



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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Sunday of the Renewal of the Church

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“My sheep
hear My
voice, and
I know them,
and they
follow Me.

John 10:27



LITURGIES INTENTIONS**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

Season of the Glorious Birth of Our Lord**ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH****Saturday, November 16** (Eng.) *St. Matthew the Evangelist***4:00 pm** In Honor of Cecilia Hatem

+ Maroun Mouawad, By his wife, Habouba, children, Simon, Michael, Renee, & their families

Sunday, November 17 *St. Gregory the Wonderworker***8:00 am** + Private Intentions**9:30 am** + Private Intentions

11:00 am + Jean El Helou, By his son, Tony, his daughter, Lola, their spouses, & their families

Daily Liturgies**Monday, November 11** (Ar.) **OFFICE CLOSED***Sts. Mennas & His Companions/Heb 8:1-6 / Jn 10:1-6***Veterans Day****Tuesday, November 12** (Eng.)*St. Theodore / Heb 8:7-13 / Jn 10:7-10***9:00 am** + Souls In Purgatory, By Dora Pereira**Wednesday, November 13** (Ar.)*St. John Chrysostom/ Heb 9:15-23 / Jn 10:11-16*

9:00 am + Angela Atallah, By her daughter, Huguette Sfeir, & family

Thursday, November 14 (Eng.)*St. Philip / Heb 9:24-28 / Jn 10:17-21***9:00 am** + Ghassan Raad, By Michel Mikhael**9:30 am - Noon** Eucharistic Adoration**Friday, November 15****OFFICE CLOSED***Sts. Gurias, Samonas, & Habib the Deacon**/ Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22*
Weekly Collections
For the week of 11/03/2024

Candles	96.00
Sanctuary Lamps	20.00
Donation	1,000.00
Maronite Patriarchal Charity	656.00
Sunday Collection	3,188.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	590.00
Total	\$5,550.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

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.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Christmas of Hope

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach this joyous season, celebrating the birth of Our Lord, I am delighted to invite you to join us for our Christmas 2024 program, "*Christmas of Hope*." Together, as one family and one community, we will celebrate the birth of our Savior and embrace the hope and renewal Christ brings into our lives. I warmly encourage each of you and your families to participate in the various gatherings, liturgies, and festivities.

Stay tuned for more details about each event as we approach the season!

Here is our program:

- **Friday, December 6:** Women's Christmas Party
- **Sunday, December 8, 3-6 PM:** Christmas Tree Lighting
- **Tuesday, December 10:** Men's Christmas Party
- **Friday, December 13, 7 PM:** Christmas Recital
- **Saturday, December 14, 5 PM:** Kids Christmas Party
- **Friday, December 20, 9AM – 2PM:** Seniors Christmas Day
- **Saturday, December 21, 5 PM:** CCD Christmas Party

Christmas Novena:

Sunday, December 15 – Monday, December 23:

6 PM Confessions, 7 PM Novena (EN/AR)

May this "*Christmas of Hope*" bring peace, joy, and unity to our parish community and may the birth of Our Lord fill your hearts and homes with Christ's love.

I wish you all a blessed season and look forward to celebrating with you and your loved ones.

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 13, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:

Saturday, November 16, 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, December 7, 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, December 2 @ 12 pm

Christmas Party @ church hall



OBSERVANCES

- ♦ Veterans Day - No Liturgy - Office Closed Monday, November 11, 2024
- ♦ Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed Thursday, November 28, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Honor and In Loving Memory of
All Our Veterans

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 16 - 4 pm - Ramona Yammine
Sunday, November 17 -

