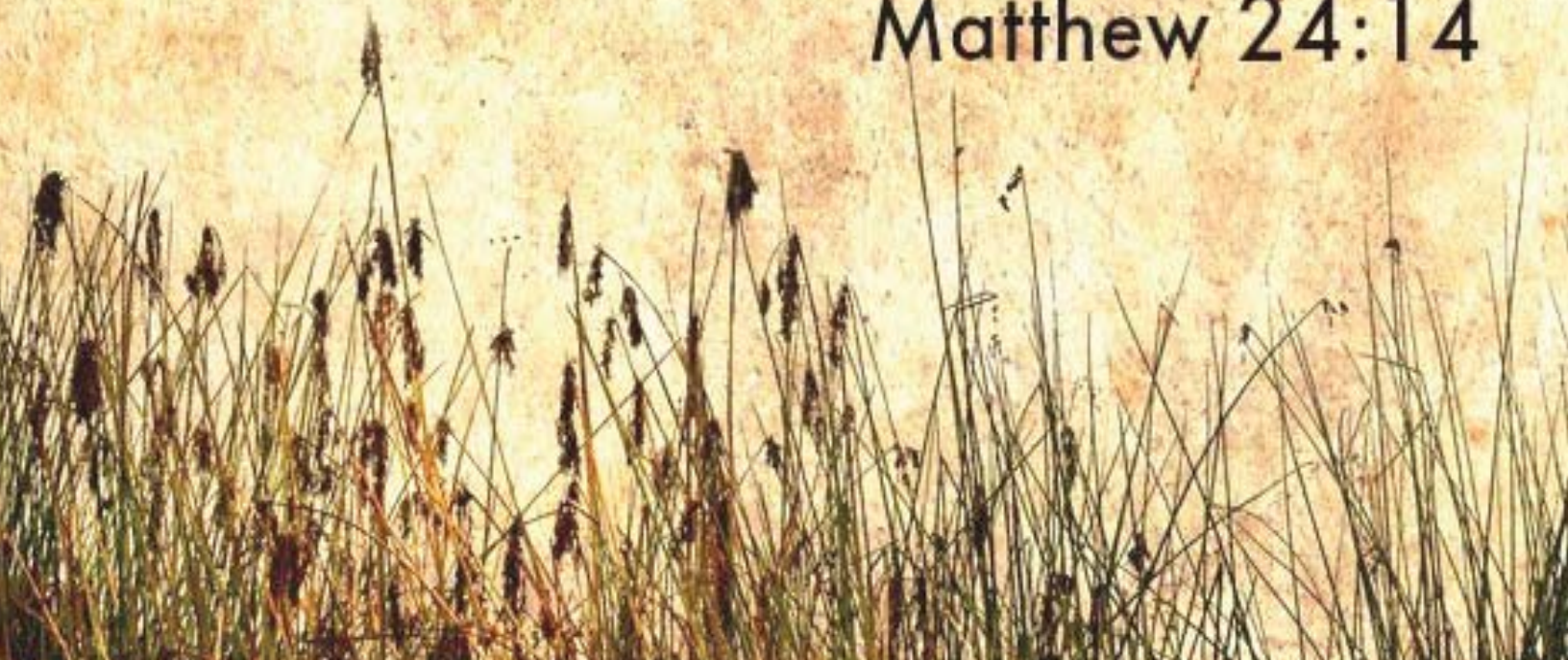


2nd Sunday after Holy Cross
الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

"And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations."

