

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH



SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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*

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 30

*Pope St. Felix I (+274)
Acts 3:22-4:4/Jn 14:27-31*

4:00 pm +Renee & Sleiman Chahine, *By their Family*
+Deceased Members of the Azzi & Abou Raad Families, *By Abdo & Janine Raad & Family*

Sunday, May 31

St. Petronilla/St. Hermias

8:00 am In Honor of Tia Sfeir, *By her parents, Beshara & Huguette Sfeir*

9:30 am +Memorial for all the Deceased Veterans of our parish, *By St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Men's Group*

11:00 am 40 Day Memorial +Louis Hbeiliny, *By his sister, Noha (Hbeiliny) Zayat, & Family*
+Joseph & Nancy Azzi, *By their Children & their Families*
+Daoud Bechara, *By his children, Joseph, Maroun & Dounia, their Spouses & their Families*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 25 - MEMORIAL DAY

*St. Eleutherius and His Mother/St. Basilla of Rome
Acts 2:22-28/Jn 3:5-8*

10:00 am Memorial Day Liturgy

Tuesday, May 26

*St. Carpus, Disciple of St. Paul
Acts 2:29-39/Jn 4:21-24*

9:00 am +Deceased Members of the Goulart & Pereira Families, *By Dora Pereira*

Wednesday, May 27

*Sts. Theodora and Didymus
Acts 2:40-47/Jn 7:37-39*

9:00 am +Siham Moussa Azzi, *By Sandra Fadous*

Thursday, May 28

*St. Heliconis
Acts 3:1-10/Jn 14:8-14*

9:00 am +Charbel Mansour Mouawad, *By his mother, Madeleine Mouawad & Family*

Friday, May 29 - NO LITURGY

*St. Theodosia of Tyre
Acts 3:11-21/Jn 14:8-14*

OFFICE CLOSED

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

PLEASE NOTE

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



Pentecost: The Church Was Born in Fire

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we celebrate one of the greatest feasts of our Christian faith: Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Fifty days after the Resurrection, and ten days after the Ascension, the frightened disciples gathered in the Upper Room suddenly became bold witnesses to Christ. The Church was born not through power, wealth, or human planning, but through the fire of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel and the Book of Acts describe this moment with powerful symbols: a strong wind, tongues of fire, and many languages being understood by all.

These are not simply dramatic signs. They reveal what the Holy Spirit does in the life of the Church and in each one of us.

Before Pentecost, the Apostles were hiding behind closed doors. Fear controlled them. Confusion paralyzed them. Even after seeing the Resurrection, they still did not fully understand their mission. But when the Holy Spirit descended upon them, everything changed. Fear became courage. Weakness became strength. Silence became proclamation.

Pentecost reminds us that Christianity is not simply a religion of memories or traditions. It is a living relationship with God through the presence of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that descended upon the Apostles is the Spirit we received in Baptism and Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is not a distant force. He is God dwelling within us, guiding, strengthening, healing, and sanctifying us.

Today, perhaps many people live spiritually like the Apostles before Pentecost: exhausted, discouraged, afraid about the future, uncertain about faith, family, or purpose. We live in a world full of noise, division, and anxiety. Yet Pentecost reminds us that God never abandons His Church. The Holy Spirit continues to renew hearts, families, vocations, and communities.

In our Maronite tradition, Pentecost is deeply connected to mission and witness. The Spirit does not descend upon the Apostles so they can remain comfortable in the Upper Room. He sends them out. The Church is missionary by nature. Every baptized person is called to carry Christ into the world: into our homes, workplaces, schools, friendships, and daily conversations.

This feast also challenges us personally. Are we allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us? Or have we closed the doors of our hearts? Sometimes pride, anger, routine, or indifference extinguish the fire of the Spirit within us. Pentecost is an invitation to reopen those doors.

As a parish family, let us pray this Pentecost for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Church, our families, our youth, our children, and our world. May the Spirit renew in us the joy of faith, the courage to witness to Christ, and the strength to love one another.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

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 23: Habib Chaaya, Alexander Lahood, Aquilina Saliba, Tamara Tannoury
- May 24: Albert Khoury, Mary Saab
- May 25: Elie Daccach, John El-Helou, Tala El Hachem, Nour Hayek, James Maroon, Diane Mazraani, John Msaddi, Raymond Nammour, Mario Nehme, Filomena Touma
- May 26: Jeremy Abdulla, Wahib Charabati, Nicole Saad
- May 27: Amelia Jesinowski, Joshua Thomas
- May 28: Joseph Chedid, James Corey, Hannah Godfrey, Jacob Godfrey
- May 29: Jean Abou Ezzi, Antoine Abou Jaoude, George Bejjani, Marie Hobeika, Declan Jacobs

