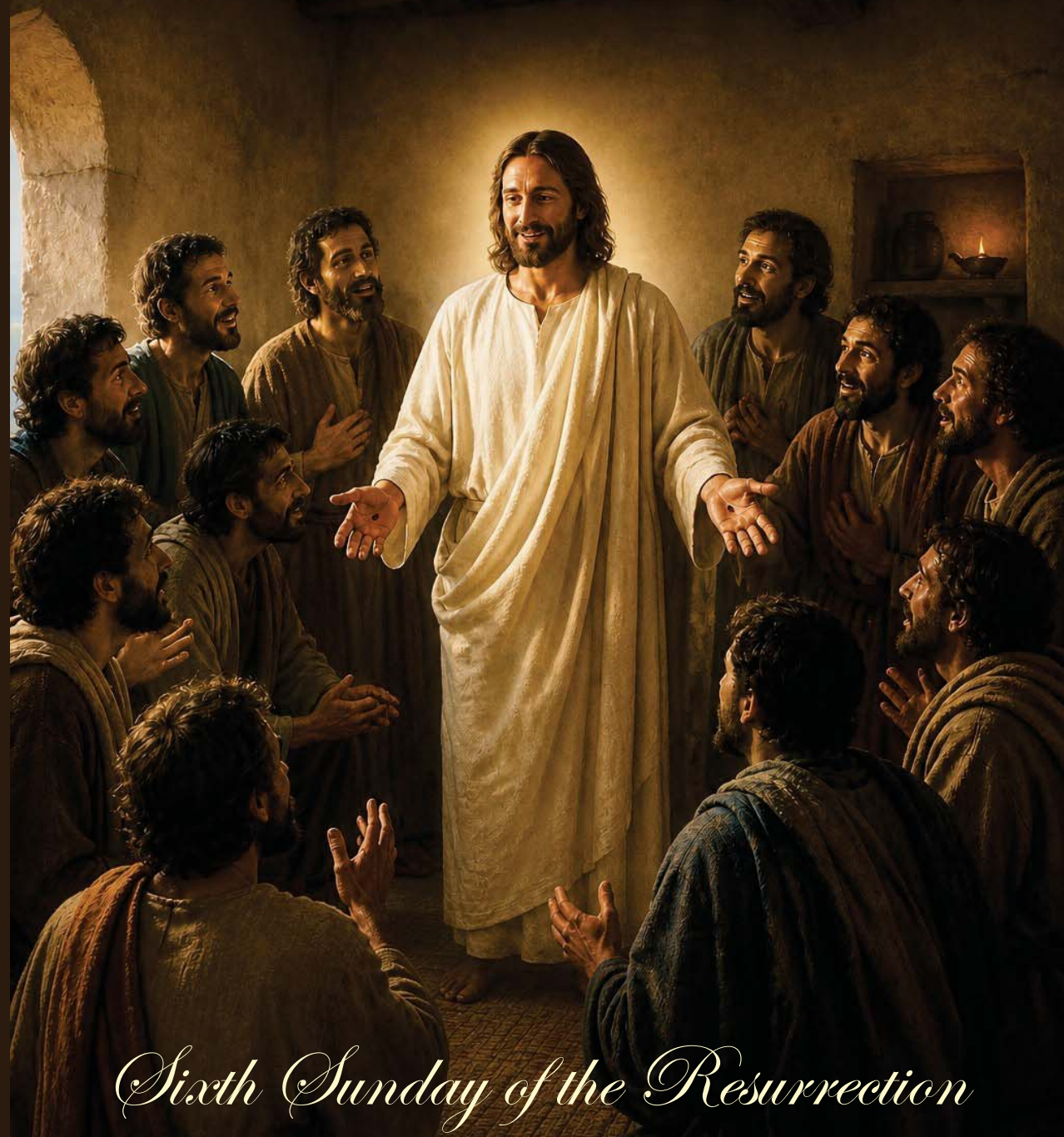


SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH



Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection

Appearance to the Twelve

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة : ظهور يسوع للرسول في العلية

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Daily Liturgies

6th Sunday of the Resurrection Appearance to the Twelve

Saturday, May 9

*Isaiah the Prophet
The Second Council of Constantinople
Phil 2:19-30/Mt 17:24-27*

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

Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

*St. Simon the Zealot
St. Damien of Molokai*

8:00 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased
9:30 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased
11:00 am In Honor of All Mothers, Living & Deceased

7th Sunday of the Resurrection New Commandment

Saturday, May 16

*St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople
Phil 4:15-23/Jn 14:1-6*

4:00 pm +Ghandour "Dan" Sarkis, *By his wife, Olga
Sarkis & Family*

Sunday, May 17

St. Serapion

8:00 am Private Intention
9:30 am +Siham Hachem & her son, Wissam
Hachem, *By Souheil Hachem & Family*
11:00 am 1st Anniversary +Maryann Hatem, *By her
daughter, Alyce, wife of Pierre Sader,
& Family*
+Baby Leo Alexander Maroun, *By his
parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun,
brother, Lucas & sister, Gia*

