PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Third Sunday of the Resurrection — الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة











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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, April 13 (English)

4:00pm + 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 40 Day Anniversary – Jean-Pierre Blaizot, *By his son, Philippe Blaizot & family*

1st Anniversary – Claire Ata, By her parents, Elias & Philipa Ata

+ Pascal Sleiman, By the Lebanese Forces, Methuen Chapter

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Home Mission: April 21, 2024

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE

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

Daily Liturgies

Monday, April 15 (Ar.)

Pope St. Soter/ 1 Pet 2:18-25/ Lk 24:44-49

9:00 am Private Intentions

Tuesday, April 16 (Eng.)

St. Bernadette Soubirous / 1 Pet 3:1-12/ Jn 6:28-33

9:00 am + Private Intentions

Wednesday, April 17 (Ar.)

Pope St. Agapitus / 1 Pet 3:13-22/ Jn 6:34-40

9:00 am + Siham Hachem, By her husband, Souheil Hachem, her children & their families

Thursday, April 18 (Eng.)

St. Thais the Penitent / 1 Pet 4:1-11/ Jn 6:41-47

9:00 am + Jeanette Lahoud-Nasr, &

+ Mary Harb-Smeen, By their families

9:30 am -12pm Adoration

Friday, April 19 - No Liturgy

St. Timon the Deacon /1 Pet 4:12-19/ Jn 6:48-59

4th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, April 20 (English) St. Nathanael the Hermit

4:00pm + Marleine Abdel-Nour, *By her husband, Gaby, & her Daughters, Regina & Gabrielle*

Sunday, April 21

St. Anselm

8:00 am + Private Intentions

9:30 am + Stephanie Ota, *By her parents, & her sister*

11:00 am 1st Anniversary - Ikbal Nassar, By Mr. Jean & Dr. Rachelle Abou-Ezzi, & their children, Dr. David, Jeanelle, & Layelle Abou-Ezzi

+ Joseph & Kalikia Maroun, By their children & their families

SANCTUARY LAMPS





Book your Sanctuary lamp Online: www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

ARABIC BIBLE STUDY - COMING SOON!

ا"المسيح احب الكنيسة، وأنت ؟" [قراءة لاهوتية في نص رسالة أفسس ٤-٥)

دراسات في الكتاب المقدس مع الاب ريمون باسيل عبر الإنترنت. 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* 17, 24 (*Makeup sessions for snow days*)



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 (Enq)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8 am (*Ar*)- 9:3 o 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

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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 Profit & Loss - Mahrajan January through December 2023

Ordinary Income/Expense Income Fund Raising Special Events Mahrajan		Expense Fund Raising Events Mahrajan Advertising, Public Relations Banners Signs	1,055.44 1,001.48
Mahrajan Deposits		Advertising, Public Relations - O	
Mahrajan Photo	550.00	Total Advertising, Public Relations	8,449.21
Mahrajan Coffee	2,235.00	Bar Expense Bar Supplies	3,185.28
Mahrajan Bar	42,123.00	Bar Liquor	10,438.47
Mahrajan Food	47,299.00	Bar Expense - Other	719.98
Mahrajan Sandwiches	41,739.00	Total Bar Expense	14,343.73
Mahrajan Saj	12,737.00	Cost of Food	
Mahrajan Pastry	26,772.00	Saj American Cuisine	128.88 32.04
Mahrajan Hookah	16,690.00	Ethnic Cuisine	7,385.85
Mahrajan Baskets	6,199.00	Bakery Cost of Food - Other	9,851.79 3,149.35
Mahrajan Souvenirs	9,273.49	Total Cost of Food	20,547.91
Mahrajan Henna	1,107.00	Cost of Refreshments	3,475.16
Mahrajan Miscellaneous	862.00	Cleaning	6,785.00
Mahrajan Raffle	7,834.00	Entertainment (Singer and Band) Hookah Supplies	20,031.77 1,665.00
Mahrajan Donation	3,953.55	Permits	810.00
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Total Mahrajan Deposits	219,374.04	Souvenirs Raffles	4,835.00 4,710.62
Mahrajan Sponsorship	124,660.00	Rentals Tents	18,564.76
Raffle-Presale	20,320.00	Propane Tanks	1,400.80 3,487.37
Mahrajan Post Sale		Dumpster Rental & Removal Water Closets (WCs)	2,360.00
Mahrajan Pastry Post Sale	450.00	Transportation - Golf Carts Rentals - Other	2,606.40 630.00
Total Mahrajan Post Sale	450.00	Total Rentals	29,049.33
Total Special Events Mahrajan	364,804.04	Mahrajan Detail Police Dept Fire Dept	4,752.00 2,772.00
Total Fund Raising	364,804.04	Total Mahrajan Detail	7,524.00
Total Income	364,804.04	Sundry Expenses Equipment	3,555.43 16,432.24 20,000.00
Gross Profit	364,804.04	Mahrajan - Other Total Mahrajan Expense	
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Total	Expense	170,899.	88
Net Ordinary Income		193,904.	16
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^{***}Please note that cemetery and church financial reports will be published upon Eparchial approval.

