & Eudokia / Rom 3:1-7 / Lk 12:16-21

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE

To Defray: Building insurance \$25,638,
Bishop's Appeal \$9500, &
Eparchial Assessment \$27,600



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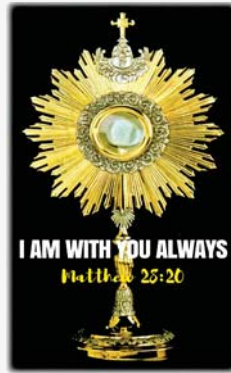
40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**Every Thursday @7pm**

Lent is about conversion, turning towards union with God through Jesus Christ. The ashes and the fasting of Lent are meant to lead us to Jesus, but the **Eucharist is Jesus**.

Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful way to spend time with Jesus in this sacrament.

Adoration is a blessed and quiet time to reflect, pray, and to love Jesus. During this time of revival, attending Adoration is a way to grow in faith and in holiness.

**Lenten Healing Liturgy**

Sunday March 3rd @ 5:00pm

During this season of Great Lent, we invite all who seek the Lord for the healing of their souls and bodies to join us as we place our faith in our Savior and ask for His graces in humble faith.

EPARCHIAL APPEAL

Eparchial Charities Appeal: Feb 12 - March 31

The Annual Raffle Tickets, which consists of your contribution towards the Bishop's Appeal, has been mailed out. We depend on your support and generosity for this appeal to reach our goal.

Please remit your tickets at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

OBSERVANCES

- ♦ **Adoration & Confessions:** Every Thursday from 7-9 pm during the season of Great Lent.
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday @ 7pm

SANCTUARY LAMPS

For Private Intentions

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

OUR SYMPATHIES TO :

The family of **Daad Cherabie**, who passed away last week.

We express our condolences to her children: George Cherabie, & his wife, Remy, Rosemary, wife of Chaouki Bouchrouche, Michelle, wife of Ziad Saab, their children and her loved ones, here and in Lebanon.

May her soul rest in peace & her memories be eternal

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.

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH
PRESENTS



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MARCH

TICKETS
100\$



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EXQUISITE MAZZA & DINNER INCLUDED - RAFFLE PRIZES

Featuring the Star:

Brigitte Yaghi

Guest of Honor:

THE MAESTRO LEBNEN KHALIL

Music by:

DJ ROY

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM
145 Amesbury St, Lawrence MA 01841

FOR RESERVATION , PLEASE CONTACT:

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Wissam Merheb +1 (978) 853-5145



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Spiritual Programs For Lent 2024

JOIN US ONLINE For a Weekly Lenten Retreats:

♦ In Arabic with Fr. Raymond Bassil:

- * A doctor in Theology from the Catholic Institute, Lyon, France
- * Professor of Sacramental Theology at the Holy Spirit University, Kaslik, Lebanon
- * Professor of Theology at the Jesuit University of Saint Joseph, USJ, Lebanon

Lenten Spiritual Retreat Subjects:

"...And by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53,5) ... (أشعيا 53، 5) بجرحه شُفينا

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| 1- جراح المسيح تدعوننا للفرح | 4- برحه شُفينا من خلال التلمذ والرسالة |
| 2- جراح المسيح تدعوننا للتوبة | 5- بجرحه شُفينا بالدعوة الى التواضع |
| 3- شابهننا في كل شيء ما خلا الخطيئة | 6- بجرحه شُفينا من خلال اللقاء بيسوع المسيح |

♦ In English on FORMED

You can sign up with a parish account:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code/Postal Code Click on your parish.
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session:

Saturday, March 16, 2024 @ 5-7 pm

- March 2nd: class has been cancelled due to the parish HAFLI.
 - March 9th: Reconciliation from 9-11am
- *Note - Reconciliation for 2nd grade class ONLY

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting:

Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Next Sessions:

Saturday, March 9, 2024 @ 5-7 pm

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm

Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings

New applicants are always welcome

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality

**Weekly Zoom Prayer
Every Tuesday @ 8pm**

Zoom ID: 335616991

Passcode: 816342

Or you can join by clicking this link:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

For more information email:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org



During Lent Season, the *Family of Saint Sharbel* will conduct a food drive for the Monks of Petersham.

