

SEASON OF GREAT LENT

Entrance into Great Lent: Cana Sunday

أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير : آية عرس قانا



LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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Saturday, February 14

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

St. Valentine the Priest

4:00 pm +Wadad Azzi, *By her grandchildren & great-grandchildren*

Sunday, February 15

Sts. Faustinus & Jovita

The 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am +Sam & May Khoury, *By Vivian Ota, Joseph, Mireille & Steve Khoury & their Families*

11:00 am +Tannous Ata, *By his wife, Leila & Family*

Healing of the Leper

Saturday, February 21

St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch

4:00 pm +Antonio, Rita, Renato & Maria Pastore, *By Teresa & Jamil Kamari & Family.*

Sunday, February 22

Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch

8:00 am +Samia El-Hachem, *By her Family*

9:30 am 1st Anniversary +Joseph Abou Khalil, *By his daughters, Catherine & Chantale, his siblings: Kozhaya, Kamil, Hanane, Claudine & their Families*

11:00 am +Yvonne Sarkis Fazaa, Milady Nehme, Ramona & Jessy Costantine, *By Pascal Costantine & Family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, February 16 – OFFICE CLOSED

Ash Monday

St. Theodore the Soldier

2 Cor 5:20-6:7/Mt 6:16-21

9:00 am Liturgy & Blessing of the Ashes

7:00 pm Liturgy & Blessing of the Ashes

Tuesday, February 17

St. Agapitus, Bishop of Synnada

Rom 15:1-13/Mt 6:5-15

9:00 am +Bahir Merheb, *By Sassine, Wissam & Hannane Merheb & their Families*

Wednesday, February 18

Pope St. Leo the Great, Doctor of the Church (+461)

Rom 15:14-21/Mt 6:1-4

9:00 am +Daad Ramy Cherabie, *By her children: George, Rosemary & Michelle, their spouses & her grandchildren*

Thursday, February 19

The 500 Martyrs of Tyre

1 Tim 6:1-12/Mt 6:25-34

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

9:30 am - 12:00 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 20 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus

2 Thes 3:6-14/Mt 7:13-27

NO LITURGY





PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

As I recently marked my 40th birthday, I felt compelled to pause and give thanks—not for the number of years, but for the gift of *you*. From my heart, I thank all our parish organizations, ministries, and volunteers who came together with such love, generosity, and creativity to prepare and celebrate this moment, under the leadership of Abouna Georges. What you organized was not simply a birthday celebration; it was a living testimony of communion, unity, and family.

The gesture of presenting 40 gifts was truly going the extra mile. Yet, as I shared with you that evening, the greatest gift I have received is not something wrapped or displayed, it is this community itself. Your prayers, your faithfulness, your service, your smiles, and even your struggles entrusted to God are the true treasures of my priesthood. I thank God every day for the privilege of serving you, and I pray that He grants me many more years to continue this mission among you—with prayer, creativity, perseverance, and above all, with deep and sincere love.

Providentially, this moment of gratitude coincides with the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Lent is not merely a change in liturgical color or routine; it is a sacred time given to us to return to what truly matters. The Church invites us during these forty days to fast, to pray, and to give alms—not as empty practices, but as pathways that lead the heart back to God. Lent gently teaches us that renewal does not begin outside of us, but within.

This year, I invite you to walk with me daily through our Qadishat series, where we will meditate together on an essential and timely spiritual theme:

“One Step Back to the Heart.”

In a world that constantly pushes us to move faster, speak louder, and do more, Lent asks us to take one step back. One step back from noise to silence. One step back from distraction to attention. One step back from habit to intention. It is in this “step back” that we rediscover the heart—the place where God already dwells, speaks, heals, and renews.

The heart is the place where fasting becomes freedom, prayer becomes relationship, and almsgiving becomes love in action. When the heart is renewed, everything else follows: our families, our service, our relationships, and even our wounds begin to find light. Lent is not about perfection; it is about direction—allowing God to gently reorient us toward Him.

