



# Hosanna!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

~John 12:13



*Hosanna Sunday*  
أحد الشعانين

## 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

### Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, April 12

*Lazarus Saturday*

4:00 pm Blessings and Good Health to all our Parish Children and their Families

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am - 9:30 am - 11:00 am Main Sanctuary

11:15 am Parish Hall

Blessings and Good Health to all our Parish Children and their Families

7:00 pm **Rite of the Coming to the Harbor**

### 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)

*He is risen;  
he is not here.* MARK 16:6

## Daily Liturgies - PASSION WEEK

Monday, April 14

*St Hermenegild the King / Heb 6:1-9 / Mt 21:17-27*

9:00 am + Wajih El Hajj, By his daughter, Josiane, wife of Shadi Asmar, & Family.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, April 15

*Pope St Soter / 1 Thes 2:13-17 / Lk 13:22-30*

9:00 am + Private Intention

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 16

*St. Bernadette Soubirous / Heb 2:5-12 / Jn 11:47-54*

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

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Confession

7:00 pm Rite of the Lamp - Anointing of Holy Oil

Thursday of the Mysteries, April 17

7:00 pm Washing of the feet

8:00 pm - 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Adoration & Confessions

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

9:00 am Sanctification Liturgy

4:00 pm Adoration of the Cross

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross

(from St. Joseph Church to Saint Anthony)

7:00 pm Adoration of the Cross

### PLEASE NOTE

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





*Saint Anthony's Maronite Church*

# EASTER Bake Sale

**PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**

**April 11-13, 2025**

<b>Kaak</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
<b>Ghraybeh</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
<b>Macaroon w/Walnuts</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
<b>Sumbusik w/Walnuts</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
<b>Nammoura</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>
<b>MAAMOUL:</b>		
<b>-Walnuts</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>-Dates</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>-Pistachios</b>	<b>6 pieces</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>
<b>Knaffeh</b>	<b>One Box w/ Kaak</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

We're excited to announce that our annual Bake Sale will take place during Hosanna Weekend!

Please note that **no pre-orders** will be taken this year.

**Dates and Times:**

- **Friday, April 11:** Following the Lenten Recital
- **Saturday, April 12:** Following the 4 PM Liturgy
- **Sunday, April 13:** Following the 8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM Liturgies

Baked goods will be available on a **first come, first serve** basis, so be sure to stop by early for your favorites!

Thank you for supporting our community,  
we can't wait to see you there!

**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](mailto: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.

Sign up by April 15th

# LIGHT OF LIFE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: "ANCHORED IN HOPE"



**JUNE  
18-20TH**

Saint Anthony  
Maronite Church  
145 Amesbury St  
Lawrence MA


Presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light  
MARONITESERVANTS.ORG

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## 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.



## M-WINE

*"We Serve Better Together"*

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

## MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 6 - 7:30 pm**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/)

### 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

## KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:  
**Saturday, April 26th, 2025 @ 5-7 pm**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Session:  
**Saturday, May 3, 2025 - First Holy Communion**  
Please visit our website for the yearly calendar  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/)  
[Lawrencereligious@gmail.com](mailto: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!

## 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.**



### LIVE, LOVE, LENT - OFFERING BOXES

Remember to bring back your *Live Love Lent* Offering Boxes during Holy Week. A volunteer will be available in the Church foyer to receive your contributions. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting this meaningful cause.

### EASTER LILY

*"PURITY, REBIRTH, NEW BEGINNINGS AND HOPE"*

In honor of **Christ Resurrection**, the sanctuary will be decorated with Easter lilies. *Honor or Remember Your Loved Ones* by dedicating one or more Easter Lily Plant .

I would like to dedicate \_\_\_\_\_

An Easter Flower Donation @ \$15 Each

*"In Memory of"* or *"In Honor of"*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form, along with your payment (Check, Cash, or Venmo), to the Church office by **12pm, Friday, April 11**. You may also place this form with your Sunday offering basket collection. There will be a tribute page on Easter Weekend, in the Parish Bulletin, to acknowledge your dedications.

### SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE



### TO BE DRAWN EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20, 2025

1st PRIZE: \$2500

2nd PRIZE: \$1000

3rd PRIZE: \$500

4th PRIZE: \$250

1 TICKET \$10

5 FOR \$45

### Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild



**No Liturgy in April due to Holy Thursday.**

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](mailto:communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org)



**Monthly Meeting Schedule**  
*Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am at St Anthony Maronite Church Hall.*

### 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](mailto:KOFc16204@gmail.com)

### ST ANTHONY PARISH VETERANS & FAMILIES OF VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group is compiling a record of all St. Anthony Parish Veterans, past and present. If you are a veteran or a family member, relative or friend of a parishioner who served in any branch of the US military, past or present, please submit your/their name along with their rank, military branch and campaign if known to:

[kofcstanthonyveteran@aol.com](mailto:kofcstanthonyveteran@aol.com)

or [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

It is our intent to memorialize the names of our veterans with a permanent display honoring their sacrifice. Thank you for your assistance in helping us remember them and their service to our parish and nation.

## 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](mailto:georgekassas@comcast.net), or email the [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org).

### OUR SYMPATHIES TO

-The loving family of **Sonia Abou-Ezzi**, who passed away last week. We offer our deepest sympathies to her children: Michael Abou-Ezzi and his wife Betsy; Amal Rizkallah, wife of the late Bechara Rizkallah; George Abou-Ezzi and his wife Mirna; Ghassan Abou-Ezzi and his wife Grece. Our condolences are also extended to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and her siblings: Samir, Samira, Nabila, Joseph and Ghada, along with their families.

-The loving family of **Allen Todd Brown**, who passed away last week. We extend our sympathies to his children, Christian and Kendra Brown, his wife, Stephanie Ortolano Brown, his bonus children, Darren and Samantha Donovan; as well as, his father-in-law, Kenneth Yameen, and his in-laws Pamela, Lisa (Peter) Ash, James (Eileen) Yameen, Andrea (Michael) Wallace, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace  
and their memories be eternal*

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**03/30/2025**

Candles	\$153.00
Donation	\$1,023.00
Sunday Collection	4,085.55
Easter Flowers	70.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,431.55</b>

*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!*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

- ◆ **Holy Land Collection:**  
April 18 - Good Friday
- ◆ **Pastor's Collection:**  
April 19 & 20 - Easter Sunday
- ◆ **Catholic Home Missions Appeal:**  
April 26 & 27





**SAINT THERESA CHURCH**  
OF BROCKTON, MA *Presents*

**APRIL 26**

**SPRING HAFLI**

**FEATURING STAR SINGER GEORGE DEEB**

COCKTAIL HOUR 7PM | DINNER 8PM | NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR  
TICKET DONATION \$100 | DANCE FLOOR SEATING \$125 | KIDS MENU (6-12YRS) \$50  
VENUE ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CENTER, 300 N EASTERN AVE, FALL RIVER, MA 02723  
COPAL AWAD 508.922.3331 **RSVP** RANDA HAYEK 508.250.6306

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 12- 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, April 13 -

- 8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir
- 9:30 am - David Brousseau
- 11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb  
(Ar) Sassine Merheb
- 11:15 am - Hall  
(Eng) Mary Saab  
(Ar) George Saab

**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



**NAM 2025 CONVENTION**

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED  
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION

ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Raleigh - NC

ANNUAL 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
JUBILEE YEAR

60  
60TH CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY

THE MARONITE BROTHERS

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**July 3-6, 2025**

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church  
**Raleigh - NC**  
Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills

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**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- April 12:** David Bechara
- April 13:** Mary-Jo Matta, Gianna Ramey
- April 14:** Joseph Abdounour, Connor Blanchet, Ryan Hurst, Jonathan Maroun
- April 15:** Theresa Cherabie, Anthony Daccache, Kenneth M. 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

**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

## Hosanna Sunday

### *Book of Zechariah 9,9-11.15a.16-17*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. The LORD of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the LORD their God will save them, for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. For what goodness and beauty are his! Grain shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the young women.

### *Letter to the Philippians 1,1-13*

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

### *Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 12:12-22*

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus .



### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

**In Memory of Janet Maroun, By her children, grandchildren & sisters.**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)



