



SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

New Sunday

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

New Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 11

St. Antipas
Col 2:8-15/Jn 20:19-25

4:00 pm + Melvin, Rosanna & Phillip Gallant
By Agnes Zappala & Family.

Sunday, April 12

Sts. Mennas, Hermogenes and Eucraphus

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 pm + Stephanie Ota, *By her parents, Michael & Vivian Ota, & her sister, Samantha*

11:00 am +Mary, Farid, Elizabeth, Nafsa & Nakhle Ata, *By Mr. & Mrs Tony Ata & Family*
40 Day Memorial +Amelia Bou Saada, *By Mr. & Mrs. George Bou Saada & Family*

3rd Sunday of the Resurrection

Saturday, April 18

St. Thais the Penitent
1 Pet 2:11-17/Mt 22:41-46

4:00 pm + Jean-Paul Daou & Rosemary Bou Saada,
By their Godparents, Deacon & Mrs. Nadim Daou & Family

Sunday, April 19

St. Timon the Deacon

8:00 am +Mtanos & Cecilia Hbaiter, their children:
Doumit, Therese & George Hbaiter, *By Mr. & Mrs, Kamil Hbaiter & Family*

9:30 pm 1st Anniversary +Ginger Maroon, *By her husband, James, her children: Bethany, Matthew & Dr. Stephen; their Spouses & Families*

11:00 am Private Intention

Daily Liturgies

Monday, April 13

St. Zosimas
1 Pet 1:1-9/Jn 20:1-10

9:00 am +Wajih El Hajj, *By his daughter, Josiane, wife of Shadi Asmar & Family*

Tuesday, April 14

St. Hermenegild the King
1 Pet 1:10-16/Jn 20:11-18

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

Wednesday, April 15

Pope St. Soter (+175)
1 Pet 1:17-21/Mt 28:11-15

NO LITURGY

Thursday, April 16

St. Bernadette Soubirous
1 Pet 1:22-25/Mt 28:16-20

9:00 am +Jeffrey & Anthony Waters, Mary Rita Costa, Carole Amabello, Kay Wilson & Noreen Duxbury, *By Patricia Waters*

Friday, April 17 - NO LITURGY

Pope St. Agapitus (+536)
1 Pet 2:1-10/Jn 2:13-25

OFFICE CLOSED



SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Memory of Janet Maroun
By her Children, Grandchildren & Sisters

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Takes less than 2 minutes to complete.

We look forward to welcoming you!





PASTOR'S CORNER

Trust That Opens the Heart to Mercy

Dear Parishioners,

On this Sunday, the Gospel of John 20:26–31 meets beautifully the grace of the Divine Mercy Sunday. At the center of both stands one word: trust.

We contemplate Thomas the Apostle, who struggles to believe unless he sees and touches. Like many of us, he desires certainty, reassurance, something tangible. And yet, when he finally encounters the risen Christ, he does not simply verify—he surrenders: “My Lord and my God!”

This movement—from doubt to surrender—is the journey of trust.

Now, in a profound way, this Gospel finds its echo in the message given by Christ to Saint Faustina Kowalska. To her, Jesus revealed the heart of Divine Mercy and gave the simple yet powerful prayer: “Jesus, I trust in You.” These are not just words. They are a decision of the heart. In fact, Jesus told Saint Faustina that the graces of His mercy are drawn by one vessel—and that vessel is trust. The more we trust, the more we receive. The less we trust, the more we close ourselves.

Here is the deep connection:

Thomas wanted to touch the wounds of Christ. But in the message of Divine Mercy, Jesus invites us to do something even greater—not to touch His wounds, but to enter into them with trust. The rays of mercy flowing from His heart—the blood and water—are offered to heal us, to restore us, to give us life.

But they require one response: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Trust is not easy. It is tested precisely where life becomes difficult. When we face sickness, uncertainty, family struggles, or inner wounds, we often become like Thomas before the encounter—closed, hesitant, searching for proof.

Yet Jesus comes again, just as He came for Thomas. He returns, He stands among us, and He says: “Peace be with you.” Then, gently, He invites us to move beyond fear—not by explaining everything, but by calling us to trust Him. Trust, then, is not the absence of doubt; it is the decision to believe in spite of it. And this trust opens the door to mercy.

Without trust, we remain locked within ourselves, like the disciples behind closed doors. With trust, those doors open, and mercy enters—not as an idea, but as a living presence that heals, forgives, and renews.

