

*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
*عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس*

*We Adore You, O Christ,  
and We Bless You*



*Because by Your Cross,  
You Have Redeemed the World*

**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

### Season of the Holy Cross

**Saturday, September 13** (Eng)

*St. Christopher*

**4:00 pm** +Zazie Khoder, *By the Ganem & Hatem Families*

**Sunday, September 14**

*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

**9:30 am** +Robert J. & Evon Danus, *By the Rembis Family*

**11:00 am** +President Bachir Gemayel & the Deceased Members of the Lebanese Forces, *By the Lebanese Forces Methuen Chapter*

### 1st Sunday After Holy Cross

**Saturday, September 20** (Eng)

*St. Eustatius and His Wife and Children*

**4:00 pm** +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 for Michel Jandah, *By his daughters, Marie & her husband, Youssef Ata, and Jeanette & her husband, Tony El-Helou and their families.*

## Daily Liturgies

**Monday, September 15**

*St. Shaina, St. Sassine*

*2 Pet 1:1-11 / Jn 3:11-21*

**9:00 am** Private Intention

**Tuesday, September 16**

*St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage*

*2 Pet 1:12-21 / Jn 8:21-30*

**9:00 am** +Larry & Dora Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*

**Wednesday, September 17**

*St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters*

*2 Pet 3:1-9 / Jn 12:31-36*

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

**Thursday, September 18**

*The flight of the Lord Jesus to Egypt*

*2 Pet 3:10-18 / Mk 8:31-38*

**9:00 am** +Edward Maalouf, *By Mr. & Mrs. Beshara Sfeir*

**Friday, September 19 - OFFICE CLOSED**

*St. Januarius*

*Jude 1-7 / Jn 18:33-38*

**NO LITURGY**

### PLEASE NOTE

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

### 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

**In Memory of Stephanie Ota**  
*By her Parents*

**In Memory of Sam & May Khoury**  
*By their Children*



Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*Dear Parishioners and friends,*

The Season of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross invites us to contemplate the mystery of salvation revealed through the Cross of Christ. In the Christian tradition, the Cross is not simply an instrument of torture or a tragic end to Jesus' earthly life, but the place where divine love and human suffering meet, where death is conquered, and eternal life is offered to all who believe.

From the beginning, the Church has proclaimed the Cross as the "tree of life." What Adam lost by stretching his hand toward the forbidden tree, Christ restored by stretching His hands on the wood of the Cross. The Fathers of the Church remind us that the Cross is both the throne of Christ the King and the altar of His supreme sacrifice. It is the sign of hope in despair, light in darkness, and life in the shadow of death.

For us Maronites, the Cross occupies a central role not only in theology but in daily devotion. Every liturgy, every prayer, and every blessing is marked with the sign of the Cross. By tracing it upon ourselves, we profess our faith in the Trinity, we remind ourselves of Christ's victory over sin, and we pledge to carry our own crosses with patience and love. The Cross becomes the key to interpreting all of life's trials: no suffering is meaningless when united with the suffering of Christ.

The Season of the Cross also has a missionary dimension. To exalt the Cross is not only to venerate it in church or lift it high on a feast day; it is to live its message of sacrificial love. Saint Paul teaches that the word of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God (1 Cor 1:18). We exalt the Cross when we choose forgiveness over vengeance, when we serve rather than dominate, when we embrace humility instead of pride.

Finally, the Cross assures us of the Resurrection. We never gaze upon the Cross as an ending, but as the passage to new life. Its vertical beam unites heaven and earth, and its horizontal beam embraces all of humanity. To exalt the Cross is to proclaim that love is stronger than death, and that Christ's victory belongs to all who follow Him.

As we begin this season, let us carry the Cross not as a burden of despair, but as a banner of hope, trusting that through it, the world is saved and we are made children of the Resurrection.

*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](mailto: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 Sessions:

**Saturday, September 13 & 27 @ 5 - 7 pm***Please visit our website for the yearly calendar*[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/)

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

[Lawrencereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:Lawrencereligioused@gmail.com)

Religious Education classes will begin Saturday, September 13, from 5:00-7:00. We had a wonderful open house last week and we are now very excited to start classes!!

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.

Looking forward to Saturday!!!



## Jr MYO & MYO Registration is Now Open!

**Grades 7 to 12** scan the QR code to register for Jr MYO & MYO 2025-2026 Season Now!

**Save the Date!**

**Sunday Sept 14th  
5-7pm**

**Jr MYO & MYO  
Registration  
Kick Off Event in the  
Church Hall.**



St. Anthony's Church "Jr MYO & MYO"  
Calendar of Events  
2025-2026

**KNIGHTS OF MARY**

KICK OFF:

**Saturday, September 20 @ 4 - 7 pm**[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/)**KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR****Be a Knight of the Altar- Register online:**[www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/)
**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](mailto:KOFc16204@gmail.com)



Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	14-Sep-2025	Registration (Kick Off) Event	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	28-Sep-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Friday – Sunday	October 11 -13, 2025	Eparchial Regional Retreat (NY) *Registration closes Sept 23*	Depart 9:00am Return 7:00pm
Sunday	26-Oct-2025	Halloween Party	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	09-Nov-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	16-Nov-2025	MYO Regional Friendsgiving	2:00 – 6:00pm
Friday	21-Nov-2025	Community Service	Stay Tuned
Sunday	30-Nov-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Saturday	06-Dec-2025	Church Community Service	Stay Tuned
Sunday	14-Dec-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	28-Dec-2025	Christmas Party	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	11-Jan-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	25-Jan-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	08-Feb-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Friday – Saturday	February 13 – February 14 2026	Lenten Lock-In Retreat	Stay Tuned
Sunday	22-Feb-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	01-Mar-2026	Regular Session	5:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	15-Mar-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	12-Apr-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Saturday	26-Apr-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	17-May-2026	End of Year Event (Location TBD)	Stay Tuned

\*Calendar is Subject to Change\*

Please refer to Weekly Bulletin or WhatsApp for latest updates



## SAVE THE DATE

**Team Fantastically Fantastic  
Annual St. Jude Walk  
Saturday, September 20th**

Since 2019, St. Anthony Maronite Church has been a proud supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This partnership has been a true blessing, as St. Jude relies entirely on donations and never charges families for the care their children receive. My son Mark is a cancer survivor. He was just 23 months old when he was first diagnosed, and thanks to St. Jude's exceptional care and the power of prayer, he is now 17 years old and in remission.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing prayers and support from the priests and parishioners of St. Anthony Church. Your prayers have lifted us up, and the life-saving treatments from St. Jude have brought us hope. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and generous community.



## M-WINE

**"We Serve Better Together"**

**Coming Soon!  
Stay tuned for more details!**

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 09/07/2025

Candles	\$97.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,046.00
Catholic Universities	\$497.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$315.00
Donations	\$480.00
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	\$4,435.00

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**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### Baptized & Confirmed

**Charlotte Mae St. Jean**

daughter of

**Nathaniel & Lindsey (Puglisi) St. Jean**

**Elon James Pehl**

son of

**James & Christa (Harb) Pehl**

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

~Mark 16:16

## 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](mailto:communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org)

## BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

### Religious Education

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/)

**Maronite Youth Organization –MYO**

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)*

**Knights of Mary –KOM**

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/)

**Knights of the Altars**

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/](http://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**





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

**COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 11-13**

OCTOBER 2025					
SUN	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			

**2025**

**Save  
THE  
Date**

**MARIST  
BROTHER'S CENTER**

**REGISTRATION  
OPENS JULY 31**

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**

**ESOPUS, NY**

## Our Lady Of Purgatory Church



### Lebanese Festival

*Food . Bar . Live Music . Sg . Raffles . Dancing .*

**Friday, September 12, 2025**  
5:00PM - 11:00PM

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**  
12:00PM - 11:00PM

**Live Entertainment**



**Mitchel  
Kaltsounas**

*With Bashir El- Khoury Band*



**Tarek  
Abdelhadi**



**Money Raffles Prizes**  
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200  
**Drawing**  
Saturday, September 13, 2025  
10:30PM

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK**

**4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745**



## 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 & Hafla

**Sunday September 21**

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





**St. Maron Church**  
1013 Ellsworth Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147

**Sonesta Rittenhouse Square**  
1800 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

\*Schedule is subject to change

**Register using this QR code!**



**Questions?**  
Contact [mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com](mailto:mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com)  
Hotel block info can be found at [myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online)

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](http://myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online)



## 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**



**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**September 13:** Kyla Bouchrouche, Kayla Bouchrouche, Donna Kattar, Richard Kayrouz, Tony Khoury

**September 14:** Giorgio Abou Nasser, Brian Conway, Leila Geha, Peter Ndaïra, Eva Ramey, Patricia Thomas

**September 15:** Olivia Gabriel, Alan Garcia, Mike Homsey

**September 16:** Michael Geha, Christopher Nasr

**September 17:** Sophia Abou-Ezzi, Christian Abou Ezzi, Pierre Sader

**September 18:** Nathan Daher, Maribelle El-Achi, Angelina Saad, Laurice Touma

**September 19:** Joseph Akiki, Melanie Awad, Gina Bistany, Maureen Demers, Jean Kamel, Alaina Pelletier, Tony Saab, Nathaniel St. Jean

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

**September 13:** Elie & Tanya Abdilmasih, Danny & Marla Abourjeili

**September 14:** Elias & Guita BouHabib

**September 15:** Ernest & Martha Dow, Joshua & Danielle Garcia, Elie & Mireille Lalo

**September 16:** Louis & Katia Assaf, Rabih & Rana Dahbour, Stephen & Kathleen George, Ross & Julianne Jefferson

**September 17:** Ibrahim T. & Lola Ata, Elias & Ashley Gharios, Eli & Nadine Harper

**September 18:** Mansour & Barbara Boustani

**September 19:** Rodney & Mary Pica

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**or Visit:** [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

**Cemetery Guidelines**

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://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/](http://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](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Tree to be planted: Kousa Dogwood*

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

### *Book of Exodus 17: 8-15*

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Write this as a reminder in a book and recite it in the hearing of Joshua: I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' And Moses built an altar and called it, The LORD is my banner.

