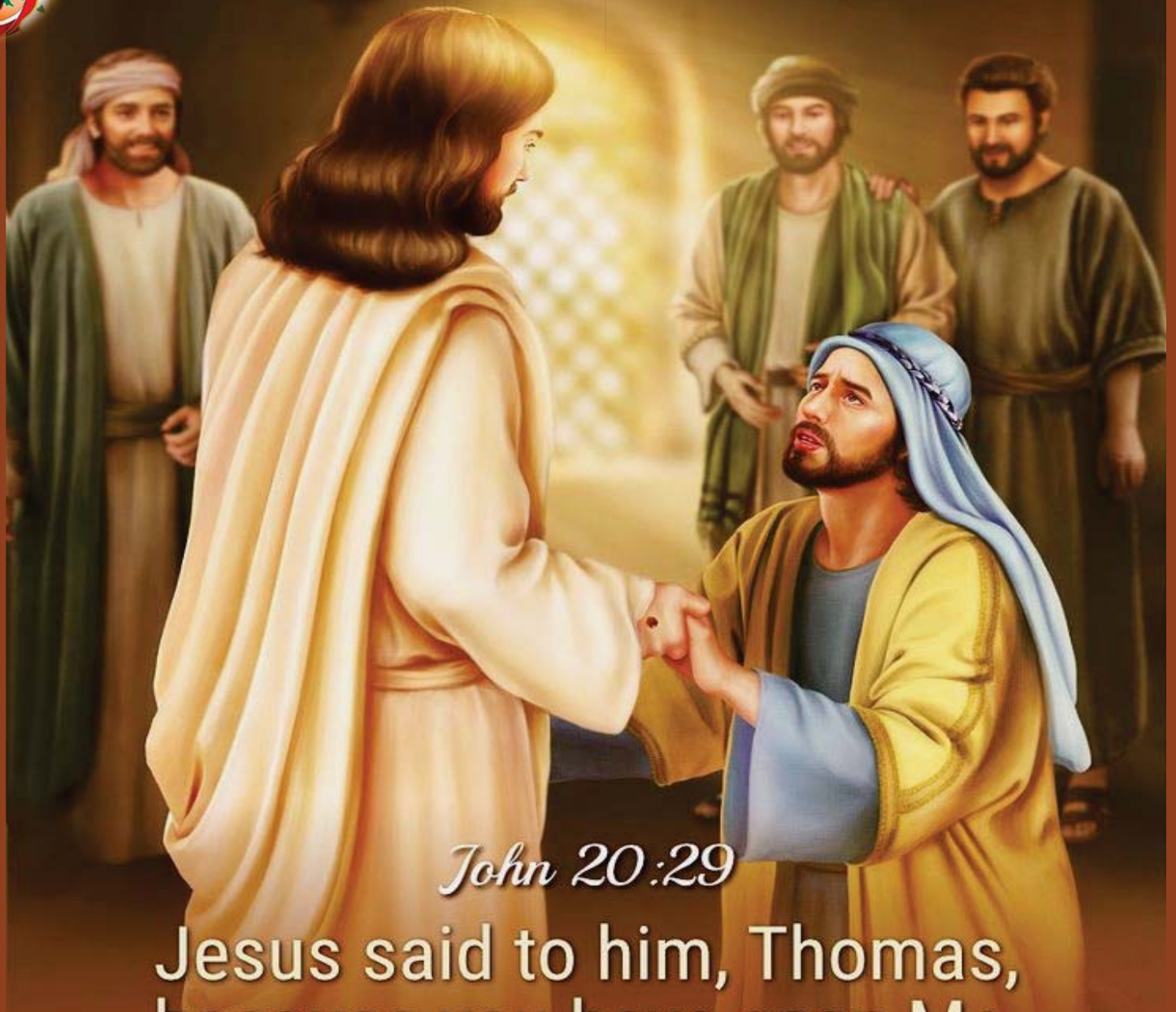




الأحد الجديد - New Sunday



John 20:29

Jesus said to him, Thomas,
because you have seen Me,
you have believed:
blessed are they that
have not seen,
and yet have believed.

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

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.

Our Lady of Lebanon

Saturday, May 3 (Eng) *Pope St. Anacletus I*

4:00 pm 1st Anniversary +David Habib,
By his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Habib & Family.

+Richard Ferguson, By his wife, Patricia, & son, Matthew.

Sunday, May 4 *St. Simon, Brother of the Lord*

8:00 am 1st Anniversary +Naaman Malek Sader,
By his wife, Nawal, & Children: Naaman & Stephanie.

9:30 am + Elaine Brousseau, By her Children & their families.

+Maria Danus Moujaes, By the Rembis Family.

11:00 am +Daoud Bechara, By his children Joseph, Maroun & Dounia, their spouses & their families.