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Maribelle Spiridon



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

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

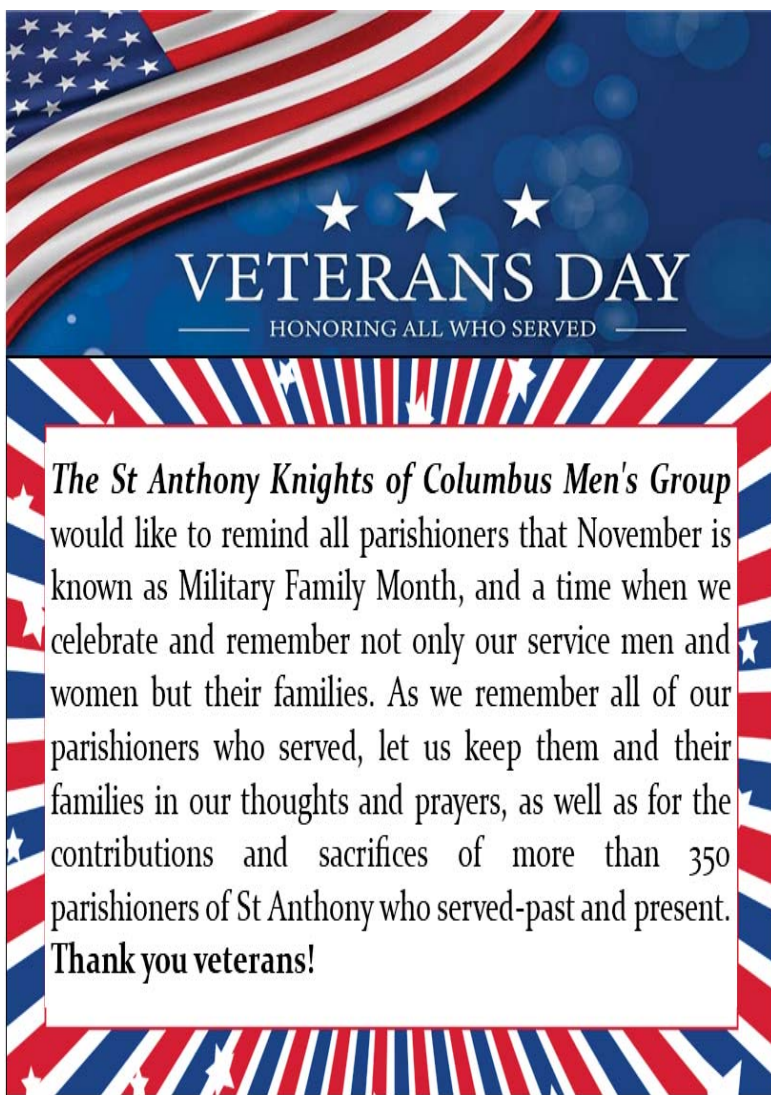
Help us reach our goal of providing food for needy
families and the Maronite Monks at Petersham

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

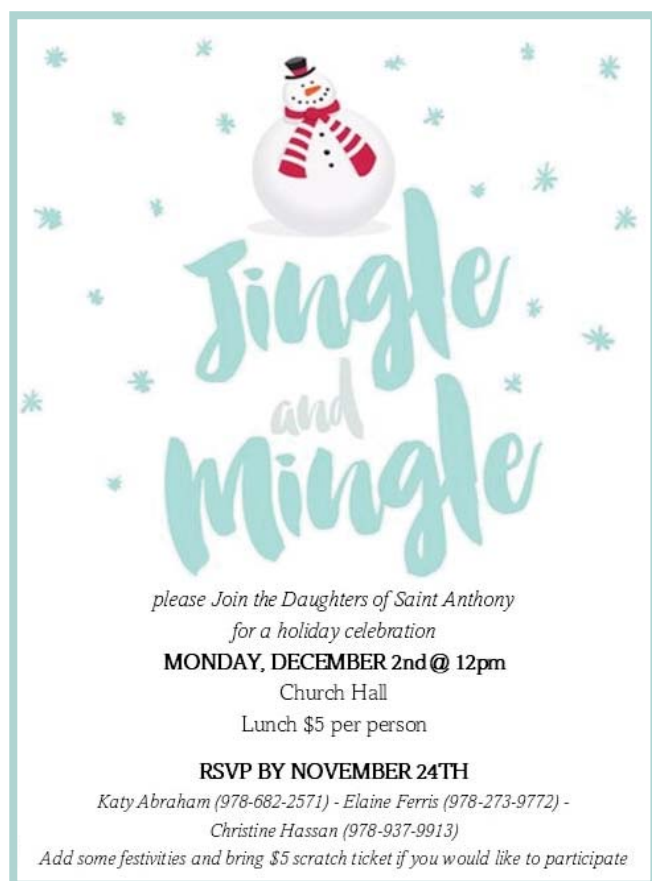
Thank you for your generosity & continued blessings



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!



