

## 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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# *New Sunday* - الأحد الجديد



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DAILY  
READINGS

## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### NEW SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY 2nd Sunday of the Resurrection

- Saturday, April 6** (English) *St. Marcellinus*
- 4:00pm + Melvin, Rosanna, and Phillip Gallant,  
By Agnes Zappala & Family
- + Private Intentions
- Sunday, April 7** *St. John Baptist de la Salle*
- 8:00 am + Elias El Khoury, By his daughter,  
Claudine Raad, & her Family
- 9:30 am + Thomas Tarness, By his wife, Souad, &  
Family
- 11:00 am **40 Day Anniversary** - Daad Ramy  
Cherabie, By her children, their spouses,  
& her grandchildren
- + Josephine Fares, By Glenn & Linda  
McKee
- 5:00 pm **1st Anniversary**- Ziad Moussa,  
+ Afif Moussa, & + Toni Maroun, By  
their Family

#### SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Loving Memory of Janet Maroun,  
By her children, grandchildren, &  
sisters

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**Catholic Home Mission:** April 21, 2024

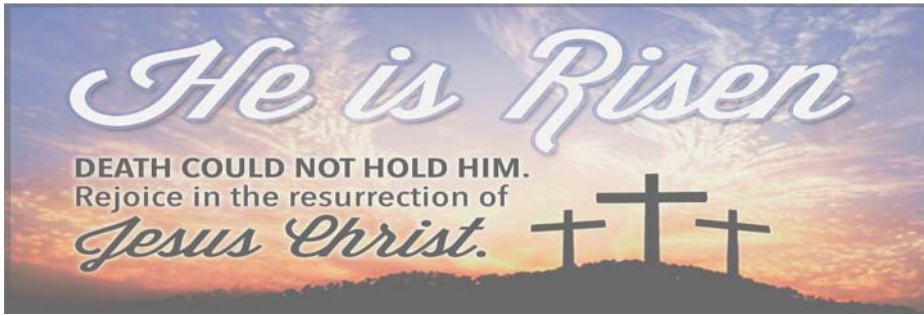
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#### PLEASE NOTE

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

### Daily Liturgies

- Monday, April 8** (Ar.)  
*St. Barlaam / 1 Pet 1:1-9/ Jn 20:1-10*
- 9:00 am + Stephanie Ota, By her parents &  
sister
- Tuesday, April 9** (Eng.)  
*St. Hermas / 1 Pet 1:10-16/ Jn 20:11-18*
- 9:00 am + Private Intentions
- Wednesday, April 10** (Ar.)  
*St. Agabus / 1 Pet 1:17-21/ Mt 28:11-15*
- 9:00 am + Wajih El Hajj, By his daughter Josiane,  
wife of Shadi Asmar, & family
- Thursday, April 11** (Eng.)  
*St. Antipas / 1 Pet 1:22-25/ Mt 28:16-20*
- 9:00 am + For the Souls in Purgatory, By Dora  
Pereira
- Friday, April 12** - No Liturgy  
*Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes, & Eugephus /  
1 Pet 2:1-10/ Jn 2:13-25*
- 3rd Sunday of the Resurrection**
- Saturday, April 13** (English) *St. Zosimas*
- 4:00pm + Wajih El Hajj, By his daughter Josiane,  
wife of Shadi Asmar, & family
- + Richard Ferguson, By his wife,  
Patricia, & son, Matthew
- Sunday, April 14** *St. Hemenegild the King*
- 8:00 am + Private Intentions
- 9:30 am **40 Day Anniversary**- Miriam Baderian,  
By her Family
- + Jesus Ledesma, By Carmen Vera
- 11:00 am **1st Anniversary**- Claire Ata, By her  
parents, Elias & Philipa Ata



**"Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless."**

Dear Parishioners,  
**Christ IS Risen!**

Those words were uttered on the very first day of the resurrection. They have been whispered in the secret places and called out boldly in many places. The blessed fact of this is that we use the word, "is". We do not say Christ was risen. It is not an event that has come and gone.

**Christ IS Risen!**

It is our hope in our trying times. It is the source of our joy in the wonder-filled times. Our joy that hath no end." "On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity thins to gossamer." "Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life."

**Christ IS Risen!**

Because He IS Risen, you and I can live risen lives. If there is any trouble, any fray, we can take Jesus' hand and rise above it. If there is any error or sin on our part, we can take Jesus' loving hand and rise beyond it. If there is any joy, we can take Jesus' blessed hand and rise right into it!

May you be blessed to live a risen life. In the dark times, may you be blessed to see the Light that will not be overcome. In the bleh times, may you be blessed to know God's strength. In the light and bright times, may you be blessed to enter into the fullness of it through God's joy!

May this Easter bring all blessings upon each and everyone of you and may you always be a sparkle of the Divine Light that shined from the Empty Tomb to enlighten the darkness of our world.

May Peace be upon the Earth as we pray for Gaza, Holy Land, Lebanon, Syria but always for our Homeland, the United States of America.