MARCH MONTHLY COLLECTION

Saint Anthony Maronite Church **Account Totals** For 03/01/2024 - 04/03/2024

Account Name	Cash	Check	CC#	Direct	Online	Other	Total
Candles	\$798.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$808.80
Donation	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00
Easter Bake Sale	\$10,384.85	\$1,892.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,099.00	\$0.00	\$14,375.85
Easter Charity for Pastor	\$50.00	\$970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$1,190.00
Easter Flower	\$158.00	\$756.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$979.15
Easter Lilies	\$135.00	\$755.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Easter Offering	\$5,163.00	\$6,264.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$11,802.10
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Good Friday	\$2,454.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,454.35
Good Friday Flowers	\$1,851.35	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.35
Good Friday-Holy Land	\$520.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,245.00
Holy Thursday	\$850.00	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$1,390.00
Lenten Raffle	\$1,035.00	\$4,820.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$935.00	\$0.00	\$6,790.00
Pastor's charities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Sunday Collection	\$9,565.55	\$9,120.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,295.00	\$0.00	\$19,981.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$376.00	\$1,155.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$1,546.00
Totals:	\$33,341.90		\$0.00		\$6,174.00		\$71,273.6
		\$31,757.7		\$0.00		\$0.00	



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st www.namnews.org | (914) 964-3070 | info@namnews.org https://book.passkey.com/e/50700969 | (313) 568-8000

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -St. Anthony Council 16204

Dinner & Discussion Saturday April 20th, 2024

Please Join us after the 4pm Saturday 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.

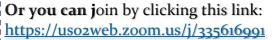
Topic for this event is — "Apologetics: Five

Confusing Topics for Catholics".

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality

Weekly Zoom Prayer Every Tuesday @ 8pm

Zoom ID: 335616991 Passcode: 816342



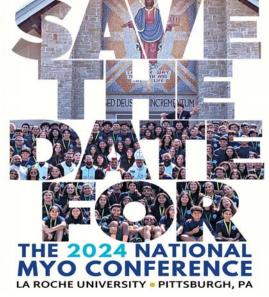
Thursday, April 18, 2024 Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession



MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 21, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm



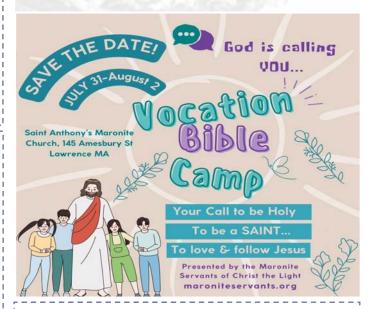


CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed

Antonia Lynn Santos

Daughter of
Daniel & Kelly (Alliegro) Santos

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



KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, May 11, 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session/Last session: Saturday, April 27, 2024 @ 5-7 pm



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services, and community outreach.

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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

April 13: Mary-Jo Matta, Gianny Ramey

April 14: Joseph Abdulnour, Connor Blanchet,

Ryan Hurst, Jonathan Maroun

April 15: Theresa Cherabie, Anthony Daccach,

Winifred Di Tommaso, Kenneth Gabriel,

Sanaa Kosseifi, Anthony Mansour, Abigail Martino, Ivan Merheb,

Noreen Quinlan, Timothy Shea

April 16: Joseph Abraham, Ciara Shepherd

April 17: Anthony Abou Khalil, Benjamin Hajj,

Elie Kanaan, Arthur Switala

April 18: Ajia Bou Saada

April 19: Tony Abdilmasih, Simon Mouawad,

Marie Mouawad, Estelle Mullen,

Charbel Tabet

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

April 14: George & Natalie Chaya,

Elie & Michelle Sfeir

April 15: Rani & Colette Sadek

April 16: Albert & Linda Lahood

April 18: Wissam & Gretta Merheb

April 19: Roy & Donna Rossi

SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

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

Email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

or Visit: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

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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?

- Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
- the 2. Scroll to 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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Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood

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Third Sunday of the Resurrection: Appearance to the Disciples of Emmaus

Book of Job 42,1-6

Then Job answered the LORD: 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

Second Letter to Timothy 2,8-13

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24,13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 20 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil Sunday, April 21 -8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir 9:30 am - Brady Barry 11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya (Ar) Marcel Saade

الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة: ظهور يسوع لتلميذي عمّاوس

سفر أيّوب 1:42 - 12.6

أجاب أيُّوبُ الرَّبَّ وقال: »قد عَلِمتُ أنَّكَ قادِرٌ على كُلِّ شيء فلا يَستَحيلُ علَيكَ مُراد. مَن ذا الَّذي يُخْفي التَّدْبيرَ في غَيرِ عِلْم؟ إنِّي قد أَخَبَرتُ مِن غَيرِ أَنَ أَدُرِكَ بِعَجائِبَ تفوقُني ولا أَعلَم. إسمَع فَاتكَلَم أَسأَلُكَ فأخبِرْني. كُنتُ قد سَمِعتُكَ سَمَعَ الأَذُنِ أَمَّا الآنَ فعَيني قد رَأتَكَ فإذلك أرَجعُ عن كلامي وأندَمُ في التَّرابِ والرَّماد. «وَبَارَكَ الرَّبُ آخِرَةَ أَيُّوبَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أُولاَهُ. وَكَانَ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ أَلْفًا مِنَ الْغَنَمِ، وَسِتَّةُ آلاَفٍ مِنَ الإِبِلِ، وَأَلْفُ فَدَّانٍ مِنَ الْبَقَرِ، وَأَلْفُ أَتْانٍ.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس 2:2– 13

يا إخوَتِي، وأَنْتَ يا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرْ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ الَّذي قَامَ مِنْ بَينِ الأَمْوَات، وهُوَ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُد، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي، الأَدي فِيهِ أَحْتَمِلُ المَشْقَاتِ حَتَّى القُيُودَ كَمُجْرِم، لكِنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ لا تُقَيَّد. لِذلِكَ أَصْبِرُ على كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ المُخْتَارِين، لِيَحْصَلُوا هُم أَيْضًا على الخَلاصِ في المَسِيح يَسُوعَ مَعَ المَجْدِ الأَبَدِيِّ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الكَلِمَة: إِنْ مُتْنَا المُخْتَارِين، لِيَحْصَلُوا هُم أَيْضًا على الخَلاصِ في المَسِيح يَسُوعَ مَعَ المَجْدِ الأَبَدِيِّ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الكَلِمَة: إِنْ مُتْنَا المُخْتَارِين، لِيَحْصَلُوا هُم أَيْضًا على الخَلاصِ في المَسِيح يَسُوعَ مَعَ المَجْدِ الأَبَدِيِّ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الكَلِمَة: إِنْ مُتْنَا مَعُهُ، وإِنْ أَنْكَرْنَاهُ يُنْكِرْنَا، وإِنْ كُنَّا غَيرَ أَمَنَاءَ فَهُو يَبْقَى أَمِينًا، لأَنَّهُ لا يَقْدِرُ أَنْ بُنُكِرْ نَا، وإِنْ كُنَّا غَيرَ أَمَنَاءَ فَهُو يَبْقَى أَمِينًا، لأَنَّهُ لا يَقْدِرُ أَنْ

إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 13:24 -35

في اليَوْمِ عَينِهِ، كَانَ ٱتْنَانِ مِنَ التَلاميذِ ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ تُدْعَى عِمَّاوُس، تَبْعُدُ نَحْوَ سَبْعَةِ أَمْيَالِ عَنْ أُورَ شَلِيم. وَكَانَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ بِكُلِّ تِلْكَ الأُمُورِ الَّتِي حَدَثَتْ. وفيمَا هُمَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ وَيَتَسَاءَلان، إِذَا يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ قَدِ ٱقْتَرَبَ مِنْهُمَا، وَرَاحَ يَسِيرُ مَعَهُمَا. ولكِنَّ أَعْيُنَهُمَا أُمْسِكَتْ عَنْ مَعْرِفَتِهِ. أَمَّا هُوَ فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: > مَا هذَا الكَلامُ الَّذي تَتَحَادَثَانِ بِهِ، وَ أَنْتُمَا تَسِيرَ ان؟ . ﴿ فَوَقَفَا عَابِسَين . وَأَجَابَ أَحَدُهُمَا ، وٱسْمُهُ كِلْيُوبَاس ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: ﴾ هَلْ أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ غَرِيبٌ عَنْ أُورَ شَلِيم، فَلا تَعْلَمَ مَا حَدَثَ فِيهَا هذِهِ الأَيَّام؟ . ﴿فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: ﴾ومَا هِيَ؟ . ﴿فَقَالا لَهُ: ﴾مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِيَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيّ، الَّذِي كَانَ رَجُلاًّ نَبِيًّا قَويًّا بِالقَوْلِ وَالفِعْل، قُدَّامَ اللهِ وَالشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ. وكينف أسْلَمَهُ أَحْبَارُنا وَرُؤَسَاؤُنَا لِيُحْكَمَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْت، وَكَيْفَ صَلَبُوه! وكُنَّا نَحْنُ نَرْجُو أَنْ يَكُونَ هُوَ الَّذي سَيَفْدِي إِسْرَ ائِيل. وَلكِنْ مَعَ هذَا كُلِّهِ، فَهذَا هُوَ اليَوْمُ الثَّالِثُ بَعْدَ تِلْكَ الأَحْدَاثِ. لكِنَّ بَعْضَ النِّسَاءِ مِنْ جَمَاعَتِنَا أَدْهَشْنَنَا، لأَنَّهُنَّ ذَهَبْنَ إِلَى القَبْرِ عِنْدَ الفَجْرِ، وَلَمْ يَجِدْنَ جَسَدَ يَسُوع، فَرَجَعْنَ وَقُلْنَ إِنَّهُنَّ شَاهَدْنَ مَلائِكَةً تَرَاءَوْا لَهُنَّ وَقَالُوا إِنَّهُ حَيّ! ومَضمَى قَوْمٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَنَا إلى القَبْرِ، فَوَجَدُوهُ هكذَا كَمَا قَالَتِ النِّسَاء، وَأَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَلَمْ يَرَوْه . ﴿فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوع: ﴿يَا عَدِيمَي الْفَهْم، وَبَطِيئَي القَلْبِ في الإِيْمَانِ بِكُلِّ مَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الأَنْبِيَاء! أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ عَلَى المَسِيحِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ تِلْكَ الآلام، ثُمَّ يَدْخُلَ في مَجْدِهِ؟ . ﴿ وَفَسَّرَ لَهُمَا مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِهِ في كُلِّ الكُتُبِ المُقَدَّسَة، مُبْتَدِئًا بِمُوسَى وَجَمِيعِ الأَنْبِيَاء. وٱقْتَرَبَا مِنَ القَرْيَةِ الَّتي كَانَا ذَاهِبَيْنِ إِلَيْهَا، فتَظَاهَرَ يَسُوعُ بِأَنَّهُ ذَاهِبٌ إلى مَكَانِ أَبْعَد. فَتَمَسَّكَا بِهِ قَائِلَين: ﴿ الْمُكُثْ مَعَنَا، فَقَدْ حَانَ المَسَاء، وَمَالَ النَّهَارِ . ﴿فَدَخَلَ لِيَمْكُثَ مَعَهُمَا. وفِيمَا كَانَ مُتَّكِئًا مَعَهُمَا، أَخَذَ الخُبْزَ، وبَارَكَ، وكَسَرَ، ونَاوَلَهُمَا. فأَنْفَتَحَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمَا، وَعَرَفَاهُ، فَإِذَا هُوَ قَدْ تَوَارَى عَنْهُمَا. فَقَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِلآخَر: »أَمَا كَانَ قَلْبُنَا مُضْطَرِمًا فِينَا، حِينَ كَانَ يُكَلِّمُنَا في الطَّرِيق، وَيَشْرَحُ لَنَا الكُتُب؟ . ﴿وقَامَا في تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ عَيْنِهَا، وَرَجَعَا إِلَى أُورَشَلِيم، فَوَجَدَا ٱلأَحَدَ عَشَرَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُم مُجْتَمِعِين، وَهُم يَقُولُون: »حَقًّا إِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَام، وتَرَاءَى لِسِمْعَان! . «أَمَّا هُمَا فَكانَا يُخْبِرانِ بِمَا حَدَثَ في الطّريق، وَكَيْفَ عَرَفَا يَسُوعَ عِنْدَ كَسْرِ الخُبْزِ.





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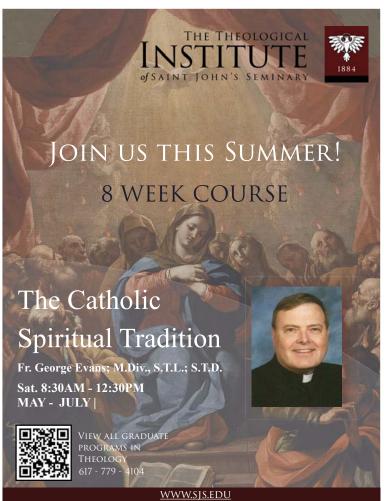


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