Items to be collected:

Honey, Olives, Walnuts, Old-Fashioned Oats, BROWN Rice, Quinoa (Grain), Canned Diced Tomatoes, Canned Sliced Mushrooms, Canned Chicken, Canned Sardines, Canned Tuna (in water), Dried Fruit (Raisins/Prunes/Cranberries etc.), "Healthy" Breakfast Cereals (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Granola Etc.), Herbal Tea Bags (Decaf).

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Saint Anthony's Maronite Church

EASTER

Bake Sale

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: MARCH, 17, 2024

PROCEEDS TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN LEBANON

Order Form: Send your order by e-mail or by calling Bassima @ 603.571.3003 or the office @ 978.685.7233

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Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Pick-Up Date: PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Maamoul:

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Kaak:

Bag (6) for \$7 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Ghraybeh:

6 pieces for \$7 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Macaroon w/Walnuts:

6 pieces for \$7 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Sumbusik w/Walnuts:

4 pieces for \$6 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Baklawa:

6 pieces for \$7 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Cookies w/Dates:

6 pieces for \$7 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Kanafe Box: \$50 x Qty: _____ = \$ _____

Total Amount of Order: \$ _____

Method of Donation Payment:

Cash _____ Check _____

Credit Card _____ Venmo _____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204

KOC Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 12, 2024 @ 7 pm, church hall

Men 18 yrs and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE The Knights will be hosting a **Falafel Luncheon on Sunday, March 17th.**

More details to follow.



Save the dates

July 31st — August 2nd
Kindergarten – 8th grade
\$75/child

Registration Will Open Soon

CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed

Wren Mirabella Dazelle

Daughter of Ethan & Karen Dazelle

Connor Daniel Juralewicz

Son of Daniel & Joanna Juralewicz

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

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.

♦ February 28

♦ March 6, 13, 20

*More sessions to be posted at a later date

**AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION**

All qualified **High School Seniors and College Undergraduates** students are invited to apply for the **ALAA Scholarships**.

All applicants are encouraged to use the electronic application. Deadline is March 1st, 2024.

Students can access this information at :

americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org

The DCG Scholarships:

The **Dorothy C Gabriel Foundation** is offering the **DCG scholarship** to any Saint Anthony parishioner who will be attending Central Catholic High School in fall 2024. For more information or to apply, text the students full name and contact number to

Ken Gabriel at 508-633-0704.

Deadline to apply is May 15, 2024.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Feb 24: Felicia Azzi, Marie Charabati, Andrew Haykal, Elizabeth Saab, Charbel Yammine,

Feb 25: Jake Ata, Pascale Moussa

Feb 26: Ella Atallah, Nida El-Boustany, Sally Lanouette, Raymond Nadira,

Feb 27: Tanios Ata, Bob Dewan, Andrea Doumit, Melhem Hachem, Benjamin Maroon, Valentina Maroun,

Feb 28: Joanne Comtois, Theresa Hatem, Mouna Kassari, Sebastian Ramey, Natalie Saad, Cecilia Sadek

March 1: Youssef Aboelsaad, Charbel Bou-Chaaya, Joe Msaddi, Justin Pelletier

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Feb 26: Rabih & Jihane Abou-Ezzi

SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY**Grave Purchase & Burial**

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: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website:

stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/.

Please note:

Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

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.

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Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Third Sunday of Great Lent: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Book of Numbers 15,37-41

The LORD said to Moses: Speak to the Israelites, and tell them to make fringes on the corners of their garments throughout their generations and to put a blue cord on the fringe at each corner. You have the fringe so that, when you see it, you will remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and not follow the lust of your own heart and your own eyes. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and you shall be holy to your God. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.

