



Feast of
Our Lady of Lebanon
عيد سيدة لبنان

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 5:12-28/Mt 14:22-33

4:00 pm +Said & Miriam Faris and Shaheen & Yesmeen Kattar, *By their granddaughter, Donna Kattar*
40 Day Memorial +Nancy Kilmartin, *By her family*

Sunday, May 3

Bl. Stephen Doueihi, Maronite Patriarch
St. Timothy and his wife St. Maura

8:00 am 1st Anniversary +Michel Jabbour, *By his sister, Mouna Hbaiter, his nephew, Joseph Fares, & their Families*

9:30 pm +Elaine Brousseau, *By her Children & their Families*

11:00 am +Maurice Geha, his parents & siblings, *By his wife, Leila, Children & their Families*

1st Anniversary +Marie Jbeily, *By her Children & their Families*

5:00 pm First Sunday Liturgy

6th Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, May 9

Isaiah the Prophet
The Second Council of Constantinople
Phil2:19-30/Mt 17:24-27

4:00 pm +Larry Kalil, *By his wife, Linda Kalil & Family*
+Fred & Rose Breehey, Mearmy Syiek, Rasheedy Milan, Agnes Forsley & Meralda McCann, *By Karen Breehey*

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

St. Simon the Zealot
St. Damien of Molokai

9:30 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased

11:00 am In Honor of All Mothers, Living & Deceased

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 4

St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine
Phil 1:1-11/Lk 22:28-34

9:00 am +Nadia Atallah, *By her daughter, Huguette Sfeir*

Tuesday, May 5

St. Irene
Phil 1:12-20/Jn 1:35-42

9:00 am For the well-being of Linda Meyers, *By Mr. & Mrs. Kamal Haddad & Family*

Wednesday, May 6

St. Dominic Savio
Phil 1:21-30/Mt 16:21-28

9:00 am +Maurice Geha, *By his wife, Leila, Children & their Families*

Thursday, May 7

St. Antoninus, Bishop of Florence
Phil 2:1-11/Mt 16:11-20

9:00 am In Honor of Rebecca Merheb, *By her parents, Wissam & Gretta Merheb & Family*

Friday, May 8 - NO LITURGY

St. John the Evangelist
Bl. Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich
Phil 2:12-18/Mt 18:18-22

OFFICE CLOSED

OBSERVANCES

◆ **Memorial Day:** Monday, May 25, 2026

Liturgy @ 10am - Cemetery Grounds -

WEATHER PERMITTING

PLEASE NOTE

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



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Highway That Leads Us to Jesus

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the blessed month of May, our hearts turn in a special way toward the Virgin Mary, whom the Church honors with particular tenderness during this season. In the Maronite tradition, devotion to Mary is not secondary to our faith—it is deeply woven into our spirituality, our liturgy, and our homes. She is the Mother of the Church, the Mother of Mercy, and the one who continually leads us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

For us as Maronites, Mary has always held a privileged place. Through our hymns, prayers, feasts, and daily devotion, we recognize in her the purest human response to God's will. She is the New Eve, the faithful servant, the Mother who stood at the foot of the Cross and remained steadfast in hope. Our ancestors, especially in Lebanon, often placed villages, families, and entire generations under her maternal protection. In moments of joy and sorrow, Mary was never far from the hearts of her people.

In the universal Catholic Church, this Marian devotion was beautifully embodied by Saint John Paul II through his episcopal and papal motto: **Totus Tuus** — “Totally Yours.” These two simple words expressed his complete consecration to the Virgin Mary, inspired by Saint Louis de Montfort's spirituality. John Paul II understood something powerful: giving ourselves entirely to Mary does not take us away from Christ; it brings us more fully to Him.

Mary is the surest path to Jesus because no one knew Him as she did.

She carried Him in her womb.

She taught Him His first human words.

She watched His gestures.

She pondered His face.

She witnessed His suffering.

She stood by His Cross.

No one ever loved Jesus more perfectly on earth than Mary. If we want to know Christ more intimately, to love Him more deeply, and to follow Him more faithfully, we can confidently walk with His Mother.

This is why consecrating ourselves, our families, our homes, and our future to Mary is such a profound spiritual act. It is not merely a prayer; it is a decision to place our lives under the guidance of the one who always says: “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5).

This May, I invite every family to renew this Marian spirit: Pray the Rosary. Crown Mary in your home. Entrust your children to her care. Ask her to protect your marriage, your struggles, and your vocation. Mary is not the destination—Jesus is. But she is the most beautiful highway to Him.

May Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lebanon, wrap our parish, our homes, and our hearts in her mantle, and always lead us closer to her Divine Son.

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

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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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- May 2:** Michael Haddad, Antonio Hbaiter, Jason Jermany, Amara Khalife
- May 3:** Joseph Abboud, Jennifer Ata, Jessica Raad
- May 4:** Mark Haddad, Claudine Raad, Samantha Ramy, Joseph Thomas
- May 5:** Majd Alalam, Bassam Aoun, Gisele Asmar, George Azzi, Foutine Daher, Stephanie Deveau, Angelina Gerges, Judith Gurka, Christopher Maroun, William Ryan
- May 6:** Dea Ead, Christian El-Achi, Rima Haddad, Pietro Rizk, Serena Saade
- May 7:** Anthony Abou-Ezzi, Edward Gabriel, Aliana Garcia, Rebecca Merheb
- May 8:** Michael Azzi, Nicole Dow, Andrew Faris, Allen Pelletier, Frank Shadeed, Max Touma

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- May 2:** Jeremiah & Maryann Collins, Bruce & Lisa Touma
- May 3:** Sharbel & Kimberly Azzi
- May 4:** Richard & Sabine Kayrouz
- May 6:** Michael & Vivian Ota
- May 8:** Robert & Rouba Haykal

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

04/19/2026

Candles	\$102.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,646.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Donations	\$1,410.00
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	\$5,208.00

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

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

- ♦ **May 3 - National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon**

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- ♦ **May 17 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal**
- ♦ **May 31 - Catholic Communications Campaign**

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Amara Marie Dunbar

daughter of

William & Elian (Azzi) Dunbar

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

~Mark 16:16

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2

4:00 pm - George Saab

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Meaghan Twing

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Amal Chantiri

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9

4:00 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Theresea Bou Sanayeh

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Sassine Merheb



SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

In Memory of Said & Miriam Faris

By their granddaughter,

Donna Kattar

In Memory of

Shaheen & Yesmeen Kattar

By their granddaughter,

Donna Kattar

For the well-being of Linda Meyers,

By Mr. & Mrs. Kamil Haddad

& Family

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

Due to high demand, we are pleased to announce that two additional Eucharistic Candles are now available for weekly intentions. If you would like to reserve one, or both, please contact the parish office. The offering will be the same as for the Sanctuary Candles.

MYA

UPCOMING SESSION
Sunday, May 3rd @ 6pm

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

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

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, May 4 @ 12:00 in the Parish Hall

Call either Elaine Ferris 978-273-9772 or Christine Hassan 978-996-0556 if you are coming so we can be adequately prepared.

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, May 9 @ 11am



ARABIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING SESSIONS

For those who signed up for Friday classes:

Friday, May 8 @ 6:30pm-8pm

For those who signed up for Saturday classes:

Saturday, May 9 @ 11:30am - 1pm

Due to school vacations,
classes **WILL NOT** be held

Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25
as well as

Friday, May 1 & Saturday, May 2

**ARABIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/
REGISTRATION**

Join us on **Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 pm** for our Arabic School Open House!

Learn Arabic at St Anthony's Church. Registration is now open for children & teens ages 7-18. It's an opportunity you don't want to miss!

For more information, contact Amal Chantiri at 978-835-7382

SPONSORED BY ST. ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

SUMMER

"We Believe" BIBLE CAMP

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH

Scan the QR code to sign up to receive updates by text and email so you never miss important announcements, events, and opportunities to grow in faith together. It's a simple way to stay informed and involved—join today!



WELCOME TO SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

If you are new or would like to register at St. Anthony Maronite Church, please scan the QR code to complete our parish information form.

Takes less than 2 minutes to complete.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Help our Maronite Youth Organization
get to Nationals

Flower Arrangement Brunch Workshop

IN COLLABORATION WITH
BLOOM BY NANCY



SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT 1:00PM

St. Anthony's Maronite Church
145 Amesbury St, Lawrence, MA 01841

MIMOSA BAR · BRUNCH · MUSIC
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES · SPECIALTY DRINKS

**Treat your mothers or the
special ladies in your lives!**

RSVP BY: SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

Register online and
after 4:00pm, 9:30am
& 11:00am liturgies.



Register now!

