

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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Saturday, January 3

Malachi the Prophet

4:00 pm 40 Day Memorial +Nazha Khoury, By
her husband, Atef, & Family

Sunday, January 4

Pope St. Caius (+296)

St.. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 am In Honor of Huguette Sfeir, By her
husband, Beshara, & daughter, Tia

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am +Michel Y. & Sayde Elghoul, By their
sons, Tony & Walid, their spouses
& their Families.
For the good health of George Azar,
Subdeacon George Merheb & Family.

5:00 pm First Sunday Liturgy

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY 1st Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday, January 10

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

4:00 pm +Samuel & Louise (Kattar), Barbara,
Christian & Nicole Bistany, By Louann
Bistany

Sunday, January 11

St. Theodosius of Antioch

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am 40 Day Memorial +George Daher,
By his family.

11:00 am 40 Day Memorial +Anis Dow, By his
wife, Martha & his daughters, Nicole &
Nina
1st Anniversary +Andre Younes, By his
sister, Ramonda, wife of Adel
Abouhamad & Family
+Naifei Moussallem, By her son, Adel
Abouhamad & Family

Daily Liturgies

Monday, January 5

Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany

St. Paul, the First Hermit/St. John Neumann

Rom 5:1-11/Lk 3:1-6

6:00 pm Epiphany Vigil Liturgy

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY

Tuesday, January 6 - OFFICE CLOSED

Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Holy Day of Obligation

Ezek 36:22-28/Tit 2:11-3:7/Lk 3:15-22

6:00 pm Epiphany Liturgy

Wednesday, January 7

Praises of St. John the Baptist

Col 1:24-29/Lk 7:18-30

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, January 8

St. Carterius the Priest

Col 2:1-7/Mt 3:13-17

9:00 am +Larry & Dora M. Pereira, By Dora
Pereira

Friday, January 9 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Eustratius the Wonderworker

Gal 5:2-15/Jn 5:31-38

NO LITURGY

PLEASE NOTE

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



SANCTUARY LAMPS

**Birthday remembrance for Edmond
Solomon & Thomas Solomon
By the Solomon Families**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/



Epiphany: The Revelation of the Trinity at the Jordan

Dear Parishioners,

In the Maronite tradition, the Feast of the Epiphany is first and foremost a revelation of the Holy Trinity. It is a feast of divine manifestation, where heaven is opened and the mystery of God is made visible at the Jordan River.

As Christ descends into the waters, the fullness of God is revealed: the Son stands in humility among humanity, the Father's voice is heard from heaven declaring His love, and the Holy Spirit descends and rests upon Him. Epiphany proclaims that God is not distant, but present—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—acting together for the salvation of the world.

Maronite spirituality, deeply shaped by the Syriac Fathers, contemplates this feast as a celebration of light and sanctification. Christ does not enter the Jordan to be purified; He enters it to sanctify the waters, to heal creation wounded by sin, and to restore the original blessing given at the beginning of time. In the language of our hymns, the waters recognize their Creator, creation rejoices, and the world is renewed.

Saint Ephrem the Syrian teaches that in the Jordan, Christ united heaven and earth. The voice from above and the waters below meet in the Person of the Son, revealing that all of creation is called to share in divine life. Through baptism, we are immersed into this same mystery, clothed in light, and sealed with the Spirit.

Epiphany therefore is not only something we commemorate; it is a mystery we live. Having been baptized in the name of the Trinity, we are called to become epiphanies of God's presence—bearing light where there is darkness, unity where there is division, and hope where there is despair.

May this holy feast renew in us the grace of our baptism, deepen our communion with the Holy Trinity, and remind us that God continues to reveal Himself through humble waters, obedient hearts, and lives offered in love.

As we say in Syriac *Denho Breekho* (Blessed Epiphany) to everyone.

