


Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector
الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة: توبة زكّا العشّار



For the Son of Man came
to seek and to save what was lost.

LUKE 19:10

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**11th Sunday of Pentecost****Saturday, August 16 (Eng)***St. Roch*

4:00 pm +Antoine & Adele Oneissy and their son, Joseph, *By Father Neemtallah*

Sunday, August 17*St. Myron of Cyzicus***9:30 am** Private Intention

11:00 am In Honor of Deacon & Mrs. Nadim Daou, *By their Children*

12th Sunday of Pentecost**Saturday, August 23 (Eng)***St. Isaac of Nineveh*

4:00 pm 40 Day Anniversary +Albert Lahood, *By his wife, Linda, his children & their families*

+Robin Bellmore, *By Al & Jean Khoury*

Sunday, August 24*St. Eutyches of Sebastia*

9:30 am +Renee Carabello, *By her family*

11:00 am +Naim El Hachem, *By his wife Sonia, Children: Tony, Richard, Ghassan, & Vera, Spouses & Children.*

1st Anniversary - Abouna Joseph Abi Saad, Also, For: +Marleine Abdul Nour, *By Gaby Abdelnour & his daughters, & Camille Abdelnour*

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**08/10/2025**

Candles	\$140.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,351.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$105.00
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	\$2,596.00

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!

Daily Liturgies**Monday, August 18**

The Letter of King Abgar to Christ
Acts 23:12-22/Lk 12:13-21

9:00 am +For the Souls in Purgatory,
By Mouna & Kamil Hbaiter & Family

Tuesday, August 19

St. Luke of Baalbek
Acts 23:23-35/Lk 12:22-31

9:00 am +Larry & Dora Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*
+Marvin Hobeika, By his Family.

Wednesday, August 20

St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church
Acts 24:1-2a,5-6b,9-13,17-21/Lk 12:32-34

9:00 am +Marleine Abdelnour, *By Nada Asmar*

Thursday, August 21

Samuel the Prophet
Acts 24:27-25:12/Lk 12:35-40

9:00 am +Abdallah Sfeir, *By his son, Beshara Sfeir*
In Honor of Henry & Joelle Sader.

Friday, August 22 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Symphorian
Acts 25:13-14a,22-27/Lk 12:42-48

NO LITURGY**UPCOMING EPARCHIAL 2ND COLLECTION**

Catholic University of America & Maronite Seminary – September 7, 2025

PLEASE NOTE

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

SUMMER LITURGIES SCHEDULE**Reminder:**

We are officially on Summer Liturgy schedule:
The following services will resume in the fall:

- 8AM Liturgy
- First Friday & First Sunday Liturgies
- Family of St Sharbel
- Eucharistic Adoration following the Thursday 9AM Daily Liturgy

SINCE 1971
**Lebanese
Mahrajan**
Annual Festival



08/29



George Deeb

5:00 PM Gates Open
7:00 PM Official Festival Opening
7:30 PM Dabke Performance
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM DJ Roy C
8:30 PM Special Daily Raffle
9:30 – 12:00 AM Singer George Deeb
12:00 AM – 1:00 AM DJ Roy C



DJ Roy C

*Mazej Beirut is a group of amateur and professional musicians based in Massachusetts. Mazej Beirut, embodies the spirit of our ensemble, hailing from different parts of the globe, we are unified by our passion for the rich tradition of Lebanese and Arabic music. Esprit-Ange Andraos (voice), Antonius Chedid (violin), Alejandro Castellano (oud), and Tareq Rantisi (percussion) – as we bring you tunes from Beirut and beyond!

☑ Plenty of Shuttles & Available Parking ☑ ADA Bathrooms ☑ Lost and Found Available During & After

08/30



Wissam Ibrahim

5:00 – 7:00 PM ABRAXAS Santana tribute band
7:00 PM Disney Characters
7:30 PM Dabke Performance
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM DJ Roy C
8:30 PM Special daily Raffle
9:30 – 12:00 AM Singer Wissam Ibrahim
11:00 PM Kids' games close
12:00AM –Close DJ Roy C



08/31



George Kouz

12:00 PM – 2:00PM Mazej Beirut*
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Karaoke w/ DJ Roy C
3: 00 PM – 3:30 PM Disney Characters
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Kids' entertainment
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM DJ Roy C
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Grape Leaves Contest
5:30 PM – Dabke Performance
6:00 – 8:00 PM – DJ Roy C
8:00 PM – Dabke Performance
9:30 – Singer George Kouz
10:30 PM – Raffle drawing
11:00 PM – Close George Kouz

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

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.

