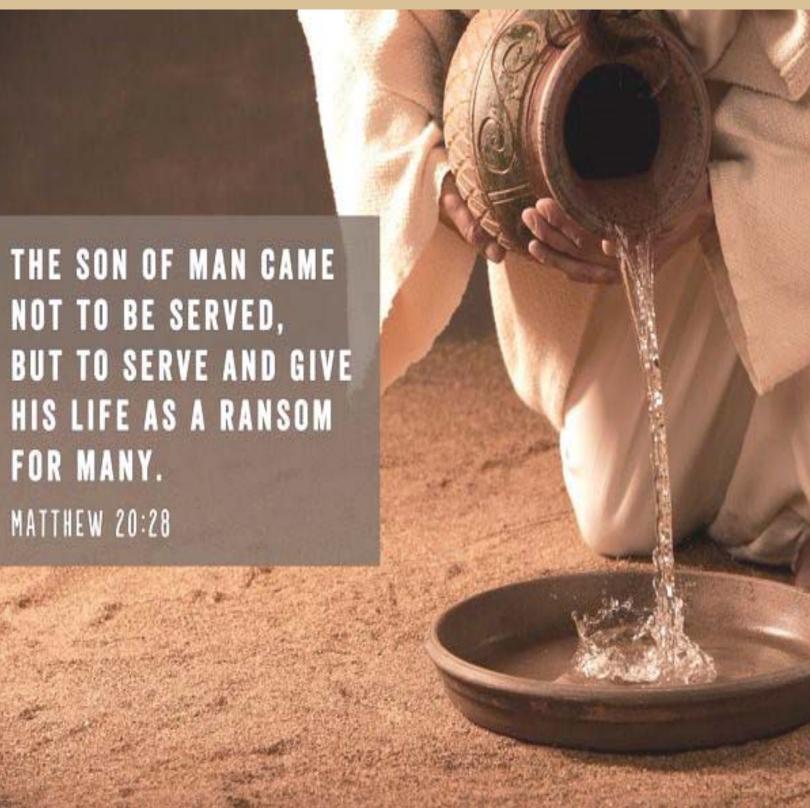
# 1st Sunday after Holy Gross الأحد الأوّل بعد عيد الصليب



#### 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**

#### **1st Sunday After Holy Cross**

Saturday, September 20 (Eng)

St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children

**4:00 pm** 40 Day Anniversary +Zazie Awil Khoder, by Mr. & Mrs. Youssef Khoder & Family

+For the Deceased Members of the Tarshi Family, *By their Family* 

#### Sunday, September 21

St. Quadratus, Bishop of Athens

**9:30 am** +Richard Maroon, *By his wife, Louise & Family* 

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary +Michel Jandah, By his daughters, Marie & her husband, Youssef Ata, & Jeanette & her husband, Tony El-Helou & their families.

#### **2nd Sunday After Holy Cross**

Saturday, September 27 (Eng)

St. Vincent de Paul

**4:00 pm** In Honor of all the Parish Organizations

Sunday, September 28

St. Chariton

**9:30 am** 1st Anniversary +Gladys George, and Donald A. George, *By their Family* 

**11:00 am** 1st Anniversary +Ghassan Raad, *By his wife, Claudine & daughters, Jessica & Bianca* 

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

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

#### Monday, September 22

St. Phocas and His Companions
Rev 1:1-8/Mk 8:34-9:1

9:00 am +Nazir & Kamil Farhat, *By Nada Asmar* Tuesday, September 23

Jonah the Prophet Rev 1:9-20/Mk 9:33-37

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

#### Wednesday, September 24

St. Thecla, the First Woman Matyr Rev 2:1-7/Mk 9:38-50

9:00 am +Layal Charles Bechara & Charles Bechara, *By Nada Asmar* 

#### Thursday, September 25

St. Paphnutius the Confessor Rev 2:8-11/Mk 10:17-27

9:00 am Private Intention

#### Friday, September 26 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. John the Evangelist Rev 2:12-17/Mk 10:28-31

#### **NO LITURGY**

#### LITURGIES SCHEDULE

The following services will resume beginning October 1st:

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





**In Memory of Fred & Mary Faris,** *By their Family* 

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online: <a href="https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/">www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/</a>



True Greatness: To Serve, Not to Be Served

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a striking lesson about the heart of Christian discipleship. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach Jesus with a bold request: to sit at His right and left in His glory. Their desire was for honor, recognition, and privilege. In their minds, greatness meant power and prestige. But Jesus patiently redirects them—and us—toward the true meaning of authority in the Kingdom of God.

