



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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WEEKLY
BULLETIN



DAILY
READINGS

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“Martha, Martha,
you are worried and upset
about many things, but only
one thing is needed.”

Luke 10:41

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زمن العنصرة - Pentecost Season

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 17 (Eng.)

St. Myron of Cyzicus

4:00 pm In Honor of Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

Sunday, August 18

The Letter of King Abgar to Christ

10:30 am In Honor of Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 24 (Eng.)

St. Eutyches of Sebastia

4:00 pm + 1st Anniversary - Renee Carabello, By her family

Sunday, August 25

St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples

9:30 am + Private Intention

11:00 am + 1st Anniversary - Bechara Rizkallah, By his wife, Amal, daughters, Christa & Leah, & their families

ENERGY COLLECTION

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep 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, August 19 (Ar.)

St. Luke of Baalbek / 1Jn 3:23-4:6 / Lk 15:1-7

9:00 am + Marleine Abdulnour, By Nada Asmar

Tuesday, August 20 (Eng.)

St. Bernard / 1Jn 4:7-21 / Lk 15:8-10

9:00 am + Souls in Purgatory, By Dora Pereira

Wednesday, August 21 (Ar.)

Samuel the Prophet / 1Jn 5:1-12 / Lk 16:1-8

9:00 am + Abdallah Sfeir, By Beshara & Huguette Sfeir & family

Thursday, August 22 (Eng.)

St. Symphorian / 1Jn 5:13-21 / Lk 16:9-12

9:00 am + Private Intentions

Friday, August 23 -

NO LITURGY / OFFICE CLOSED

St. Isaac of Nineveh / 2Jn 1-13 / Lk 16:13-17

OBSERVANCES

Mahrajan Volunteers Meeting:

Monday, August 19 @ 6:30pm, Church Hall

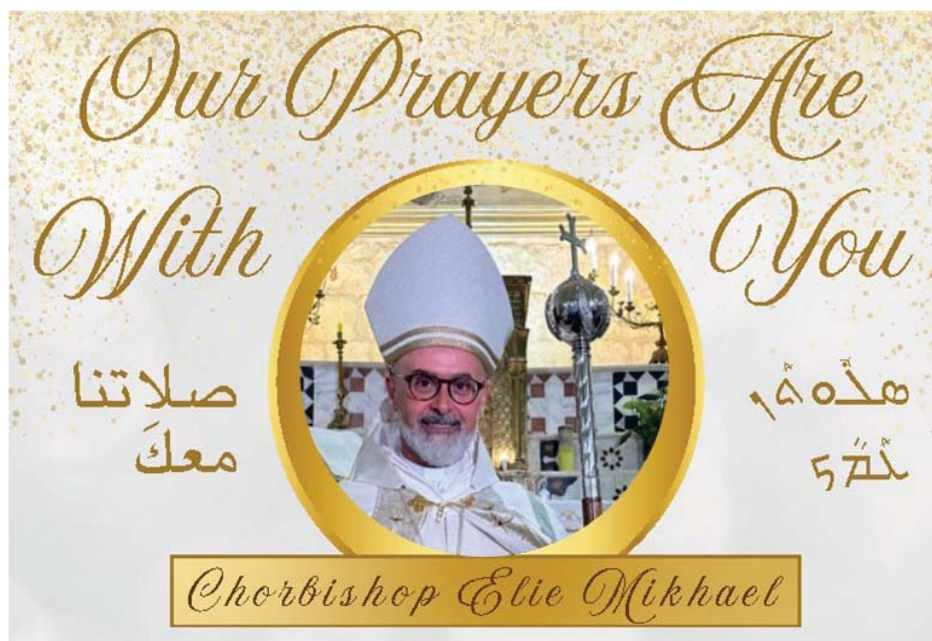
Please note: All departments chairs and volunteers are required to attend.

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Take St Anthony's Church with you on your vacation! Please keep your online donations active while away to help our doors remain open, awaiting your return.

Thank You & Have Safe travel!



To the most Reverend Monsignor Elie Mikhael,

"Come in peace, O good shepherd and wise steward"

Since the beginning of your mission, you have walked a path of righteousness, stewardship, and wisdom. You showed a great sense of fatherhood in your priestly service at the Maronite Patriarchal Seminary, where you set an example of uprightness and virtue for many seminarians. You nurtured them in love and goodness, taught them to give their life to the Lord with integrity and deep love for the Church, with respect and obedience to its leaders.

Again, you were also a joyful servant leader, serving many parishes in Lebanon, the United States, and Colombia. All of them bear witness to your joy in your stewardship. You have strengthened their faith, guided their steps, and deeply rooted their pastoral commitment in the Lord, the Good Shepherd.