MAHRAJAN NEWS



MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join us in making this year's Mahrajan unforgettable!
We're looking for volunteers to help with food, games, setup, cleanup, and more.
Please scan the QR Code to sign up today!
Thank you for your time and support!

STUDENTS—NEED TO COMPLETE SERVICE HOURS?

Do you need to complete service hours for school or a confirmation program? The Mahrajan is a great way to fulfill your student service requirements while supporting your parish and having fun!
Volunteer opportunities are available throughout Labor Day Weekend in a variety of roles. Please scan the QR Code to sign up today! We will be happy to sign off on your hours.

MAHRAJAN RAFFLES - ON SALE NOW!

Get ready for this year's exciting Mahrajan Raffles - a fun and easy way to support our parish while entering for your chance to win cash prizes or exclusive getaways!

RAFFLE OPTIONS:

CASH RAFFLE

1st prize \$1,000 - 2nd prize \$750 - 3rd prize \$500 - 4th prize \$250
Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 10 for \$45 (save \$5!)

LAKE HOUSE GETAWAY RAFFLE

Win a weekend away, November 14-16, 2025, at a 4 bedroom, 7 beds, 2 bath lake house in beautiful Middleton, NH!
Tickets are \$20 each

YACHT EXPERIENCE RAFFLE

Enjoy 4 hours aboard a private yacht in Miami, FL for up to 13 guests! The yacht features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attentive crew service, and plenty of opportunities for swimming & sunbathing!
Tickets are \$20 each

Tickets have been mailed and are also available online now via QR code, or from the parish office. Buy for yourself, friends, and family - or help us by sharing the QR code. Every ticket brings us closer to our fundraising goals and helps sustain our parish for future generations.

Winners will be drawn during the Mahrajan on Labor Day Weekend; August 29th, 30th & 31st.
Thank you for your continued faith, support and generosity!



BECOME A MAHRAJAN SPONSOR!

This year, all sponsors will be featured in our brand-new **Ad Book!**

Our updated sponsorship forms are available in the bulletin, parish office, church foyer, or online.



St Anthony Maronite Church

@StAnthony-
MaroniteChurch

To support this year's Mahrajan, donations can be made easily through our Venmo!
Please include "Mahrajan Sponsorship" in the memo. **Cash & Check payments are also accepted**

Thank you in advance for your generous support and for partnering with us to make this beloved tradition a success!

MAHRAJAN BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS

We're looking for your help—and creativity! Our upcoming Basket Raffle needs donated baskets, and we'd love to see the unique themes and ideas you can come up with. Whether it's a movie night, spa day, gardening, or gourmet goodies, every donation helps make our event a success!

If you're able to contribute a basket (big or small!), drop off your donations for us to assemble, or if you have questions, please contact Claudia Saysouk at 978-390-0996.

Thank you for your generosity and imagination!



ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

DIAMOND

\$10,000+

- Prominent logo placement on digital screens and event banners.
- Logo featured on the church website, festival webpage, parish bulletin, printed and digital promotional materials
- Company name highlighted in the Mahrajan digital slideshow
- Verbal recognition during the festival (4 mentions per day)
- Special recognition in 4 dedicated social media posts
- 1 full page ad in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

PLATINUM

\$7,500+

- Logo displayed on digital screens and event banners.
- Logo included on the church website, festival webpage, and parish bulletin
- Company name recognized in the Mahrajan digital slideshow
- Verbal recognition during the festival (2 mentions per day)
- Special recognition in 2 dedicated social media posts
- 1 half page ad in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

GOLD

\$5,000+

- Logo displayed on digital screens and event banners.
- Logo included on the church website, festival webpage, and parish bulletin
- Company name recognized in the Mahrajan digital slideshow
- Verbal recognition during the festival (2 mentions per day)
- Special recognition in 1 dedicated social media post
- 1 quarter page ad in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

SILVER

\$2,500+

- Logo displayed on digital screens and event banners
- Logo included on the church website, festival webpage, and parish bulletin
- Company name recognized in the Mahrajan digital slideshow
- Special recognition on social media
- Honorable mention in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

BRONZE

\$1,000+

- Company name listed on festival website and parish bulletin
- Recognition in the Mahrajan digital slide show
- Special recognition on social media
- Honorable mention in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