PLEASE NOTE

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

Monday, May 11

*St. Pontius of Cimiez
Phil 3:1-12/KJn 11:1-16*

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, May 12

*St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus
Phil 3:13-21/Jn 11:17-31*

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

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

Wednesday, May 13

*St. Addai, One of the 72 Disciples
Our Lady of Fatima
Phil 4:1-7/Jn 11:32-44*

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, May 14 - OFFICE CLOSED

The Ascension of Our Lord

*Sts. Boniface and Aglae, and Their 20 Companions
2 Kings 2:1,8-13/Acts 1:1-14/Mk 16:15-20*

7:00 pm Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Friday, May 15 - NO LITURGY

*Our Lady of the Harvest
Phil 4:8-14/Jn 3:12-15*

OFFICE CLOSED

OBSERVANCES

◆ **Ascension of Our Lord -**

Office will be Closed - Holy Day Of Obligation

Feast Day Liturgy- Thurs. May 14 @ 7PM

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

Office will be closed — Divine Liturgy will be celebrated @ 10 AM at the Ground of St. Anthony's Cemetery.

WEATHER PERMITTING



A Mother's Hands: The First Altar of Love

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we are invited to do more than offer flowers, cards, or words of gratitude. We are called to reflect on something sacred: the vocation of motherhood as one of God's most powerful reflections of His own love.

Before a child ever enters a church, a classroom, or the world, that child often first encounters love through a mother's hands.

A mother's hands are often the first altar of sacrifice we know.

They carry, feed, protect, heal, guide, and let go. They wipe tears, prepare meals, fold in prayer, and often give without ever asking to be seen. In many ways, motherhood reveals the hidden holiness of daily sacrifice—the kind of love that asks for little, but gives everything.

Motherhood is a spiritual mission. Every mother, in her own way, teaches us something about God: His tenderness, His patience, His mercy, His solid presence.

And perhaps this is why the Blessed Virgin Mary remains the highest model of motherhood—not simply because she gave birth to Jesus, but because she formed Him with love, followed Him with faith, and stood by Him even at the Cross.

Mary reminds us that true motherhood is not measured only by giving life, but by nurturing life, protecting faith, and remaining present even in suffering.

Today, we honor all mothers:

Those who are with us, Those we remember, And those who became mothers through love, sacrifice, and spiritual care.

Motherhood is often quiet, unseen, and deeply sacrificial—but in God's eyes, it is never unnoticed.

So this Mother's Day, perhaps the greatest gift we can offer is not only appreciation, but recognition: To see our mothers not only for what they do, but for who they are—a living sign of faithful love.

May we thank them. May we pray for them. May we cherish them.

And may Mary, Mother of the Church, bless every mother with strength, peace, and the joy of knowing that their love has helped shape souls for Heaven.

Happy Mother's Day.

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

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Christine Ryan

Administrative Assistant

bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

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 9: Jasmine Avedisian, Chena Farhat, Elias Zouein
May 10: Jack Abboud, Charbel Abi-Samra, Abdo Abi Samra, Vicky Abou Zeid, Leyah Bourouphael, Joseph Cherabie, Melissa Najjar
May 11: Maria Abi-Samra, Elias Gharios
May 12: Joe Abou Raad, Aylee Dagher, Peter El-Achkar, Robert Hall, Libnan Ramy, Valerie Sarkis, Charlotte St. Jean, Charbel Tawitian
May 13: Tatiana Daher, Felix Pagan
May 14: Marta Abdou, Jean Mazraani, Marcus Mouawad, Gabriella Ramy, Joey Safi, Christopher Safi, Elias Yammine
May 15: Raymond Germanos, Yola Nammour, Mireille Tabet

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

May 13: Joseph & Linda Abraham, Ibrahim & Soline Geha
May 15: Michael & Rosemarie Davis

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Clara Maggie Bouchrouche

daughter of

Jason & Helene (Moukarzel) Bouchrouche

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

~Mark 16:16

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Your New Baby

Cade Anthony Davis

Son of

Michael & Rosemarie (Daher) Davis

Anaya Eliana Hayek

Daughter of

Elie & Joanna (Nammour) Hayek

Gia Brigitta Maroun

Daughter of

Danny & Chantale (Fadel) Maroun

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him." Psalm 127:3



SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

In Memory of Larry Kalil
 By his wife, Linda Kalil

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.

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

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of **Siham Azzi**, wife of the late **Najib Hannah Azzi**, who passed away on May 1.

We express our sincere condolences to her family.