Wishing You a Blessed & Joy Filled Easter! Your Servants:

**Fr. Elie Mikhael and Fr Neemtallah Oneissy**

**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](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

**Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy**

(857)390-4838

[pv@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto: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.

# EASTER LILIES

*The Easter Lilies placed on our sanctuary are provided by the following donors  
In Honor Of or In Memory Of their Loved Ones:*



*In Memory Of*



Teta Jeannette Lahoud Nasr  
Teta Akle Abi Sleiman Mikhael  
Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi  
Bechara Rizkallah  
Ikbal Nassar  
Daad Cherabie  
Deceased Members of the Abou-Raad & the Azzi Families  
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Deceased Members of the Solomon & Hatem Families  
Thomas J. Solomon  
Maurice Hatem  
Joseph (Joey) Getchell  
Romanos Nammour  
Joseph Bou Sanayeh  
Jido Tanos Sadek  
Charles Tarness  
Maroun Mouawad  
Our Baby, Leo Alexander Maroun  
Joseph & Kalikia Maroun, Camil & Claire Maroun  
Fadlallah & Alice Fadel, Raymond Fadel  
George & Adele Cherabie  
Maurice Hatem  
Our beloved parents: Fred & Carmela Corey & Dr. Edward & Mary Moore  
Rizkallah & Georgette Akiki  
William J. Nichols  
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Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi  
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His Godson, Marc Abou-Ezzi  
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi  
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi  
Abdo & Jeanine Abou-Raad

Her Loving Family  
His Grandchildren Lucas & Sienna Levy  
His Daughters Christa & Leah  
His Loving Wife Amal  
The Solomon, Kalil, & Getchell Families  
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Michael & Janice Solomon  
The Solomon, Kalil, & Getchell Families  
Timothy & Emily Getchell & Family  
Sub Deacon & Mrs. Antoine Nammour  
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His Granddaughters, Lucia, Cecilia, & Amelia  
Pauline Jesionowski & Family  
Habouba Mouawad & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family  
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His grandchildren, Michael, Nadine, & Kristine  
Fred & Lori Corey

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Phyllis Thomas  
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Robert & Joanne Comtois  
Bill, Christine, & Maddi Ryan  
Their son Antoine Elghoul & his family



*In Honor Of*

Our sons, Marc & Mikey  
Our daughters, Monica & Mia  
Our grandmother, Sonia Abou-Ezzi  
Our grandfather, Joseph Nasr  
Our Children Chaniel & Chloe Abou-Ezzi  
Our Children Michelle & Joe Abou-Raad  
Abouna Elie & Abouna Neemtallah  
Living Members of the Hatem Family  
Dr. Gisele Nasr-Wakim  
Marie Jbeily  
Our Sons, Christopher, Matthew, & Anthony  
Our Parents, Mounir & Najat Rizkallah  
Christine & Bill Ryan and John & Patty  
Thomas, & their families  
Phyllis Thomas



Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi  
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi  
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia  
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Ghassan & Grece Abou-Ezzi  
Abdo & Jeanine Abou-Raad  
Grateful Parishioner (GAE)  
Cecelia Hatem  
Her Loving Family  
Therese Jbeily  
Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah  
Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah  
Phyllis Thomas



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## ARABIC BIBLE STUDY – COMING SOON!

“المسيح احب الكنيسة، وأنت؟”  
(قراءة لاهوتية في نص رسالة أفسس ٤-٥)

دراسات في الكتاب المقدس مع الاب ريمون باسيل عبر  
الإترنت. مداخلات شخصية من خلال Zoom

## BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH SESSIONS

*Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series*

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

Location will be in conference room and simulcast on Zoom.

♦ April 10, 17, 24 (Makeup sessions for snow days)

## KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 4, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm

## KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Next Sessions:

Saturday, April 20 Session is cancelled

Saturday, May 18th - Last Session

## MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting:

Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session:

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 5-7 pm

## 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>

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by

The liturgy & procession



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204

KOC Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 9, 2024 @ 7 pm,  
church hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

## Dinner & Discussion

Please Join us on Saturday, April 20th, after the 4pm Liturgy, for a dinner & discussion, sponsored by KOC. Our guest speaker for this evening is

**Dr. Michael Coughlin**, Professor of Theology at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, MA.

Please make time for a great opportunity to learn more about our catholic faith from a great teacher.

**Topic for this event is:**

**Apologetics: Five Confusing Topics for Catholics**



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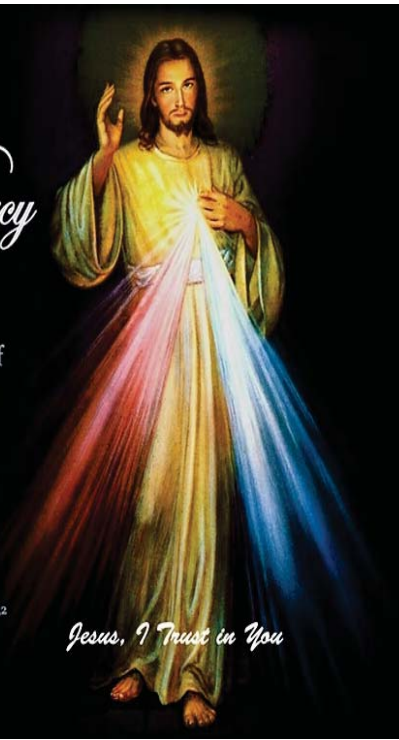
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# Divine Mercy

O soul, whoever you may be in this world, even if your sins were black as night, do not fear God, weak child that you are, for great is the power of God's mercy."

