



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Beginning of the Liturgical Year

أحد تقديس البيعة - Consecration of the Church

MATTHEW 16:19

AND
I
WILL
GIVE YOU

the
keys
of the

kingdom of Heaven,

and WHATEVER YOU BIND *on* EARTH
WILL BE BOUND *in* HEAVEN,
and WHATEVER YOU LOOSE *on* EARTH
WILL BE LOOSED *in* HEAVEN.

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

Consecration of the Church

Saturday, November 2 (Eng.)

All Souls Day

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

4:00 pm + The Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 3 *Sts Akepsimas, Joseph & Aithalas*

8:00 am + Private Intention

9:30 am + Donald A. George, *By his family*

11:00 am + **1st Anniversary** - Emilia Boufaisal, *By her sister, Marie Nammour, nieces, nephews, & their families*

5:00 pm In Honor of all Saint Anthony's Organizations members and their families

RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, November 9 (Eng.)

St. Matrona of Pamphylia

4:00 pm + **1st Anniversary** - Christine Kattar, *By her siblings, Donna & Thomas Kattar & family*

Sunday, November 10

St. Maura

8:00 am + Madeline Abood, *By Soheil Hachem & family*

9:30 am + Ibrahim, Sadie, & Dalal Kassas & the deceased family members, *By their son George Kassas, & family*

11:00 am + **40 Day Anniversary** - Ghassan Raad, *By his wife, Claudine, & his daughters, Jessica & Bianca*

+ George, Zeidan, & Helene Ata, *By their family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, November 4 (Ar.)

Sts. Vitalis & Agricola / Heb 10:11-18 / Jn 17:1-8

9:00 am + **1st Anniversary** - Elizabeth Cipriani, *By Mr. & Mrs. John Maksou & family*

Tuesday, November 5 (Eng.)

St. Asya the Righteous / Heb 10:19-25 / Jn 17:9-13

9:00 am + Private Intention

Wednesday, November 6 (Ar.)

St. Paul / Heb 10:26-31 / Jn 17:14-19

9:00 am + Farha & Hanna Daccache, *By their daughter, Gretta Merheb & family*

Thursday, November 7 (Eng.)

St. Hieron & His Companions / Heb 10:32-39 / Jn 17:20-23

9:00 am + Deceased members of the Goulart & Pereira families, *By Dora Pereira*

9:30 am - Noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 8 **OFFICE CLOSED**

St. Michael / Rom 5:12-16 / Jn 17:24-26

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**Maronite Patriarchal Charities –
November 2 & 3, 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.



Our Vocation as Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the National Vocation Awareness Week from November 3-9, 2024, we are reminded that each of us is called to a single, holy purpose: to become saints. Every vocation—whether to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life—is rooted in this foundational call to holiness. Each path, though distinct, is a response to God's invitation to reflect His love and grow in sanctity.

This Jubilee Year, with its theme of "*Pilgrims of Hope*," aligns perfectly with our journey in vocation. Each vocation is a pilgrimage—a hopeful journey toward God's love and purpose for our lives. Saint John Paul II spoke to this call beautifully, reminding us, "*The ways of holiness are many, according to the vocation of each individual. I urge you, therefore, to discover the gifts and talents you have received and use them to bring about a civilization of love.*" As pilgrims of hope, we walk together toward holiness, each of us bringing unique gifts to God's kingdom and helping one another find strength in our faith.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta also offers us a beautiful reminder of the importance of our daily "yes" to God's call, saying, "*Holiness is not the luxury of the few; it is a simple duty for you and me.*" It is by responding to our vocation with open and willing hearts that we find fulfillment and help spread hope to those around us.

Whether we are called to serve as priests, consecrated religious, faithful spouses, or generous single men and women, our ultimate vocation is always to grow closer to Christ and to share His love with others. Through each vocation, God leads us as pilgrims, providing hope and grace in every step of our journey toward sainthood.

As a parish family, let us support and encourage one another to listen to God's call, respond with courage, and nurture those discerning a path of service and commitment. Together, as pilgrims of hope, may we walk faithfully on the path of holiness, strengthened by God's love and sustained by our shared vocation.

In Christ's love,

Fr. 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 8am(Ar) 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.



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Purpose:

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony's church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a guide and intercessor, and create the opportunity to pray, share our experience and grow in faith together on our journey to eternal life promised to us by Jesus the crucified.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am at Saint Anthony Maronite Church Hall.

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild



Thursday, November 21, 2024: Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession

Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 8pm

Zoom ID: 335616991

Passcode: 816342

Or you can join by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

For more information email:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204



KOC Next Meeting:

Tuesday November 12, 2024

@ 7pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"



Next event:

Monday, November 18, 2024

6pm - 7:30pm @ church hall

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:

Sunday, November 3, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:

Saturday, November 2, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sessions:

Saturday, November 9 & 23 @ 5 - 7 pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registrationform/

We are always looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested please email us at

Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

Saturday, November 2, 2024,

11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall

Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings.