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

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

05/03/2026

Candles	\$150.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,990.65
National Shrine OLOL	\$862.00
Fuel	\$105.00
Donations	\$608.00
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	\$4,715.65

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.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- ◆ May 17 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- ◆ May 31 - Catholic Communications Campaign



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Anthony Council 16204**

UPCOMING MEETING

Tuesday, May 12 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

There is often confusion between Memorial Day & Veterans Day, thinking they are interchangeable. Although each is different yet equally important in remembrance, Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. The Knights of Columbus Men's Group would like to remind all parishioners, during this Memorial Day, to remember our 11 parishioners who died in battle, including one parishioner who was Missing in Action during the Korean War, and whose remains were never recovered.

In honor of their memory, a liturgy of remembrance will be celebrated on Monday, May 25, 2026 at the St. Anthony Maronite Cemetery. Sanctuary Lamps in honor of our veterans & their families will be offered during the week of May 23-29. Please remember them and their families in your prayers, not only for their sacrifices and commitment to our nation, but also for their lasting contributions to our parish and community. May we always be reminded of and never forget their selflessness, honor and heroism. God Bless our Veterans and their families.

All gave some...some gave all



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, May 18 @ 7pm

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!



ARABIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING SESSIONS

For those who signed up for Friday classes:

Friday, May 15 @ 6:30pm-8pm

For those who signed up for Saturday classes:

Saturday, May 16 @ 11:30am - 1pm

Family of St Sharbel &

Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



Thursday, May 21: 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:

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!



JOIN US IN WELCOMING

Chorbishop Peter Azar

PENTECOST WEEKEND

Saturday, May 23rd
Sunday, May 24th

He will be celebrating
all Divine Liturgies

Receptions to follow both the
4:00 PM & 11:00 AM
Liturgies



145 Amesbury Street
Lawrence, MA 01841



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.

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

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16
4:00 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, May 17
8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir
9:30 am - Brody Pellerin
11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab
(Ar) George Saab

Help our Maronite Youth Organization
get to Nationals

Flower Arrangement Brunch Workshop

IN COLLABORATION WITH
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SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT 1:00PM
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145 Amesbury St, Lawrence, MA 01841

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Register online and
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& 11:00am liturgies.



Register now!

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- \$65.00: AGES 9-20
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*must be accompanied by an adult

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OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

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

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St. Anthony's Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, June 29th
Atkinson Country Club

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

Payment made to:
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Transforming lives for Palestinian students.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6-8 pm
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Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection: Appearance to the Twelve***Book of Deuteronomy 31,1-3.6-9***

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them: 'I am now a hundred and twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the LORD has told me, "You shall not cross over this Jordan." The LORD your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the LORD promised. Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.' Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel: 'Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the LORD has sworn to their ancestors to give them; and you will put them in possession of it. It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.' Then Moses wrote down this law, and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

A Letter from the Apostle Paul to the Romans 10:1-13

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 24, 36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

الأحد السادس من زمن القيامة : ظهور يسوع للرسول في العلية

سفر تثنية الاشرع 31: 1-3. 6-9

مَضَى مُوسَى وَكَلَّمَ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلَّهُ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَنَا الْيَوْمَ أَبْنُ مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً، فَلَمْ أَعُدْ أَسْتَطِيعُ الْخُرُوجَ وَالذُّخُولَ، فَقَدْ قَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ: إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَعْبَرَ هَذَا الْأَرْضَ. فَالرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ يَعْبُرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يُبِيدُ تِلْكَ الْأُمَّةَ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ فَتَرْتَهِّئُهَا، وَيَشُوعُ هُوَ يَعْبُرُ أَمَامَكَ، كَمَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ. فَتَسَدَّدُوا وَتَسَجَّعُوا وَلَا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَرْتَعِدُوا أَمَامَهَا، فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُكَ هُوَ السَّائِرُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمُكَ وَلَا يَنْزُكُكَ». ثُمَّ دَعَا مُوسَى يَشُوعَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ أَمَامَ عِيونِ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلِّهِ: «تَسَدَّدْ وَتَسَجَّعْ، فَأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ تَدْخُلُ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ لِأَبَائِهِمْ أَنْ يُعْطِيَهُمْ إِيَّاهَا، وَأَنْتَ تُورِثُهُمْ إِيَّاهَا. وَالرَّبُّ هُوَ السَّائِرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يَكُونُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمُكَ وَلَا يَنْزُكُكَ، فَلَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَفْرَغْ.» وَكَتَبَ مُوسَى هَذِهِ الشَّرِيعَةَ، وَسَلَّمَهَا إِلَى الْكَهَنَةِ بَنِي لَأوِي، حَامِلِي تَابُوتِ عَهْدِ الرَّبِّ، وَسَائِرِ شُيُوخِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 10: 1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّ بُعِيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ اللَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهِلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُثْبِتُوا بِرَّ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَلَمْ يَخْضَعُوا لِبِرِّ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ غَايَةَ الشَّرِيعَةِ إِنَّمَا هِيَ الْمَسِيحُ، لِكَيْ يَنْبَرَّرَ بِهِ كُلُّ مُؤْمِنٍ. وَقَدْ كَتَبَ مُوسَى عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَقَالَ: «مَنْ يَعْمَلُ بِأَحْكَامِ الشَّرِيعَةِ يَحْيَا بِهَا». «أَمَّا عَنِ الْبِرِّ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ فَيَقُولُ: «لَا تَقُلْ فِي قَلْبِكَ: مَنْ يَصْعَدُ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُنْزَلَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. وَلَا تَقُلْ: «مَنْ يَهْبِطُ إِلَى الْهَوَايَةِ؟»، أَيْ لِيُصْعِدَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. بَلْ مَاذَا يَقُولُ؟ «الْكَلِمَةُ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنْكَ، فِي فَمِكَ وَقَلْبِكَ»، أَيْ كَلِمَةُ الْإِيمَانِ، الَّتِي تُنَادِي بِهَا. فَإِنْ أَعْتَرَفْتَ بِفَمِكَ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُوَ الرَّبُّ، وَأَمَنْتَ بِقَلْبِكَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، تَخَلَّصَ. فَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْقَلْبِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْبِرِّ، وَالْأَعْتِرَافُ بِالْفَمِ يَقُودُ إِلَى الْخَلَاصِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْكِتَابَ يَقُولُ: «كُلُّ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ لَا يُخْزَى». «فَلَا فَرْقَ بَيْنَ يَهُودِيٍّ وَيُونَانِيٍّ، لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ نَفْسُهُ لِجَمِيعِهِمْ، يُفِيضُ غِنَاهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَهُ. فَكُلُّ مَنْ يَدْعُو اسْمَ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ».

