

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

أحد تقديس البيعة - Consecration of the Church

AND SO I SAY TO YOU,
YOU ARE PETER,
— AND —
**UPON THIS
ROCK I WILL
BUILD MY
CHURCH,**
AND THE GATES OF HELL
**SHALL NOT
PREVAIL**
— AGAINST IT. —

MATTHEW 16:18

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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Saturday, November 1 - All Saints

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

4:00 pm For the Good Health & well being of
Tom Yameen.

Sunday, November 2

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

8:00 am Living & Deceased members of the
Alphonse, Bou-Habib, Renner, & Hayek
Families.

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am +1st Anniversary - Afife & Filimone El
Hachem, Also, for Mikhael & Rabieh El
Hachem, *By Nada Hachem & Family*

5:00 pm For the Health & Wellbeing of our
Organization Leaders & Members

Renewal of the Church

Saturday, November 8

St. Michael the Archangel

4:00 pm For the Living & Deceased Veterans &
their Families, *By St. Anthony's
Knights of Columbus*

Sunday, November 9

St. Matrona of Pamphylia

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am +George, Zeidan & Helene Ata &
Deceased & Living Members of the
Ata Family, *By their Family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, November 3

Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph & Aithalas

Heb 10:11-18/Jn 17:1-8

9:00 am For the good health and well-being of
Ildico Elia, By Deacon & Mrs. Nadim
Daou & Family.

Tuesday, November 4

Sts. Vitalis & Agricola

Heb 10:19-25/Jn 17:9-13

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

Wednesday, November 5

St. Asya the Righteous

Heb 10:26-31/Jn 17:14-19

9:00 am +Elizabeth Cipriani, *By Mr. & Mrs. John
Maksou & Family*

Thursday, November 6

St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople

Heb 10:32-39/Jn 17:20-23

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

Friday, November 7 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Hieron and His Companions

Rom 5:12-16/Jn 17:24-26

7:00 pm First Friday Liturgy

UPCOMING 2ND COLLECTION

Maronite Patriarchal Charities

November 9

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

10/26/2025

Candles	\$95.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,919.00
World Mission Sunday	\$60.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$70.00
Donations	\$122.00
	\$3,266.00



SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Memory of the Faithful Departed

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



PASTOR'S CORNER

One Family, One Faith, One Mission

Dear Parishioners,

As the Church in the United States begins National Vocation Awareness Week (November 2–8, 2025), we are invited to reflect on the sacred call each of us has received from God — to live our faith with love and purpose. Every vocation — whether to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or the single life — is a gift to the Church and a response to God's call to holiness.

This year, our celebration comes at a beautiful moment in the life of our parish. On Sunday, November 2 at 5:00 PM, we will gather for our Second Annual Organization Mass, followed by a Potluck in the Parish Hall. This special liturgy will bring together all our parish organizations:

Deacons and Subdeacons • Parish Council • Financial Committee • Cemetery Committee • Religious Education • Arabic School Teachers • Knights of Mary • Knights of the Altar • MYO • MYO Junior • MYA • Choirs (11:00, 9:30, 4:00, and Kids) • Knights of Columbus • Men of Saint Joseph • Ushers • Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality • M-WINE Ladies • Daughters of Saint Anthony • Sacristy Team • Sunshine Committee • and our Ad Hoc Committees: Mahrajan, Meelad Christmas Festival, and Annual Hafli.

Each of these groups, in its own way, serves as a living sign of our parish motto: "One Family, One Faith, One Mission." This is not just a slogan—it is the heart of our identity and the vision that guides all we do.

One Family: We are more than members of different organizations; we are one spiritual family, united in love and belonging to Christ.
One Faith: We draw our strength from the same Eucharist, the same Gospel, and the same Maronite heritage that sustains us as pilgrims of hope.

One Mission: We are called to be missionaries of faith and tradition, entrusted with the responsibility of transmitting our Maronite identity and Christian values to the new generation. Through our witness, our service, and our example, we continue the mission of Christ in our families, parish, and community.

Dear friends, your presence at the Organization Mass is not simply a formality, it is a sign of renewal, gratitude, and recommitment to the mission entrusted to us. Together, we make Saint Anthony Church a mission of faith, unity, and hope.

May Saint Anthony, our patron and father in faith, bless each of you who serve with humility, generosity, and joy.

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 PRIEST:

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy
pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers
& **David Leard**

Sub-Deacons: **Antoine Nammour**
& **George Merheb**

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.

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

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

Next Meeting: THURSDAY, November 6 @ 12pm

The Daughters of St. Anthony is the oldest organization of the parish. We encourage all women ages 50 and older to join us. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. Meetings begin with a prayer followed by lunch and discussing ideas of how we can help the parish and then we do some fun things.

If you plan to join us on Thursday, November 6th, please contact Elaine Ferris at 978-273-9772, Christine Hassan at 978-937-9913, or Katy Abraham at 978-314-1508 by Monday, November 3rd so that we can have an accurate food count. We look forward to renewing old friendships and forming new ones.