5:00 pm First Sunday Liturgy

Daily Liturgies

Monday, April 28

St. Jason / 1 Pet 1:1-9 / Jn 20:1-10

9:00 am + Maria Danus Moujaes, By The Rembis Family.

Tuesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena / 1 Pet 1:10-16 / Jn 20:11-18

9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, By Dora Periera.

Wednesday, April 30

St. James / 1 Pet 1:17-21 / Mt 28:11-15

9:00 am + Malake & Elias Roukoz, & Deceased Family Members, By Aida Ata & Family.

Thursday, May 1

Jeremiah the Prophet / 1 Pet 1:22-25 / Mt 28:16-20

9:00 am 1st Anniversary + Joseph Oneissy
By his brother, Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy.

9:30 am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 2 — OFFICE CLOSED

St. Athanasius of Alexandria / 1 Pet 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

6:00 pm First Friday Liturgy

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FUNDRAISER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LENTEN RAFFLE WINNERS!!!

1st PRIZE: \$2500 TOM & DIANE HATEM

2nd PRIZE: \$1000 BETHANY PELLERIN

3rd PRIZE: \$500 JOHN MAKSOU

4th PRIZE: \$250 CHARBEL ABI-SAMRA

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

◆ **Catholic Home Missions Appeal:**

April 26 & 27

◆ **National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon:**

May 3 & 4



Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."—Revelation 14:13

With heavy hearts, we reflect on the passing of Pope Francis, a shepherd of profound humility, compassion, and unwavering faith. Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he lived a life dedicated to serving Christ and His Church—first as a Jesuit priest, then as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, and finally as the 266th Successor of St. Peter.

Pope Francis' pontificate was marked by his deep concern for the poor, his call for mercy and reconciliation, and his efforts to bring the Church into dialogue with the modern world. From his encyclicals on care for creation (*Laudato Si'*) and fraternal love (*Fratelli Tutti*), to his pastoral outreach to refugees, prisoners, and the marginalized, he embodied the Gospel message of love in action. His simplicity—eschewing grandeur for a humble lifestyle—challenged us all to live more authentically as disciples of Christ.

As we mourn his passing, we also give thanks for his spiritual leadership, his prophetic voice, and his reminder that "God never tires of forgiving us; it is we who tire of asking for mercy."

In the coming days, the College of Cardinals will gather in Rome for the conclave—the sacred process of electing a new pope. Guided by the Holy Spirit, they will deliberate in prayer and discernment until a successor is chosen. The new pope will inherit the mantle of St. Peter at a pivotal time for the Church and the world.

Let us pray:

For the soul of Pope Francis, that he may rest in the peace of Christ.

For the Cardinals, that they may be wise and open to the Spirit's guidance.

For the Church, that we may remain united in faith, hope, and love during this transition.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." — Psalm 23:1

May we honor Pope Francis' legacy by living the Gospel with joy, mercy, and courage.

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
Maurice Hatem
John G. Thomas
Ida & Teo Thomas and Joseph & Lucy Sardella
John G. Thomas
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Joseph (Joey) Getchell
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
Evon & Robert Danus
Maria Moujaes
Janet Maroun
Raymond Mello
Mark Alliegro
Allan Ramey

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
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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
 Mr. & Mrs. Khalil S. Azzi
 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
 Mary Shadeed
 Stephanie & Fred Schiripo
 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 Ezzi
 Deceased Family Members
 Abouna Abdallah & Khourieh Wadad
 Deceased Members of the Abou-Raad & Azzi Families
 Charles Tarness

Her Family
 Their Loving Families
 Family
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 Mrs. Barbara Kramer
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 Victor C. Azzi
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 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
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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Hamman
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 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
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 Abdou & Jeanine Abou-Raad
 Pauline & Mike Jesionowski

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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
 Our kids, Michelle & Joe Abou-Raad

Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
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 Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia
 Mia Abou-Ezzi
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 Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude and Family
 Bill & Christine Ryan
 Anonymous
 Abdou & Jeanine Abou-Raad

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

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group would like to thank all our parishioners in providing food during our recent Lenten Food Drive in support of the Maronite Monks at Petersham. As a result of your generosity, more than 500 pounds of food were donated to their mission. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support.

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



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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 3, 2025 - First Holy Communion

Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Liturgy & celebration:

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 4-6 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:

Sunday, May 4, 2025 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 19, 2025 7pm @ Church hall

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.



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

04/20/2025

Candles	\$252.00
Good Friday - Holy Land	\$2,874.00
Good Friday - Flowers	\$2,527.00
Easter Offering/Sunday Collection	\$8,672.10
Holy Thursday	\$1,066.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$130.00
Total	\$ 15,521.10

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!