As we begin this sacred journey together, I pray that this Lent may be a time of grace, healing, reconciliation, and true interior conversion for each one of us. May we walk these forty days not alone, but as one family—supporting one another, praying for one another, and returning together to the heart of God.

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*

MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF:

Marie Azzi

Executive Assistant

Christine Ryan

Administrative Assistant

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.



SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Memory of Teta Wadad Azzi

By her grandchildren & great-grandchildren

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Saturday, February 21 @ 5-7pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

02/08/2026

Candles	\$78.25
Sunday Collection	\$1,936.00
Feast of St. Maron	\$1,107.00
Fuel	\$280.00
Donations	\$580.00
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KNIGHTS OF MARY

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, February 28 @ 5 - 7pm



MYO & Jr MYO

UPCOMING SESSION

Sunday, February 22 @ 6 - 7:30pm

BIRTHDAY WISHES

February 14: Joseph Azzi, London Benti, Ethan Getchell, Elio Zaarour

February 15: Danny Abourjeili, Marie Clement, Linda Gabriel, Samira Khalife, Michael Lalo, Miles Maroon, Molly Rizk, Wajdi Spiridon

February 16: Rita Akl, Mark Bejjani, Elizabeth Ganem, Mason Jesionowski, Diana Smith, Michael Tarshi,

February 17: Kathleen Gabriel, Noah Hassan, Pierre Maroun, Leah Rizkallah, Elanor Shea

February 18: Joy Andoun, Louann Bistany, Lisa Germanos, John Hurton IV

February 19: Rebecca Azzi, Christopher Azzi, Larry Bejjani, Gabriel Bourouphael, Nora Cordes, Elias Daaboul, Charbel Daher, Carlos Daher, George Kazanjian, Mikayla Plouffe, Mariana Sadek

February 20: George Azzi, Adrian Eid, Krista Maroon

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

February 14: Gabriel & Tania Farhat, David & Alyce Merlino

February 18: Shadi & Josiane Asmar, Etienne & Amara Khalife

February 20: Joshua & Alaina Pelletier

M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23 @ 7pm

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 14

4:00 pm - George Saab

Sunday, February 15

8:00 am - Sub-deacon Antoine Nammour

9:30 am - August Sfeir

11:00 am - (Eng) Mounira Daher

(Ar) Rita Mallat

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 21

4:00 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Therese Bou Sanayeh

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias Azzi

(Ar) Sub-deacon George Merheb

MYA NORTHERN RETREAT

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 39? Are you looking to grow deeper in your faith and connect with other like-minded young adults from your culture and faith? Join our MYA family February 28th at St. John Paul II at the Immaculate Conception Maronite Church in Sleepy Hollow, NY for an unforgettable experience. The theme will focus on "Stillness in the Noise: Meeting God This Lent". The retreat will include meals, breakouts, adoration, confession, fellowship and more.

To learn more or to register for the retreat visit myaeparchystmaron.org.

Registration is now open!

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



Thursday, February 19: 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



AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

2026 ALAA SCHOLARSHIP is now accepting applicants. Please encourage qualified students to apply before the MARCH 1, 2026 deadline.

The application can be found at:
<https://americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/guidelines-application/>

Women's LENTEN RETREAT

Hosted by M-Wine
Led by the Maronite Sisters

Join us for an evening of renewal, mercy, and return, including:

- Prayer & Reflection on the Prodigal Son
- Confession & Stations of the Cross
- Potluck supper
- Donation welcomed at the door

Saint Anthony Maronite Church
145 Amesbury Street Lawrence MA

Friday March 20 | 4:00 to 8:00pm

RSVP TO:
AMALE: 978-835-7382 OR MARY: 978-960-7479

SUMMER

"We Believe" BIBLE CAMP

SPONSORED BY ST. ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Join us for our Light of Life Bible Camp

JULY 15-17 | 10AM TO 2PM

Saint Anthony Maronite Church
145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Interactive Bible Stories
- Lessons on the Creed
- Exciting Games & Activities
- Creative Crafts
- Meals & Snacks
- Music & Singing
- Friendship & Fun

PRESENTED BY THE MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

Camp open to Grades K-6
Cost: \$75 per child

Scan QR Code to Register



Saint Anthony Maronite Church - Lawrence, MA

One Family, One Faith, One Mission

Ash Monday, Feb 16:

We begin our Lenten journey with Liturgy & Blessing of the Ashes at **9:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**

Every Thursday "Shrine Thursday" :

Join us for Liturgy at **9:00 AM**, followed by silent Eucharist Adoration from **9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.** The day will conclude with Prayers, Hymns, Procession, and the Final Blessing.