Today, we are invited to unite Thomas’ confession with the prayer of Divine Mercy. To stand before the risen Lord, with all our wounds, questions, and struggles, and to say from the depths of our hearts: “My Lord and my God... Jesus, I trust in You.”

This is the faith that brings life.

This is the trust that unlocks mercy.

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.

Easter Flowers

*The Easter Flowers placed on our sanctuary are provided by the following donors
In Memory Of their Loved Ones:*

Joyce (Daher) Belko	John Belko, Sr.
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Our Baby, Leo Alexander Maroun	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
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George & Adele Cherabie	Mr. & Mrs. Danny Maroun & Family
Elham Azzi	Her husband, Pierre Azzi & Family
Elham Azzi	Her Grandchildren
William "Skip" Dunbar	His wife, Tracy & Family
William "Skip" Dunbar	His Grandchildren
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Jido Elias Owaida	Grace, Maya & Jackie
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John G. Thomas	Phyllis Thomas
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Thomas J. Solomon	Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Janice Solomon
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Jido Tanos Sadek	His Granddaughters, Lucia, Cecilia, & Amelia
Elizabeth Cipriani	Mr. Rani Sadek & Family
Elton McGray	Mr. Rani Sadek & Family
Teta Jeannette Lahoud Nasr	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Teta Sonia Abou-Ezzi	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Teta Akle Abi Sleiman Mikhael	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Jeddo Antoine Abou-Ezzi	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia Abou-Ezzi
Bechara Rizkallah	His Godson, Marc Abou-Ezzi
Our beloved parents: Fred & Carmela Corey, Dr. Edward & Mary Moore and our sister Gina	Fred & Lori Corey
Mark Alliegro, Allan & Alice Ramey	The Alliegro Family
Donald A. George	The George & Wright Families
Gladys M. George	The George & Wright Families
Ed Wright	The George & Wright Families
Ghandour Ramey & Najibe Aboujaoude	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude & Family
Adele Bsaibes & Rosine Ramey	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude
Thomas Hopkinson	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude & Family
Evon & Robert Danus	Kevin & Kara Rembis
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Ginger Maroon	Her Loving Family
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 Teta Daad Ramy Cherabie
 Ghassan Raad
 Deceased Family Members
 Beloved Deceased Members of our Families
 Stephanie Ota
 Cheryl Naddif Pappalardo
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 Edmund & Josephine Hatem
 Brenda Giantonio
 Thomas & Adele Saab
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 Charles Tarness
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 Mitchell Moses
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 His Grandchildren
 Her Children & their Spouses
 Her Grandchildren
 His Friends
 Christine S. Farris
 Christine Hassan
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 Michael & Susan Homsey
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 George & Cynthia Kazanjian
 Cynthia Kazanjian & Susan Homsey
 Andre & Ashley Switala
 Bernice Spencer
 Tina Conway & Judy Gurka & Families
 His Children
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 Lisa Prezzano
 Donna Kattar
 Donna Kattar
 George & Rita Bejjani
 Therese Jbeily
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 Elaine Daher
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Teta Salwa Ramey	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude & Family
Our Grandchildren: Antoine, Zayn & Laylana Aboujaoude	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude
Our Children: Charbel, Tony, Christine & Tatiana Aboujaoude	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude
Monsignor Peter Azar & Chorbishop Elie Mikhael	Antoine & Bassima Aboujaoude & Family
Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality	Bassima Aboujaoude
Phyllis Thomas	Bill & Christine Ryan
Our Son, Marc & his wife, Dr. Brigitte Kazzi	Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
Our Son, Mikey	Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
Our Daughters, Monica & Mia	Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi
Our Grandfather, Joseph Nasr	Marc, Monica, Mikey, & Mia
My Godfather, Chorbishop Elie Mikhael	Mia Abou-Ezzi
Family Members	Christine S. Farris
Beloved Families	Christine Hassan
Michael Ota	Mike & Vivian Ota
Our Parents: Mounir & Najat Rizkallah, Samih & Hoda Hasbany	Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah
Our Sons: Christopher, Matthew & Anthony	Jihad & Hilda Rizkallah
My Grandchildren: Raegan & Bennett Daher	Elaine Daher
Bassima Aboujaoude	Elaine Daher
Mona Khoder	Elaine Daher