- \$75.00: 21+ (WITH 2 DRINK TICKETS)
- \$65.00: AGES 9-20
- \$55.00: AGES 8 & UNDER*

*must be accompanied by an adult

For more info, contact: Reine: 978-902-1234 · Gaby: 978-960-9992 · Gloria: 978-852-9806

St. Anthony's Annual

Golf Tournament

Monday, June 29th
Atkinson Country Club

Per player fee \$200
Hole Sponsorship \$2,000

Payment made to:
Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church

Checks and donations should be sent to:
Saint Anthony Maronite Church
145 Amesbury Street
Lawrence MA 01841



Pathways
Empowering Palestinian Students – New York City 2026

Join Us
For an intimate evening at The Metropolitan Club.
Transforming lives for Palestinian students.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6-8 pm
The Metropolitan Club
One East 60th Street
New York, NY 10022

Honoring
Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn
with the
Archbishop Pietro Sambì "Star of Bethlehem" Award

Host Committee
Joseph and Meya Abed
Mona Aboelnaga and Sabi Kanaa
Issa and Doris Baconi
Vicki Downey
Wassila Guiga-Lothi and Sherif Lotfi
George McLendon and Carol Quillen
Salah Saabneh and Lena Diab

Mission and Partnership Sponsors
Elias and Annette Aburdene
Issa and Doris Baconi

Become a Sponsor or Purchase a Ticket



Education Changes the Path
For more information

NAM - MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) serves to foster, connect, and strengthen the Maronite community in the United States. It encourages and promotes religious, educational, and cultural growth and seeks to preserve Maronite heritage for future generations. Follow the link below to sign up!

www.namaronites.org/plans-pricing



Sign up for FREE with our parish account

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish "St Anthony Maronite, Lawrence, MA".
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

BOWLING
Event

AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY
MAY
17

WAMESIT LANES

EVENT IS FROM 2:00PM-5:00PM
CHECK-IN: 15 MINS BEFORE

ADDRESS: 434 MAIN ST.
TEWKSBURY MA, 01876

PRIZES FOR HIGHEST SCORE, LOWEST SCORE, & BEST TEAM SHIRTS!

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 8TH

SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!

TICKET INCLUDES:
• 3 HOURS OF BOWLING (~2 strings)
• SHOE RENTAL
• SOFT DRINKS
• FOOD



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

Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon***Book of Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-25a***

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild animals from the land, so that they may live in the wild and sleep in the woods securely.

A Letter from the Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 2:1-10

Brothers and Sisters, You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

عيد سيدة لبنان

سفر حزقيال 11:34-16:23-25a

هَكَذَا قَالَ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ: «هَاءَنْذَا أَنشُدُ خِرَافِي وَأَفْتَقِدُهَا أَنَا. كَمَا يَفْتَقِدُ الرَّاعِي قَطِيعَهُ يَوْمَ يَكُونُ فِي وَسْطِ خِرَافِهِ الْمُنْتَشِرَةِ، كَذَلِكَ أَفْتَقِدُ أَنَا خِرَافِي وَأَنْقِذُهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْمَوَاضِعِ الَّتِي شَتَّتَتْ فِيهَا يَوْمَ الْغَيْمِ وَالْغَمَامِ الْمُظْلَمِ. وَأَخْرَجُهَا مِنْ بَيْنِ الشُّعُوبِ، وَأَجْمَعُهَا مِنَ الْأَرَاضِي وَآتِي بِهَا إِلَى أَرْضِهَا وَأُرْعَاهَا عَلَى جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَفِي الْأَوْدِيَةِ وَفِي جَمِيعِ مَسَاكِنِ الْأَرْضِ. وَفِي مَرْعَى صَالِحِ أَرْضِهَا، وَفِي جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْعَالِيَةِ يَكُونُ مَرْعَاهَا. هُنَالِكَ تَرْبُضُ فِي حَظِيرَةٍ صَالِحَةٍ، وَتَرْعَى وَفِي مَرْعَى دَسِيمِ عَلَى جِبَالِ إِسْرَائِيلَ. أَنَا أُرْعَى خِرَافِي وَأَنَا أُرْبِضُهَا، يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. فَأَبْحَثُ عَنِ الضَّالَّةِ، وَأَرُدُّ الشَّارِدَةَ، وَأَجْبُرُ الْمَكْسُورَةَ، وَأَقْوِي الضَّعِيفَةَ وَأَهْلِكُ السَّمِينَةَ وَالْقَوِيَّةَ، وَأُرْعَاهَا بِعَدْلٍ. وَأَقِيمُ عَلَيْهَا رَاعِيًا آخَرَ لِيُرْعَاهَا، عَبْدِي دَاوُدُ، فَهُوَ يَرْعَاهَا وَهُوَ يَكُونُ رَاعِيَهَا. وَأَنَا الرَّبُّ أَكُونُ لَهُمْ إِلَهًا، وَعَبْدِي دَاوُدُ يَكُونُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ رَئِيسًا. أَنَا الرَّبُّ تَكَلَّمْتُ. وَأَفْطَعُ لَهُمْ عَهْدَ سَلَامٍ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 1:2-10