M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17 @ 7pm
Forgiveness & Reconciliation - Part 2



MYO & Jr MYO

UPCOMING SESSION

Sunday, November 9 @ 6 - 7:30pm

**GUEST SPEAKER:
CHRISTIAN HASHEM**

**TOPIC:
SUFFERING**



**NOVEMBER 2
6:00 PM**

**ST. ANTHONY'S
MARONITE CHURCH**

We can't wait to give thanks with you!

**New England
MYO
Friendsgiving**

Grades 7 - 12 welcomed

YOUTH LITURGY | DINNER | MUSIC | FUN

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH 2025
12:30 - 6:00 PM

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
145 AMESBURY STREET
LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

RSVP VIA TEXT BY NOVEMBER 2, 2025
(978)852-9806

Please be sure to include headcount and any dietary restrictions/allergies

KNIGHTS OF MARY

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, November 15 @ 5 - 7pm

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, November 1 @ 11am-noon

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Saturday, November 8 @ 5 - 7pm

Saturday, November 22 @ 5 - 7pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar

Our Religious Education program is looking for enthusiastic substitute teachers to join our team! If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please reach out to LawrenceReligious@gmail.com.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus Men's Group invites all parishioners, during this Veterans Day weekend, to remember and pray for our **440 parish veterans**, past and present, who have faithfully served in all branches of the United States Military. We honor their sacrifices, their commitment to our nation, and their lasting contributions to our parish community.

A **Liturgy of Remembrance** will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 8 at 4:00 PM**, and the **Sanctuary Lamps** will be offered in honor of our veterans and their families during the week of **November 8-14, 2025**.

May we always remember their selflessness, courage, and devotion. **God bless our veterans and their families**



Arabic Language Classes for Children Ages 7-15 - Levels 1 & 2

Program Goal: To help students learn to read and write Arabic confidently while deepening their appreciation of our cultural heritage.

When: Saturdays, 11:30am - 1:00pm

Where: Saint Anthony Church Hall

Start Date: November 8, 2025

Open House & Registration Deadline:
November 1, 2025

3:30-5:00pm in the Church Hall

Meet the teachers and student assessment

Tuition (2025-2026):

\$300 - 1 child

\$550 - 2 siblings

\$800 - 3 siblings

\$1,050 - 4 siblings

Register Today:

Call: Ms. Amale Chantiri: 978-835-7382

Online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11UkqfTG19tvbmQqO79zgSH-X-_LURN0H3avxL7XTSEg/edit?ts=68f66992



St. Anthony



Knights of Columbus Men's Group
Thanksgiving Food Drive

**Please help us assist the Maronite Monks at
Petersham and consider donating the
following:**

- Honey
- Canned Vegetables
- Pure Maple Syrup
- Canned Soup
- Dried Lentils
- Dried Fruit
- Cheese (any)
- Healthy Breakfast Cereal
- Onions
- Ketchup-Mustard-Relish
- Potatoes
- Lemon Juice
- Old Fashioned Oats
- Stevia Sweetener Packets
- Brown Rice-Barley-Quinoa
- Za'atar
- Canned Chicken Salad
- Canned Chickpeas
- Canned Tuna-Sardines
- Canned Tomato Paste
- Canned Sliced Mushrooms
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Green Beans, Carrots
- Pasta Sauce (Ragu etc.)

Please drop off food items in the church lobby by
November 23, 2025

Thank you for your generosity & continued support

OBSERVANCES

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Hannah Elizabeth Ead
 daughter of
 Ronald Ead & Alexis Canto

Brooks Everett Benoit
 son of
 Michael & Amanda (Getchell) Benoit

Scottie Mae Getchell
 daughter of
 Shane & Alexandra (Arvanitis) Getchell

Logan Corey Melvin
 son of
 Brendan Melvin & Marie Rahme



THIRD & FINAL BANNs OF MARRIAGE

Jean-Pierre Bsaibes & Stephanie Koudsieh

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 1
 4:00 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, November 2
 8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour
 9:30 am - Meaghan Twing
 11:00 am - (Eng) Marcel Saade
 (Ar) Marie-Christine Daou

BIRTHDAY WISHES

November 1: Jimmy Georges, Nicolas Hawwa, Marie-Therese Hawwa, Avery Jacobs, Hasna Kasbo, George Mazraani, Elie Mazraani, George Merheb

November 2: Christiane Daher, Hanna Ead, Soline Geha, Aleksander Hayek, Toufic Karam, Christine Karam, Judith Saliba

November 3: Bassam El Fata, Christine Korbani, Marybeth Veilleux

November 4: Walid Alghoul, Claire Aoun, Nadine Harper, Hope Genevieve Vincent

November 5: George Abraham, Sandra Al Hoyek, Rabih Bou-Chaaya, Charles Bou Sanayeh, John McKone-Saldivar, Maya Owaida

November 6: Susan Abraham, Mia Ata, Andrea Ata, Brielle Bassil, Andreas Fakhry, Rocco Fiacchino, Stephen Pellerin, Kaia Saab, Quinn Sfeir

November 7: Callahan Bergin, Anthony Conway, Rosemary Daher, Gregory Daher, James Demers