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"

UPCOMING MEETING

Thursday, January 8th @ 12pm

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



**Thursday, January 15: 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



UPCOMING SESSIONS

For those who signed up for Friday classes:

Friday, January 9 @ 6:30pm-8pm

For those who signed up for Saturday classes:

Saturday, January 10 @ 11:30am - 1pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204

"In service to one, in service to all"



Next meeting:

Tuesday January 13

@ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting: Monday, January 19 @ 7pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Saturday, January 10 @ 5 - 7pm

Saturday, January 24 @ 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.



THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Monthly Meeting Schedule

*Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am
at St Anthony Maronite Church Hall.*



MYO & Jr MYO

UPCOMING SESSION

Sunday, January 11th @ 6 - 7:30pm

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

BIRTHDAY WISHES

January 3: Christine Abou Jaoude, Brandon Barry, Cynthia Kazanjian, Della Khoury, Carine Mansour, Hitaf Nammour

January 4: Zayn Abou Jaoude, Breanna Ata, Grace Bourouphael, Marie-Christine Daou, Antoine Fadel, Robert Issa, Charbel Maroun, Milad Salame

January 5: Ryan Azzi, Huguette Sfeir

January 6: Siham Daher, Abdullah Harb, Joan Kalil, Charbel Saouma, Ronald Savastano, Stephen Schultz

January 7: DJ Deeb II, Madeleine George, Bodie Khalife, Viviane Korbani, Imad Nassar

January 8: Patrick Mullen, Elizabeth Nehme, Yabiel Stifo

January 9: Camila Ata, Gloria Azzi, Nadim Daou, Wyatt Goldman, Jameson Khoury, Adele Maroun, Eleanor Souza

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

January 3: Timothy & Emily Getchell, Elie & Kathleen Rahme, Wissam & Kristin Tarabay

January 6: Fred & Christelle Abboud

January 8: Shaker & Gisele Asmar, Gaby & Adele Maroun, Dennis & Pauline Vieira

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 3

4:00 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab
(Ar) George Saab

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 10

4:00 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Joey Safi

11:00 am - (Eng) Mounira Daher
(Ar) Rita Mallat

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

12/21/2025

Candles	\$132.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,916.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$135.00
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	\$4,183.00

Due to Christmas holidays and the bulletin printing deadline, the collection report, for Christmas & the week of December 28 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the heat on in the Winter.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The loving family of **Ernest F. Dow**, beloved husband of **Martha (Karam)**, who passed away on December 9.

We express our sincere condolences to his daughters, Nicole & Nina, as well as his extended family members here & in Lebanon.

*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace
and their memories be eternal*

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2026

May the Lord fill your homes
with peace, faith, and love
throughout the year ahead.

WISHING YOU & YOUR
FAMILY A VERY HAPPY,
HEALTHY &
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!

Epiphany Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6PM - EPIPHANY VIGIL LITURGY (AR/ENG)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

6PM - EPIPHANY LITURGY (AR/ENG)

WATER WILL BE BLESSED & DISTRIBUTED AFTER
DIVINE LITURGIES ON JANUARY 5 & 6

2026 MARONITE CALENDARS

Now available in the church foyer.

\$10 donation per calendar

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Parish Haftli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Stay tuned for more details



LEBANON IS PROUD OF YOU
BE PROUD OF YOUR ROOTS

The Maronite Foundation
Proudly Presents

THE MARONITE ACADEMY
INITIATIVE, 9TH ANNUAL SESSION

In honor of the late MICHEL ABI NADER
Executive Board Member of the
Maronite Foundation

Hosted by the Maronite Foundation
In the World and in collaboration with
the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
(USEK)

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Lebanese descent,
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and aged between
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*Candidates must be fluent in English

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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

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

PARISH DATABASE UPDATE REQUEST

Dear Parishioners,

As we start the new year, we kindly ask you to take a
moment to update your information in our parish
database.

Please use the link below, or email us at
rectory@stanthonylawrence.org to:

Register as a parishioner

Update your family members, mailing address, email,
phone number, change in marital status, etc.

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

Your cooperation helps us keep our records accurate
& ensures you stay informed about parish events &
updates.