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- May 23: Rabih & Amira Imad, Mark & Nancy Shepherd
- May 24: Pierre & Jennifer Abou Ezzi, Youssef & Mona Khoder, Teddy & Nicole Saad
- May 25: Christopher & Pascale Azzi, George & Hanna Ead, Mike & Elizabeth McCabe, Jarrod & Kristen Pelletier
- May 28: Elie & Joanna Hayek

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Camilla Leigh Roberts

daughter of

Joshua & Meagan (Farris) Roberts

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

~Mark 16:16

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

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



SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

**For the Deceased Veterans
of our Parish, By St. Anthony Knights
of Columbus Men's Group**

**For the Families of the Deceased
Veterans of our Parish,
By St. Anthony Knights of Columbus
Men's Group**

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.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

05/17/2026

Candles	\$83.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,540.00
Home Missions Appeal	\$540.50
Donations	\$135.00
Fuel	\$155.00
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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**

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 30

4:00 pm - George Saab

Sunday, May 31

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Luke Pellerin

11:00 am - (Eng) Mounira Daher

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

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

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, June 1 @ 12:00
The Claddagh Pub - 171 Pelham St - Methuen

RSVP REQUIRED BY MONDAY, MAY 30

If you plan on attending, please call Elaine Ferris 978-273-9772 or Chris Hassan 978-996-0556 as the Claddagh requires attendance confirmation

This will be the last meeting before the Summer break.

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

UPCOMING SESSION

Saturday, June 6 @ 11am

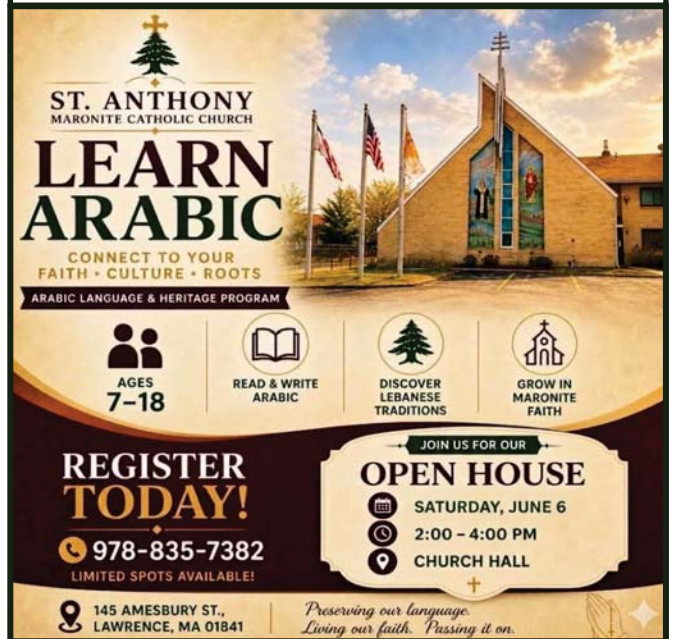
ARABIC SCHOOL

UPCOMING SESSIONS

For those who signed up for Friday classes:
Friday, May 29 @ 6:30pm-8pm

For those who signed up for Saturday classes:
Saturday, May 30 @ 11:30am - 1pm

Due to the **HUGE SUCCESS** of the Arabic Program this year, we are extending registration for new students for next year.



ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

LEARN ARABIC

CONNECT TO YOUR FAITH • CULTURE • ROOTS

ARABIC LANGUAGE & HERITAGE PROGRAM

- AGES 7-18
- READ & WRITE ARABIC
- DISCOVER LEBANESE TRADITIONS
- GROW IN MARONITE FAITH

REGISTER TODAY!

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 LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

JOIN US FOR OUR **OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
 2:00 - 4:00 PM
 CHURCH HALL

145 AMESBURY ST., LAWRENCE, MA 01841
 Preserving our language. Living our faith. Passing it on.



SAINT ANTHONY'S MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION PRESENTS

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

A DAY OF FUN, FOOD AND COMMUNITY

- MUSIC** GOOD VIBES
- FOOD** SAJ & SHAWARMA
- FACE PAINTING** FUN DESIGNS
- GAMES** PLAY & WIN

SUNDAY JUNE 7 | **11:00 AM - 4:00 PM** | **ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH**
 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA 01841

FREE ENTRY • FUN FOR ALL AGES!

SUPPORT THE MYO AND JR MYO JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT GABY (978) 960-9992 | REINE (978) 902-1234



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

Scan QR Code to Register

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Chorbishop Peter Azar



WITH LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY AT ST. ANTHONY'S

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.

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!