Matthew 24:14



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

2nd Sunday After Holy Cross

Saturday, September 27 (Eng)

St. Vincent de Paul

4:00 pm +Sabah Dagher, Assaad & Nour
Dagher, Chakib & Zakieh Hanna, &
Zakieh Moubarak, *By their Family*

Sunday, September 28

St. Chariton

9:30 am 1st Anniversary +Gladys George & for
her husband, Donald A. George, *By*
their Family

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

3rd Sunday After Holy Cross Holy Rosary Sunday

Saturday, October 4 (Eng)

St. Francis of Assisi

4:00 pm In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. George
Abboud

Sunday, October 5

St. Paul the Simple, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 am +John Purcell, *By his wife, Najla Azzi*
Purcell

9:30 am 1st Anniversary +Violette Maroon, *By*
her son, James Maroon & Family

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary +Rabih Haddad,
By Antoine Haddad & his Family

For Living & Deceased Members of the
Bou Mitri Family, *By Mr. & Mrs.*
Mounir Bou Mitri

5:00 pm Private Intention



In Loving Memory of Donald A. & Gladys George,
By their Family

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

Daily Liturgies

Monday, September 29

St. Romanos (Cyriacus), known as Rouhana the Cantor

Rev 3:1-6/Mt 10:16-22

9:00 am +Antoine Mhanna, *By Mr. & Mrs.*
George Merheb & Family

Tuesday, September 30

St. Gregory the Illuminator

Rev 3:7-13/Mt 11:20-24

9:00 am For the well-being of Layla Abou-Ezzi,
By Lili Bijjani

Wednesday, October 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church

Rev 3:14-22/Mt 12:29-32

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, October 2

Sts. Cyprian and Justina

Rev 4:1-11/Mt 12:33-37

9:00 am +Marie Jbeily, *By Dr. & Mrs. George*
Abou-Ezzi

Friday, October 3 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Dionysius the Areopagite, St. Mother Theodore Guerin

Rev 5:1-10/Mt 12:38-42

7:00 pm Private Intention

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

SANCTUARY LAMPS



PASTOR'S CORNER

Discerning God's Voice in a Noisy World

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples: "*Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray.*" These words are not only about the end of times; they are also a call for us to discern carefully in our daily lives.

The world has never lacked voices claiming to speak in God's name. Some offer easy solutions, others promise prosperity, power, or secret knowledge. They may even use Scripture to justify their message, but their aim is not the glory of God—it is often self-interest, wealth, or influence. These are the false messiahs Jesus warns us about.

How then can we recognize the true word of God from the counterfeit?

- The first measure is fidelity to Christ and His Gospel. Any teaching that contradicts the commandment of love—love of God and love of neighbor—cannot come from Him. Saint Paul reminds us that even if an angel from heaven preached a "different gospel," we must not accept it (Gal 1:8). Truth is consistent, and God's word never contradicts itself.
- Second, the authentic word of God always leads us to humility and service, not pride or division. The saints—our true guides—did not build movements around themselves; they pointed to Christ. A genuine messenger of God will never draw people to worship personality or ideology, but to worship the living God.
- Third, discernment requires prayer and life in the Church. Jesus entrusted His word to the apostles and their successors. When we remain rooted in the sacramental life, in Scripture, and in the tradition of the Church, we are protected from confusion. Alone, we are vulnerable to deception; united in the Body of Christ, we are safeguarded by His Spirit.

Jesus also foretells trials—wars, divisions, betrayals, persecutions. These are not signs of His absence, but reminders that following Him is a narrow way. What matters is perseverance: "*The one who endures to the end will be saved.*"

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be swayed by every new voice that promises salvation on human terms. Instead, let us stay close to the Shepherd who laid down His life for us. If we listen to His voice, we will not be led astray. His truth, His love, and His cross remain the only sure path to eternal life.

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.