Second Letter to the Corinthians 7,4-11

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 downcast, 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.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to 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 hemorrhages 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.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, February 25-

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am -(Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Amale Chantiri

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 02 - 4 pm - Meaghan Twing

Sunday, March 03 -

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am -(Eng) Ramona Yammine

(Ar) Maribelle Spiridon

الأحد الثالث من الصوم الكبير : شفاء النازفة

سفر العدد 37:15 - 41

خَاطَبَ الرَّبُّ مُوسَى قَائِلًا: «كَلِّمْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَمُرْهُمْ: أَنْ يَصْنَعُوا لَهُمْ أَهْدَابًا عَلَى أَذْيَالِ ثِيَابِهِمْ مَدَى أَجْيَالِهِمْ، وَيَجْعَلُوا عَلَى هُدْبِ الدَّيْلِ سِلْكًَا مِنَ الْبَرْفِيرِ الْبَنَفْسَجِيِّ. فَيَكُونُ ذَلِكَ لَكُمْ هُدْبًا، فَتَرْوَنَهُ وَتَذْكُرُونَ جَمِيعَ وَصَايَا الرَّبِّ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِهَا، وَلَا تَتِيهُونَ وَرَاءَ قُلُوبِكُمْ وَعُيُونِكُمْ الَّتِي أَنْتُمْ تَزْنُونَ وَرَاءَهَا، فَتَنْتَذِرُوا وَتَعْمَلُوا بِجَمِيعِ وَصَايَايَ، وَتَكُونُوا مُقَدَّسِينَ لِلْهَيْكَلِ. أَنَا الرَّبُّ الْهَيْكَلِ الَّذِي أَخْرَجَكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ، لِيَكُونَ لَكُمْ إِلَهًا: أَنَا الرَّبُّ الْهَيْكَلِ.»

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

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ دَالَّةً كَبِيرَةً، وَلِي بِكُمْ فَخْرًا عَظِيمًا. وَلَقَدْ أَمْتَلَأْتُ تَغْزِيَةً، وَأَنَا أَفِيضُ فَرَحًا فِي ضِيقِنَا كُلِّهِ. فَإِنَّا لَمَّا وَصَلْنَا إِلَى مَقْدُونِيَّةَ، لَمْ يَكُنْ لِحَسَدِنَا شَيْءٌ مِنَ الرَّاحَةِ، بَلْ كُنَّا مُتَضَايِقِينَ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، صِرَاعٌ مِنَ الْخَارِجِ، وَخَوْفٌ مِنَ الدَّاحِلِ! لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي يُعْزِي الْمُتَوَاضِعِينَ عَزَّانَا بِمَجِيءِ طَيْطُسَ، لَا بِمَجِيئِهِ فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالتَّغْزِيَةِ الَّتِي تَعَزَّاهَا بِكُمْ. وَقَدْ أَخْبَرْنَا بِأَسْتِيقَاكُمْ إِلَيْنَا، وَحُزْنِكُمْ، وَغَيْرَتِكُمْ عَلَيَّ، حَتَّى إِنِّي أَرَدْتُ فَرَحًا. وَإِذَا كُنْتُ قَدْ أَخْرَجْتُكُمْ بِرِسَالَتِي فَلَسْتُ نَادِمًا عَلَى ذَلِكَ، مَعَ أَنَّي كُنْتُ قَدْ نِدِمْتُ، لِأَنِّي أَرَى أَنَّ تِلْكَ الرِّسَالَةَ، وَلَوْ أَخْرَجْتُكُمْ إِلَى حِينٍ، قَدْ سَبَّبَتْ لِي فَرَحًا كَثِيرًا، لَا لِأَنَّكُمْ حَزَنْتُمْ، بَلْ لِأَنَّ حُزْنَكُمْ أَدَّى بِكُمْ إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ. فَقَدْ حَزَنْتُمْ حُزْنًا مُرْضِيًا لِلَّهِ، كَيْ لَا تَخْسِرُوا بِسَبَبِنَا فِي أَيْ شَيْءٍ؛ لِأَنَّ الْحُزْنَ الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ يَصْنَعُ تَوْبَةً لِلْخَلَاصِ لَا نَدَمَ عَلَيْهَا، أَمَّا حُزْنُ الْعَالَمِ فَيَصْنَعُ مَوْتًا. فَانْظُرُوا حُزْنَكُمْ هَذَا الْمُرْضِيَّ لِلَّهِ كَمْ أَنْشَأَ فِيكُمْ مِنَ الْأَجْتِهَادِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْأَعْتِدَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْأَسْتِنْكَارِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْخَوْفِ، بَلْ مِنَ الشُّوقِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْغَيْرَةِ، بَلْ مِنَ الْإِصْرَارِ عَلَى الْعِقَابِ! وَقَدْ أَظْهَرْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ ذَلِكَ أَنَّكُمْ أَبْرِيَاءُ مِنْ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8: 40-56