Again and again, you were a wise leader who read beyond words, wrote between the lines, and went beyond events. Thus, we have seen you wisely overcoming many obstacles, as your vision, like that of Mary, remained focused on the greater part, Jesus Christ, the ultimate model of righteousness, stewardship, and wisdom.

Peace be with you, O good shepherd and wise steward.

On behalf of all the parishioners of Saint Anthony's Church, all the pastoral organizations, and ministries that you have served faithfully and loved deeply, and on behalf of myself, we entrust you with the peace of Christ. You remain in our prayers, love, and support. We are confident that as you embark on your new mission in Mexico, the inspirations of the Holy Spirit will guide you to strengthen the faith of your diocese, leading them with the goodness of your faith, the joy of your stewardship, and the wisdom of your decisions.

Now, go in peace and strive for peace.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,

Father Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy

OFFICE HOURS:

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

FRI OFFICE CLOSED

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am

MON & WED (Ar)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 9:30 am (Eng) 11 am (Eng. & Ar)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

(305) 807-9087

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy

(857)390-4838

pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,

& David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

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.



MAHRAJAN UPDATES

The Mahrajan Committee is soliciting interest and commitments from our parishioners and friends for our 52nd Annual Lebanese Mahrajan. Your support and generosity are always crucial to the success of this fundraiser.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Mahrajan Raffle Tickets have been sent out! Each family is encouraged to purchase at least one book of 10 tickets for \$45. You can also buy more and help sell them to friends or at work. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Your continuous support is very much appreciated towards our major fundraiser. Please submit your contribution today!



**Buy your tickets Now
Scan the QR Code**

RAFFLE BASKETS: Join the Fun and Donate to Our Basket Raffles!

Unleash your creativity by picking a theme & putting together a fantastic basket for this year's Basket Raffles! Don't have the time or not sure where to start? We've got you covered! We have a variety of ready-made baskets available that suit every budget. Whether you're looking for something simple or extravagant, there's a perfect option waiting for your donation. Interested? Contact Dianne Dewan for a list of themes and prices:

Email: Didewan9@gmail.com or Phone: (978) 273-0693.

Donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours.

MAHRAJAN SPONSORS: The sponsorship letter and form were sent electronically! To become a sponsor, please see the form on the next page for various sponsorship levels. Deadline to submit your sponsorship logo is Friday, August 23, 2024.

Thank you for your generous support and participation!

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS: We rely on your help, beloved parishioners, to volunteer your time and make this year's festival a grand success!

- ♦ Join Our Team: Help spread joy and goodwill at this year's festival!
- ♦ Fun and Meaningful Roles: From welcoming guests to assisting with activities, there's a role for everyone.
- ♦ Flexible Hours: Volunteer for shifts that fit your schedule and enjoy the festival in your free time.
- ♦ Community Spirit: Be part of a team that makes a positive impact and fosters community spirit.
- ♦ Training Provided: We will ensure your readiness to contribute and engage.
- ♦ Sign Up Today: Interested? Contact Ramona Yamine @ (978) 350-2965 and/or Grece Abou Ezzi @ (978) 382-2980 or scan the QR Code now to start getting involved and be part of this wonderful festivities.



**Sign-up Now
Scan the QR Code**

Thank you for being a vital part of our community and contributing to the success of our 52nd Lebanese Mahrajan!



52ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL
**LEBANESE
 MAHRAJAN**
 LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Saint Anthony Maronite Church
presents

Friday
08/30
 5 PM - 1AM

Saturday
08/31
 5 PM - 2AM

Sunday
09/01
 12 PM - 12AM

BECOME A SPONSOR

CHANGING
★★★★★

 \$7,500

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS
- ✓ BUSINESS NAME AND SPONSORSHIP CATEGORY RECOGNITION IN DESIGNATED SECTION IN 52ND MAHRAJAN SLIDESHOW

SUSTAINING
★★★★★

 \$5,000

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS

GROWING
★★★★★

 \$2,500

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON SCREENS DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$50)
- ✓ 2 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

OUTREACH
★★★★★

 \$1,000

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON TELEVISION DURING THE MAHRAJAN WEEKEND WITH LIMITED SCREEN TIME
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$25)
- ✓ 1 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

FRIENDS
★★★★★

 \$250

- ✓ SPONSOR'S NAME WILL BE MENTIONED ON THE COMMON "FRIENDS OF THE MAHRAJAN" DIGITAL SLIDE ADVERTISEMENT
- ✓ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN PARISH BULLETIN

HELPING
★★★★★

 \$500

- ✓ SHARED DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT WITH NAME/LOGO IN THE MAHRAJAN
- ✓ COMPANY NAME OR LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE AND PARISH BULLETIN
- ✓ 1 RAFFLE BOOK

NAME/BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAHRAJAN SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____

SPONSORSHIP IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: _____

-CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH" (MEMO: MAHRAJAN SPONSORSHIP)
 -SPONSOR MUST PROVIDE HIGH RESOLUTION ELECTRIC LOGO AT ITS EXPENSE. SPONSORSHIPS ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PASTOR AND THE MAHRAJAN COMMITTEE. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of the beloved **Josephine Hatem**, who passed away peacefully last week. We express our sympathies to her children, Michael Hatem and his wife Mary Ann (Dayian), Christine and her husband Kevin Duffy, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and sister in law Rose (Hatem) Roux.