New applicants are always welcome!

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

"The Oldest Organization of St. Anthony's Church"

Next Meeting:

Monday, November 4 @ 12 pm

At the church hall

Please join us, and bring a friend, at our monthly meetings to discuss activities, places to visit, guest speakers, etc.



**Winter Hats, Gloves,
Mittens, and Socks Drive
COMING SOON**



Sponsored by Daughters of St. Anthony

**Drop off Box will be in the church lobby
beginning of November**

Thank you for your donation!



St. Anthony Thanksgiving Food Drive

Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus

**Help us reach our goal of providing food for needy
families and the Maronite Monks at Petersham**

Please consider donating a grocery bag with:

- Canned vegetables
- Brown rice & quinoa
- Canned diced tomato's
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned olives
- Dried fruit
- Canned tuna & chicken
- Walnuts
- Stuffing mix
- Soup & broth
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Boxed mac and cheese
- Baking ingredients
- Healthy breakfast cereal
- Old fashioned oats
- Herbal tea-decaf

Please drop off food items in the church lobby by
November 21st

Thank you for your generosity & continued blessings

OBSERVANCES

- ♦ Sunday, November 3, 2024 - Organization Mass @ 5pm - Everyone is welcome - All members of St. Anthony's Organizations are encouraged to attend - 1st Sunday Youth Mass
- ♦ Veterans Day - No Liturgy - Office Closed Monday, November 11, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMPS



**In Loving Memory of Emilia Boufaisal,
By her sister, Marie Nammour, nieces,
nephews, & their families**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 2 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, November 3 -

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias P. Azzi

(Ar) Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, November 10 -

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Dalal Kassas Semprun


11:00 am - (Eng) Marie-Christine Daou

(Ar) Amale Chantiri



October Monthly Collection**Saint Anthony Maronite Church****Account Totals****For 10/01/2024 - 10/31/2024**

| Account Name | Cash | Check | CC# | Direct | Online | Other | Total |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Candles | \$532.60 | \$10.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$542.60 |
| Donation | \$40.00 | \$7,300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | \$7,590.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$6,432.20 | \$6,873.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,140.00 | \$0.00 | \$15,445.20 |
| Utilities, Fuel & Electricity | \$446.00 | \$800.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,346.00 |
| World Mission Sunday Collection | \$442.35 | \$245.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | \$712.35 |
| Totals: | \$7,893.15 | \$15,228.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,515.00 | \$0.00 | \$25,636.15 |



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

The St Anthony Knights of Columbus Men's Group would like to remind all parishioners that November is known as Military Family Month, and a time when we celebrate and remember not only our service men and women but their families. As we remember all of our parishioners who served, let us keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers, as well as for the contributions and sacrifices of more than 350 parishioners of St Anthony who served-past and present. **Thank you veterans!**

Come Join us at
Saint Anthony's Organizations Liturgy
Sunday, November 3, 2024, @ 5 PM
To celebrate the launch of Jubilee 2025,
Inspired by Pope Francis
"PILGRIMS OF HOPE"




SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH LAWRENCE PRESENTS

MENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

MUSIC - GAMES - FUN - CASH BAR

\$55

NO TICKETS AT DOOR

10TH DEC

PHOENICIAN RESTAURANT
MICHAEL'S FUNCTION HALL
12 ALPHA STREET
HAVERHILL, MA

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
DINNER SERVED AT 7:45PM

MENU INCLUDES:
APPS: HUMMUS, TABOULI, BABA, RAW KIBBEE, VEGETABLE PLATTER, FRIES
MAIN: CHICKEN KABOB OVER RICE PILAF, TENDERLOIN WITH PEPPERS & ONIONS

FOR INFO OR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRED COREY | ROD PICA | WISSAM MERHEB | ELIAS AZZI | DANNY AZZI

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- November 2:** Christiane Daher, Hanna Ead, Soline Geha, Toufic Karam, Christine Karam, Judith Saliba
- November 3:** Bassam El Fata, Christine Korbani, Marybeth Veilleux
- November 4:** Walid Alghoul, Claire Aoun, Nadine Harper, Hope Vincent
- November 5:** George Abraham, Rabih Bou-Chaaya, Charles Bou Sanayeh, John McKone-Saldivar, Maya Owaida
- November 6:** Susan Abraham, Andrea Ata, Mia Ata, Brielle Bassil, Andreas Fakhry, Rocco Fiacchino, Stephen Pellerin, Kaia Saab, Quinn Sfeir
- November 7:** Callahan Bergin, Anthony Conway, Gregory Daher, Rosemary Daher, James Demers
- November 8:** Rima Ayoub, Michael Chaya, Patricia Ferguson, Jamie Gabriel, Peter Georges, James Khoury, Chloe Saade, Rabeka Saouma

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- November 2:** Bassil & Roula Zaza
- November 3:** Joe & Patrice Touma
- November 4:** Jack & Joan Roy
- November 5:** Nabil & Tamar Bou-Mitri
- November 6:** Brian & Tina Conway
- November 7:** Pierre & Alice Sader



Maronite Servants of Christ the Light

Come & See Retreat Weekend
For young adult women (ages 18-39)
November 29- December 1, 2024 @
Mother of the Light Convent, Dartmouth, MA
For more information or to register please visit
maroniteservants.org.