لَمَّا عَادَ يَسُوعُ، أَسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ جَمِيعُهُمْ كَانُوا يَنْتَظِرُونَهُ. وَإِذَا بِرَجُلٍ أَسْمُهُ يَائِيرُسَ، وَكَانَ رَئِيسَ الْمَجْمَعِ، جَاءَ فَأَرْتَمَى عَلَى قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ، وَأَخَذَ يَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَهُ، لِأَنَّ لَهُ ابْنَةً وَحِيدَةً، عُمْرُهَا نَحْوُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، قَدْ أَشْرَفَتْ عَلَى الْمَوْتِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ ذَاهِبٌ، كَانَ الْجُمُوعُ يَزْحَمُونَهُ. وَكَانَتْ أُمْرَأَةٌ مُصَابَةً بِنَزْفِ دَمٍ مُنْذُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، وَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَشْفِيَهَا. دَنَتْ مِنْ وَرَاءِ يَسُوعَ، وَلَمَسَتْ طَرْفَ رِدَائِهِ، وَفَجْأَةً وَقَفَ نَزْفُ دَمِهَا. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ لَمَسَنِي؟» «وَأَنْكَرَ الْجَمِيعُ. فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ: «يَا مُعَلِّمَ، إِنَّ الْجُمُوعَ يَزْحَمُونَكَ وَيُضَايِقُونَكَ!» فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: «إِنَّ وَاحِدًا قَدْ لَمَسَنِي! فَإِنِّي عَرَفْتُ أَنَّ قُوَّةً قَدْ خَرَجَتْ مِنِّي!» «وَرَأَتْ الْمَرْأَةُ أَنَّ أَمْرَهَا لَمْ يَخَفْ عَلَيْهِ، فَدَنَتْ مُرْتَعِدَةً وَأَرْتَمَتْ عَلَى قَدَمَيْهِ، وَأَعْلَنْتْ أَمَامَ الشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ لِمَاذَا لَمَسَتْهُ، وَكَيْفَ شُفِيتَ لِلْحَالِ. فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا ابْنَتِي، إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ! إِذْهَبِي بِسَلَامٍ!» «وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ، وَصَلَ وَاحِدٌ مِنْ دَارِ رَئِيسِ الْمَجْمَعِ يَقُولُ: «مَاتَتْ ابْنَتُكَ! فَلَا تَزْعِجِ الْمُعَلِّمَ!» «وَسَمِعَ يَسُوعُ فَأَجَابَهُ: «لَا تَخَفْ! يَكْفِي أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ فَتُخَيَّا ابْنَتُكَ!» «وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ إِلَى الْبَيْتِ، لَمْ يَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَدْخُلُ مَعَهُ سِوَى بُطْرُسَ وَيُوحَنَّا وَيَعْقُوبَ وَأَبِي الصَّبِيِّ وَأُمِّهَا. وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَبْكُونَ عَلَيْهَا وَيَقْرَعُونَ صُدُورَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: «لَا تَبْكُوا! إِنَّهَا لَمْ تَمُتْ. لَكِنَّهَا نَائِمَةٌ!» «فَأَخَذُوا يَضْحَكُونَ مِنْهُ لِعِلْمِهِمْ بِأَنَّهَا مَاتَتْ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَأَمْسَكَ يَدَيْهَا وَنَادَى قَائِلًا: «أَيُّهَا الصَّبِيَّةُ، قُومِي!» «فَعَادَتْ رُوحَهَا إِلَيْهَا، وَفَجْأَةً نَهَضَتْ. ثُمَّ أَمَرَ بِأَنْ يُطْعِمُوهَا. فَدَهَشَ أَبَوَاهَا، وَأَوْصَاهُمَا يَسُوعُ أَلَّا يُخْبِرَا أَحَدًا بِمَا حَدَثَ.



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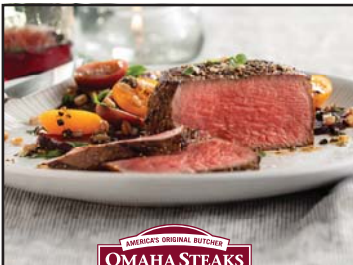
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