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

SAINT GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH - DOVER

HAFLI

Lebanese Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

THE HELLENIC CENTER
219 Long Hill Road, Dover, NH

Join Us for Our Annual Lebanese Hafli!

Enjoy a festive evening celebrating Lebanese culture, food, music, and dancing with family and friends.

- LEBANESE MUSIC - DJ TOUFIC
- AMERICAN MUSIC - LOTZ BAND
- LEBANESE DABKE DANCE PERFORMANCE

A Lebanese Mezza (Appetizers) and Dinner will be served.

TICKETS: \$70 Adults, \$30 Children Under 12

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT: Kathy (603) 834-3776

MORE FUN. MORE MEMORIES. MORE FOR EVERYONE!

- SILENT AUCTION**: Bid on amazing items and experiences!
- RAFFLES**: Great prizes you won't want to miss!
- 50/50 RAFFLE**: Try your luck and support our church!
- AND MORE!**: Vendors & Boutiques, Photo Booth, Fun for All Ages

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SAINT GEORGE CHURCH!

All Are Welcome - Bring Friends!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: FR. JEBRAEL MOUSSALLEM (603) 740-4287

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY!

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

SAINT JOSEPH MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MIDDLE EASTERN MAHRAJAN

SATURDAY JUNE 13, 2026
3:00 PM - 12:00 AM

SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2026
12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

LIVE MUSIC BY ANDRE IBRAHIM AND DJ RAY
RAFFLES, KID'S GAMES, ST. ANTHONY'S DABKE TROUPE
LEBANESE CUISINE, HOMEMADE SWEETS, FULL BAR & MUCH MORE

241 HAMPSHIRE ST. LAWRENCE, MA 01841
AMPLE PARKING AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Pentecost Sunday***Book of Genesis 11:1-9***

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.' The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, 'Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.' So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 14:15-20

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

سفر التكوين 1:11-9

كَانَتْ الْأَرْضُ كُلُّهَا لُغَةً وَاجِدَةً وَكَلَامًا وَاجِدًا. وَكَانَ وَأَنْهُمْ لَمَّا رَحَلُوا مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ انْتَهَوْا وَجَدُوا سَهْلًا فِي أَرْضِ شِنْعَارَ فَأَقَامُوا هُنَاكَ. وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «تَعَالَوْا نَصْنَعُ لِبْنًا وَلْنَحْرِفَهُ حَرْقًا». فَكَانَ لَهُمُ اللَّبِنُ بَدَلَ الْحِجَارَةِ وَالْحَمْرُ كَانَ لَهُمْ بَدَلَ الطِّينِ. وَقَالُوا: «تَعَالَوْا نَبْنِ لَنَا مَدِينَةً وَبُرْجًا رَأْسُهُ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَنُقِمَ لَنَا أَسْمًا كَيَّ لَا نَتَفَرَّقَ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا». «فَنَزَلَ الرَّبُّ لِيَرَى الْمَدِينَةَ وَالْبُرْجَ اللَّذَيْنِ بَنَاهُمَا بَنُو آدَمَ. وَقَالَ الرَّبُّ: «هُذَا هُمْ شَعْبٌ وَاحِدٌ وَلِجَمِيعِهِمْ لُغَةٌ وَاجِدَةٌ، وَهَذَا مَا أَخَذُوا يَفْعَلُونَهُ. وَالْآنَ لَا يَكْفُونُ عَمَّا هَمُّوا بِهِ حَتَّى يَصْنَعُوهُ. فَلِنَنْزِلْ وَنُبَلِّلْ هُنَاكَ لُغَتَهُمْ، حَتَّى لَا يَفْهَمَ بَعْضُهُمْ لُغَةَ بَعْضٍ». «فَفَرَّقَهُمُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ هُنَاكَ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، فَكَفُّوا عَنِ بِنَاءِ الْمَدِينَةِ. وَلِذَلِكَ سُمِّيَتْ «بَابِلَ» لِأَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُنَاكَ بَلَّلَ لُغَةَ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. وَمِنْ هُنَاكَ فَرَّقَهُمُ الرَّبُّ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا.