Friday March 20, 4:00 to 8:00 PM;

Women's Lenten Retreat, hosted by M-Wine, and led by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

Every Friday:

We will gather at **7:00 PM** for the Stations of the Cross, a Homily, and the Adoration of the Cross. Homilies are based on the Apostolic Letter of the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV: **"A FIDELITY THAT GENERATES THE FUTURE"**.

"Qadishat" Series - Season 3:

"One Step Back to the Heart" A daily spiritual reflection by **Fr. Neemtallah**, shared across the parish's social media platforms, inviting the community into a unified spiritual journey of prayer, reflection, and growth.

"Live Love Lent"

Everyone can receive a Lenten box with a unique number to collect charitable donations throughout Lent. **The boxes will be distributed on the Sunday of Cana and collected by Hosanna Sunday.** The amounts corresponding to each box number (without names) will be published for transparency. This initiative is for everyone, adults, youth, and children, to share the joy of giving.

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 PM, "Candlelight of Hope"

a Lenten recital by the **Lebanese musician & Singer Manal Nehme**, to inspire reflection and prayer during Holy Week.



Lent is :
PRAY



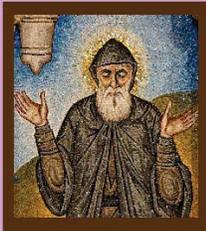
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GIVE

GREAT LENT:

ACCORDING TO OUR MARONITE LITURGY, SAINTS & TRADITION



Maronite Faith Formation Sessions at 8pm:

February 19- First Pillar: Prayer
(Bishop Gregory Mansour)

February 26- Second Pillar: Fasting
(Fr. Rabi Aoun)

March 5- Third Pillar: Almsgiving
(Fr. Vincent Farhat)



To register scan QR Code



Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

HANDS OF CHRIST



EPARCHIAL MYO LENTEN DAY RETREAT

FEB 28	NEW ENGLAND	OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHURCH JAMAICA PLAINS, MA
MAR 14	MID-ATLANTIC	OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH EASTON, PA
MAR 21	SOUTH REGION	SAINT ELIAS CHURCH ROANOKE, VA

COST PER PERSON \$45

GRADES 7-12 REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE MYOEPARCHYSTMARON.ORG

SECOND ANNUAL Flourish Women's Retreat

April 17 - 19, 2026

Restored, Refreshed & Renewed in Christ
"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" 2 Cor 3:17

- The St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA
- Hotel Block: Double Tree Hilton
- Registration fee: \$155
Space is limited, be sure to register by April 3rd.
Use QR code below!





With Keynote Speaker,
Johnnette Benkovic Williams

Join us for this uplifting Retreat with special guest Johnnette Williams, Founder of Women of Grace® & EWTN TV and Radio Host.

For more information Contact:
Linda DiNardo George (540)520-1679



Save THE DATE

2026 Maronite Enrichment Days

Speaker: Professor Erin Galgay Walsh
April 14-17, 2026

Our Lady of the Cedars of Mount Lebanon Maronite Church
507 South Cleveland Massillon Road
Fairlawn, OH 44333

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Book of Isaiah 55:1, 6-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Letter to the Romans 14:14-23