Diary of St. Faustina, 1652



## 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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**or Visit:** [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

### Cemetery Guidelines

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://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/](http://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](http://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.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

**April 06:** Ibrahim Ata, Maya Bou-Chaaya, Charbel Maroun, Meghan Rizk, Theresa Solomon

**April 07:** Elaine Azzi, Terry Habib

**April 08:** Stacey Gabriel, Antoinette Moussa

**April 09:** Pamela Alghoul, Jessica Matar, Elise McMinn

**April 10:** Jeremy Hashem, Abdo Iskandar, Marita Merheb, Charbel Merheb, Bryan Rembis, Tania Sfeir, Kevin Vincent

**April 11:** Anthony Abi Awad, Marla Abourjeili, Charbel Cherfane

**April 12:** David Bechara

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

**April 09:** Kevin & Kara Rembis

### 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.**

### 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 displayed for ten years.

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## New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday

### *Book of Isaiah 52,7-12*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard.

### *Second Letter to the Corinthians 5, 11-21*

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God .

### *Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 20, 26-31*

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name .

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, April 6 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah*

*Sunday, April 7 -*

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Lena Bouchrouche

(Ar) Mounia Daher

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, April 13 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson*

*Sunday, April 14 -*

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Ata

(Ar) Roula Nassar



## الأحد الجديد: ظهور يسوع للتلاميذ وتوما معهم

### سفر أشعيا 7:52 - 12

مَا أَجْمَلَ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ وَقَعَ قَدَمِي الْمُبَشِّرِ الَّذِي يُذِيعُ سَلَامًا وَيَنْشُرُ بَشَائِرَ الْخَيْرِ، الْقَائِلِ لَصِهْيُون «قَدْ مَلَكَ الْهَيْكَلُ! «هَا رُقُبَاؤُكَ قَدْ رَفَعُوا صَوْتَهُمْ مَعًا وَشَدُّوا بِفَرَحٍ، لِأَنَّهُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ عَيْنَانَا رُجُوعَ الرَّبِّ إِلَى صِهْيُون. إِهْتِفِي مُتَرَبِّمَةً يَا أَرْضَ أُورُشَلِيمَ الْخَرِبَةَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَزَى شَعْبَهُ وَأَفْنَدَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. شَمَّرَ الرَّبُّ عَنْ دِرَاعِ قُدْسِهِ أَمَامَ عَيْونِ كُلِّ الْأُمَمِ، فَتَرَى أَقَاصِي الْأَرْضِ خَلَاصَ الْهِنَا. أَنْصَرِفُوا، أَنْصَرِفُوا وَأَخْرُجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا. أَخْرُجُوا مِنْ وَسْطِ بَابِلَ، وَطَهَّرُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ مِنْ حَامِلِي آنِيَةِ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّكُمْ لَنْ تَخْرُجُوا مِنْ بَابِلَ عَجَلَةً، وَلَنْ تُعَادِرُوهَا هَارِبِينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ سَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَكُمْ وَإِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَحْرُسُ مُؤَخَّرَةً قَافِلَتَكُمْ.

### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 11:5 - 21

يَا إِخْوَتِي، بِمَا أَنَّنَا نَعْرِفُ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نَحَاوُلُ أَنْ نُفْنِعَ النَّاسَ. وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَلَكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَلَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُؤَصِّبِكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِخَارِ بِنَا تُجَاهَ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ فَلِلَّهِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عُقْلَاءَ فَلِأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَأْسُرُنَا، لِأَنَّنا أَدْرَكْنَا هَذَا، وَهُوَ أَنْ وَاحِدًا مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا. لَقَدْ مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، لِكِي لَا يَحْيَا الْأَحْيَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدِ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ عَنْهُمْ وَقَامَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ. إِذَا فَمُنْذُ الْآنَ نَحْنُ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، فَالْآنَ مَا عُدْنَا نَعْرِفُهُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلْقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ صَالَحَ الْعَالَمَ مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَاتِهِمْ، وَأُودِعَنَا كَلِمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ. إِذَا فَنَحْنُ سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَأَسْطِنَاتِنَا. فَنَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِئَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بَرًّا لِلَّهِ.

### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 26:20 - 31

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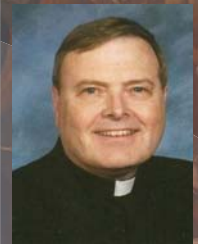
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