## سفر زكريا 9: 9-11. 15a-16-17

إِبْتَهَجِي جِدًّا يَا بِنْتَ صِهْيُونَ وَاهْتَفِي يَا بِنْتَ أُورُشَلِيمَ. هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ آتِيًا إِلَيْكَ بَارًّا مُخْلِصًا وَضِيعًا رَاكِبًا عَلَى جِمَارٍ وَعَلَى جَحْشٍ أَبْنِ أَتَانٍ. وَاسْتَأْصِلِ الْمَرْكَبَةَ مِنْ أَفْرَائِيمَ وَالْخَيْلَ مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ وَتُسْتَأْصِلُ قَوْسَ الْقِتَالِ وَيُكَلِّمُ الْأُمَّمَ بِالسَّلَامِ، وَيَكُونُ سُلْطَانُهُ مِنَ الْبَحْرِ إِلَى الْبَحْرِ، وَمِنَ النَّهْرِ إِلَى أَقْصَايِ الْأَرْضِ. وَبَدَمَ عَهْدِكَ أَنْتِ أَيْضًا أَطْلُقِ أَسْرَاكَ مِنَ الْجُبِّ الَّذِي لَا مَاءَ فِيهِ. رَبُّ الْقَوَاتِ يَسْتُرُهُمْ. وَالرَّبُّ إِلَهُهُمْ يُخَلِّصُهُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ. كَغَنَمٍ شَعْبِهِ مِثْلَ حِجَارَةِ تَاجٍ تَتَلَأَلُ عَلَى أَرْضِهِ فَإِنَّهُ مَا أَسْعَدَهُ وَمَا أَجْمَلَهُ! الْقَمْحُ يُنْمِي الْفِتْيَانَ، وَالنَّبِيذُ الْعَدَارَى .

## رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 1: 1-13

يا إِخْوَتِي، مِنْ بُولَسَ وَطِيمُوتَاوُسَ، عَبْدَيِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، إِلَى جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِينَ فِي فِيلِبِّي، مَعَ الْأَسَافِقَةِ وَالشَّمَامِسَةِ: النِّعْمَةُ لَكُمْ، وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي، كُلَّمَا ذَكَرْتُكُمْ، ضَارِعًا بِفَرَحٍ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ فِي كُلِّ صَلَوَاتِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِمُشَارَكَتِكُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ مُنْذُ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَإِنِّي لَوَائِقُ أَنَّ الَّذِي بَدَأَ فِيكُمْ هَذَا الْعَمَلَ الصَّالِحَ سَيُكَمِّلُهُ حَتَّى يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنَّهُ مِنَ الْعَدْلِ أَنْ يَكُونَ لِي هَذَا الشُّعُورُ نَحْوَكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنِّي أَحْمِلُكُمْ فِي قَلْبِي، أَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا شَرَكَائِي فِي نِعْمَتِي، سِوَاءٍ فِي فِيلِبِّي أَوْ فِي دِفَاعِي عَنِ الْإِنْجِيلِ وَتَنْبِيئِهِ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاهِدٌ لِي كَمْ أَتَشَوَّقُ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا فِي أَحْسَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَهَذِهِ صَلَاتِي أَنْ تَزْدَادَ مَحَبَّتُكُمْ أَكْثَرَ فَاكْثَرَ فِي كُلِّ فَهْمٍ وَمَعْرِفَةٍ، لِتُمَيِّزُوا مَا هُوَ الْأَفْضَلُ، فَتَكُونُوا أَنْفِيَاءَ وَبِغَيْرِ عَثَارٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، مُمْتَلئينَ مِنْ ثَمَرِ الْبِرِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَدْحِهِ. أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، أَنَّ مَا حَدَّثْتُ لِي قَدْ آدَى بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى نَجَاحِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ فِيلِبِّي مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ صَارَتْ مَشْهُورَةً فِي دَارِ الْوِلَايَةِ كُلِّهَا، وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ آخَرَ .

## إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12: 12-22

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَحَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: «هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِأَسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.» وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونَ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ أَبْنِ أَتَانٍ.» «وَمَا فَهَمُ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مَجِدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ. وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لِقَاءَهُ الْجَمْعَ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «أَنْظُرُوا: إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَنْفَعُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ!» «وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هَوْلَاءُ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.» فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ .

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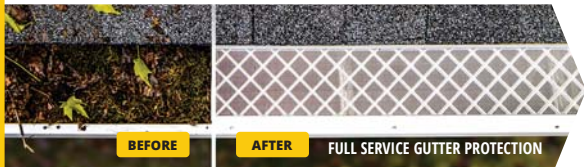
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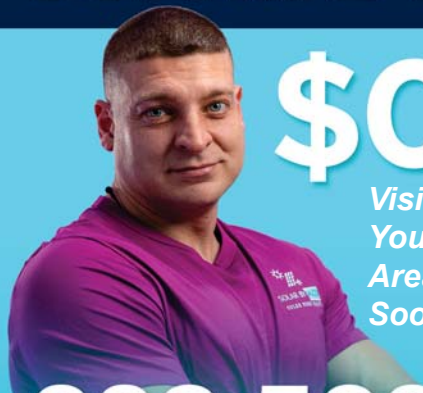
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