



Easter Sunday

Christ
is Risen

أحد القيامة الكبير

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*You are welcomed & loved by St Anthony's Maronite Church Community
We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship*

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Daily Liturgies

The GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

April 19 & 20

Great Saturday of the Light

Saturday, April 19

Easter Vigil: 4 pm (Eng)

Easter Midnight Vigil (Ar / Eng)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20

Easter Liturgy:

9:30 am - (Eng)

11:00 am - (Ar / Eng)

11:15am @ Church Hall (Only if needed)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 26 (Eng) *Pope St. Anacletus I*

4:00 pm + Melvin, Rosanna & Phillip Gallant
By Agnes Zappala & Family.

Sunday, April 27 *St. Simon, Brother of the Lord*

8:00 am In Honor of Beshara & Huguette Sfeir
By their daughter, Tia.

9:30 am +Thomas A. Tarness *By his wife, Sue & Family.*

11:00 am + Maurice Geha, his parents & siblings *By his wife Leila, children & their families.*

PLEASE NOTE

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

Monday, April 21

St. Anselm / Cor 15:1-11 / Mk 16:9-14

9:00 am + Boutros Merheb, *By Mr. & Mrs. George Merheb & Family.*

Tuesday, April 22

St. Theodore of Sykeon / Rom 6:3-11 / Jn 21:1-4

9:00 am + Larry & Dora Pereira, *By Dora Periera.*

Wednesday, April 23

St. George / Col 3:1-11 / Jn 21:15-25

9:00 am + Marleine Abdulnour, *By her husband, Gaby Abdulnour & children, Regina & Gabrielle.*

Thursday, April 24

St. Saba the Commander / Ep 2:1-10 / Mk 16:15-18

9:00 am + Adib Atallah, *By his niece, Huguette Sfeir.*

9:30 am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 25 — OFFICE CLOSED

St. Mark the Evangelist / Rom 10:4-12 / Lk 24:36-45

LIVE, LOVE, LENT - OFFERING BOXES

Please make sure to drop your donation boxes off in the foyer this weekend. There will be someone present to assist with proper handling and collection. Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

◆ **Catholic Home Missions Appeal:**

April 26 & 27



SANCTUARY LAMPS

*In Honor & Good Health of all
our Parishioners and their Families*

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



Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

What a profound joy it is to celebrate this glorious Easter season with you! I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for making this Lenten journey and Holy Week so meaningful. Your prayers, sacrifices, and participation in our parish liturgies and devotions have filled this sacred time with hope and grace.

Pope Francis reminds us that *“Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn’t lock itself into darkness, that doesn’t dwell on the past, but looks to the future with courage.”* This Easter, we embrace that hope with renewed faith. The Resurrection is not just a moment in history—it is the living promise that God is always working to bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow, and life out of death.

Throughout this Lent, I have witnessed your hope in action—through your generosity to those in need, your reverence in prayer, and your kindness to one another. Whether you joined us for Stations of the Cross, the beautiful liturgies and services, or spent quiet moments in Adoration, your presence strengthened our parish family. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers, the ladies who prepared the bake sale, musicians, Choirs, liturgical ministers, the kids ministry, the MYO & MYA members, the Ushers and the Altar Boys and everyone who worked tirelessly to make our celebrations so uplifting.

As we continue through this *Year of Hope*, let us carry the joy of Easter in our hearts. The Risen Christ walks with us, reminding us that no suffering is wasted, no struggle is without purpose, and no night is so dark that His light cannot break through. Let us be messengers of that hope—in our homes, workplaces, and community—sharing the Good News that love has conquered death.

May the peace and joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes. On behalf of Fr. George Antaby, our Deacons and Sub-deacon, and the entire parish team, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter season. Let us continue to walk together in faith, hope, and love.

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: Fridays

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 Memory Of their Loved Ones:

