

And you are witnesses of these things.

—Luke 24:48

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

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 24 (Eng) *St. Simeon the Stylite*

4:00 pm + Larry Kalil, *By his wife, Linda Kalil, & family*

Sunday, May 25 *St. Eleutherius and His Mother*

8:00 am Private Intentions

9:30 am + Charles Tarness, *By his wife, Georgette, children, & grandchildren*

11:00 am + Najib & Handouma Maroun, and deceased family members, *By Mr. & Mrs. Gaby Maroun & family*

7th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 31 (Eng) *St. Petronilla & St. Hermias*

4:00 pm Knights of Mary Liturgy celebration & Procession to the statue of the Blessed Mother

+ **40 Day Anniversary** - Samira Karam, *By her family*

+ Renee & Sleiman Chahine, *By their family*

Sunday, June 1 *St. Justin Martyr*

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am + **40 Day Anniversary**- Ginger Maroon, *By her husband, James, her children, Bethany, Matthew, & Dr. Stephen, their spouses, & families*

11:00 am + Badih Merheb, *By Deacon & Mrs. James Demers*

5:00 pm Blessings & Good Health to our High School & College Graduates

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 26 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

St. Carpus / Phil 3:1-12 / Jn 11:1-16

10:00 am + All Souls Memorial Day Liturgy- Cemetery Ground

Tuesday, May 27

Sts. Theodora & Didymus/ Phil 3:13-21 / Jn 11:17-31

9:00 am + Nabil Atallah, *By his family*

Wednesday, May 28

St.. Heliconis / Phil 4:1-7/ Jn 11:32-44

6:30 pm **LOL Sodality Rosary Prayers**

7:00 pm Vigil Liturgy Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 29 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

St. Theodosia / Acts 1:1-14 / Mk 16:15-20

9:00 am **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Holy Day of Obligation**

In Honor Of Tia Sfeir, *By her parents, Beshara & Huguette Sfeir*

9:30 am - 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 30 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

Pope St. Felix I / Phil 4:8-14 / Jn 3:12-15
No Liturgy

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Communications Campaign:
May 31 & June 1

PLEASE NOTE

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



"You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48)
Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 24:36-48), the Risen Lord appears to His disciples and greets them with peace. He opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, eats with them to show that He is truly risen, and commissions them with a powerful task:

"You are witnesses of these things."

To be a witness of Christ is not just to speak about Him, but to **live in a way that makes His presence real** in the world—through mercy, integrity, courage, and hope. The Resurrection is not only a historical event; it is a **transforming reality** that changes how we live, love, and serve. By being witnesses, we find peace in our heart, the true treasure that comes from the power of Jesus Christ through his resurrection.

And who doesn't seek peace?

It is in this light that we joyfully congratulate all the **graduate students** of our parish—whether from high school, college, or higher education. Your graduation is not just a personal achievement; it is a **gift of grace** and a **moment of mission**. Christ now sends you forward into the world, asking you to be His witnesses—wherever you go, whatever your vocation may be.

Dear graduates, remember:

Success is not only measured by titles and degrees, but by the **witness of your life**—your faith, your kindness, your courage to stand for what is true and good. Let the peace of the Risen Christ remain with you always. Let your life proclaim:

"Christ is alive, and I am His witness, I am his witness everywhere, every time, and with everyone".

May Saint Anthony, our patron, and Our Lady of Lebanon, intercede for you on this new journey. We are proud of you. We are praying for you. May the love of God the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

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.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Last Session: **Saturday, May 31, 2025**
Liturgy Celebration @ 4pm,
followed by the Installation and Initiation:

- ♦ 6th-8th graders knights will be officially installed, recognizing their growth and commitment.
- ♦ Younger children will take part in the initiation ritual, marking their entry into the group.

We kindly ask all parents to attend this special Mass, led by our newly installed Knights, which will be concluded with an outdoor procession to the Virgin Mary statue in the Saints Garden.

for more information please visit our website
www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -St. Anthony Council 16204

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



Next meeting:

Tuesday June 10, 2025 @ 7 pm, Church Hall
 Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.
 For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

ST ANTHONY PARISHIONERS MILITARY VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group will be honoring our St Anthony Parishioner Veterans with a memorial at the 4pm liturgy on June 7, 2025. This memorial will honor the names of 440 parish veterans, past and present, who served in all branches of the United States Military. Please join us in prayer during this liturgy, with members of your family for their sacrifice and commitment to moving beyond their comfort zone and doing work that was greater than themselves. Join us in remembering not only their contributions and sacrifice to our parish and nation, but that of their families also. May we always be reminded of their selflessness, honor, heroism and sacrifice. Blessings to all.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The loving family of **MaryAnn Hatem**, who passed away peacefully last week. We express our sincere condolences to her daughter, Alyce, her son-in-law Pierre Sader, her grandchildren, Michael, Nadine, and Kristine Sader. We also extend our sympathy to her brother, her sisters-in-law, nephews, and nieces.

