



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

The Ascension of Our Lord

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

7th Sunday of the Resurrection The Ascension of Our Lord

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

SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23

*St. Tobit the Righteous
Eph 6:10-20,23-24/Mt 5:43-48*

4:00 pm +Frances “Frani” Shibel, By Deacon & Mrs. James Demers

Sunday, May 24

St. Simeon the Stylite, Disciple of St. Maron

8:00 am +Dr. Raymond Tannous, By Dr. & Mrs. Tony Tannoury

9:30 am +Charles Tarness, By his wife, Georgette, Children & Grandchildren

11:00 am +Najib & Handouma Maroun & Deceased Family Members, By Mr. & Mrs. Gaby Maroun

OBSERVANCES

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

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

WEATHER PERMITTING

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 18

*St. Theodotos and the 7 Virgin-Martyrs
Eph 4:1-13/Jn 12:20-25*

9:00 am +Boutros Daou, By Mr. & Mrs. Samir Daou

Tuesday, May 19

*St. Philoterus/St Cyriaca and Her Companions
Eph 4:17-24/Jn 12:26-30*

9:00 am +Allan Bistany, By a Friend

Wednesday, May 20

*St. Thalaleus of Lebanon
Eph 4:25-32/Jn 12:31-36*

9:00 am +Dr. Raymond Tannous, By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi

Thursday, May 21

*St. Constantine the Emperor and His Mother St. Helen
Eph 5:1-7/Jn 12:37-43*

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

6:30 pm Family of St. Sharbel Rosary followed by Liturgy at 7:00pm

Friday, May 22 - NO LITURGY

*St. Rita of Cascia
Eph 5:8-21/Mk 12:28-34*

OFFICE CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE

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



Come, Holy Spirit: Preparing Our Hearts Through the Ancient Novena

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the glorious feast of the Ascension, we see Christ returning to the Father—but not abandoning His people. Before ascending, Jesus gave His disciples a promise:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

And so, between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday, the Church enters a sacred time of waiting—a time of prayer, hope, and preparation.

For nine days, the Apostles gathered with the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Upper Room, praying with one heart, waiting for the fire of the Holy Spirit.

This became the very first novena in the history of the Church.

The word *novena* comes from the Latin *novem*, meaning “nine.” It is not simply repeating prayers—it is a spiritual journey of expectation, surrender, and openness to God’s transforming grace.

Why is this novena so important?

Because Pentecost is not just a past event—it is a living reality. The same Holy Spirit who descended upon the Apostles desires to renew us today: In our families, In our homes, In our parish, In our hearts.

We often ask God for help, peace, or blessings—but how often do we intentionally ask for the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit gives us: Wisdom to know God’s will. Understanding to deepen our faith. Counsel to make right decisions. Fortitude to remain strong. Knowledge to see with God’s eyes. Piety to love God deeply. Fear of the Lord to live in reverence.

This week, I invite every family in our parish to reclaim this beautiful tradition.

Each day from Ascension to Pentecost, gather—even for just a few minutes—and pray:

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.”

Then simply add: “Holy Spirit, renew me. Renew my family. Renew our parish.”

You may pray this alone, as a couple, with your children, or as an entire family.

This week, do not simply wait for the Holy Spirit. Pray for Him. Invite Him. Prepare for Him. And like the Apostles, you may discover that when the Holy Spirit comes, fear becomes courage, routine becomes mission, and ordinary hearts become living witnesses.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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 16:** Silvia Cadell, Edward Hatem, Ethan Homsey, Louise Martin, Carine Sadek
- May 17:** Walid Awad, Michelle Martino, Cameron Pratt
- May 18:** Nicholas Abdilmasih, Gabrielle Dagher, Diane Feghali, Rita Geha, Mona Khoder, Michael Naddif, Lara Ramey
- May 19:** Marwan Dahbour, Jenny El-Helou, Peter El Hachem, Stephen El Tabchi, Caleb Hassan, Jesse Plouffe, Irah Rodriguez, Elisha Todesca
- May 20:** Rami Daher, Danielle Forristall, Beau Luebcke, Peter Mouawad, Katheryn Saade, Waroujian Yeremian
- May 21:** Antoine Bassil II
- May 22:** Abdo Bouraphael, Lauren Corey, Elaine Daher, Ronald Ead, Ralph El-Hayek, Gianna Gerges, Giovanna Lalo, Bob Mason, Jacquelyn Ann Nassar