Teta Jeannette Lahoud Nasr
Teta Sonia Abou-Ezzi
Teta Akle Abi Sleiman Mikhael
Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi
Bechara Rizkallah
Mr. & Mrs. Edmond & Theresa Solomon
Mr. & Mrs. Fred & Mary Faris
Deceased Members of the Solomon & Hatem Families
Thomas J. Solomon
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Romanos Nammour
Jido Tanos Sadek
Elizabeth Cipriani
Elton McGray
Maroun Mouawad
Our Baby, Leo Alexander Maroun
Joseph & Kalikia Maroun, Camil & Claire Maroun
Fadlallah & Alice Fadel, Raymond Fadel
George & Adele Cherabie
Our beloved parents: Fred & Carmela Corey, Dr. Edward & Mary Moore and our sister Gina
Mark Alliegro, Allan & Alice Ramey
Anthony & Phyllis Touma
Adele Saab
Leonard Ramey
Donald A. George
Gladys M. George
Ed Wright
The Zraket Family & The Shibel Family
Elham Azzi
Elham Azzi
Ghassan "Gus" Raad
Deceased Members of the Aboujaoude & Ramy Families
Teta Adele Beabes
Deceased Members of the Berube & Vieira Families
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Janet Maroun
Raymond Mello
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Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
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His Godson, Marc Abou-Ezzi
The Solomon, Kalil, & Getchell Families
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Janice Solomon
The Solomon, Kalil, & Getchell Families
Phyllis Thomas
Phyllis Thomas & Family
Bill & Christine Ryan & Family
John & Patty Thomas & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy & Emily Getchell & Family
Sub Deacon & Mrs. Antoine Nammour
His Granddaughters, Lucia, Cecilia, & Amelia
Mr. Rani Sadek & Family
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Habouba Mouawad & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Fred & Lori Corey
The Alliegro Family
Daughters Tina, Judy & Families
The Switala Family
His Wife, Evelyn & Family
The George & Wright Families
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The Zraket & Shibel Families
Her husband, Pierre Azzi & Family
Her Grandchildren
Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude & Family
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Dennis & Pauline Vieira
Kevin & Kara Rembis
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Robert & Joanne Comtois
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His Family
His Family

Alice Ramey
Deceased Members of the Rahhal & Jesser Families
Maryanne Maroon
Violette Maroon
John Maroon
Bomar "Bo" Kramer
Philip Nastasia
Mr. & Mrs. James Yameen
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Anthony & Helen Rage
Peter, Emily & William Dewan
Deceased Members of the Shadeed Family
Larry J. Kalil
Philip A. Bistany
Edmund & Josephine Hatem
Brenda Giantonio
Rose & Peter Lucchesi
Mrs. Haseeba Hamman
Mr. George Hamman
Mrs. Doris Mundry
Julia & Salem Hassan
Anastasia & Bernard Nanaretta
Mary Dow
My Dear Cousin, Janice Peters
Maroun Bouchrouche
Jido Maroun Bouchrouche
Daad Cherabie
Teta Daad Cherabie
Ghassan Raad
Raymond Feghali
Gebran & Laure Najem
Sonia Abou Ezzie
Deceased Family Members

Her Family
Their Loving Families
Family
Family
Family
Mrs. Barbara Kramer
Mrs. Barbara Kramer
Victor C. Azzi
Victor C. Azzi
William & Toni McKone
Bob & Dianne Dewan
Duayne S. Habib
Linda Kalil
Barbara Bistany & Family
Their Children, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren
Cynthia Kazanjian & Susan Homsey
Love, Beverly & Bob
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Hamman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Hamman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Hamman
Mr. & Mrs. John Hassan
Mr. & Mrs. John Hassan
Joseph Perrone
Elaine Azzi
His Sons & Their Families
His Grandchildren
Her Children & their Spouses
Her Grandchildren
His Friends
Amal Feghali
Amal Feghali
Amal Feghali
Anonymous

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In Honor Of their Loved Ones:

Our sons, Marc & Mikey
Our daughters, Monica & Mia
Our grandfather, Joseph Nasr
My Godfather, Chorbishop Elie Mikhael
Our Grandchildren: Antoine & Zayn Aboujaoude

Our Children: Charbel, Tony, Christine & Tatiana Aboujaoude
Elaine Daher
Our Lady of Lebanon Ministry
Chorbishop Elie Mikhael
Phyllis Thomas
Family Members

Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia
Mia Abou-Ezzi
Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude

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Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude and Family
Bill & Christine Ryan
Anonymous

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
-St. Anthony Council 16204

*"In Service To One,
In Service To All"*



Next meeting:

Tuesday May 13, 2025 @ 7 pm, Church Hall
Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.
For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - May 18, 2025

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing a Shawarma Luncheon after the 930 and 11am Liturgies. All proceeds and donations will go towards assisting the St Anthony MYO retreat scheduled for June in Pennsylvania. Additional details to follow. Thank you for your generosity

THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Knights of Columbus for generously providing and preparing the delicious meals for our recent MYA Regional day retreat. Your time, effort, and support helped make the day a meaningful and memorable experience for our youth. We are truly grateful for your continued dedication to our parish community.