"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the slave of all." With these words, Jesus overturns the logic of the world. Among the Gentiles, rulers and leaders "lord it over" their people, often misusing authority for pride or personal gain. But in the Church, in the Body of Christ, it cannot be so. The true mark of greatness is not how many people serve us, but how faithfully we serve others.

Jesus Himself is the perfect model: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." His authority is rooted in self-giving love, expressed most fully on the Cross. For us as Christians, this is not an optional path—it is our vocation. Baptism makes us children of God, but it also calls us to responsibility: to live in humility, to put pride aside, and to use whatever gifts or positions we have in service of others.

Saint Augustine reminds us: "The measure of love is to love without measure." And Saint Mother Teresa echoes this when she says: "The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace." These words invite us to see every act of service as an expression of God's boundless love.

In our families, service looks like patience, forgiveness, and daily sacrifices of love. In our parish, service means volunteering, supporting, and encouraging one another. In society, service means standing with the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. True authority is not about domination; it is about lifting others up.

The Gospel challenges us today: Where in my life am I seeking recognition, status, or control? And where is Jesus inviting me to set aside pride and embrace humble service? The more we imitate Christ the Servant, the more we share in His true glory.

Let us pray for the grace to live not for ourselves but for others, so that in serving, we may reveal the face of Christ to the world.

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** 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.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Next Session:** 

Saturday, September 27 @ 5 - 7 pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

We are always looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested please email us at:

#### Lawrencereligioused@gmail.com

Religious Education classes began Saturday, September 13, from 5:00-7:00.

If you have not registered your child yet, no problem. Registration forms and the calendar for this year can be found on the St. Anthony website.

**Please note,** September 27 is the final date to register for the Religious Ed program this year. We will NOT accept any registrations after that date.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -St. Anthony Council 16204

"In Service To One,

In Service To All"

Next meeting:

Tuesday October 14, 2025 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend. For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

#### **DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY**

"The Oldest Organization of St. Anthony's Church"
First Meeting: Monday, October 6 @ 12pm
Stay tuned for more details!

#### **KNIGHTS OF MARY**

KICK OFF:

Saturday, September 20 @ 4 - 6 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/



#### M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

First Meeting: Monday, October 13 @ 7pm Forgiveness & Reconciliation - Part 1

#### **KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR**

Be a Knight of the Altar-Register online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/



#### MYO & Jr MYO

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

Sunday, September 21 @ 6 - 7:30pm Sunday, October 5 @ 2 - 4:15PM Apple Picking (Jr MYO only)

Sunday, October 5 @ 5 - 7:30pm Youth Mass & Regular Session (MYO only)

# Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



Thursday, October 16: Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession

Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 8pm

Zoom ID: 335616991 Passcode: 816342

**Or you can j**oin by clicking this link:

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

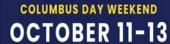
For more information email:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org



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







2025

## MARIST BROTHER'S CENTER

ESOPUS, NY

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 31

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

#### **FIRST BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Alex Prezzano & Lauren Dalal

#### **LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, September 20- 4 pm - Carla Khoder

Sunday, September 21

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) John El-Helou

(Ar) George Saab

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 27 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, September 28

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Mounira Daher

(Ar) Rita Mallat

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 09/14/2025

Candles \$73.00 Sunday Collection \$3,296.00 Catholic Universities \$60.00 Utilities, Fuel & Electricity \$170.00 Donations \$830.00

\$4,429.00

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!

#### **UPCOMING EPARCHIAL 2ND COLLECTION**

World Mission Sunday - October 19, 2025

#### **BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES**

#### **Religious Education**

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

Maronite Youth Organization -MYO

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/

Maronite Young Adults - MYA

Please email the Parish to add your name to the MYA Group: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

**Knights of Mary-KOM** 

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/

#### **Knights of the Altars**

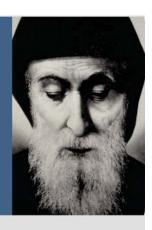
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In addition our Parish takes pride and invites you to be part of the other ministries such as:

- Daughters of St Anthony
- Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality
- Sunshine Committee
- M-Wine
- Bereavement Ministry
- Ushers
- Men's Ministry

This year, October 12 is designated as "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in our Eparchy. On October 12, all Maronite parishes will be promoting the Order. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. This year we have three men preparing for the priesthood for our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at <a href="https://www.orderstsharbel.org">www.orderstsharbel.org</a> or ask Father for more information.

# JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL



#### Support Maronite Seminarians and Retired Priests



and Help Build the Future of the Maronite Church



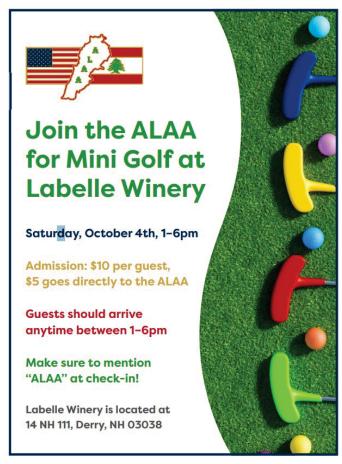






Enroll online at **orderstsharbel.org** or in your Parish

For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa, at <a href="mailto:info@orderstsharbel.org">info@orderstsharbel.org</a> or call 718-237-9913, or consult your Parish Priest. If you are interested in becoming a Priest or Religious Sister, contact Vocations Director, Father Dominique Hanna, at <a href="mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net">cathrectory@verizon.net</a> or call 718-624-7228.





#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**September 20:** Rana Abdilmasih, Michael Faris, Kenneth Gabriel, Maya Geha, Maroun Geha, May Maroun, Peter Sarkis

**September 21:** Rami Karam, Rachel Ramey, Kristine Sader

September 22: Helena Abou-Ezzi, Ibrahim T. Ata, Kelsie Collins, Andrew Cunha, Alexis Ead, Vatina Hassan, Mireille Joumaa, Christina Khoury, Michael Ota

**September 23:** Edgar Andary, Mariane El Hayek, Dave Flanagan, Saria Geha, Christopher Joseph, Adam Maroun, Anthony Panto, Grace Pappalardo

**September 24:** Elias Bou-Chaaya, Maria Geha, Brian Khoury, Christopher Merheb, Joy Sadek

**September 25:** Jane El Hachem, Bassam Geha, Chloe Mazraani, Lauren Santos, Rock Sfeir, Charlotte Solomon

**September 26:** Mary Ann Abdallah, Michael Bejjani, Destiny Geha, Nicole Motta, Derek Shadeed, Laurence Yameen

#### **ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

**September 20:** Danny & Chantale Maroun **September 21:** Tony & Shannon Khoury **September 22:** Fadi & Nada El Zaklit **September 23:** Ronald & Alexis Ead

**September 24:** Raymond & Lisa Germanos, Elie & Elizabeth Nehme, Pierre & Meara Younes

**September 25:** Charbel & Pascal Daher, Tony & Journana Hashem

**September 26:** Robert & Beverly Schiripo

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgies are offered for many reasons:

- For the souls in purgatory
- In remembrance of our loved ones who are deceased
- In honor of someone's birthday
- Special anniversary, and more.

Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

Please contact the Parish Office to book your mass intentions or for more inquiries.

#### TREE OF LIFE

#### **BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:**

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 / 4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by **Phone**: **978.685.7233** or by E-mail: **rectory@stanthonylawrence.org** 

#### SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

#### **Grave Purchase & Burial**

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.

For more information:

By Phone (*During Office Hours*) 978-685-7233 Email <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u> or Visit: <u>stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/</u>

#### **Cemetery Guidelines**

www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

#### **Headstones & Cemetery Markers**

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/.

#### Please note:

<u>Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"</u>

## Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

- 1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
- Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
- 3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

#### DONATE A TREE- IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

**Plant-A-Tree A**— *For a donation of \$400.00:* memorial plaque displayed for ten years.

**Plant-A-Tree B**—*For a donation of \$250.00*: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

#### **Your Donation is Tax-Deductible**

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 or email us at:

rectory @stanthonylaw rence.org

Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood

#### **1st Sunday after Holy Cross**

#### Book of Deuteronomy 17: 14-20

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me', you may indeed set over you a king whom the LORD your God will choose. One of your own community you may set as king over you; you are not permitted to put a foreigner over you, who is not of your own community. Even so, he must not acquire many horses for himself, or return the people to Egypt in order to acquire more horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You must never return that way again.' And he must not acquire many wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; also silver and gold he must not acquire in great quantity for himself. When he has taken the throne of his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law written for him in the presence of the levitical priests. It shall remain with him and he shall read in it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, diligently observing all the words of this law and these statutes, neither exalting himself above other members of the community nor turning aside from the commandment, either to the right or to the left, so that he and his descendants may reign long over his kingdom in Israel.