SECOND BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alex Prezzano & Lauren Dalal

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Your New Baby

Amara Marie Dunbar

Daughter of William & Elan (Azzi) Dunbar

*"Children are a gift from the Lord;
they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Felix Elias Pagan

son of

Wilfredo & Cecilia (Daher) Pagan

Jayden Santos Escobales

son of

Johnny & Remie (El Hayek) Escobales

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

~Mark 16:16

UPCOMING EPARCHIAL 2ND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday – October 19, 2025

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

09/21/2025

Candles	\$86.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,701.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$150.00
Donations	\$1,680.00
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	\$5,617.00

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!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

September 27: Katia Assaf, Adelynn Harvey, Elie Merheb, Rita Rizk

September 28: Dawn Aboelsaad, Elijah Kayrouz, Antoine Nader, Matthew Saab, Mikaela Strobel

September 29: Ramona Bou-Mitri, Pascal Constantine, Laura Dahbour, Tania Mazraani, Charbel Salloum, Manuel Santos, Nina Santos, Dennis Vieira

September 30: Youssef Acevedo, Therese Chahine, Mason Sawyer

October 1: Luna Abi-Moussa, Ibrahim Ata, Christopher Bou Saada, Richard Haddad, Neal Hassan, Tanous Hatem, Jason Martino, Antoinette Sader, Alyce Sader, Christa-Maria Salame, Fadi Saroufim

October 2: Alexander Collins, Affif El Rahi, Patrick Gerges, Damari Leonardo, Dionair Leonardo, Radwan Maroun

October 3: Elizabeth Bistany, Ghazy Daher, Eliane Saade, Sanette Saade, Maelle Ziade

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

September 27: Fred & Lori Corey

September 28: Alan & Karen Pelletier

September 29: Anthony & Cristina Chedid, William & Jennifer Kannan

September 30: Lufti & Mouna Kassari

October 1: Rabih & Maya Bou-Chaaya, Ryan & Nicole Jacobs

October 2: Raymond & Claudia Saysouk

October 3: Carlos & Christiane Daher, Stephen & Erica Maroon, Glenn & Lisa Prezzano

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4 4 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Session:

Saturday, October 11 @ 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:

Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session:

Saturday, October 4 @ 5 - 7 pm

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

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Be a Knight of the Altar- Register online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/



MYO & Jr MYO

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, October 5 @ 2 - 4:15PM
Apple Picking (Jr MYO only)

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

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

"The Oldest Organization of St. Anthony's Church"

First Meeting: Monday, October 6 @ 12pm



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

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



NEW ENGLAND

MID-ATLANTIC EAST

MID-ATLANTIC WEST

**EPARCHIAL
RETREAT**

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 11-13



2025

**MARIST
BROTHER'S CENTER**



ESOPUS, NY

**REGISTRATION
OPENS JULY 31**

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

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

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 join by clicking this link:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

For more information email:
communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

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

www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/

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*

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" X 8" = \$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 rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

or Visit: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

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:

Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

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

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. 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@stanthonylawrence.org

Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood

COVENANT of

Betrothal & Crowning

MARRIAGE



October 7th | 8pm EST
Meeting ID: 847 1365 0071
Passcode: 653500



Bishop Gregory Mansour




Join the ALAA for Mini Golf at Labelle Winery

Saturday, October 4th, 1-6pm

Admission: \$10 per guest, \$5 goes directly to the ALAA

Guests should arrive anytime between 1-6pm

Make sure to mention "ALAA" at check-in!

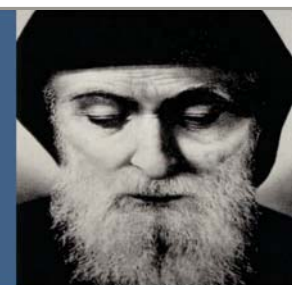
Labelle Winery is located at 14 NH 111, Derry, NH 03038



THE ORDER OF ST SHARBEL

On Sunday, October 12, all Maronite parishes will promote the Order of Saint Sharbel, which provides vital financial and spiritual support for our seminarians. This year, three men are preparing for the priesthood in our Eparchy. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order to support the future of our Church. Enroll at www.orderstsharbel.org or speak with 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 info@orderstsharbel.org 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 cathrectory@verizon.net or call 718-624-7228.