إنجيل القديس لوقا 24: 36-48

فِيمَا الرُّسُلُ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهَذَا، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!». «فَارْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِأَلْكُمْ مُضْطَرِّبِينَ؟ وَلِمَاذَا تُخَالِجُ هَذِهِ الْأَفْكَارُ قُلُوبَكُمْ؟ أَنْظَرُوا إِلَى يَدَيَّ وَرِجْلَيَّ، فَإِنِّي أَنَا هُوَ. جُسُونِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا، فَإِنَّ الرُّوحَ لَا لَحْمَ لَهُ وَلَا عِظَامَ كَمَا تَرَوْنَ لِي!». «قَالَ هَذَا وَرَأَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدُ غَيْرَ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَتَمَتَّعِينَ، قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَلْ عِنْدَكُمْ هُنَا طَعَامٌ؟». «فَقَدَّمُوا لَهُ قِطْعَةً مِنْ سَمَكٍ مَشْوِيٍّ، وَمِنْ شَهْدِ عَسَلٍ. فَأَخَذَهَا وَأَكَلَهَا بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَذَا هُوَ كَلَامِي الَّذِي كَلَّمْتُكُمْ بِهِ، وَأَنَا بَعْدُ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَرَامِيرِ». «حِينَئِذٍ فَتَحَ أَذْهَانَهُمْ لِيَفْهَمُوا الْكُتُبَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «هَكَذَا مَكْتُوبٌ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَتَأَلَّمُ، وَيَقُومُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ. وَبِاسْمِهِ يُكْرَزُ بِالنُّوْبَةِ لِمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا، فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمَمِ، ابْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلِيمِ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ

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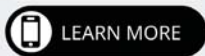
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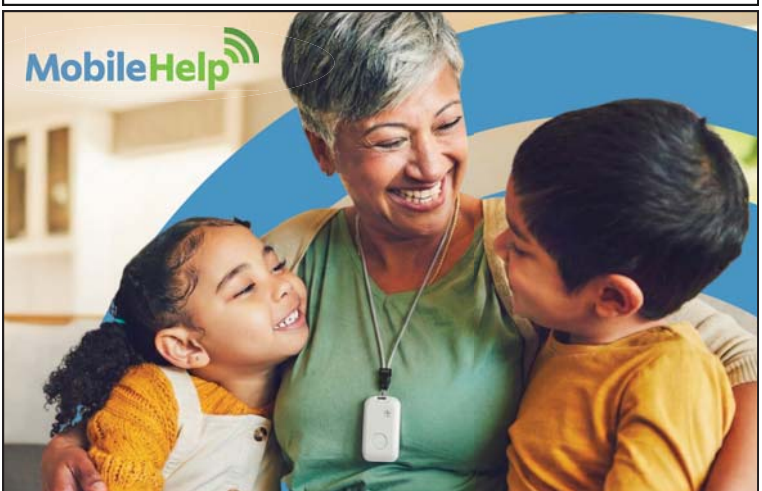
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