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير : آية عرس قانا

سفر أشعيا 55: 1-6

تَعَالَوْا أَيُّهَا الْعِطَاشُ جَمِيعًا هَلُمُّوا الْمِيَاهِ، وَهَلُمُّوا أَيُّهَا الْمُعْدَمُونَ مِنَ الْفِضَّةِ، ابْتَعُوا وَكُلُّوا، ابْتَعُوا خَمْرًا وَلَبَنًا مَجَانًا مِنْ غَيْرِ فِضَّةٍ. أَطْلُبُوا الرَّبَّ مَا دَامَ مَوْجُودًا، ادْعُوهُ وَهُوَ قَرِيبٌ. لِيَتْرِكِ الشَّرِيرُ طَرِيقَهُ، وَالْأَثِيمُ أَفْكَارَهُ، وَلِيَنْتَبِ إِلَى الرَّبِّ فَيَرْحَمَهُ، وَلِيَرْجِعَ إِلَى إِلَهِنَا لِأَنَّهُ يُكثِرُ الْعُفْرَانَ. لِأَنَّ أَفْكَارِي لَيْسَتْ مُمَاتِلَةً لِأَفْكَارِكُمْ، وَلَا طُرُقُكُمْ مِثْلَ طُرُقِي، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. فَكَمَا أَرْتَفَعَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، كَذَلِكَ أَرْتَفَعَتِ طُرُقِي عَنْ طُرُقِكُمْ، وَأَفْكَارِي عَنْ أَفْكَارِكُمْ. وَكَمَا تَهْطِلُ الْأَمْطَارُ وَيَنْهَمِرُ النَّجْدُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَلَا تَرْجِعُ إِلَى هُنَاكَ، بَلْ تَرْوِي الْحُقُولَ وَالْأَشْجَارَ وَتَجْعَلُ الْبُذُورَ تُنْبِتُ وَتَنْمُو وَتُثْمِرُ زَرْعًا لِلْفَلَّاحِ وَخُبْزًا لِلْجِيَاعِ. هَكَذَا تَكُونُ كَلِمَتِي الَّتِي تَصْدُرُ عَنِّي مِثْمَرَةً دَائِمًا، وَتُحَقِّقُ مَا أُرْغَبُ فِيهِ وَتُفْلِحُ بِمَا أَعْهَدُ بِهِ إِلَيْهَا. لِأَنَّكُمْ سَتَتْرَكُونَ بَابِلَ بِفَرَحٍ وَسَلَامٍ فَتَنْتَرِثُمُ الْجِبَالَ وَالْتِلَالَ أَمَامَكُمْ بِهَجَّةٍ وَتُصَوِّقُ أَشْجَارَ الْحَقْلِ بِأَيْدِيهَا غِبْطَةً، وَحَيْثُ كَانَ الشَّوْكَ وَالْقُرَاصُ، تَنْمُو أَشْجَارَ السَّرْوِ وَالْأَسِي: فَيَكُونُ ذَلِكَ تَخْلِيدًا لِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ وَعَلَامَةً أَبَدِيَّةً لَا تُمَحَى.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14: 14-23

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاتِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ لَا شَيْءَ نَجِسٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، فَلَا تَكُنْ سَالِكًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. فَلَا تُهْلِكُ بَطْعَامَكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذَا فَلَا تَسْمَحُوا بِأَنْ يَصِيرَ الْخَيْرُ فِيكُمْ سَبَبًا لِلتَّجْدِيفِ. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ الْمَسِيحَ هَكَذَا فَهُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلْبُنْيَانِ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فَلَا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ؛ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ، وَلَكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيهِ. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا، وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، وَلَا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيْئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيكَ. وَأَحْتَفِظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يُفَرِّرُهُ! أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنِ يَقِينِ وَإِيمَانِ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنِ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ حَاطِبِيَّةٌ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 2: 1-11

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ، كَانَ عُرْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ. وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. وَنَفَدَ الْخَمْرُ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ». فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلكِ، يَا أَمْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدُ!». فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فافْعَلُوهُ!». وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسْعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لِيَتْرَأَ، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْرَانَ مَاءً». فَمَلَأُوها إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «اسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ». فَقَدِّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقُوا يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يَقْدِمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَقْلَّ جُودَةً، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ!». «تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَأُظْهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَأَمَّنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ.

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