

*4th Sunday after Holy Cross*  
الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT  
WHOSE MASTER FINDS  
HIM DOING SO WHEN HE  
RETURNS.

*- MATTHEW 24:46*

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

### 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

### 5th Sunday After Holy Cross

**Saturday, October 18** (Eng)

*St. Luke the Evangelist*

**4:00 pm** +Joseph Russo & the Deceased  
Members of the Ferris, Martin &  
Carpenter Families, By Zakia Russo

**Sunday, October 19**

*St. Aaron of Antioch*

*Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions*

**8:00 am** Private Intention

**9:30 am** +Mark Alliegro & Deceased Members of  
the Alliegro Family, & Deacon Allan &  
Alice Ramey, By their Family

**11:00 am** +Romanos Nammour & Emilia  
Boufaisal, By Marie Nammour & Family

## Daily Liturgies

**Monday, October 13 - COLUMBUS DAY**

*Sts. Carpus & Papyrus, and Their Companions*

*Rev 15:1-8/Jn 12:20-28*

**NO LITURGY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, October 14**

*St. Isaiah the Monk*

*Rev 18:1-8/Jn 16:20-24*

**9:00 am** +Souls in Purgatory, By Dora Pereira

**Wednesday, October 15**

*St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church*

*Rev 19:1-2,5-9,11-13,16/Lk 12:16-21*

**9:00 am** Private Intention

**Thursday, October 16**

*St. Longinus the Centurion*

*Rev 21:1-12,14/Lk 13:6-9*

**9:00 am** +Barbara Boukhalil, By her sister, Lola,  
wife of Kozhaya Abou Khalil, & Family

**Friday, October 17 - OFFICE CLOSED**

*Sts. Cosmas and Damian*

*Rev 21:22-22:5/Lk 15:3-7*

**NO LITURGY**



## SANCTUARY LAMPS

**In Memory of Richard Ferguson,**  
By his wife, Patricia & son, Matthew

**In Memory of Richard Ferguson,**  
By his sister, Patricia Ferguson

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





# PASTOR'S CORNER

## The Faithful and Wise Servant

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Christian life is not only about belief — it is about *faithful stewardship*. Jesus asks a piercing question: "Who then is the faithful and wise servant?" It is as if He is inviting each of us to examine the way we live our vocation — whether as priests, parents, workers, or parishioners — and to ask ourselves: am I faithful in the tasks God has entrusted to me?

To be faithful and wise are not simply moral virtues, but marks of spiritual maturity.

Faithful means to know when — when to act, when to speak, when to wait — always according to God's timing.

Wise means to know how — how to act with love, how to discern rightly, how to live in a way that reflects God's truth

The Lord calls every believer to be a servant who "gives food at the proper time," meaning one who nourishes others with kindness, encouragement, and spiritual guidance. Pope Francis teaches that "to serve is to reign", because true greatness in the Gospel is measured not by authority but by love that serves (cf. Angelus, Nov. 2014).

The danger Jesus warns against is spiritual complacency — the temptation to think, "My master is delayed." When we postpone conversion, when we let routine or self-interest dull our vigilance, we begin to forget that the Master will return. Saint John Chrysostom comments that the unfaithful servant "is condemned not because of ignorance, but because he forgot his responsibility" (Homilies on Matthew, 78). Our Lord's delay is not neglect — it is mercy, giving us time to grow in holiness and readiness.

To be "faithful and wise" means to live each day as if it were our last — not in fear, but in love. Saint Paul echoes this truth: "It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:2). The faithful disciple knows that everything entrusted to him — family, ministry, work, and life itself — is a gift meant to be offered back to God.

The "weeping and gnashing of teeth" that Jesus mentions is not a threat but a sober reminder that our choices have eternal consequences. Heaven is not earned by effort but embraced through faithfulness. When the Lord returns, may He find us not asleep or distracted, but joyfully serving in our daily duties, vigilant in prayer, and generous in love.

My beloved brothers and sisters, always remember, faithfulness and wisdom are the only way to reach the full Christian maturity:

To be **faithful** is to live according to God's time;  
to be **wise** is to live according to God's way.

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.