#### Second Letter to Timothy 2: 1-10

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

#### Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

#### الأحد الأوّل بعد عيد الصليب

#### سفر تثنية الاشتراع 14:17 - 20

»إذا دَخلتَ الأَرْضِ التي يُعْطِيكَ الرَّبُ إِلهُكَ إِيَّاها ووَرِثْتَها وَسَكَنْتَ فِيهَا، فَقُلْتَ: أَقيمُ عَلَيْكَ مَلِكًا، ولا يَحِلُّ الأُمْمِ الَّتي مِن حَوْلِي. فَأَقِم عَلَيْكَ مَلِكًا، مَن يَخْتَارُهُ الرَّبُ إِلهُكَ. مِنْ بين إِخْوَتِكَ تُقيمُ عَلَيْكَ مَلِكًا، ولا يَحِلُ لكُمْ اللَّمِ الْخِيكَ. وَلكِنْ لا يُكَثِّرْ لنفسِه مِنَ الخَيْل، وَلا يَرُدُ الشَّعْبَ إِلى مِصْرَ لكَ أَنْ تُقيمَ عَلَيْكَ رَجُلًا غَريبًا ليْسَ بأَخِيكَ. وَلكِنْ لا يُكَثِّرْ لنفسِه مِنَ الخَيْل، وَلا يَرُدُ الشَّعْبَ إلى مِصْرَ للكَثِيرَ من الخَيْل، فقد قَال لكُمْ الرَّبُ: "لا تَعُودُوا إلى الرّجوع فِي هَذِهِ الطَّرِيقِ". وَلا يُكثِر لنفسهِ من النسَاء، لِنَلا يَحيدَ قَلبُهُ، ولا يُبالِغ في الإكثار في الفِضَّةِ وَالذَهب. وَمتى جَلَسَ عَلى عَرْشِ مُلكِهِ، فليَنْسَخْ لَه نُسْخَةً مِنْ هَذِهِ الشَّرِيعَةِ فِي سِفْرٍ مِنْ عِنْدِ الكَهَنَةِ واللاويِّينَ. ولتَكُنْ عندَهُ، يَقْرَأُ فِيهَا كُل أَيَامٍ حَيَاتِهِ، لكيّ لَه نُسْخَةً مِنْ هَذِهِ الشَّرِيعَةِ فِي سِفْرٍ مِنْ عِنْدِ الكَهَنَةِ واللاويِّينَ. ولتَكُنْ عندَهُ، يَقْرَأُ فِيهَا كُل أَيَامٍ حَيَاتِهِ، لكيّ يَتَعَلمَ كَيفَ يَتَّقِيَ الرَّبُ إِلهَهُ حافِظًا كَلامَ الشَّرِيعَةِ كله وَهَذِهِ الفَرَائِضَ لِيَعْمَل بِهَا، لِنَلا يَسْمَحَ قَلبُهُ عَلى الشَّرِيقِةِ وَلِئلا يَحِيدَ عَنِ الوَصِيَّةِ يُمِنةً أَوْ يَسرَةً، ولِكَيْ يُطِيل أَيَّامَهُ عَلى مَمْلكَتِهِ، هُو وَبَنُوهُ، فِي وَسَطِ إِسْرَائِيل «.

#### رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموتاوس 2: 1-10

يا إخوتِي، وأَنْتَ، يا ٱبْنِي، تَشَدَّدْ بِالنِّعْمَةِ الَّتِي في المَسِيح يَسُوع. ومَا سَمِعْتَهُ مِنِّي بِحُضُورِ شُهُودٍ كَثِيرِين، الْمُتَوَدِعْهُ أُنَاسًا أُمَنَاء، جَدِيرِينَ هُم أَيْضًا بِأَنْ يُعَلِّمُوا غَيْرَهُم. شَارِكْنِي في ٱحْتِمَالِ المَشَقَّاتِ كَجُنْدِي صَالِح لِلْمَسِيح يَسُوع. ومَا مِنْ جُنْدِي يَنْهَمِكُ في الأُمُورِ المَعِيشِيَّة، إِذا أَرادَ أَنْ يُرْضِيَ مَنْ جَنَّدَهُ. ومَنْ يُصَارِغُ لاَ لِلْمَسِيح يَسُوع. ومَا مِنْ جُنْدِي يَنْهَمِكُ في الأُمُورِ المَعِيشِيَّة، إِذا أَرادَ أَنْ يُرْضِيَ مَنْ جَنَّدَهُ. ومَنْ يُصَارِغُ لاَ يَنَالُ إِكْلِيلاً إِلاَّ إِذا صَارَعَ بِحَسَبِ الأَصُول. والحَارِثُ الَّذي يَتْعَبُ لَهُ الحَقُّ بِالنَّصِيبِ الأَوَّلِ مِنَ التَّمَر. يَنَالُ إِكْلِيلاً إِلاَّ إِذا صَارَعَ بِحَسَبِ الأَمْول. والحَارِثُ الَّذي يَتْعَبُ لَهُ الحَقُّ بِالنَّصِيبِ الأَوَّلِ مِنَ التَّمَر. وَهُوَ تَأَمَّلُ في مَا أَقُول: والرَّبُ سَيُعْطِيكَ فَهُمًا في كُلِّ شَيْء! تَذَكَّرْ يَسُوعَ المَسِيحَ الَّذي قَامَ مِنْ بَينِ الأَمْوَات، وهُوَ مَنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُد، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِي، الَّذي فِيهِ أَحْتَمِلُ المَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى القُيُودَ كَمُجْرِم، لكِنَ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ لا تُقَيَّد. مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُد، بِحَسَب إِنْجِيلِي، اللَّذي فِيهِ أَحْتَمِلُ المَشَقَّاتِ حَتَّى القُيُودَ كَمُجْرِم، لكِنَّ كَلِمَةَ اللهِ لا تُقَيَّد. إِذَلِكَ أَصْبِرُ على كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مِنْ أَجْلِ المُخْتَارِين، لِيَحْصَلُوا هُم أَيْضًا على الخَلاصِ في المَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مَعَ المَجْدِ الأَبْدِي .