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available
upon request. Please call 978-685-7233 or email the
parish office at rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Thank you for your attention & support.

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.

Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

1st Book of Kings 3:5-7 . 9-12. 14

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Letter to the Hebrews 7: 11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 2: 41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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سفر الملوك الأول 3: 5-7-9-14.12

فِي جِبْعُونَ تَرَأَى الرَّبُّ لِسُلَيْمَانَ فِي الْحُلُمِ لَيْلًا وَقَالَ اللَّهُ: "أَطْلُبْ مَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أُعْطِيكَ". فَقَالَ سُلَيْمَانُ: "أَنْتِ صَنَعْتَ إِلَى عَبْدِكَ دَاوُدَ أَبِي رَحْمَةً عَظِيمَةً بِحَسَبِ سُلُوكِهِ أَمَامَكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْبِرِّ وَأَسْتِقَامَةِ الْقَلْبِ مَعَكَ، وَحَفِظْتَ لَهُ هَذِهِ الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظِيمَةَ، وَأَعْطَيْتَهُ ابْنًا يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِهِ كَمَا هُوَ الْيَوْمَ. وَالْآنَ أَيُّهَا الرَّبُّ إِلَهِي، أَنْتِ مَلَكَتِ عَبْدَكَ مَكَانَ دَاوُدَ أَبِي، وَأَنَا صَبِيٌّ صَغِيرُ السِّنِّ، لَا أَعْرِفُ أَنْ أَخْرُجَ وَأَدْخُلَ، فَهَبْ عَبْدَكَ قَلْبًا فَهِيمًا لِحُكْمِ شَعْبِكَ وَيُمَيِّزَ بَيْنَ الْخَيْرِ وَالشَّرِّ، لِأَنَّهُ مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَحْكُمَ شَعْبَكَ هَذَا الْكَثِيرَ؟" فَحَسُنَ فِي عَيْنِي الرَّبُّ أَنْ يَكُونَ سُلَيْمَانُ قَدْ سَأَلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ اللَّهُ: بِمَا أَنْتَ سَأَلْتَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ، وَلَمْ تَسْأَلْ لَكَ أَيَّامًا كَثِيرَةً، وَلَا سَأَلْتَ لَكَ الْغِنَى، وَلَمْ تَطْلُبْ نُفُوسَ أَعْدَائِكَ، بَلْ سَأَلْتَ لَكَ التَّمْيِيزَ لِإِجْرَاءِ الْحُكْمِ، فَهَاءَذَا قَدْ فَعَلْتَ بِحَسَبِ كَلَامِكَ. هَاءَذَا قَدْ أَعْطَيْتُكَ قَلْبًا حَكِيمًا فَهِيمًا، حَتَّى إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَبْلَكَ مِثْلَكَ وَلَا يَقُومُ بَعْدَكَ مِثْلَكَ. وَإِنْ أَنْتِ سِرْتَ فِي طَرِيقِي حَافِظًا فَرَائِضِي وَوَصَايَايَ، كَمَا سَارَ دَاوُدُ أَبُوكَ، أُطِيلُ أَيَّامَكَ".

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 7: 11-19

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَوْ كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ اللَّائِي، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيتِ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدَ إِلَى أَنْ يَقُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقَ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُتْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَالَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي شَأْنِهِ، أَيُّ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يُلَازِمَ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُوذَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وُضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَقُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مُلْكِيصَادِقَ، لَمْ يَقُمْ وَفَّقَ شَرِيعَةً وَصِيَّةَ بَشَرِيَّةٍ، بَلْ وَفَّقَ قُوَّةَ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُتْبَةِ مُلْكِيصَادِقَ!». وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبَلِّغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلَ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 2: 41-52

كَانَ أَبَوَا يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعُ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ أَنْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْنَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقَارِبِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِذِكَايِهِ وَأَجَوِبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَاهُ أَبَوَاهُ بُهْتَا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهَا أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ!». فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالنِّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.



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