## OBSERVANCES

**COLUMBUS DAY - Monday, October 13, 2025 - No Liturgy - Office Closed**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - *Holy Day of Obligation* - Saturday, November 1, 2025 - Liturgy @ 4pm**

**CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH/ALL SOULS DAY - Sunday, November 2, 2025 -  
to be celebrated at Sunday Morning Liturgies**

**VETERANS' DAY - Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - No Liturgy - Office Closed**

**THANKSGIVING - Thursday, November 27, 2025 - No Liturgy - Office Closed**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Session:

**Saturday, October 25 @ 5 - 7 pm**

*Please visit our website for the yearly calendar*

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



## MYO & Jr MYO

UPCOMING EVENT

**Sunday, October 26 @ 5 - 7pm**  
**Halloween Party**



## M-WINE

**"We Serve Better Together"**

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

## HELP INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

Do you enjoy working with kids and sharing your faith in a fun, uplifting way? Our Religious Education program is looking for enthusiastic substitute teachers to join our team!

Whether you can help once in a while or more regularly, your presence makes a big difference. You'll bring fresh energy and creativity to our classrooms-and help our students grow in faith and joy.

If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please reach out to [LawrenceReligious@gmail.com](mailto:LawrenceReligious@gmail.com).

We'd love to have you on board!

## 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: [KOC16204@gmail.com](mailto:KOC16204@gmail.com)

## DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

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

**Next Meeting: THURSDAY, November 6 @ 12pm**

## KNIGHTS OF MARY

Upcoming Session:

**Saturday, October 18 @ 5 - 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/)

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





### BIRTHDAY WISHES

- October 11:** William Dunbar, Samantha Ota, Roman Solia  
**October 12:** Christelle Abboud, Angelina Azzi, Tina Conway, Jason Korbani, Sabrina Sahyouni, Roula Zaza  
**October 13:** Victoria Bouchrouche, Joseph Hbaiter, Jean Markert, Dorine Maroun, Anthony Sadek  
**October 14:** Sharbel Bou Sanayeh, Sophia Reyes, Suad Tarness  
**October 15:** Marlene Chaya, Anthony Direccion, Kyle Feghali, Matthew Karam  
**October 16:** Michelle Abou Raad, Joseph El-Boustany, Rosanne Ganem, Joe Miguel Nassar  
**October 17:** Nicole Bergin, Lena El-Helou, Christian Khalife, Grace Owaida

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- October 11:** George & Renee Saad  
**October 12:** Donald & Jeanne Marie Holliday  
**October 13:** Christopher & Janet George, Joseph & Darine Maroun  
**October 14:** Timothy & Danielle Forristall, Eddy & Tania Sfeir  
**October 15:** Steven & Manal Khoury, Douglas & Paula Maroun, Rawad & Brandi Saade  
**October 17:** Anthony & Gina Bistany, James & Angela Khoury

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

**Alex Prezzano & Lauren Dalal**

*"Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.  
 Rite of the Covenant"*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### Baptized & Confirmed

**Aleksander Kay Hayek**

son of

**Alain & Alondra (Perez-Guzman) Hayek**

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

~Mark 16:16

### NEXT WEEKEND 2ND COLLECTION

**World Mission Sunday – October 19, 2025**

### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**10/05/2025**

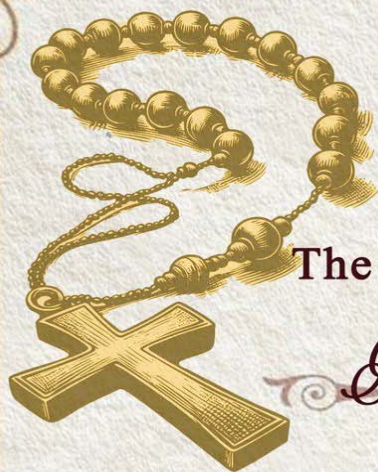
Candles	\$178.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,424.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$545.00
Donations	\$165.00
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	\$4,312.00

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!



*"The altar is my joy,  
serving is my gift,  
and Christ is my life"*

Saint Padre Pio



The Most Reverend His Excellency

*Gregory John Mansour*

Bishop of Saint Maron Eparchy of Brooklyn  
&

St. Anthony Maronite Church, Lawrence, MA

Cordially invite you to the ordination of

*George Merheb*

To the Minor Orders of Cantor,  
Lector and Subdeacon.

Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit  
and imposition of hands by

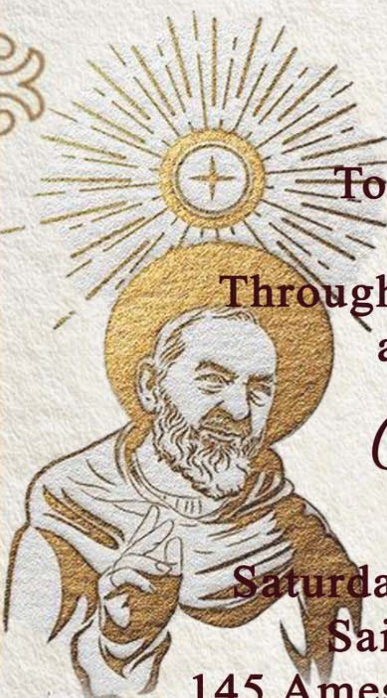
*Chorbishop Elie Mikhael*

Saturday October 25, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Saint Anthony Maronite Church

145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA, 01841

Reception to Follow in the Church Hall





## 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!



*I found him whom my soul loves.  
- Song of Songs 3:4*

## Come & See RETREAT 2025

Join us for a weekend of prayer, discernment  
and fellowship with the Maronite Servants  
and other women discerning their vocation to  
Religious life.



**Mother of the Light Convent**  
856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth MA

October 31 to November 2

Includes Divine Liturgy, Adoration, talks, reflection,  
meals and accommodation.

**CONTACT US**



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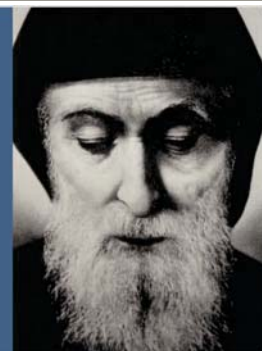
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## THE ORDER OF ST SHARBEL

This 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](http://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](http://orderstsharbel.org)  
or in your Parish

For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa,  
at [info@orderstsharbel.org](mailto: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](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net) or call 718-624-7228.

## TREE OF LIFE

### BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

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

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## 4th Sunday after Holy Cross

### *Book of Genesis 41: 38-44*

Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find anyone else like this one in whom is the spirit of God?' So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.' And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.' Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command; and they cried out in front of him, 'Bow the knee!' Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.'

### *First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### *Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24: 45-51*

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, October 11*

4:00 pm - Patricia Ferguson

*Sunday, October 12*

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Marita Merheb

(Ar) George Merheb

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, October 18*

4:00 pm - Lisa Abdallah

*Sunday, October 19*

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Joey Safi

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Sub-deacon Antoine Nammour



## الأحد الرابع بعد عيد الصليب

### سفر التكوين 41: 38-44

قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِحَاشِيَّتِهِ: «هَلْ نَجِدُ مِثْلَ هَذَا رَجُلًا فِيهِ رُوحُ اللَّهِ؟» وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «بَعْدَمَا اعْلَمَكَ اللَّهُ هَذَا كُلَّهُ، فَلَيْسَ هُنَاكَ فَهِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ مِثْلَكَ. أَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَى بَيْتِي وَإِلَى كَلِمَتِكَ يَنْقَادُ كُلُّ شَعْبِي، وَلَا أَكُونُ أَعْظَمَ مِنْكَ إِلَّا بِالْعَرْشِ». وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «انْظُرْ. قَدْ أَقَمْتُكَ عَلَى كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ». وَخَلَعَ فِرْعَوْنُ خَاتِمَهُ مِنْ يَدِهِ وَجَعَلَهُ فِي يَدِ يُوسُفَ، وَالبَسَهُ ثِيَابَ كِتَانٍ نَاعِمٍ وَجَعَلَ طَوْقَ الذَّهَبِ فِي عُنُقِهِ، وَأَرْكَبَهُ مَرْكَبَتِهِ الثَّانِيَةَ، وَنَادُوا أَمَامَهُ «احْذَرْ». وَهَكَذَا أَقَامَهُ عَلَى كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ. وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «أَنَا فِرْعَوْنُ، بِدُونِكَ لَا يَرْفَعُ أَحَدٌ يَدَهُ وَلَا رِجْلَهُ فِي كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ».

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل تسالونيقي 1: 5-11

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمَنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَحِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمْنٌ! حِينئذٍ يَذْهَبُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهُمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلْحُبْلِ، وَلَا يُفْلِتُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيَفَاجَأَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ كَالسَّارِقِ. فَانْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ. إِذَا فَلَا نَنُمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ وَنَصْحُ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلِنَصْحُ لَابْسِينَ دِرْعَ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَاضِعِينَ خُوْدَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نَائِمِينَ. فَذَلِكَ شَجَّعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلَيَبْنِ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

### إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! أَلْحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلَكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السَّكَّارِينَ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظَرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيْفُ الْأَسْنَانِ.

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