COPPER

\$750+

- Name listed on festival website and parish bulletin
- Shared recognition in Mahrajan digital slide show
- Honorable mention in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

CEDAR CIRCLE

\$250+

- Acknowledgement in Mahrajan booklet (deadline August 1, 2025)

NAME/BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAHRAJAN SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____

SPONSORSHIP IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: _____

- Please make checks payable to: **St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church** (Memo: Mahrajan Sponsorship)
- Sponsor must provide high resolution digital logo at its expense. Please email to mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org.
- Sponsorships accepted at the discretion of the Pastor and the Mahrajan Committee. All decisions are final.
- To have your ad printed in the physical Mahrajan Booklet, please submit all materials by **August 1, 2025**. Ads received after this date will only appear in the Mahrajan E-Booklet.
- Final deadline for digital submissions is **August 25, 2025**.

MYA CONFERENCE 2025
SEPTEMBER 19 - 21 - PHILLY, PA

Friday September 19

- 3:00 PM Guest Check-In
- 4:00 PM Welcome Event
- 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy
- 6:15 PM Dinner
- 7:15 PM Speaker Introduction
- 8:00 PM Workshop
- 9:00 PM Evening Social Outing

Saturday September 20

- 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Talk #1 with Fr. Mark
- 11:30 AM Breakout Session
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Talk #2 with Fr. Mark + Q&A
- 1:45 PM Break
- 2:00 PM Adoration + Confession
- 3:30 PM Break
- 7:30 PM Cocktail Hour
- 8:00 PM Dinner & Hafl

Sunday September 21

- 10:30 AM Rosary
- 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at St. Maron
- 12:30 PM Parish Luncheon

Sonesta Rittenhouse Square
 1800 Market Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Schedule is subject to change

Register using this QR code!



St. Maron Church
 1013 Ellsworth Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19147

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online

Questions?
 Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com
 Hotel block info can be found at myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online



NEW ENGLAND
MID-ATLANTIC EAST
MID-ATLANTIC WEST
EPARCHIAL RETREAT

Save THE Date

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
OCTOBER 11-13



2025

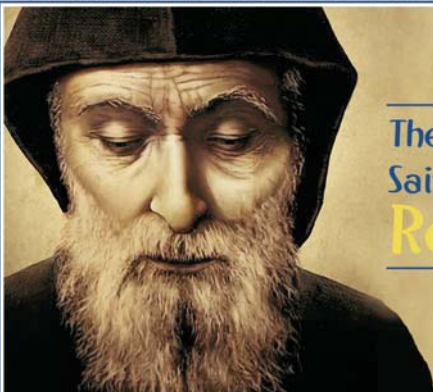
MARIST BROTHER'S CENTER

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 31

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

ESOPUS, NY

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



The Order of Saint Sharbel Retreat

"Jubilee Year: Facing All Challenges with Hope"

a weekend for the members & guests of The Order

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2025

Registration \$165
 includes meals and all materials

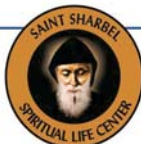
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

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 retreat.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Talks by Bishop Gregory Mansour
- Talk by Fr. Boniface Hicks
- Talk by Dr. Anne Borik
- Daily Divine Liturgy
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confession
- Spiritual Direction
- Time for silent prayer and spiritual reading

For more information about The Order of Saint Sharbel, go to www.orderstsharbel.org.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE!!!

September 6th Religious Education Open House & Knights of Mary Registration

Religious education will run the first ever open house after the 4:00 liturgy from 5:00-6:00. We will start in the church at 5:00 with a brief general meeting and overview of the year. You and your child will then be able to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher. We encourage all families to join us first at the 4 p.m. liturgy.

At 6:00 we will have a brief meeting for all those families planning to make First Communion in May of 2026.

Knights of Mary will also be with us that night with a table in the foyer for those that want to register for this coming year.