May her soul rest in peace & her memories be eternal.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Birthday Remembrance, In Memory of Larry Kalil, *By his wife, Linda Kalil & family*

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Online Registration is now open for 2024-2025
www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Now accepting Online registration for 2024-2025
www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild

Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -St. Anthony Council 16204

KOC Next Meeting:
Tuesday September 10, 2024
@ 7pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend. For information email: KOC16204@gmail.com

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.

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.

Plant-A-Tree B—For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

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

Pope at Angelus: 'Listen to Jesus, everything else comes after', July 17, 2022

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis described the day's liturgy, which presents us with the story of Martha and Mary, two sisters offering hospitality to Jesus in their home. The Pope recounts that Martha welcomes the guests whilst Mary sits at Jesus' feet to listen to him until Martha turns to him and asks him to tell Mary to help her. Martha's complaint does not seem out of place; indeed, we feel we are agreeing with her, said the Pope. Yet Jesus answers her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her". Pope Francis noted that though it is a surprising answer, Jesus often overturns our way of thinking. "Let us ask ourselves then why the Lord, while appreciating Martha's generous care, says that Mary's attitude is to be preferred", said the Pope.

The order of priorities

The Pope went on to note that Martha's "philosophy" seems to be duty first, pleasure second. "Hospitality is not made of fine words, but demands" that involve doing whatever it takes to make the guest feel welcome. "Jesus is well aware of this", said the Pope, and he "acknowledges Martha's effort" but he "wants to make her understand that there is a new order of priorities". Mary, the Pope said, has realized that there is a "better part" that must be given first place. "Everything else comes after", he added. The better thing, he specified, "is listening to Jesus' words".

First, listen

"The word of Jesus is not abstract, it is a teaching that touches and shapes life, changes it, frees it from the dullness of evil, satisfies and infuses it with a joy that does not pass: it is the better part", explained the Pope, and it is for this reason that Mary prioritises it. She stop and listens, and the rest will come later. Pope Francis then went on to specify that this takes nothing away from the alue of practical commitment, which must flow from the word of Jesus and animated by his Spirit , "otherwise it is reduced to a fussing and fretting over many things, to a sterile activism".

Take advantage of your time

Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Francis urged the faithful listening to "take advantage of this holiday season to stop and listen to Jesus". He explained that today it is always more difficult to find free moments to meditate and for this reason the summer period can be precious to open the Gospel and read it slowly, without haste. "Let us allow ourselves to be challenged by those pages, asking ourselves how our our life is going, if it is in line with what Jesus says", and in particular, he added, "let us ask ourselves: when I start my day, do I throw myself headlong into the things to be done, or do I first seek inspiration in the Word of God"? Finally, the Pope prayed that the Virgin Mary "teach us to choose the best part, which will never be taken away from us".

BIRTHDAY WISHES

August 17: Carter Bistany, George Ead

August 18: Jean Sarkis

August 19: George Abou-Ezzi,
George Abou Khalil,
Justin Lebbos, Rawad
Saade, Nicholas Twing

August 20: Jean-Paul Abi Awad,
Nicholas Azzi, Daad
Dagher, Antoinette E
Jamous, Cole Hashem,
John-Paul Matta, Michael
Najjar, Beki Vincent

August 21: Delaney Bradley, Kelsey
Khoury, Charle Maroun,
Nadia Nammour

August 22: Kallie Blanchet, Christian
Chedid, Yara El Hayek, Fay
Feghali, Eva Khoury, Lucia
Sadek

August 23: George Bou Saada,
Anthony El Hachem, Lara
Geha, Aboud Kassarji,
Bassil Zaza

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

August 17: Milad & Ghada Rizkallah

August 18: Nadim & Marie-Christine
Daou, John & Leslie Hassan,
Linton & Noha Ranson

August 19: Elias & Marie-Therese Azzi
Antoine & Alexa Bassil

August 20: Matthew & Jaclyn Pratt

August 21: Joelle & Henry Sader

August 22: Danny & Rita Azzi
Jamil & Teresa Kamari
Vincent & Alison Puglisi

August 23: Rami & Mariana Ata
Patrick & Giselle Gerges
Richard & Noreen Mallen

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost: Martha and Mary

Book of Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2: 1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sacrament of Matrimony