### *First Letter to the Corinthians 1: 18-25*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### *Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 12: 20 - 32*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, September 13* 4 pm - Anthony Ata

*Sunday, September 14*

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, September 20-* 4 pm - Carla Khoder

*Sunday, September 21*

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab



## عيد ارتفاع الصليب المقدس

### سفر الخروج 17:8-15

وجاءَ الْعَمَالِقَةُ فَحَارَبُوا إِسْرَائِيلَ فِي رَفِيدَيْمَ. فَقَالَ مُوسَى لِيَشُوعَ: «اخْتَرْ لَنَا رَجُلًا وَاخْرُجْ لِمُحَارَبَةِ الْعَمَالِقَةِ، وَغَدًا أَنَا أَقِفُ عَلَى رَأْسِ النَّلِّ وَعَصَا اللَّهِ فِي يَدِي». فَفَعَلَ يَشُوعُ كَمَا قَالَ لَهُ مُوسَى فِي أَمْرِ مُحَارَبَةِ الْعَمَالِقَةِ. أَمَّا مُوسَى وَهَارُونُ وَخُورُ فَصَعِدُوا إِلَى رَأْسِ النَّلِّ. فَكَانَ إِذَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى يَدَهُ، يَغْلِبُ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ وَإِذَا حَطَّهَا، تَغْلِبُ الْعَمَالِقَةُ. وَلَمَّا ثَقُلَتْ يَدَا مُوسَى أَخَذَا حَجَرًا وَجَعَلَاهُ تَحْتَهُ، فَجَلَسَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَسْنَدَ هَارُونُ وَخُورُ يَدَيْهِ، أَحَدُهُمَا مِنْ هُنَا وَالْآخَرُ مِنْ هُنَاكَ. فَكَانَتْ يَدَاهُ ثَابِتَتَيْنِ إِلَى مَغِيبِ الشَّمْسِ. فَهَزَمَ يَشُوعُ عَمَالِيقَ وَقَوْمَهُ بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ. وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِمُوسَى: «اكَتُبْ هَذَا ذِكْرًا فِي كِتَابٍ، وَضَعْ فِي أُذُنِي يَشُوعَ أَنِّي سَأْمَحُو ذِكْرَ عَمَالِيقَ مَحْوًا مِنْ تَحْتِ السَّمَاءِ». «وَبَنَى مُوسَى مَذْبَحًا وَسَمَّاهُ «الرَّبُّ رَايَتِي».

### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 1 : 18-25

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ كَلِمَةَ الصَّلِيبِ عِنْدَ الْهَالِكِينَ حِمَاقَةٌ، أَمَّا عِنْدَنَا نَحْنُ الْمُخَلَّصِينَ فَهِيَ قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّهُ مَكْتُوبٌ: «سَأُبِيدُ حِكْمَةَ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأُرْذِلُ فَهْمَ الْفُهَمَاءِ!». «فَأَيْنَ الْحَكِيمُ؟ وَأَيْنَ عَالِمُ الشَّرِيعَةِ؟ وَأَيْنَ الْبَاحِثُ فِي أُمُورِ هَذَا الدَّهْرِ؟ أَمَّا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ حِكْمَةَ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ حِمَاقَةً؟ فَبِمَا أَنَّ الْعَالَمَ بِحِكْمَتِهِ مَا عَرَفَ اللَّهَ بِحَسَبِ حِكْمَةِ اللَّهِ، رَضِيَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ بِحِمَاقَةِ الْبِشَارَةِ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ؛ لِأَنَّ الْيَهُودَ يَطْلُبُونَ الْآيَاتِ، وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ يَلْتَمِسُونَ الْحِكْمَةَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَتُنَادِي بِمَسِيحٍ مَصْلُوبٍ، هُوَ عَنَّا لِلْيَهُودِ وَحِمَاقَةٌ لِلْأُمَمِ. وَأَمَّا لِلْمَدْعُوعِينَ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، مِنَ الْيَهُودِ وَالْيُونَانِيِّينَ، فَهُوَ مَسِيحٌ، قُوَّةُ اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ؛ فَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ حِمَاقَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَحْكَمُ مِنَ النَّاسِ، وَمَا يَبْدُو أَنَّهُ ضَعْفٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَقْوَى مِنَ النَّاسِ.

### إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12:20-32

كَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هُولَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ». «فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. فَأَجَابَهُمَا يَسُوعُ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَيِ يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْحِنْطَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِثَمَرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتَّبِعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهُنَاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ. نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرِبَةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَّغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ! يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ». «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ». وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعَدٌ». «وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَاكًا خَاطَبَهُ». «أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. هِيَ الْآنَ دَيْئُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الْآنَ يُطْرَدُ سُلْطَانُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. وَأَنَا إِذَا رُفِعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، جَذَبْتُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ».

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