BIRTHDAY WISHES

April 11: Antony Abi Awad, Marla Abourjeili, Charbel Cherfane
April 12: David Bechara
April 13: Mary-Jo Matta, Gianni Ramey
April 14: Joseph Abdunour, Connor Blanchet, Ryan Hurst, Jonathan Maroun
April 15: Theresa Cherabie, Anthony Daccach, Kenneth M. Gabriel, Sanaa Kosseifi, Anthony Mansour, Abigail Martino, Ivan Merheb, Noreen Quinlan, Timothy Shea
April 16: Joseph Abraham, Ciara Shepherd
April 17: Anthony Abou Khalil, Benjamin Hajj, Elie Kanaan, Arthur Switala

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

April 14: George & Natalie Chaya, Elie & Michelle Sfeir
April 15: Rani & Colette Sadek

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The loving family of **Nancy Kilmartin**, beloved mother of **Maureen Demers**, who passed away on March 18.

We express our sincere condolences to **Maureen**, Deacon **Jim** & their children, as well as her extended family members here & in Ireland.

The family of **Cindy Hatem**, wife of the late **Gene Hatem**, who passed away on March 26.

We express our sincere condolences to the **Hatem Family**.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

04/05/2026

Candles	\$285.45
Sunday Collection	\$1,055.00
Fuel	\$150.00
Easter Offering	\$14,246.00
Donations	\$1,125.00
Holy Thursday	\$1,234.00
Good Friday—Holy Land	\$3,179.00
Good Friday Flowers	\$2,161.60
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	\$23,436.05

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.

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

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

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, April 13 @ 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 COLUMBUS
St. Anthony Council 16204**

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 14 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

**Family of St Sharbel &
Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality**



**Thursday, April 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FINAL SESSION

Saturday, April 18 @ 5 - 7pm

MYA

UPCOMING SESSION

Sunday, April 19 @ 7pm



MYO & Jr MYO

UPCOMING SESSION

Sunday, April 26 @ 6 - 7:30pm

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Grades K-6

July 15-17 @ 10am to 2pm

\$75 per child

Scan the QR code to register.



The 2026 Dabke Season is Officially Here!

Registration Deadline: April 13th

Registration Fee: \$20.00 per member

Full attendance at all practice sessions and participation on all days of the Mahrajan (September 4th, 5th & 6th) are **mandatory**.

For questions, please contact:

Carla (Ages 13-20): 978-697-1725

Reine (Ages 7-12): 978-902-1234



Registration form:

<https://forms.gle/NfPdywYUe3PHeYYN9>



St. Anthony's Annual

**Golf
Tournament**

Monday, June 29th

Per player fee \$200

Hole Sponsorship \$1,500

Payment made to:

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Checks and donations should be sent to:

Saint Anthony Maronite Church

145 Amesbury Street

Lawrence MA 01841

The DCG Scholarships

The Dorothy C Gabriel Foundation is offering the **DCG scholarship** to any St Anthony parishioner who will be attending Central Catholic High School in fall 2026. For more information or to apply, text the students full name, grade and contact number to Ken Gabriel at 508-633-0704.

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2026.

New Sunday

Book of Isaiah 52:7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it, purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard .

From the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 5,11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God .

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 20,26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name .

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 11

4:00 pm - Christine Ryan

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8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - August Sfeir

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Ata

(Ar) Ajia Bou Saada

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(Ar) Marcel Saade

سفر أشعيا 12-7:52

مَا أَجْمَلَ عَلَى الْجِبَالِ وَقَعَ قَدَمِي الْمُبَشِّرِ الَّذِي يُذِيعُ سَلَامًا وَيَنْشُرُ بَشَائِرَ الْخَيْرِ، الْقَائِلِ لَصِهْيُونَ «قَدْ مَلَكَ إِلَهُكَ!» «هَا رُقْبَاؤُكَ قَدْ رَفَعُوا صَوْتَهُمْ مَعًا وَشَدُّوا بِفَرَحٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ يَشْهَدُونَ عَيْنَانَا رُجُوعَ الرَّبِّ إِلَى صِهْيُونَ. إِهْتَفِي مُتَرَنِّمَةً يَا أَرْضَ أُورَشَلِيمَ الْخَرِبَةَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ قَدْ عَزَّى شَعْبَهُ وَأَفْتَدَى أُورَشَلِيمَ. شَمَّرَ الرَّبُّ عَنِ ذِرَاعِ قُدْسِهِ أَمَامَ عُيُونِ كُلِّ الْأُمَمِ، فَتَرَى أَقَاصِي الْأَرْضِ خَلَاصَ إِلَهِنَا. انْصَرِفُوا، انْصَرِفُوا وَاخْرُجُوا مِنْ هُنَاكَ وَلَا تَمَسُّوا نَجَسًا. اخْرُجُوا مِنْ وَسْطِ بَابِلَ، وَطَهَّرُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ مِنْ حَامِلِي آيَةِ الرَّبِّ. لِأَنَّكُمْ لَنْ تَخْرُجُوا مِنْ بَابِلَ عَجَلَةً، وَلَنْ تُعَادِرُوهَا هَارِبِينَ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ سَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَكُمْ وَإِلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ يَحْرُسُ مُؤَخَّرَةً قَافِلَتِكُمْ.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 21-11:5