Jingle and Mingle

please Join the Daughters of Saint Anthony for a holiday celebration

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd @ 12pm
Church Hall
Lunch \$5 per person

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 24TH
Katy Abraham (978-682-2571) - Elaine Ferris (978-273-9772) - Christine Hassan (978-937-9913)

Add some festivities and bring \$5 scratch ticket if you would like to participate



NOVEMBER
Sat, 23rd - Sun, 24th
9AM - 4PM

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND CRAFT FAIR

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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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

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL
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ENROLLING NURSERY - GRADE 8



Thursday, November 21st
9:30 - 11AM | 5:30 - 7PM

Discover how we bring our mission of forming the next generation of saints and scholars to life. Come meet our faculty and administrators, explore our classrooms, tour the campus, chat with current parents and more!

We can't wait to welcome you!

26 Central Street, Andover MA




www.staugustineandover.org

CONGRATULATIONS! On Your New Baby

George Bechara Russell

Son of Leah (Rizkallah) & Liam Russell

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

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!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

November 9: Mia Abou-Ezzi,
Catherine Abou Khalil,
Gaelle Dagher, Michael Moujaes

November 10: Salim Azzi, Wadad Ramy,
Charbel Ramy

November 11: David Abou Khalil, Tannous Ata,
Lydia Belko, Dominic Martino,
Najat Rizkallah

November 12: Christopher Harb, Richard Mallen
Elias Zaarour

November 13: Dianne Hatem, Paul Iannuccillo,
Tori Maroon, Stephanie Sader,
Melissa Tarness

November 14: Anthony Chamoun, Margaret Ead
Addyson Plouffe, David Veilleux

November 15: Melhem Azzi, Katy Bailin,
Laure El Feghali, Katy Kalil,
Eden Sfeir

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

November 11: Bob & Venize Mason
Justin & Victoria Pelletier

November 12: Muhenad & Grace Samaan

November 13: Alex & Ciara Shepherd
Waroujian & Genevieve Yeremian

November 14: Samer & Diana Geha

November 15: Bradford & Paula Brooks

Sunday of the Renewal of the Church

2nd Book of Maccabee 10: 1-6a.7b-8

When Maccabeus and his companions, under the Lord's leadership, had recovered the temple and the city, they destroyed the altars erected by the foreigners in the marketplace and the sacred shrines. After purifying the temple, they made another altar. Then, with fire struck from flint, they offered sacrifice for the first time in two years, burned incense, and lighted lamps. They also set out the showbread. When they had done this, they prostrated themselves and begged the Lord that they might never again fall into such misfortunes, and that if they should sin at any time, he might chastise them with moderation and not hand them over to blasphemous and barbarous Gentiles. On the anniversary of the day on which the temple had been profaned by the foreigners, that is, the twenty-fifth of the same month Kislev, the purification of the temple took place. The Jews celebrated joyfully for eight days as on the feast of Booths. They sang hymns of grateful praise to him who had successfully brought about the purification of his own place. By public decree and vote they prescribed that the whole Jewish nation should celebrate these days every year.

Letter to the Hebrews 9: 11-15

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. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 10: 22-42

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?' The Jews answered, 'It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.' Jesus answered, 'Is it not written in your law, "I said, you are gods"? If those to whom the word of God came were called "gods" and the scripture cannot be annulled can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, "I am God's Son"? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.' Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, 'John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.' And many believed in him there.