#### انجيل القديس مرقس 35:10 -45

دَنَا مِنْ يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا، ٱبْنَا زَبَدَى ، وقَالا لَهُ: »يَا مُعَلِّم، نُرِيدُ أَنْ تَصْنَعَ لَنَا كُلَّ ما نَسْأَلُكَ . «فقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعَ يَعْقُوبُ وَيُوحَنَّا، ٱبْنَا زَبَدَى ، وقالا لَهُ: »أَعْطِنَا أَنْ نَجْلِسَ في مَجْدِكَ، واحِدٌ عَن يَمِينِكَ، وواجِدٌ عَنْ يَسَارِكَ . «فقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوع: »إنَّكُمَا لا تَعْلَمَانِ مَا تَطْلُبَان: هَلْ تَسْتَطِيعَانِ أَنْ تَشْرَبَا الكَأْسَ الَّتِي أَشْرَبُها أَنَا؟ . «قالا لَهُ: »نَسْتَطِيع . «فقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوع: »أَلْكَأْسُ الَّتِي أَنْ أَشْرَبُها أَنَا؟ أَنْ تَتَسْرَبُها اللَّهُ مِن يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فلَيْسَ لِي سَتَشْرَبَانِها، والمَعْمُودِيَّةُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَتَعَمَّدُ بِهَا سَتَتَعَمَّدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الجُلُوسُ عَنْ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فلَيْسَ لِي سَتَشْرَبَانِها، والمَعْمُودِيَّةُ اللّتِي أَنَا أَتَعَمَّدُ بِهَا سَتَتَعَمَّدَانِ بِهَا. أَمَّا الجُلُوسُ عَنْ يَمِينِي أَوْ عَنْ يَسَارِي، فلَيْسَ لِي اللّهُ اللّذِينَ أُعِدَ لَهُم . «ولَمَّا سَمِعَ العَشَرَةُ الآخَرُون، بَدَأُوا يَغْتَاظُونَ مِنْ يَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَا. فدَعَاهُم أَنْ أَمْذَحَهُ إِلاَّ لِلْذِينَ أُعِدِ يَقَالَ لَهُم . »تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ الَّذِينَ يُعْتَبَرُونَ رُؤَسَاءَ الأُمْمِ يَسُودُونَهُم، وَعُظَمَاءَهُم يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِم. أَمَّا يَشُودُ وَلَهُم، وَعُظَمَاءَهُم يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْهِم. أَنْ يَكُونَ الأَوْلَ يَشُودُ وَلَهُم، وَعُظَمَاءَهُم يَتَسَلَّطُونَ عَلَيْمِ . فَايْتُلُ نَعْمَدُ وَيَالُ لَهُ مَعْدَا، بَلْ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ فِيكُم عَظِيمًا، فلْيَكُنْ لَكُم خَادِمًا وَمُنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَكُونَ الأَوْلَ بَيْنَكُم، فَلْيَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِلْجَمِيع؛ لأَنَ ٱبْنُ الإِنْسَانِ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَأْتِهِ لِي لِيَخْدَم، بَلْ لِيَخْدُم، ويَبْذُلُ نَفْسَهُ فِذَاءً عَنْ كَثِيرِين «.

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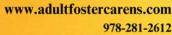
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