CONGRATULATIONS! On Your New Baby

Anthony Charbel DiRenzo

Son of Noura (Dagher)

& Daniel James DiRenzo

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3*

NOVEMBER
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9AM - 4PM

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ADORE

Adoration
Confession
Guest Speaker
Live worship music by
Mike McDuffee

St. Lucy Church
254 Merrimack St
Methuen, MA

Wednesday, November 13th
6:00-8:00 PM

Mike McDuffee has been leading worship in the Catholic Church since he was 12 years old. He currently lives in Lynnfield with his wife and four children and serves as the campus minister of St. Mary's School in Lynn, MA.

Last year, more than 150 adults and young people gathered to worship our Lord. Please join us. All are welcome!

Sunday of the Consecration of the Church

Book of Isaiah 54: 1,3,5-8,10

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the LORD. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Letter to the Hebrews 9: 1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

أحد تقديس البيعة

سفر أشعيا 54: 1-3. 8-10

تَرْنَمِي أَيَّتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تُنْجِبْ، أَشِيدِي بِالتَّرْتِمِ وَالْهَتَافِ يَا مَنْ لَمْ تُقَاسِي مِنَ الْمُخَاضِ، لِأَنَّ أُنْبَاءَ الْمُسْتَوْحِشَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أُنْبَاءِ ذَاتِ الزَّوْجِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. لِأَنَّكَ سَتَمَنْدِينَ يَمِينًا وَشِمَالًا، وَيَرِثُ نَسْلُكَ أُمًّا وَيُعْمَرُونَ الْمُدْنَ الْخَرِبَةَ، لِأَنَّ صَانِعَكَ هُوَ بَعْلُكَ، وَالرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ أَسْمُهُ، وَفَادِيكَ هُوَ قُدُّوسُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى إِلَهَ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ. قَدْ دَعَاكَ الرَّبُّ كَزَوْجَةٍ مَهْجُورَةٍ مَكْرُوبَةِ الرُّوحِ، كَزَوْجَةٍ عَهْدِ الصِّبَا الْمَنْبُودَةِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. لَقَدْ هَجَرْتِكَ لَحْظَةً وَلَكِنِّي بِمَرَاحِمٍ عَظِيمَةٍ أَجْمَعُكَ. فِي لَحْظَةٍ غَضَبٍ جَامِحٍ حَبَبْتُ وَجْهِي عَنْكَ، وَلَكِنِّي بِحُبِّ أَبَدِيٍّ أَرْحَمُكَ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ فَادِيكَ. إِنَّ الْجِبَالَ تَزُولُ وَالتِّلالَ تَتَزَحْزَحُ، أَمَّا رَحْمَتِي الثَّابِتَةُ فَلَا تُفَارِقُكَ، وَعَهْدُ سَلَامِي لَا يَتَزَعَزَعُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ رَاحِمُكَ.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9: 1-12

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبُنِيَ قُدْسٌ أَرْضِيٌّ. فَبُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدْسُ»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ، وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدْسُ الْأَقْدَاسِ»، وَيَحْتَوِي مَجْمَرَةً ذَهَبِيَّةً لِلْبُخُورِ، وَتَابُوتَ الْعَهْدِ، مُغَشَّى كُلَّهُ بِالذَّهَبِ، وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنِّ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَخَتْ، وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ، وَفَوْقَ التَّابُوتِ كُرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالَ الْآنَ لِلْكَلَامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ. وَإِذْ بُنِيََتْ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكِنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ، أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمُ الْأَحْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يُقَرِّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ. وَبِهَذَا يُوضِحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدْسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدُ قَدْ كُشِفَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا. وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ تَقَرَّبُ تَقَادِمٌ وَذَبَائِحُ، لَا يُمَكِّنُهَا أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يُقَرِّبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ. إِنَّهَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعَمَةٍ وَأَشْرَبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعٍ شَتَّى مِنَ الْأَغْتِسَالِ، مَقْرُوضَةٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَقْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ. أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمُ أَحْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَاجْتَاَزَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

إنجيل القديس متى 13: 16-20

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلِبُّسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟» فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.» قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟» «فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!» «فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيُّ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأَعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرَبُّطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.» «حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ الْأَ» يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

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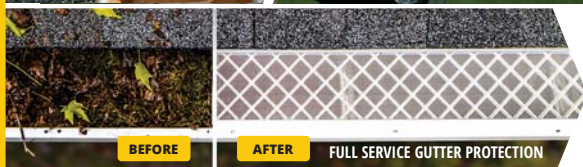
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