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- May 16:** Jonathan & Meaghan Harvey
- May 17:** Kamal & Mireille Azzi
- May 18:** Brian & Karri Houry
- May 19:** Moussa & Minerva Haddad
- May 20:** Edgard & Joumana Feghali, Jesse & Jennifer Plouffe
- May 21:** Richard & Terry Habib
- May 22:** Charbel & Freicy Bourouphael, William & Christine Ryan

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:

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LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 23

4:00 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, May 24

- 8:00 am - Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour
- 9:30 am - Paula Daher Wright
- 11:00 am - (Eng) Marita Merheb
(Ar) Leila Merheb



SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

In Memory of Theresa Solomon
By her 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.

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION

- ♦ **May 17 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS


05/10/2026

Candles	\$113.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,787.00
Fuel	\$325.00
	\$3,225.00

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.


UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

- ♦ **May 31 - Catholic Communications Campaign**



M-WINE

“We Serve Better Together”
UPCOMING MEETING
Monday, May 18 @ 7pm



**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:



Ladies Pilgrimage
 Spiritual Journey to NYC
 June 25 -26 (2 days)

Update on NY trip:

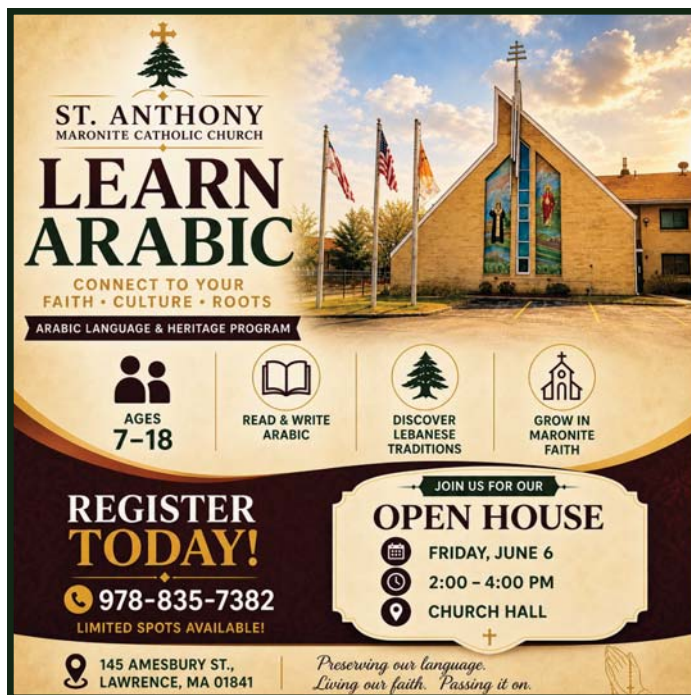
- Date:** June 25-26 (2 days)
- Estimated Cost:**
 - bus:** = \$120
6:00 AM departure arrives around 11:30 AM in Manhattan
 - direct OurBus route from: **Methuen Park & Ride** 144 Pelham St, Methuen, MA
 - hotel = \$200** (2 Queen beds)
 - NY tour= \$80-\$120** per adult for a combo including:
 - unlimited hop-on hop-off bus
 - downtown + uptown loops
 - boat/cruise to see the Statue of Liberty
 - sometimes Ellis Island
 - lunch & Dinner on you**
 - Optional Broadway show on you**

All together estimate cost: \$400 (hotel+ transportation)

call (978) 960-7479 to reserve your spot by 5/18/26

PS: Easy spiritual flow for our day

-  **1** Arrive Port Authority (bus from MA)
-  **2** A train uptown → 190th St
-  **3** **Cabrini Shrine** (Mass + prayer)
-  **4** **Walk into Fort Tryon Park**
-  **5** **Cloisters visit**
-  **6** **Lunch or coffee nearby**
-  **7** **Return to Midtown for Broadway evening**





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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
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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

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3. Register with your name and email address
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Cost: \$75 per child

