

3rd Sunday after Holy Cross الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

AT THAT TIME THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN
WILL APPEAR IN HEAVEN, AND ALL THE
TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN. THEY
WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE
CLOUDS OF HEAVEN, WITH POWER AND
GREAT GLORY.

- MATTHEW 24:30

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

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 Youth Liturgy

4th Sunday After Holy Cross

Saturday, October 11 (Eng)

St. Philip the Deacon

Pope St. John XXIII (+1963)

The First Council of Nicaea (325)

4:00 pm +Richard Ferguson, by his wife, Patricia & son, Matthew

Sunday, October 12

St. Edno

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am +Walid Bijjani, By Lili Bijjani

11:00 am Private Intention

5:00 pm Private Intention

Daily Liturgies

Monday, October 6

St. Thomas the Apostle

Rev 7:9-17/Mt 24:32-44

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, October 7

Sts. Sarkis (Sergius) & Bacchus

Rev 11:1-12/Lk 6:20-26

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, By Dora Pereira

Wednesday, October 8

St. Pelagia of Antioch

Rev 11:1-12/Lk 5:33-39

9:00 am +Boutros Merheb, By Mr. & Mrs. George Merheb & Family

Thursday, October 9

St. James, Brother of the Lord

Rev 12:1-12/Lk 21:34-38

9:00 am +Akle Abi Sleiman, By Marc, Monica, Mikey & Mia Abou-Ezzi

Friday, October 10 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Eulampius and His Sister Eulampia, and Their Companions

Rev 13:1,2b-4,6-7,11-12,15-18/Jn 5:17-23

7:00 pm Private Intention

SANCTUARY LAMPS



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

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



PASTOR'S CORNER

Citizens of Heaven

Dear Parishioners,

This week, I chose to meditate on the Epistle, not the Gospel, because what Saint Paul says here teaches us—very practically—how to be ready and stand firm, each day, to live with the Lord.

Saint Paul writes with tears in his eyes: some “live as enemies of the cross,” driven by appetites and earthly obsessions, and their end is self-destruction (Phil 3:18-19). He is not shaming sinners; he is grieving a tragic pattern—when we refuse the shape of Christ’s love, we slowly unmake ourselves. The cross is not cruelty from God; it is the truth about love: self-gift that brings life.

Against this, Paul gives us our true identity: “our citizenship is in heaven”. Citizenship is more than a destination; it’s a way of belonging now. To be a heavenly citizen is to let our loyalties, habits, and hopes be shaped by the Risen Lord in the midst of ordinary life—family, parish, work, city. We live here, but we take our cues from there. That is why Paul ends, “stand firm in the Lord... my joy and crown!”.

Fr. Ronald Rolheiser explains that the Paschal Mystery lays out a pattern for disciples: we must consent to the little “deaths” required by love—letting go of ego, resentment, and compulsions—so that God can give new life and a new spirit. Refusing that pattern breeds bitterness; embracing it births resilience and joy. In other words, the “enemy of the cross” is not the person who suffers, but the self that refuses love’s necessary letting go.

Rolheiser also speaks of “dual citizenship”: we live on both sides of a border—the earthly and the heavenly—and Christian maturity means widening our loyalties beyond tribe, party, and even our preferred church style. Heavenly citizens work for the common good, forgive enemies, and keep their hearts spacious enough to include those who differ from them.

So how do we “stand firm” this week?

Imitate credible witnesses of the cross who serve quietly, forgive readily, and persevere without fanfare. Paul says: keep your eyes on such examples.

Practice a small paschal letting go: fast from one compulsion (a sharp word, an online habit, a private grudge) and offer that space to Christ for someone else’s good.

Pray with hope: “Lord Jesus, make my choices today fit for a citizen of heaven.”

Beloved in Christ, our Savior will “transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body.” Let that promise steady our steps. Stand firm in the cross-shaped love that alone builds a self that lasts.

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

Upcoming Sessions:

Saturday, October 11 @ 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, October 25 @ 5 - 7 pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Upcoming Sessions:

Saturday, October 4 @ 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, October 18 @ 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)

Sunday, October 26 @ 5 - 7pm

Halloween Party

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

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

For more information email:

communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

MYA BONFIRE KICK-OFF

Join us on Sunday, October 5th @ 7pm

This is our first event of the new 2025–2026 year!

We will have pizza and discuss what this upcoming year has in store.

It's the beginning of an exciting year of fellowship, faith, fun, and growing together in Christ.

We hope to see you all there!

*Location: Saint
Anthony's Maronite
Church in Lawrence*



COVENANT of

Betrothal & Crowning

MARRIAGE



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



Bishop Gregory Mansour



WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

(JN 1:38)

THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS


A Weekend Of Discernment

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL
IN YOUR LIFE

WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU
TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN
THE MARONITE CHURCH?

MEN AGED 18-40
ARE INVITED FOR A WEEKEND
OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER, DISCUSSION
& DISCERNMENT.

OCT 31
NOV 1-2
2025



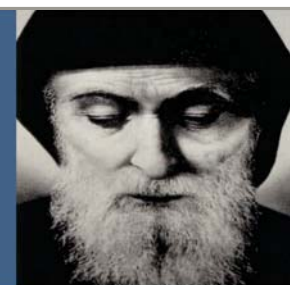
7164 Alaska Ave, Washington, DC 20012

Overnight accommodations provided.
Scan the QR code to register!