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting:
Monday, May 19, 2025 7pm @ Church hall

The DCG Scholarships

The Dorothy C Gabriel Foundation is offering the *DCG scholarship* to any St Anthony parishioner who will be attending Central Catholic High School in fall 2025. 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, 2025.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:
Saturday, April 26th, 2025 @ 5-7 pm
www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:
Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 6 - 7:30 pm
www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - First Holy Communion
Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting: **Saturday, May 10, 2025,
11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall**
*Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings.
New applicants are always welcome!*

M-WINE
Maronite Women in the New Evangelization
St. Anthony Maronite Church

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
MOTHER'S DAY PARTY
SATURDAY MAY 17
3-7 PM

Admission 
\$ 85

Micheal's Function Hall
12 Alpha St, Haverhill, MA 01832

RSVP By May 10
To Mary Francis 978.960.7479

No Tickets Available at the door

Lebanese Buffet, DJ
& Entertainment Included

Mahrajan 2025 Dabke Troupe Dance



Dabke Registration is now open! Please scan the attached QR-code to sign-up!

Deadline April 21st, 2025.

\$20 donation per member

For more information, contact:

Carla Khoder (Ages 13-20) @ 978-697-1725

Reine Ata (Ages 7-12) @ 978-902-1234

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

04/13/2025

Candles	\$139.15
Donation	\$7,455.00
Sunday Collection	6,568.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$597.00
Total	\$ 14,759.15

Thank you for your generous support to our parish. 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!

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

“The Oldest Organization of St. Anthony’s Church”

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 12 pm, church hall

Lunch will be served.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- April 19:** Tony Abdilmasih, Marie Mouawad, Simon Mouawad, Estelle Mullen, Charbel Tabet
- April 20:** Maggie Bouchrouche, Yara Daher, George El Rahi, Azziani Garcia, Sue Homsey, Elizabeth Mansor, III, Mario Nehme, Maroun Saouma
- April 21:** Brady Ata, Danny Azzi, Annelies Gilman, Lucas Hajj, Isabella Samaan, Andrew Veilleux
- April 22:** Vera Azzi, Emily Brousseau, Josh Frias, George Kalil
- April 23:** Ella Asmar, Markus Maroun, Chadi Moussa, Samantha Zoghbi
- April 24:** Rola El Fata, Seamuss Menihane, Jad Ramey, Viviane Tannoury
- April 25:** Mike Drees, Rouba Haykal, Andrew Kamari, Jack Roy

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- April 19:** Roy & Donna Rossi
- April 20:** Edward & Donna Gabriel, Chris & Lindsay Reed
- April 22:** Elias & Nadia Nammour
- April 23:** Rony & Helen Bassil
- April 24:** Michael & Pauline Jesionowski, Thomas & Cynthia Tarness
- April 25:** Elias & Clara El-Achi, Antonio & Zeda Perrone

ST ANTHONY ANNUAL CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Weather Permitting, St. Anthony’s Golf Tournament has been scheduled for:

Monday, June 30, 2025

at the Atkinson Country Club

*Individuals who are interested must register by April 15, 2025, which is the drop dead date.

- There are 36 opportunities to sponsor a hole. The sponsorship is \$1,500 per hole.
- The sponsoring foursome, or company, will have two signs displayed at the tournament. One sign at the sponsored hole and one sign at the club where the dinner event will be held.
- Sponsoring company logo or text must be sent by June 1st.
- Provide Polo Shirt Sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
- A hole can be sponsored by up to two entities.

The Tournament fee is projected to be \$175.00+ per player. The fee will include golf, cart, lunch, and dinner meals, and prizes. The format will be a friendly scramble. We are looking for a minimum participation of 90 players.

For more information, to Register for, or to Sponsor this event, reach out to George Kassas at georgekassas@comcast.net, or email the rectory@stanthonylawrence.org.

Great Sunday of the Resurrection

Book of Jonah 2,1b-3.4b.5.7-11

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, 'I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, "I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple?" The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!' Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

First Letter to the Corinthians 15,12-26

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 19 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, April 20

12:00 am-MIDNIGHT - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 26 - 4 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Chloe Saade