سفر أعمال الرسل 2:1-21

يَا إِخْوَتِي، فِي تَمَامِ الْيَوْمِ الْخَمْسِينَ، كَانَ الرُّسُلُ مَعًا فِي مَكَانٍ وَاحِدٍ. فَحَدَّثَتْ بَعْتَةُ دَوِيٍّ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ كَأَنَّهُ دَوِيٌّ رِيحٍ عَاصِفَةٍ، وَمَلَأَ كُلَّ الْبَيْتِ حَيْثُ كَانُوا جَالِسِينَ. وَظَهَرَتْ لَهُمْ أَلْسِنَةٌ مُنْقَسِمَةٌ كَأَنَّهَُا مِنْ نَارٍ، وَأَسْتَقَرَّ عَلَى كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ لِسَانٌ. وَأَمْتَلَأُوا كُلُّهُمْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْفُؤَسِ، وَبَدَأُوا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالسَّنَةِ الْآخَرَى، كَمَا كَانَ الرُّوحُ يُؤْتِيهِمْ أَنْ يَنْطِقُوا. وَكَانَ يُقِيمُ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ يَهُودٌ، رِجَالٌ أَنْفِيَاءٌ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ تَحْتَ السَّمَاءِ. فَلَمَّا حَدَّثَ ذَلِكَ الْأَصَوْتِ، اخْتَشَدَ الْجَمْعُ وَأَخَذَتْهُمْ الْحَيْرَةُ، لِأَنَّ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمْ كَانَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِلُغَتِهِ. فَدَهَشُوا وَتَعَجَّبُوا وَقَالُوا: «أَلَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ الْمَتَكَلِّمُونَ جَمِيعُهُمْ جَلِيلِيِّينَ؟ فَكَيْفَ يَسْمَعُهُمْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا بِاللُّغَةِ الَّتِي وُلِدَ فِيهَا؟ وَنَحْنُ فَرَسِيونَ، وَمَادِيونَ، وَعِيلَامِيونَ، وَسُكَّانَ مَا بَيْنَ النَّهْرَيْنِ، وَالْيَهُودِيَّةِ، وَكَبْدُوكِيَّةِ، وَبُنْتُسَ، وَأَسِيَا، وَفَرِيجِيَّةِ، وَبِمَفِيلِيَّةِ، وَمِصْرَ، وَنَوَاحِي لِيبيَّةِ الْقَرِيبَةِ مِنْ قَيْرَوَانَ، وَرُومَانِيونَ نُرْلَاءَ، يَهُودٌ وَمُهَنْدُونَ، وَكُرِيثِيونَ، وَعَرَبٌ، نَسْمَعُهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالسَّنَتِنَا عَنْ أَعْمَالِ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمَةِ». وَكَانُوا كُلُّهُمْ مَدَهُوشِينَ حَائِرِينَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «مَا مَعْنَى هَذَا؟» لَكِنَّ آخَرِينَ كَانُوا يَقُولُونَ سَاحِرِينَ: «إِنَّهُمْ قَدْ أَمْتَلَأُوا سُلَاقَةً!». «فَوَقَفَ بَطْرُسُ مَعَ الْأَحَدِ عَشَرَ، وَرَفَعَ صَوْتَهُ وَخَاطَبَهُمْ قَائِلًا: «أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْيَهُودَ، وَيَا جَمِيعَ الْمُقِيمِينَ فِي أُورَشَلِيمَ، لِيَكُنْ هَذَا مَعْلُومًا عِنْدَكُمْ، وَأَصْغُوا إِلَيَّ كَلَامِي. لَا، أَلَيْسَ هَؤُلَاءِ بِسُكَّارِي، كَمَا تَظُنُّونَ. فَالسَّاعَةُ هِيَ النَّاسِعَةُ صَبَاحًا. بَلْ هَذَا هُوَ مَا قِيلَ بِيُوثِيلِ النَّبِيِّ: وَيَكُونُ فِي الْأَيَّامِ الْآخِرَةِ، يَقُولُ اللَّهُ، أَنِّي أُفِيضُ مِنْ رُوحِي عَلَى كُلِّ بَشَرٍ، فَيَتَنَبَّأُ بِتُوكُمْ وَبِنَاتِكُمْ، وَيَرَى شُبَّانَكُمْ رُؤًى، وَيَحْلُمُ شَيْوُخَكُمْ أَحْلَامًا. وَعَلَى عِبِيدِي وَإِمَائِي أَيْضًا أُفِيضُ مِنْ رُوحِي فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ فَيَتَنَبَّأُونَ. وَأَعْمَلُ عَجَائِبَ فِي السَّمَاءِ مِنْ فَوْقِ، وَآيَاتٍ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنْ أَسْفَلِ، دَمًا وَنَارًا وَأَعْمَدَةً مِنْ دُخَانٍ. وَتَتَقَلَّبُ الشَّمْسُ ظِلَامًا وَالْقَمَرُ دَمًا قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ يَوْمُ الرَّبِّ، الْيَوْمِ الْعَظِيمِ الْمَجِيدِ. فَيَكُونُ أَنْ كُلَّ مَنْ يَدْعُو بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ يَخْلُصَ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 14:15-20

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