أحد تجديد البيعة

سفر المكابيين الثاني 1:10 - 8.7.6

إِسْتَرَدَّ الْمَكَابِيُّ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ الْهَيْكَلَ وَالْمَدِينَةَ بِقِيَادَةِ الرَّبِّ، وَهَدَمُوا الْمَذَابِحَ الَّتِي كَانِ الْأَجَانِبُ قَدْ بَنَوْهَا فِي السَّاحَةِ وَخَرَّبُوا أَمَاكِنَ الْعِبَادَةِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ طَهَّرُوا الْهَيْكَلَ، صَنَعُوا مَذْبَحًا آخَرَ، وَأَقْتَرَحُوا حِجَارَةً أَقْتَبَسُوا مِنْهَا نَارًا وَقَدَّمُوا ذَبِيحَةً بَعْدَ مُدَّةٍ سَنَتَيْنِ، وَهَيَّأُوا الْبُخُورَ وَالسُّرُجَ وَخُبِزَ التَّقِيمَةِ. وَلَمَّا أَتَمُّوا ذَلِكَ، جَنُّوا بِصُدُورِهِمْ وَابْتَهَلُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ أَنْ لَا يُصَابُوا بِمِثْلِ تِلْكَ الشُّرُورِ، وَأَنْ يُؤَدِّبَهُمْ هُوَ بِحِلْمٍ إِنْ خَطَبُوا، وَلَا يُسَلِّمَهُمْ إِلَى أُمِّ مُجَدِّفَةٍ وَخَسِيَّةٍ. وَاتَّفَقَ أَنَّهُ فِي مِثْلِ الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي فِيهِ نَجَسَ الْعُرْبَاءُ الْهَيْكَلَ، فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ عَيْنِهِ تَمَّ تَطْهِيرُ الْهَيْكَلِ، وَهُوَ الْيَوْمُ الْخَامِسُ وَالْعِشْرُونَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الشَّهْرِ الَّذِي هُوَ شَهْرُ كِسْلُو. عَيَّدُوا ثَمَانِيَةَ أَيَّامٍ بِفَرَحٍ، كَمَا فِي عِيدِ الْأَكْوَاخِ، وَلِذَلِكَ رَفَعُوا الْأَنَاشِيدَ إِلَى الَّذِي يَسِّرَ تَطْهِيرَ مَكَانِهِ الْمُقَدَّسِ. وَفَرَضُوا فَرِيضَةً عَامَّةً وَمُتَّبَعَةً بِالْإِفْتِرَاعِ أَنْ تُعَيَّدَ جَمِيعُ أُمَّةِ الْيَهُودِ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامَ فِي كُلِّ سَنَةٍ.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9:11-15

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَأَجْتَازَ 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. فَإِذَا كَانَ رَشُّ دَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالثَّيْرَانِ وَرَمَادِ الْعِجَلَةِ عَلَى الْمُنَجَّسِينَ، يُقَدِّسُ أَجْسَادَهُمْ فَيُطَهِّرُهُمْ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى دَمُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي قَرَّبَ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّهِ بِالرُّوحِ الْأَزَلِيِّ قُرْبَانًا لَا عَيْبَ فِيهِ، يُطَهِّرُ ضَمِيرَنَا مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الْمَيِّتَةِ، لِنَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ! وَلِذَلِكَ فَهُوَ الْوَسِيطُ لِعَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، وَقَدْ صَارَ مَوْتُهُ فِدَاءً لِنَتَعَدِّيَاتِ الْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ، حَتَّى يَنَالَ بِهِ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ وَعَدَ الْمِيرَاثِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