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



Join Us
For an intimate evening at The Metropolitan Club.
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Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6-8 pm
The Metropolitan Club
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Host Committee
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Mona Aboelnaga and Sabi Kanaa
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Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church

Checks and donations should be sent to:
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The Ascension of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1,8-13

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his worn clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-14

Brothers and sisters, In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 16:15-20

'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.' So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

صعود الرب يسوع إلى السماء

سفر الملوك الثاني 13:2-8.1

وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَ الرَّبُّ إِبِلِيَّا فِي الْعَاصِفَةِ نَحْوَ السَّمَاءِ، ذَهَبَ إِبِلِيَّا مَعَ الْإِشَاعِ مِنَ الْجُلْجَالِ. فَأَخَذَ إِبِلِيَّا رِدَاءَهُ وَلَفَّهُ وَضَرَبَ بِهِ الْمِيَاهُ، فَأَنْفَلَقَتْ إِلَى هُنَا وَهُنَاكَ، وَعَبَّرَا كِلَاهُمَا عَلَى الْبَيْسِ. فَلَمَّا عَبَّرَا قَالَ إِبِلِيَّا لِإِشَاعَ: «سِلْنِي مَاذَا أَصْنَعُ لَكَ، قَبْلَ أَنْ أُؤَخَذَ عَنْكَ.» فَقَالَ الْإِشَاعُ: «لِيَكُنْ لِي نَصِيبُ اثْنَيْنِ مِنْ رُوحِكَ عَلَيَّ.» قَالَ: «قَدْ سَأَلْتِ أَمْرًا عَسِيرًا: إِنْ أَنْتِ رَأَيْتِي عِنْدَمَا أُؤَخَذُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ، يَكُونُ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، وَإِلَّا فَلَا.» وَفِيمَا هُمَا سَائِرِينَ وَهُمَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ، إِذَا مَرْكَبَةٌ نَارِيَّةٌ وَخَيْلٌ نَارِيَّةٌ قَدْ فَصَلَتْ بَيْنَهُمَا. وَصَعِدَ إِبِلِيَّا فِي الْعَاصِفَةِ نَحْوَ السَّمَاءِ. وَالْإِشَاعُ نَاطِرٌ وَهُوَ يَصْرُخُ: «يَا أَبِي، يَا أَبِي، يَا مَرْكَبَةَ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَفُرْسَانَهُ!» «ثُمَّ لَمْ يَعُدْ يَرَاهُ. فَأَمْسَكَ ثِيَابَهُ وَشَقَّهَا شَطْرَيْنِ، وَرَفَعَ رِدَاءَ إِبِلِيَّا الَّذِي كَانَ قَدْ سَقَطَ عَنْهُ، وَرَجَعَ فَوَقَفَ عَلَى شَاطِئِ الْأَرْضِ.»