Maria Nammour & Marjo Salillari

*"Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.
Rite of the Covenant"*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Talia Joumaa

Daughter of Juliano & Mireille Joumaa

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

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة: مرثا ومريم

سفر تثنية الاشتراع 6: 4-9

إِسْمَعْ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ: «إِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُنَا هُوَ رَبٌّ وَاحِدٌ. فَاحْبِبِ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ بِكُلِّ قَلْبِكَ وَكُلِّ نَفْسِكَ وَكُلِّ قُوَّتِكَ. وَلِتَكُنْ هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَاتُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَمْرُكَ بِهَا الْيَوْمَ فِي قَلْبِكَ. وَرَدِّدْهَا عَلَى بَنِيكَ وَكَلِّمُهُمْ بِهَا، إِذَا جَلَسْتَ فِي بَيْتِكَ وَإِذَا مَشَيْتَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ وَإِذَا نَمْتَ وَفُطِمْتَ. وَأَعْقِدْهَا عَلَامَةً عَلَى يَدِكَ وَلِتَكُنْ عَصَائِبَ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْكَ. وَاكْتُبْهَا عَلَى دَعَائِمِ أَبْوَابِ بَيْتِكَ.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 2: 1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّ دُخُولَنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَاطِلًا. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، بَعْدَ أَنْ تَأَلَّمْنَا وَشَتِمْنَا فِي فِيلِيبِّي، تَجَرَّأْنَا بِالْهَذَا أَنْ نُكَلِّمَكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، فِي جِهَادٍ كَثِيرٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ وَغْظُنَا عَنْ ضَلَالٍ، وَلَا عَنْ نَجَاسَةٍ، وَلَا بِمَكْرٍ، بَلْ كَمَا اخْتَبَرْنَا اللَّهُ فَأَمَّنَّا عَلَى الْإِنْجِيلِ، هَكَذَا نَتَكَلَّمُ، لَا إِرْضَاءً لِلنَّاسِ بَلْ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يَخْتَبِرُ قُلُوبَنَا. فَإِنَّا وَلَا مَرَّةً أَتَيْنَاكُمْ بِكَلِمَةٍ تَمْلُقُ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، وَلَا بِدَافِعٍ طَمَعٍ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ، وَلَا طَلَبْنَا مَجْدًا مِنْ بَشَرٍ، لَا مِنْكُمْ وَلَا مِنْ غَيْرِكُمْ، مَعَ أَنَّنَا قَادِرُونَ أَنْ نَكُونَ ذَوِي وَقَارٍ، كَرُسُلٍ لِلْمَسِيحِ، لَكِنَّا صِرْنَا بَيْنَكُمْ ذَوِي لُطْفٍ، كَمَا رَضِعَ تَحْتِصُنُ أَوْلَادِهِ. وَهَكَذَا فَإِنَّا مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْحَنِينِ إِلَيْكُمْ، نَرْتَضِي أَنْ نُعْطِيَكُمْ لَا إِنْجِيلَ اللَّهِ وَحَسْبُ، بَلْ أَنْفُسَنَا أَيْضًا، لِأَنَّكُمْ صِرْتُمْ لَنَا أَحِبَّاءَ. وَإِنَّكُمْ تَتَذَكَّرُونَ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، تَعَبْنَا وَكَدْنَا: فَلَقَدْ بَشَرْنَاكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَنَحْنُ نَعْمَلُ لَيْلَ نَهَارٍ، لِنَلَّا نُنْقِلَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْكُمْ. أَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ، كَيْفَ كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فِي نِقَاةٍ وَبِرٍّ وَبِغَيْرِ لَوْمٍ، نَعْمَلُ كُلًّا مِنْكُمْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، مُعَامِلَةً أَلَّا بِلَاؤٍ. وَكُنَّا نُنَاشِدُكُمْ، وَنُشَجِّعُكُمْ، وَنَحْتُكِّمُ عَلَى أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا مَسَلَكًا يَلِيقُ بِاللَّهِ، الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِهِ وَمَجْدِهِ. لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمَّا تَلَقَّيْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي سَمِعْتُمُوهَا مِنَّا، قَبِلْتُمُوهَا لَا بِأَنَّهَا كَلِمَةُ بَشَرٍ، بَلْ بِأَنَّهَا حَقًّا كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَإِنَّهَا لَفَاعِلَةٌ فِيكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 38-42

فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْقُرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا امْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْثَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْثَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرْيَمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيِ الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْثَا فَكَانَتْ مُنْهَمِكَةً بِكَثْرَةِ الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَمَّا ثُبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!». «فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «مَرْثَا، مَرْثَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرْيَمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا.»

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