RAFCA FARES

Lebanese Classics

OCTOBER 11 - 2025
LAWRENCE - MASSACHUSETTS

St Anthony Maronite Church
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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY | TOMB OF SAINT RAFQA IN LEBANON

2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

Book of Joel 2:1. 10-13, 15-16a

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near. The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. The LORD utters his voice at the head of his army; how vast is his host! Numberless are those who obey his command. Truly the day of the LORD is great; terrible indeed who can endure it? Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

First Letter to the Corinthians 15: 19-34

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.' But when it says, 'All things are put in subjection', it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all. Otherwise, what will those people do who receive baptism on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? And why are we putting ourselves in danger every hour? I die every day! That is as certain, brothers and sisters, as my boasting of you a boast that I make in Christ Jesus our Lord. If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals.' Come to a sober and right mind, and sin no more; for some people have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24: 1-14

As Jesus came out of the temple and was going away, his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. Then he asked them, 'You see all these, do you not? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?' Jesus answered them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah!" and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. 'Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

الأحد الثاني بعد عيد الصليب

سفر يونس 10:1-2 - 13 - 15 - 16

أَنْفُخُوا فِي الْبُوقِ فِي صِهْيُونَ، وَاهْتَفُوا فِي جَبَلِ قُدْسِي وَلِيَرْتَعِدَ جَمِيعُ سُكَّانِ الْأَرْضِ فَإِنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ آتٍ وَهُوَ قَرِيبٌ. مِنْ وَجْهِهِ أَرْتَعَدَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَرَجَفَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَأَظْلَمَتِ الشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ وَسَحَبَتِ الْكَوَاكِبُ ضِيَاءَهَا وَجَهَرَ الرَّبُّ بِصَوْتِهِ أَمَامَ جَيْشِهِ لِأَنَّ عَسْكَرَهُ كَثِيرٌ جَدًّا مُقْتَدِرٌ يَنْقُذُ كَلِمَتَهُ لِأَنَّهُ عَظِيمٌ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ وَهَائِلٌ جَدًّا. فَمَنْ الَّذِي يُطِيفُهُ؟ فَالآنَ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ: «ارْجِعُوا إِلَيَّ بِكُلِّ قُلُوبِكُمْ وَبِالصَّوْمِ وَالْبُكَاءِ وَالْأَنْتِحَابِ. مَزَقُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ لَا تِيَابَكُمْ وَارْجِعُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ حَنُونٌ رَحِيمٌ طَوِيلُ الْأَنَاءِ كَثِيرُ الرَّحْمَةِ وَنَادِمٌ عَلَى الشَّرِّ. أَنْفُخُوا فِي الْبُوقِ فِي صِهْيُونَ وَأَوْصُوا بِصَوْمٍ مُقَدَّسٍ وَنَادُوا بِأَحْتِفَالٍ. اجْمَعُوا الشَّعْبَ وَقَدِّسُوا الْجَمَاعَةَ واجْمَعُوا الشُّيُوخَ واجْمَعُوا الْأَطْفَالَ وراضعي الأثداء وَلِيُخْرِجِ الْعَرِيسُ مِنْ مُخْدَعِهِ وَالْعَرُوسُ مِنْ خَدْرِهَا.»