يَا إِخْوَتِي، بِمَا أَنَّنَا نَعْرِفُ مَخَافَةَ الرَّبِّ، نَحَاوُلُ أَنْ نُفْعِجَ النَّاسَ. وَنَحْنُ مَعْرُوفُونَ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَلِكِنِّي أَمَلُ أَنْ نَكُونَ مَعْرُوفِينَ أَيْضًا فِي ضَمَائِرِكُمْ. وَلَسْنَا نَعُودُ فَنُؤَصِّبِكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، بَلْ نُعْطِيكُمْ فُرْصَةً لِلْإِفْتِحَارِ بِنَا تُجَاهَ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَخِرُونَ بِالْمَظْهَرِ لَا بِمَا فِي الْقَلْبِ. فَإِنْ كُنَّا مَجَانِينَ فَلِلَّهِ، وَإِنْ كُنَّا عُقْلَاءَ فَلِأَجْلِكُمْ؛ إِنَّ مَحَبَّةَ الْمَسِيحِ تَأَسَّرْنَا، لِأَنَّنا أَدْرَكْنَا هَذَا، وَهُوَ أَنْ وَاحِدًا مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، فَالْجَمِيعُ إِذَا مَاتُوا. لَقَدْ مَاتَ عَنِ الْجَمِيعِ، لِكِي لَا يَحْيَا الْأَحْيَاءُ مِنْ بَعْدِ لِأَنْفُسِهِمْ، بَلْ لِلَّذِي مَاتَ عَنْهُمْ وَقَامَ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ. إِذَا فَمَنْذُ الْآنَ نَحْنُ لَا نَعْرِفُ أَحَدًا مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، وَإِنْ كُنَّا قَدْ عَرَفْنَا الْمَسِيحَ مَعْرِفَةً بَشَرِيَّةً، فَالآنَ مَا عُدْنَا نَعْرِفُهُ كَذَلِكَ. إِذَا، إِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ فَهُوَ خَلْقٌ جَدِيدٌ: لَقَدْ زَالَ الْقَدِيمُ، وَصَارَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ جَدِيدًا. وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ هُوَ مِنَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي صَالِحًا مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْطَانَا خِدْمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ صَالِحَ الْعَالَمِ مَعَ نَفْسِهِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، وَلَمْ يُحَاسِبِ النَّاسَ عَلَى زَلَاتِهِمْ، وَأَوْدَعَنَا كَلِمَةَ الْمُصَالِحَةِ. إِذَا فَتَحْنَا سَفَرَاءَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَكَأَنَّ اللَّهَ نَفْسَهُ يَدْعُوكُمْ بِوَاسِطَتِنَا. فَتَسْأَلُكُمْ بِاسْمِ الْمَسِيحِ: تَصَالِحُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ! إِنْ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ الْخَطِيئَةَ، جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ خَطِيئَةً مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ فِيهِ بِرَّ اللَّهِ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 31-26:20

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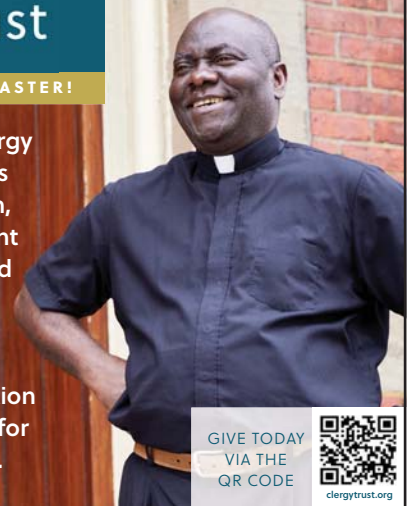
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