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
145 Amesbury Street - Lawrence, Massachusetts 01841

By check: Saint Joseph Monastery Tomb of Saint Rafqa
St Joseph Monastery st.rafqa@stafqa
stafqamonastery@gmail.com

RSVP & PYMNT
+1 (978) 853 5145
+1 (978) 397 6720
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PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SAINT JOSEPH MONASTERY | TOMB OF SAINT RAFQA IN LEBANON

THIRD & FINAL BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Alex Prezzano & Lauren Dalal

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Jasmine Mae Avedisian
daughter of
Adam & Jessica (Harb) Avedisian

*"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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

October 4: Robert Issa, Connor Juralewicz, Selim Matta, Marie Napoli, Raghida Ramey, Adiel Rodriguez, Eliana Sfeir

October 5: Sophia Forristall, Lea Francis, Joshua Garcia, Lucas Maroun, Ryder Pelletier

October 6: Alexandria Akiki, Charbel Saade, Joseph Saade

October 7: Dylan Abourjeili, Rosemarie Davis, Christine Deschene, Nathalie Nader, Elisa Nammour, Hasna Ndaira

October 8: Joumana Azzi, Marcus Fakhry, Kamil Hbaiter, AJ Mansor III, Christina Saad

October 9: Antoine Azzi, Marwane Cherfane, Linda Kalil, Julia Saade, Hanane Salame

October 10: Barbara Boustani, Jason Demers, Sky Karam, Isabella Lenotte, Teya Nader, Marie Rahme, Rebecca Ramy, Andrew Saab, Amanda Zoghbi

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

October 4: Neal & Vatina Hassan

October 5: Michael & Christine Deschene, Frank & Linda Shadeed

October 6: Milad & Laura Chamoun, Bassam & Rola El Fata, Charles & Najwa Nehme

October 7: Jeremy & Jessica Hall, Roger & Hasna Kasbo, George & Kristen Kassas

October 8: Kenneth M. & Jamie Gabriel, Marie & Brendan Melvin, Wilfredo & Cecilia Pagan, Ibrahim & Patricia Tabet

October 9: Edward & Barbara Zraket

October 10: Georges & Ajia Bou Saada, Carl & Zakia Fiacchino

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

09/28/2025

Candles	\$86.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,728.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$115.00
Donations	\$4,285.00
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	\$8,214.00

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!

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*

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

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.

3rd Sunday after Holy Cross

Book of Daniel 7: 9-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand, thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

First Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-21. 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4

4:00 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, October 5

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Dana Hady

(Ar) Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 11

4:00 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, September 12

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Marita Merheb

(Ar) George Merheb

سفر دانيال 7: 9-14

وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ نُصِبَتْ عُرُوشٌ فَجَلَسَ قَدِيمُ الْأَيَّامِ، وَكَانَ لِبَاسُهُ أَبْيَضُ كَالثَّلْجِ وَشَعْرُ رَأْسِهِ كَالصُّوفِ النَّقِيِّ وَعَرْشُهُ لَهَيْبَ نَارٍ وَعَجَلَاتُهُ نَارًا مُضْطَرَمَّة. وَمِنْ أَمَامِهِ يَجْرِي وَيَخْرُجُ نَهْرٌ مِنْ نَارٍ وَتَحْدِمُهُ أُلُوفُ أُلُوفٍ وَتَقِفُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ رَبَّوَاتُ رَبَّوَاتٍ. فَجَلَسَ أَهْلُ الْقَضَاءِ وَفُتِحَتْ أَسْفَارُ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ بِسَبَبِ صَوْتِ الْأَقْوَالِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَا الْقَرْنُ. وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ قُتِلَ الْحَيَوَانُ وَأُبِيدَ جِسْمُهُ وَجُعِلَ وَقُودًا لِلنَّارِ. أَمَّا بَاقِي الْحَيَوَانَاتِ، فَأُزِيلَ سُلْطَانُهَا. لَكِنَّهَا أُتِيَتْ طُولَ حَيَاةٍ إِلَى زَمَانٍ وَوَقْتُ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ فِي رُؤْيَايَ لَيْلًا فَإِذَا بِمِثْلِ ابْنِ إِنْسَانٍ آتٍ عَلَى غَمَامٍ السَّمَاءِ فَبَلَغَ إِلَى قَدِيمِ الْأَيَّامِ وَفُرِّبَ إِلَى أَمَامِهِ. وَأُوتِيَ سُلْطَانًا وَمَجْدًا وَمُلْكًا فَجَمِيعُ الشُّعُوبِ وَالْأُمَمِ وَالْأَلْسِنَةِ يَعْبُدُونَهُ وَسُلْطَانُهُ سُلْطَانٌ أَبَدِيٌّ لَا يَزُولُ وَمُلْكُهُ لَا يَنْقَرِضُ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 3: 17-21 . 4: 1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اقْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مَرَارًا، وَأَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتُهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُّهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا. وَهُوَ سَيَغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًّا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبُّهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُّ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَثْبِتُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ.

إنجيل القديس متى 1: 24-14

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَقُومُ مُسَحَاءٌ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدِرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجُبَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النُّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْشَّمْسُ تُظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقَوَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعَزَعُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةٌ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلُّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابٍ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

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