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 15: 19-34

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَخُنُّ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَاكُورَةُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَبِوَاسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةُ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَاكُورَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النَّهَائِيَّةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بَدْءَ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ. لَقَدْ أَخْضَعَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَحِينَ يَقُولُ الْكِتَابُ: «أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ»، فَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّهُ يَسْتَنْتِي اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. وَمَتَى أَخْضَعَ لِلْآبِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، فَحِينَئِذٍ يَخْضَعُ الْآبَنُ نَفْسَهُ لِلَّذِي أَخْضَعَ لَهُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، حَتَّى يَكُونَ اللَّهُ الْكُلُّ فِي الْكُلِّ. وَإِلَّا فَمَاذَا يَفْعَلُ الَّذِينَ يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْأَمْوَاتِ؟ إِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ أَبَدًا، فَلِمَاذَا يَتَعَمَّدُونَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ؟ وَنَحْنُ، فَلِمَاذَا نَعْرِضُ أَنْفُسَنَا كُلَّ سَاعَةٍ لِلْخَطَرِ؟ أَفَسُمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، بِمَا لِي مِنْ فَخْرٍ بِكُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، أَنِّي أَوَاجِهُ الْمَوْتَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ. إِنْ كُنْتُ صَارَعْتُ الْوُحُوشَ فِي أَفْسُسَ، لِغَايَةِ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، فَأَيُّ نَفْعٍ لِي؟ وَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتُ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَلِنَأْكُلْ وَنَشْرَبْ، لِأَنَّنَا عَدَا سَنَمُوتُ! لَا تَصِلُوا! إِنَّ الْمُعَاشِرَاتِ السَّيِّئَةَ تُفْسِدُ الْأَخْلَاقَ السَّالِمَةَ! أَبْقُوا قُلُوبَكُمْ بِالنَّفَوى، وَلَا تَخْطُوا، فَإِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنْكُمْ يَجْهَلُونَ اللَّهَ! أَقُولُ هَذَا لِإِخْوَالِكُمْ!

إنجيل القديس متى 1: 24-14

خَرَجَ يَسُوعُ مِنَ الْهَيْكَلِ وَمَضَى. فَدَنَا مِنْهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ يُلْفِتُونَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَى أُنْبِيَةِ الْهَيْكَلِ. فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلَا تَنْظُرُونَ هَذَا كُلَّهُ؟ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ يُثْرَكَ هُنَا حَجَرٌ عَلَى حَجَرٍ إِلَّا وَيُنْقَضُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى جَبَلِ الزَّيْتُونِ، دَنَا مِنْهُ التَّلَامِيذُ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ قَائِلِينَ: «قُلْ لَنَا مَتَى يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَمَا هِيَ عَلَامَةُ مَجِيئِكَ وَنَهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ؟». فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِحْذَرُوا أَنْ يُضِلَّكُمْ أَحَدٌ! فَكثيرونَ سَيَأْتُونَ بِأَسْمِي قَائِلِينَ: «أَنَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَسَوْفَ تَسْمَعُونَ بِحُرُوبٍ وَبِأَخْبَارِ حُرُوبٍ، أَنْظُرُوا، لَا تَرْتَعِبُوا! فَلَ بَدْءٌ أَنْ يَحْدُثَ هَذَا. وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَتْ النَّهَائِيَّةُ بَعْدًا! سَتَقُومُ أُمَّةٌ عَلَى أُمَّةٍ، وَمَمْلَكَةٌ عَلَى مَمْلَكَةٍ، وَتَكُونُ مَجَاعَاتٌ وَزَلَزَلٌ فِي أَمَاكِنَ شَتَّى، وَهَذَا كُلُّهُ أَوَّلُ الْمَخَاضِ. حِينَئِذٍ يُسَلِّمُونَكُمْ إِلَى الضَّيِّقِ، وَيَقْتُلُونَكُمْ، وَيُبَغِضُوكُمْ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي. وَحِينَئِذٍ يَزِيدُ الْكَثِيرُونَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَيُسَلِّمُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا، وَيُبَغِضُ بَعْضُهُمْ بَعْضًا. وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَلِكثَرَةِ الْإِثْمِ تَقْشَرُ مَحَبَّةُ الْكَثِيرِينَ. وَمَنْ يَصْبِرُ إِلَى النَّهَائِيَّةِ يَخْلُصُ. وَيُكْرَزُ بِإِنْجِيلِ الْمَلَكُوتِ هَذَا فِي الْمَسْكُونَةِ كُلِّهَا شَهَادَةً لِجَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، وَحِينَئِذٍ تَأْتِي النَّهَائِيَّةُ.

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