As always, registration for both organizations can be found on the parish website. It is never too early to sign your child/children up for the many wonderful activities we have in our community.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

August 16: Aria Azzi, Michael Bou-Harb, Norah Frias, Julie Haddad, Elia Hbaiter, Etienne Khalife, Marcel Saade

August 17: Carter Bistany, George Ead

August 18: Jean Sarkis

August 19: George Abou-Ezzi, George Abou Khalil, Justin Lebbos, Rawad Saade, Nicholas Twing

August 20: Jean Paul Abi Awad, Nicholas Azzi, Daad Dagher, Antoinette El Jamous, Cole Hashem, John-Paul Matta, Michael Najjar, Antonio Perrone, Beki Vincent

August 21: Delaney Bradley, Kelsey Khoury, Charle Maroun, Nadia Nammour

August 22: Kallie Blanchet, Christian Chedid, Yara El Hayek, Fay T. Feghali, Eva Khoury, Lucia Sadek

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

August 16: Patrick & Maira Becotte, Andrew & Joelle Cunha, Charles & Madelyn Greenwood

August 17: Milad & Ghada Rizkallah

August 18: Deacon Nadim & Marie-Christine Daou, John & Leslie Hassan, Linton & Noha Ranson

August 19: Elias & Marie Azzi, Antoine & Alexa Bassil II

August 20: Matthew & Jaclyn Pratt

August 21: Henry & Joelle Sader

August 22: Danny & Rita Azzi, Jamil & Teresa Kamari, Vincent & Alison Puglisi

WELCOME BACK!

We're happy to see our families returning from summer travels. We hope you had a joyful and restful vacation!

TREE OF LIFE

BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Maeve Elena Crossley

daughter of

Craig & Lauren (Becotte) Crossley

Austin Patrick Pratt

son of

Matthew & Jaclyn (Becotte) Pratt

Hudson Bryce Steinberg

Son of

Emmett & Cathleen (Bourouphael) Steinberg

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

~Mark 16:16

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The loving family of **Velma Marie (Jesser) Faunt**, wife of the late Raymond Faunt, Sr. who passed away peacefully on August 8.

We express our sincere condolences to her children, Nancy Faunt, Cathy Koumpouras & Raymond Faunt, Jr., grandchildren & great-grandchildren, as well as extended family members of the Jesser & Faunt Families.

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

Family of St Sharbel &

Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



Monthly Liturgy will resume in the Fall

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

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Book of Ezekiel 18,1.21-23.27-28

The word of the LORD came to me: But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

Letter to the Ephesians 2,17-22

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 19, 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am - Joey Safi

11:00 am - (Eng) George Merheb

(Ar) Marie-Christine Daou

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 23- 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, August 24

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Chloe Saade

(Ar) Dana Hady

الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة: توبة زكّا العشار

سفر حزقيال 18: 1, 21-23, 27-28

وَكَانَتْ إِلَيَّ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ قَائِلًا: «الشَّرِيرُ، إِذَا رَجَعَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ خَطَايَاهُ الَّتِي فَعَلَهَا، وَحَفِظَ جَمِيعَ فَرَائِضِي، وَأَجْرَى الْحَقَّ وَالْبِرَّ، فَإِنَّهُ يَحْيَا حَيَاةً وَلَا يَمُوتُ. جَمِيعُ مَعَاصِيهِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا لَا تُذَكَّرُ لَهُ، وَبِبِرِّهِ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ يَحْيَا. أَلَعَلَّ هَوَايَ فِي مَوْتِ الشَّرِيرِ؟ يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. أَلَيْسَ فِي أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَنْ طُرْقِهِ فَيَحْيَا؟ وَإِذَا رَجَعَ الشَّرِيرُ عَنْ شَرِّهِ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ وَأَجْرَى الْحَقَّ وَالْبِرَّ، فَإِنَّهُ يُحْيِي نَفْسَهُ. إِنَّهُ قَدْ رَأَى وَتَابَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ مَعَاصِيهِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا، لِذَلِكَ يَحْيَا حَيَاةً وَلَا يَمُوتُ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2: 17-22

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَمَّا جَاءَ الْمَسِيحُ بِشَرِّكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّا بِهِ نِلْنَا نَحْنُ الْاِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ الْوُصُولَ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدُ غُرَبَاءَ وَلَا نُزَلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحُ يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّاوِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتِمَّاسُكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 19: 1-10

دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ أَرِيحَا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُهَا، وَإِذَا رَجُلٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَّا، كَانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَّارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وَكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوعُ، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمُيزَةً لِكَيْ يَرَاهُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا زَكَّا، أَسْرِعْ وَأَنْزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أَقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ.» فَاسْرِعَ وَنَزَلَ وَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَذَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِينَ: «دَخَلَ لِيَبِيتَ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِئٍ.» «أَمَّا زَكَّا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: «يَا رَبِّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنِيَّاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاءِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُّ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أَضْعَافٍ.» فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «الْيَوْمَ صَارَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ.»

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