سفر أعمال الرسل 14:1-1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَقَدْ تَوَنَّتْ فِي الْكِتَابِ الْأَوَّلِ، يَا تِيُوفِيلَ، كُلَّ مَا عَمِلَ يَسُوعُ وَعَلِمَ، مُنْذُ بَدَأَ رِسَالَتِيهِ، إِلَى الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي رُفِعَ فِيهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ أُعْطِيَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَصَايَاهُ لِلرُّسُلِ الَّذِينَ اخْتَارَهُمْ. وَقَدْ أَظْهَرَ لَهُمْ نَفْسَهُ حَيًّا بَعْدَ الْأَمَةِ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْأَدِلَّةِ، وَهُوَ يَتَرَاءَى لَهُمْ مُدَّةَ أَرْبَعِينَ يَوْمًا، وَيُكَلِّمُهُمْ عَنْ شُؤُنِ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَأْكُلُ مَعَهُمْ، أَمَرَ هُمْ الْأَيْغَادِرُورَا أَوْرَشَلِيمَ، بَلَّ أَنْ يَنْتَظِرُوا فِيهَا وَعَدَّ الْأَبُ «الَّذِي سَمِعْتُمُوهُ مِنِّي؛ لِأَنَّ يُوْحَنَّا عَمَّدَ بِالْمَاءِ، أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ فَسَوْفَ تُعَمَّدُونَ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ بَعْدَ بَضْعَةِ أَيَّامٍ.» وَكَانَ الْمُجْتَمِعُونَ يَسْأَلُونَهُ قَائِلِينَ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَفِي هَذَا الزَّمَانِ تُعِيدُ الْمُلْكَ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ؟» فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لَيْسَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا الْأَزْمَنَةَ وَالْأَوْقَاتَ الَّتِي حَدَّدَهَا الْأَبُ بِسُلْطَانِهِ الْخَاصِّ. لَكِنِّكُمْ سَتَسْأَلُونَ قُوَّةَ بَحْلُولِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ لِي شُهَدَاءَ فِي أَوْرَشَلِيمَ، وَفِي كُلِّ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ وَالسَّامِرَةِ، حَتَّى أَقَاصِي الْأَرْضِ.» وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا، رُفِعَ بِمَرَأَى مِنْهُمْ، وَحَجَبَتْهُ سَحَابَةٌ عَنْ عُيُونِهِمْ. وَفِيمَا كَانُوا شَاخِصِينَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، وَهُوَ ذَاهِبًا، إِذَا رَجُلَانِ قَدْ وَقَفَا بِهِمْ فِي ثِيَابٍ بَيْضَاءَ، وَقَالَا: «أَيُّهَا الرَّجَالُ الْحَلِيلِيُّونَ، مَا بَالُكُمْ واقِفِينَ تُحَدِّثُونَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ؟ إِنَّ يَسُوعَ هَذَا الَّذِي رُفِعَ عَنْكُمْ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ سَيَأْتِي كَمَا رَأَيْتُمُوهُ ذَاهِبًا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ!» «جِيئِنِّي رَجِعُوا إِلَى أَوْرَشَلِيمَ مِنَ الْجَبَلِ الْمَدْعُوعِ جَبَلِ الزَيْتُونِ، وَهُوَ قَرِيبٌ مِنْ أَوْرَشَلِيمَ، عَلَى مَسِيرَةِ سَبْتٍ مِنْهَا. وَلَمَّا دَخَلُوا الْمَدِينَةَ، صَعِدُوا إِلَى الْعَلِيَّةِ، الَّتِي كَانُوا يُقِيمُونَ فِيهَا، وَهُمْ: بُطْرُسُ وَيُوْحَنَّا وَيَعْقُوبُ وَأَنْدْرَاوُسُ، فِيلِبُّسُ وَثُومَا، بَرْتِلْمَاوُسُ وَمَتَّى، يَعْقُوبُ بْنُ حَلْفَى وَسِمَعَانَ الْعَيْوُرُ وَيَهُوذَا بْنُ يَعْقُوبَ. هُوَ لَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ كَانُوا مُوَاطِبِينَ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ بِنَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ، مَعَ بَعْضِ النِّسَاءِ، وَمَرْيَمَ أُمِّ يَسُوعَ، وَمَعَ إِخْوَتِهِ.»

انجيل القديس مرقس 20:16-15

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتِلَامِيذِهِ: «إِذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ، وَآكْرَزُوا بِالْإِنْجِيلِ لِلْخَلِيقَةِ كُلِّهَا. فَمَنْ آمَنَ وَأَعْتَمَدَ يَخْلُصَ، وَمَنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنْ فَسَوْفَ يُدَانَ. وَهَذِهِ الْآيَاتُ تَتَّبَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ: بِأَسْمِي يُخْرَجُونَ الشَّيَاطِينَ، وَيَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَاتٍ جَدِيدَةٍ، وَيُمْسِكُونَ الْحَيَّاتِ، وَإِنْ شَرِبُوا سُمًّا مُمِيتًا فَلَا يُؤْذِيهِمْ، وَيَضَعُونَ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَرْضَى فَيَتَعَفَوْنَ.» وَبَعْدَمَا كَلَّمَهُمُ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ، رُفِعَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، وَجَلَسَ عَنْ يَمِينِ اللَّهِ. أَمَّا هُمْ فَخَرَجُوا وَكَرَّرُوا فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ، وَالرَّبُّ يَعْمَلُ مَعَهُمْ وَيُوَيِّدُ الْكَلِمَةَ بِمَا يَصْحَبُهَا مِنَ الْآيَاتِ.

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