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Memory of Larry Kalil, By his loving wife, Linda Kalil & family

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

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting: **Saturday, June 7, 2025,**
11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

End of the Year Event:
The weekend of May 30- TBD - Stay Tuned
www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality


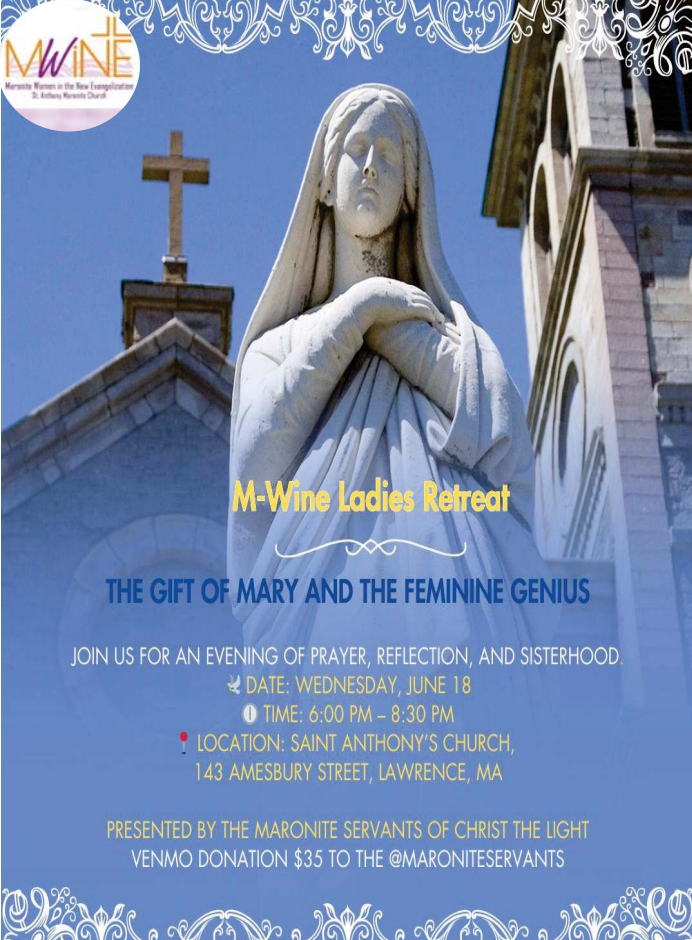


Thursday, June 19, 2024

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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

M-Wine Ladies Retreat

THE GIFT OF MARY AND THE FEMININE GENIUS

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, AND SISTERHOOD.

📅 DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
⌚ TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
📍 LOCATION: SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH, 143 AMESBURY STREET, LAWRENCE, MA

PRESENTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT
VENMO DONATION \$35 TO THE @MARONITESERVANTS

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



2025 Maronite Music WORKSHOP

For Maronite Parish Music Directors & Choir Members

AUGUST 12 - 13, 2025

Registration \$165 includes meals

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

For those traveling in need of hotel accommodations, contact the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the workshop.

WORKSHOP LED BY
Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy
from St. Anthony Church, Lawrence, MA





SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS


- Talk: Spirituality of Choir Members
- Talk: Challenges of Choir Ministry
- Talk: Future of Choir Ministry
- Workshop on Communion Hymns
- Workshop on Virgin Mary Hymns
- Discussion with Bishop Gregory
- Daily Divine Liturgy & Adoration
- Rehearsals & Recital



To register, go under "Programs" on our website at:
SaintSharbelCenter.org
820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216
info@SaintSharbelCenter.org

10 THINGS TO ASK YOURSELF WHEN DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION

Marriage	Priesthood	Religious Life	Single Life
			
Do you spend time in silence everyday?	Do you ask God what his will is for your life?	What fills you with passion, joy, and peace?	Do you have a spiritual companion or mentor to walk with you while discerning?
Are you challenging yourself to do more in prayer-daily Mass, adoration, or read more scripture?	Are you talking and questioning those who have already said yes to a vocation?	Are you listening to what others might see in you that you don't see in yourself?	Are you considering all your options? Visiting different communities, seminaries, or homes?
			Are you being mindful or what you are most grateful for and least grateful for to see what gives you the most life?

 **Catholic-Link**

Information taken from: <https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/10-things-know-discerning-vocation/>

Melkite Catholic Church

MIDDLE EASTERN MAHRAJAN

SATURDAY, MAY 31
3:00 PM - 12:00 AM

&

SUNDAY, JUNE 1
12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Live Music by Andre Ibrahim and Dj Ray
Raffles, kid's games, St. Anthony's Dabke Troup
Middle Eastern Food, Sweets, Full bar & much more.

241 Hampshire St Lawrence, MA 01841
Ample Parking At Central Catholic High School
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

OBSERVANCES

- ♦ Memorial Day: Monday, May 26, 2025-
Office will be closed — Divine Liturgy will be celebrated @ 10 AM at the Ground of St. Anthony's Cemetery. Liturgy will be offered for the rest of the Souls of all our beloved faithful departed..
- ♦ **Ascension of Our Lord - Office will be Closed - Holy Day Of Obligation -**
Vigil Liturgy- Wed. May 28 @ 7PM
Feast Day Liturgy- Thurs. May 29 @ 9AM

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 24 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am - Roula Ghossein

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 31 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, June 1

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Angela Dahbour

(Ar) Gisele Dahbour

5:00 pm - Volunteer

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS
05/18/2025

Candles	\$130.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,474.10
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$125.00
Donations	\$1,100.00
Total	\$ 3,829.10

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!