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

November 2: Bassil & Roula Zaza

November 3: Joe & Patrice Touma

November 4: Jack & Joan Roy

November 5: Nabil & Tamar Bou-Mitri

November 6: Brian & Tina Conway

November 7: Pierre & Alyce Sader

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8
 4:00 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, November 9
 8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter
 9:30 am - Angela Dahbour
 11:00 am - (Eng) Chloe Saade
 (Ar) Dana Hady

**The Meelad Christmas Sook
is a joyful three-day
Christmas Bazaar & Market, hosted by
Saint Anthony Church in Lawrence, MA.
145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841**



"MEELAD" CHRISTMAS SOOK

**The Meelad Christmas Sook
will host Vendors displaying crafts, artworks, artisan goods,
homemade packaged goods, services.**

**Features: Raffle, Baskets, Entertainment,
Christmas tree exhibition and many more surprises.**



**Friday, December 12 (4-9 pm),
Saturday, December 13 (12-6 pm),
Sunday, December 14, 2025 (9 am - 6 pm).**

**The Sook event
is a part of our "Meelad Christmas Festival",
which will include:
Annual Christmas Recitals,
Kids Activities, Tree Lighting,
Live Entertainment, Food and Beverages.**

Stay tuned, more information to follow.



Consecration of the Church

Book of Isaiah 54: 1,3,5-8,10

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the LORD. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Letter to the Hebrews 9: 1-12

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

أحد تقديس البيعة

سفر أشعيا 54: 1-3. 8-10

تَرْتَمِي أَيْتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تُحْبَبْ، أَشِيدِي بِالتَّرْتِيمِ وَالْهُتَافِ يَا مَنْ لَمْ تُقَاسِي مِنَ الْمُخَاضِ، لِأَنَّ أَبْنَاءَ الْمُسْتَوْحِشَةِ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ أَبْنَاءِ ذَاتِ الزَّوْجِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. لِأَنَّكَ سَتَمْتَدِّينَ يَمِينًا وَشَمَالًا، وَيَرِثُ نَسْلُكَ أُمَمًا وَيُعْمَرُونَ الْمُدُنَ الْخَرِبَةَ، لِأَنَّ صَانِعَكَ هُوَ بَعْلُكَ، وَالرَّبُّ الْقَدِيرُ أَسْمُهُ، وَقَادِيكَ هُوَ قُدُّوسُ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى إِلَهُ كُلِّ الْأَرْضِ. قَدْ دَعَاكَ الرَّبُّ كَزَوْجَةٍ مَهْجُورَةٍ مَكْرُوبَةِ الرُّوحِ، كَزَوْجَةٍ عَهْدِ الصِّبَا الْمُنْبُودَةِ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. لَقَدْ هَجَرْتُكَ لَحْظَةً وَلَكِنِّي بِمَرَامٍ عَظِيمَةٍ أَجْمَعُكَ. فِي لَحْظَةٍ غَضَبٍ جَامِحٍ حَبَبْتُ وَجْهِي عَنْكَ، وَلَكِنِّي بِحُبِّ أَبَدِيٍّ أَرْحَمُكَ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ قَادِيكَ. إِنَّ الْجِبَالَ تَزُولُ وَالْيَلَالَ تَنْزَحْزَحُ، أَمَّا رَحْمَتِي الثَّابِتَةُ فَلَا تَفَارُقُكَ، وَعَهْدُ سَلَامِي لَا يَنْتَرِعْزُ، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ رَاحِمُكَ.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 9: 1-12

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبَيْتٌ قُدْسٍ أَرْضِيٍّ. فَبُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدْسُ»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ التَّقْدِيمَةِ، وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدْسَ الْأَقْدَاسِ»، وَيَحْتَوِي مِجْمَرَةً ذَهَبِيَّةً لِلْبَخُورِ، وَتَابُوتَ الْعَهْدِ، مُغَشًى كُلَّهُ بِالذَّهَبِ، وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنَ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَخَتْ، وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ، وَفَوْقَ التَّابُوتِ كُرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالَ الْآنَ لِلْكَلَامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ. وَإِذْ بُنِيََتْ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكِنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ، أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمُ الْأَخْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يَقَرِّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ. وَبِهَذَا يُوضَحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدْسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدُ قَدْ كُشِفَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا. وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ نُقَرَّبُ تَقَادِمٌ وَذَبَائِحُ، لَا يُمَكِّنُهَا أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يَقَرِّبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ. إِنَّهَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعَمَةٍ وَأَشْرَبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعٍ شَتَّى مِنَ الْأَغْتِسَالِ، مَفْرُوضَةٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَقْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ. أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمُ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَاجْتَارَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَيْ لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ الثِّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

إنجيل القديس متى 13: 16-20

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاجِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فِيلُبُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟» فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ.» «قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟» «فَأَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ! «فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سَمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بُطْرُسُ، أَيِ الصَّخْرَةِ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةِ سَأَبْنِي بِبَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأُعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرْتَبِطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحُلُّهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ.» «حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ أَلَّا يَقُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

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