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 MAY 9, 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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

April 26: Crystal Abi-Moussa, Elizabeth Assaf, Armand Georges, Jessica Hall, Aviana Khalife, Marilyn Leard, Robert Schiripo,

April 27: Charbel Abou Jaoude, Elida Ata, Geryes El Hachem

April 28: Adel Abouhamad, Amanda Asmar, Victor Azzi, Lynn Deinnocentis, Mark Harb, Mouna Hbaiter, Macy Kasbo, Wilfredo Pagan, Matthew Soucy

April 29: Laila Eid, Joseph Elnar, Mia Hassan, Lara Kossaiifi, Abraham Lahood, Anthony Merheb, Sophia Shea

April 30: Rona Dagher, Rafqa El Rahi, Samira El Rahi, Scot Gabriel

May 1: Fred Corey, Lina Daher, Danielle Elnar, Sophia Georges, Callum Roberts, Donna Yameen

May 2: Michael Haddad, Antonio Hbaiter, Jason Jermayn, Amara Khalife

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

April 26: Beshara & Huguette Sfeir

April 28: Abdo & Hanan Abi samra

April 29: Francis & Foutine Daher

April 30: Joseph & Sahar Cordes

May 1: Peter & Jean Sarkis

May 2: Jeremiah & Maryann Collins, Bruce & Lisa Touma

Second Sunday of the Resurrection: New Sunday

Book of Isaiah 52:7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard .

Second Letter to the Corinthians 5,11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God .

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 20,26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name .

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 3 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, May 4

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Amale Chantiri

الأحد الجديد: ظهور يسوع للتلاميذ وتوما معهم

سفر أشعيا 52: 7-12

مَا أَجْمَلَ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ وَفَعَّ قَدَمِي الْمُبَشِّرِ الَّذِي يُذِيعُ سَلَامًا وَيَنْشُرُ بَشَائِرَ الْخَيْرِ، الْقَائِلِ لَصْهِيونَ «قَدْ مَلَكَ الْهَيْكَلُ! «هَا رُقَبَاؤُكَ قَدْ رَفَعُوا صَوْتَهُمْ مَعًا وَشَدُّوا بِفَرَحٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ عِيَانًا رُجُوعَ الرَّبِّ إِلَى صْهِيونَ. إِهْنِيفِي مُتْرَتِمَةً يَا أَرْضَ أُورَشَلِيمَ الْخَرْبَةَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَزَّى شَعْبَهُ وَأَفْتَدَى أُورَشَلِيمَ. سَمَّرَ الرَّبُّ عَن ذِرَاعِ قُدْسِهِ أَمَامَ عِيُونِ كُلِّ الْأُمَمِ، فَتَرَى أَقْصِي الْأَرْضِ خَلَاصَ الْهِنَا. أَنْصِرْفُوا، أَنْصِرْفُوا وَاخْرُجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا. أَخْرُجُوا مِنْ وَسْطِ بَابِلَ، وَطَهَّرُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ مِنْ حَامِلِي آيَةِ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّكُمْ لَنْ تَخْرُجُوا مِنْ بَابِلَ عَجَلَةً، وَلَنْ تُغَادِرُوهَا هَارِبِينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ سَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَكُمْ وَإِلَهُ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَحْرُسُ مُؤَخَّرَةً قَافِلِيكُمْ .

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 5: 11-21

يَا إِخْوَتِي، بِمَا أَنَّنَا نَعْرِفُ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نَحَاوُلُ أَنْ نُفْنِعَ النَّاسَ. وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَلِكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَلَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُؤَصِّبِكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِحَارِ بِنَا تَجَاهَ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ فَلِلَّهِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عُقَلَاءَ فَلِأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَأْسُرُنَا، لِأَنَّنا أَدْرَكْنَا هَذَا، وَهُوَ أَنْ وَاحِدًا مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا. لَقَدْ مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، لِكِي لَا يَحْيَا الْأَحْيَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدِ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ عَنْهُمْ وَقَامَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ. إِذَا فَمُنْذُ الْآنَ نَحْنُ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، فَالآنَ مَا عُدْنَا نَعْرِفُهُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلْقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالَحَنَا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ صَالَحَ الْعَالَمَ مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَاتِهِمْ، وَأَوْدَعَنَا كَلِمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ. إِذَا فَحَنُ سَفَرَاءُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَاسِطَتِنَا. فَسَأَلَكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنَّ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِئَنصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بِرَّ اللَّهِ .

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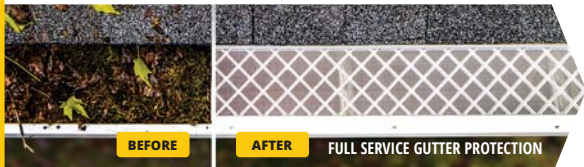
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