(Ar) Dana Hady

سفر يونا 2: 1b-3. 4b. 5-7. 11

كَانَ يُونَانَ فِي جَوْفِ الْحَوْتِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ وَثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ. فَصَلَّى يُونَانُ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهِهِ مِنْ جَوْفِ الْحَوْتِ، وَقَالَ: «إِلَى الرَّبِّ صَرَخْتُ فِي ضَيْقِي فَأَجَابَنِي مِنْ جَوْفِ مَتْوَى الْأَمْوَاتِ أَسْتَعْنُثُ فَسَمِعْتَ صَوْتِي جَمِيعَ مِيَاهِكَ وَأَمَاجِكَ جَارَتْ عَلَيَّ. فَقُلْتُ: إِنِّي طُرِدْتُ مِنْ أَمَامِ عَيْنَيْكَ لِكِنِّي سَاعِدُ أَنْظُرُ هَيْكَلَ قُدْسِكَ. نَزَلْتُ إِلَى أَصُولِ الْجِبَالِ إِلَى أَرْضٍ أُغْلِقَتْ عَلَيَّ مَزَالِجُهَا لِلأَبَدِ لِكِنَّاكَ أَصَعَدْتَ حَيَاتِي مِنَ الْهُوَّةِ أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهِي عِنْدَمَا غَشِيَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِي تَذَكَّرْتُ الرَّبَّ فَبَلَغْتَ إِلَيْكَ صَلَاتِي إِلَى هَيْكَلِ قُدْسِكَ. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَعْبُدُونَ أَوْثَانَ الْبَاطِلِ فَلْيَكْفُوا عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِمْ. أَمَّا أَنَا فَبِصَوْتِ شُكْرٍ أَدْبَحُ لَكَ وَمَا نَذَرْتُهُ أُوفِي بِهِ. مِنَ الرَّبِّ الْخَلَاصُ!» فَأَمَرَ الرَّبُّ الْحَوْتِ، فَقَدَفَ يُونَانَ إِلَى الْيَابِسَةِ.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 15: 12-26

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ يُبَشِّرُ بِهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَبَاطِلٌ تَبَشِيرُنَا وَبَاطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَنَحْنُ نَحْنُ شُهُودٌ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنا شَهَدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ الْمَسِيحُ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنَّ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَبَاطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدُ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ. إِذَا فَالَّذِينَ رَقَدُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النَّهْيَاةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمَلِكُ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بُدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 16: 1-8

لَمَّا انْفَضَى السَّبْتُ، أَشْتَرَّتْ مَرِيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ، وَمَرِيَمُ أُمُّ يَعْقُوبَ، وَسَالُومَةُ، طُيُوبًا لِيَأْتِيَنَّ وَيُطَيَّبَنَّ جَسَدَ سُوعٍ. وَفِي يَوْمِ الْأَحَدِ بَاكِرًا جَدًّا، أَتَيْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ مَعَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ. وَكُنَّ يَقُلْنَ فِيمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ: «مَنْ دَخَرَجُ لَنَا الْحَجَرَ عَنِ بَابِ الْقَبْرِ؟» وَتَفَرَّسْنَ فَشَاهَدْنَ الْحَجَرَ قَدْ دُخِرَجَ، وَكَانَ كَبِيرًا جَدًّا. وَدَخَلْنَ الْقَبْرَ، فَرَأَيْنَ شَايَا جَالِسًا عَنِ الِئْمِينِ، مُتَوَشِّحًا حُلَّةً بِيَضَاءٍ، فَأَنْذَهَلْنَ. فَقَالَ لَهُنَّ: «لَا تَنْذَهَلْنَ! نَحْنُ نَطْلُبُ يَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيَّ الْمَصْلُوبَ. إِنَّهُ قَامَ، وَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الْمَكَانُ الَّذِي وَضَعُوهُ بِهِ. أَلَا أَدُهَبْنَ وَقُلْنَ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ وَلِبَطْرُسَ: إِنَّهُ يَسْبِقُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ. وَهَذَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ، كَمَا قَالَ لَكُمْ.» فَخَرَجْنَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَهَرَبْنَ مِنْ شِدَّةِ الرِّعْدَةِ وَالذُّهُولِ. وَمِنْ خَوْفِهِنَّ لَمْ يَقُلْنَ لِأَحَدٍ شَيْئًا...

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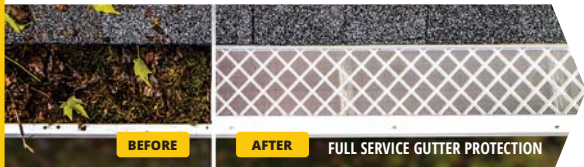
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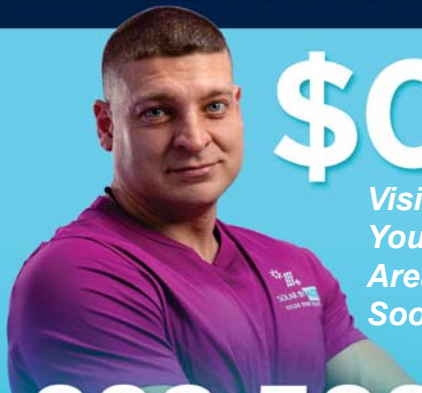
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