إنجيل لوقا 10:22-42

حَانَ عِيدُ التَّجْدِيدِ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَكَانَ فَصْلُ الشِّتَاءِ. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَتَمَشَّى فِي الْهَيْكَلِ، فِي رَوَاقِ سُلَيْمَانَ. فَأَحَاطَ بِهِ الْيَهُودُ وَأَخَذُوا يَقُولُونَ لَهُ: «إِلَى مَتَى تُبْقِي نَفْسَنَا حَايِرَةً؟ إِنْ كُنْتَ أَنْتَ الْمَسِيحُ، فَقُلْ لَنَا صِرَاحَةً.» أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «قُلْتُ لَكُمْ، لَكِنِّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ. الْأَعْمَالُ الَّتِي أَعْمَلُهَا أَنَا بِاسْمِ أَبِي هِيَ تَشْهَدُ لِي. لَكِنِّكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِنْ خِرَافِي. خِرَافِي تَسْمَعُ صَوْتِي، وَأَنَا أَعْرِفُهَا، وَهِيَ تَتَّبَعُنِي. وَأَنَا أُعْطِيهَا حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً، فَلَنْ تَهْلِكَ أَبَدًا، وَلَنْ يَخْطِفَهَا أَحَدٌ مِنْ يَدِي. أَبِي الَّذِي أَعْطَانِي إِيَّاهَا هُوَ أَعْظَمُ مِنَ الْكُلِّ، وَلَا يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَخْطِفَهَا مِنْ يَدِ الْآبِ. أَنَا وَالْآبُ وَاحِدٌ.» فَأَخَذَ الْيَهُودُ، مِنْ جَدِيدٍ، حِجَارَةً لِيَرْجُمُوهُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «أَعْمَالًا حَسَنَةً كَثِيرَةً أَرِيكُمْ مِنْ عِنْدِ الْآبِ، فَلَا يِيَّ عَمَلٍ مِنْهَا تَرْجُمُونِي؟.» أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ: «لَا لِعَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ نَرْجُمُكَ، بَلْ لِنَجْدِيفٍ. لِأَنَّكَ، وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ، تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا.» أَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «أَمَّا كُتِبَ فِي تَوْرَاتِكُمْ: أَنَا قُلْتُ إِنَّكُمْ إِلَهَةٌ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَتْ التَّوْرَةُ تَدْعُو إِلَهَةً أَوْلَيْكَ الَّذِينَ صَارَتْ إِلَيْهِمْ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ، وَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يُنْقَضَ الْكِتَابُ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُونَ لِي، أَنَا الَّذِي قَدَّسَهُ الْآبُ وَأَرْسَلَهُ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ: أَنْتَ تَجْدِفُ؟ لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ: أَنَا أَبْنُ اللَّهِ؟ إِنْ كُنْتُ لَا أَعْمَلُ أَعْمَالِ أَبِي، فَلَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، أَمَّا إِذَا كُنْتُ أَعْمَلُهَا، وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تُصَدِّقُونِي، فَصَدِّقُوا هَذِهِ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِكَيْ تَعْرِفُوا وَتُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّ الْآبَ فِيَّ وَأَنِّي فِي الْآبِ.» فَحَاوَلُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ أَنْ يَقْبِضُوا عَلَيْهِ، فَافْلَتَ مِنْ يَدِهِمْ. وَعَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى عِبْرِ الْأُرْدُنِّ، إِلَى حَيْثُ كَانَ يُوحَنَّا يُعَمِّدُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، فَاقَامَ هُنَاكَ. وَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ كَثِيرُونَ وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: «لَمْ يَصْنَعْ يُوحَنَّا أَيَّ آيَةٍ، وَلَكِنْ، كُلُّ مَا قَالَهُ فِي هَذَا الرَّجُلِ كَانَ حَقًّا.» فَآمَنَ بِهِ هُنَاكَ كَثِيرُونَ.

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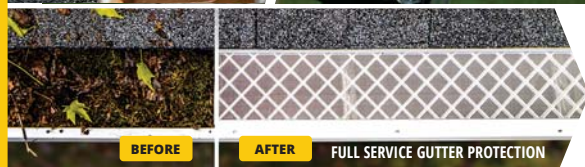
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