MAHRAJAN 2025

The Mahrajan committee is soliciting interest and commitments from our parishioners and friends for our 53rd Annual Lebanese Mahrajan. Your support and generosity are always crucial to the success of this fundraiser. Please keep us in mind as we are undergoing the planning for a flourishing, successful Mahrajan 2025!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

May 24: Albert Khoury, Mary Saab

May 25: Bea Ameen, Elie Daccache,
John El-Helou, Tala El Hachem,
Nour Hayek, Diane Mazraani,
John Msaddi, Raymond Nammour,
Mario Nehme, Filomena Touma

May 26: Jeremy Abdulla, Wahib Charabati,
Nicole Saad

May 27: Amelia Jesionowski, Joshua Thomas

May 28: Joseph Chedid, James Corey,
Hannah Godfrey, Jacob Godfrey

May 29: Jean Abou Ezzi, Antoine AbouJaoude,
George Bejjani, Marie Hobeika,
Declan Jacobs

May 30: George Akiki, Jaiden Amil,
Matthew Avedisian, David Brousseau,
Terri Kenney, Wesley Pelletier,
Rodney Pica, Joel Santos, Tia Sfeir,
Pauline Vieira

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

May 24: Pierre & Jennifer Abou Ezzi
Youssef & Mona Khoder
Teddy & Nicole Saad

May 25: George & Hanna Ead
Mike & Elizabeth McCabe
Jarrod & Kristen Pelletier

May 28: Elie & Joanna Hayek

May 30: Jason & Rena Hand

THIRD & FINAL BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Nathalie Perez & Charbel Korbani

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Bennett Nathan

Son of

Nathan & Ashley Daher

Leyah Marie Bourouphael

Daughter of

Charbel & Freicy Bourouphael

*"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but
whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

~Mark 16:16

ST ANTHONY ANNUAL CHARITABLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 30, 2025
at the Atkinson Country Club

- 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

Graduates' Mass

Sunday June 1 at 5:00 pm Liturgies

In Honor of the High School
&
College Graduates

Please submit the name of your child to be remembered in our Liturgy and published in our Weekly Bulletin.

Email: bulletin@Stanthonylawrence.org

**NAM2025
CONVENTION**

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION



SAVE THE DATE

July 3-6, 2025

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church

Raleigh - NC

Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills



NAMConvention

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection: Appearance to the 12*Book of Deuteronomy 31,1-3.6-9*

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them: 'I am now a hundred and twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the LORD has told me, "You shall not cross over this Jordan." The LORD your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the LORD promised. Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.' Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: 'Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.' Then Moses wrote down this law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

Letter to the Romans 10, 1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24, 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة : ظهور يسوع للرسل في العلية

سفر تثنية الاشتراع 31: 1-3. 6-9

مَضَى مُوسَى وَكَلَّمَ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلَّهُ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَنَا الْيَوْمَ أَبْنُ مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً، فَلَمْ أَغْدُ أَسْتَطِيعُ الْخُرُوجَ وَالْدُخُولَ، قَدْ قَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ: إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَعْبَرَ هَذَا الْأَرْضَ. فَالْربُّ إِلَهُكَ يَغْبُرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يُبِيدُ تِلْكَ الْأُمَمَ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ فَتَرْتُثُهَا، وَيَشْتَوْعُ هُوَ يَغْبُرُ أَمَامَكَ، كَمَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ. فَتَشَدَّدُوا وَتَسَجَّعُوا وَلَا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَرْتَعِدُوا أَمَامَهَا، فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُكَ هُوَ السَّائِرُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمُكَ وَلَا يَتْرُكُكَ». ثُمَّ دَعَا مُوسَى يَشُوْعَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ أَمَامَ عُيُونِ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلِّهِ: «تَشَدَّدْ وَتَسَجَّعْ، فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ تُدْخِلُ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ لِآبَائِهِمْ أَنْ يُعْطِيَهُمْ إِيَّاهَا، وَأَنْتَ تُوَرِّثُهُمْ إِيَّاهَا. وَالرَّبُّ هُوَ السَّائِرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يَكُونُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمُكَ وَلَا يَتْرُكُكَ، فَلَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَفْرَغْ». وَكَتَبَ مُوسَى هَذِهِ الشَّرِيعَةَ، وَسَلَّمَهَا إِلَى الْكَهَنَةِ بَنِي لَأوِي، حَامِلِي تَابُوتِ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ، وَسَائِرِ شُيُوخِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 10: 1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَحِيحَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَتَبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». «أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَلَوِيَّةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيَصْعَدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ اعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَآمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخْلُصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْاعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». «فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ».

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 36-48

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». «فَارْتَاعُوا، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِأَلْكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». «قَالَ هَذَا وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». «فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدٍ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَكَلَّهَا بِمَرَّأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ». «حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أُذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالتَّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، ابْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ».

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