يَا إِخْوَتِي، وَأَنْتُمْ، فَقَدْ كُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِكُمْ وَخَطَايَاكُمْ، الَّتِي سَلَكْتُمْ فِيهَا مِنْ قَبْلُ بِحَسَبِ إِلِهِ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ، بِحَسَبِ رَئِيسِ سُلْطَانِ الْحَوَى، أَيْ الرُّوحِ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ الْآنَ فِي أَبْنَاءِ الْعُصْيَانِ؛ وَمِنْهُمْ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا جَمِيعُنَا قَدْ سَلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ فِي شَهَوَاتِ إِنْسَانِنَا الْجَسَدِيِّ، عَامِلِينَ بِرَغْبَاتِهِ وَأَفْكَارِهِ، وَكُنَّا بِالطَّبِيعَةِ أَوْلَادَ الْغَضَبِ كَالْبَاقِينَ؛ لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ، وَهُوَ الْغَنِيُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ، فَلِكثْرَةِ مَحَبَّتِهِ الَّتِي أَحَبَّنَا بِهَا، وَقَدْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا أَمْوَاتًا بِزَلَّاتِنَا، أَحْيَانَا مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ؛ وَمَعَهُ أَقَامْنَا وَأَجَلَسْنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، لِيُظَهَرَ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْآتِيَةِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ الْفَائِقَةِ، بِلُطْفِهِ لَنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَبِالنِّعْمَةِ أَنْتُمْ مُخَلَّصُونَ بِوَسِطَةِ الْإِيمَانِ: وَهَذَا لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ، إِنَّهُ عَطِيَّةُ اللَّهِ. وَلَا هُوَ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ، لِئَلَّا يَفْتَخَرَ أَحَدٌ؛ لِأَنَّ نَحْنُ صُنْعُهُ، قَدْ خُلِقْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لِلْأَعْمَالِ الصَّالِحَةِ، الَّتِي سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَعَدَّهَا لِكِي نَسْلُكَ فِيهَا.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 19:19-21:15

بَعْدَ الْغَدَاءِ، قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هُوَ لَا؟». «قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ.» «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ حُمْلَانِي.» «قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟.» «قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ.» «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ نِعَاجِي!». «قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟.» «فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ.» «قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْعَ خِرَافِي! الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ سَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَسُدُّ جِزَامَكَ بِبَيْدِكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخِرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ جِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ.» «قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمِينَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهُ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِتْبَعْنِي!»

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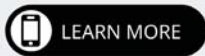
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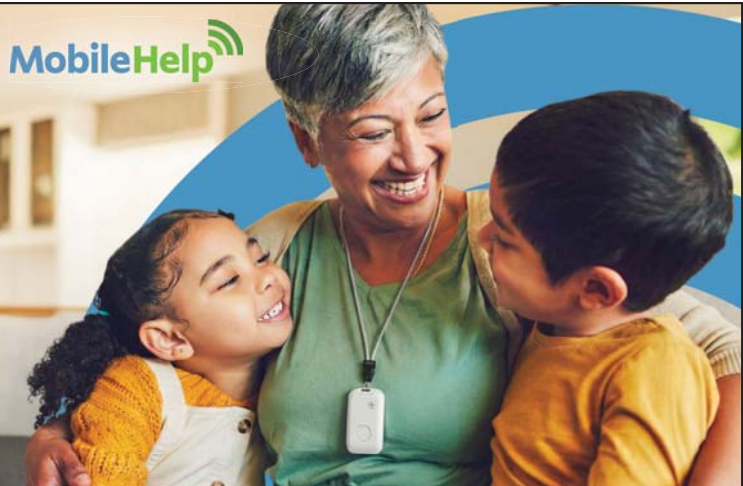
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