



# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

SEASON OF GLORIOUS PENTECOST

*The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost*

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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, June 27

*St. Samson the Hospitable  
Acts 11:19-30/Mt 10:40-11:1*

4:00 pm +Allan Bistany, By the Ganem, Hatem & Dewan Families

Sunday, June 28

*St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Doctor of the Church*

8:00 am +Sabah Dagher, Assaad & Nour Dagher, Chakib & Zakieh Hanna, & Zakieh Moubarak, By their Family

9:30 am +Joseph, Mary & Mitchell Dow, By Antonio & Zeda Perrone

11:00 am +Tanos Sadek, Isabelle Sadek & her son, Raymond Sadek, By Nouhad Sadek, Children & their Families

### 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 4

#### **Independence Day**

*St. Andrew the Hymnographer, Bishop of Crete  
Acts 13:44-52/Jn 3:31-36*

#### **NO LITURGY**

Sunday, July 5

*St. Macarius of the Cross*

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am 40 Day Memorial +Hinde Mtanios El Khoury, By her daughter, Jacqueline, wife of Paul Moutran, & Family

11:00 am Private Intention

#### **LITURGIES SCHEDULE**

The 8:00 AM Sunday Liturgy will continue throughout the summer months.

The following services will resume in the fall:

- First Friday & First Sunday Liturgies
- Family of St. Sharbel
- Eucharistic Adoration following the Thursday 9:00AM Daily Liturgy

## Daily Liturgies

**THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

Monday, June 29

#### **Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul**

*2 Cor 11:21-30/Mt 16:13-20*

Tuesday, June 30

*The Twelve Apostles*

*Acts 12:12-24/Mt 15:10-20*

Wednesday, July 1

*Pope St. Gregory X (+1276)*

*St. Junipero Serra*

*Acts 12:25-13:12/Mt 15:21-28*

Thursday, July 2

*The Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin, Elizabeth*

*Acts 13:13-25/Mt 16:1-4*

Friday, July 3

*St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church*

*Acts 13:26-39/Mt 16:5-12*

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Liturgies are offered for many reasons:

- ◆ For the souls in purgatory
- ◆ In remembrance of our loved ones who are deceased
- ◆ In honor of someone's birthday
- ◆ Special anniversary, and more

Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

Please contact the Parish Office to book your mass intentions or for more inquiries.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

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



## Wise as Serpents, Innocent as Doves

Dear Parishioners,

On this 6th Sunday of Pentecost, the Gospel speaks to us with striking honesty. Jesus does not promise His disciples an easy road. He says: "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves" (Mt 10:16). These words may sound frightening, but they are also deeply consoling because Jesus tells the truth. He does not deceive His followers with false comfort. He prepares them for the reality of discipleship.

To follow Christ is not always to be understood, accepted, or applauded. Sometimes it means being misunderstood, judged, rejected, or even opposed. Jesus tells His disciples that they will be handed over, dragged before authorities, betrayed even by those close to them, and hated because of His name. Yet in the middle of all this, He gives them a command that is both practical and spiritual: "Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

This is one of the most beautiful balances in the Christian life. Jesus does not ask us to be naïve. Christian innocence does not mean weakness, blindness, or foolishness. To be innocent as doves means to keep a pure heart, to refuse hatred, revenge, deceit, and bitterness. But to be wise as serpents means to be prudent, discerning, and aware. A Christian must have a good heart, but also a clear mind. We are called to love, but not to be manipulated; to forgive, but not to approve evil; to trust in God, but not to live without discernment.

This Gospel is especially powerful during the season of Pentecost because Jesus reminds us that when the disciples are persecuted or placed under pressure, they will not be alone. "Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say," He tells them, "for what you are to say will be given to you at that time." The Spirit of the Father will speak through them.

This is the heart of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit does not remove every difficulty, but He gives strength within difficulty. He does not always take away the wolves, but He teaches the sheep how to remain faithful. He does not promise that everyone will love us, but He promises that we will not be abandoned.

Many times in life, we worry about what to say, how to defend ourselves, how to respond to criticism, or how to face difficult people and painful situations. Jesus tells us not to let fear become our master. The Holy Spirit is present in the moment of trial. Sometimes the most powerful testimony is not the perfect speech, but the peaceful heart. Not the loudest argument, but the quiet courage of someone who refuses to betray Christ.

Jesus also says, "The one who endures to the end will be saved." Endurance is not passive. It is faithful perseverance. It is continuing to love when love is difficult. It is continuing to believe when faith is tested. It is continuing to do good when goodness is not appreciated.

Today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to make us wise without becoming cynical, innocent without becoming naïve, strong without becoming harsh, and faithful without becoming afraid.

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:

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*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.*

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## ENTIRE PARISH COMPLEX CLOSED



Please be advised that due to the NAM Convention, there will be **NO Daily Liturgies** from **Monday, June 29th through Friday, July 3rd.**



In addition, the **Parish Office** will be **CLOSED** during this week.



Please note that the parish parking lot is scheduled to be paved during this time. As a result, the **entire parish complex will be closed and inaccessible throughout the week.** There will be no access to the church, parish offices, or parking areas while the paving work is underway.



Regular weekday liturgies and office hours will resume on **Monday, July 6th.**



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please keep all convention participants in your prayers.



## SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

In Memory of  
**Tony & Therese Bou Mitri**  
*By their Family*

In Memory of  
**Tuffic & Diane Hatem**  
*By their daughters, Venize Mason & her husband, Bob, & Rosine Hatem & their Families*

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

## WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

**06/21/2026**

Candles	\$60.00
Sunday Collection	\$3,006.00
Donations	\$770.00
Fuel	\$610.00
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	\$4,446.00

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

- ◆ **June 28 - Sts. Peter & Paul:**  
**Holy Father's Collection (Peter's Pence)**

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of **Jean Amelia Kalil**, who passed away on September 29, 2025.

We express our sincere condolences to her family members.

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

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 MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

- June 27:** Layelle Abou Ezzi, Maria Azzi, Crystal Belanger, Charbel Bourouphael, Jackson Hajj, Josh Roberts, Christina Saade  
**June 28:** Lillian Callahan, Mark Clement, Alexander Najjar  
**June 29:** Anthony Ata, Brady Barry, Brooke Gill, George Hand, Joelle Karam, Julie Martino, Lina Merheb, Richard Sadek, Jasmine Tannoury, Tiah Tarabay  
**June 30:** Milana Ata, Beverly Harvey, Sandra Naddif, Peter Ramy, Hilda Rizkallah, Brittany Souza, Phyllis Thomas  
**July 1:** Marie Therese Azzi, Aubrie Brault, Nina Dow, Eliane Dunbar, Tania Farhat, Naya Nassar, Linton Ranson, Donna Rossi  
**July 2:** Carmen Abdulla, David Abou Ezzi, Eli Kalil, Mourad Phares, Simeon Ramey, Maria Salillari  
**July 3:** Veronica Cherabie, Geryes Geha, Elie Nammour, Jacob Saab, Jennifer Saouma, Danielle Sfeir

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- June 27:** John & Sandra Merheb  
**June 28:** Franklin & Monica Guzman, Jr.  
**June 30:** Richard & Yolla Haddad  
**July 1:** Rami Daher & Cayla Fadous, Raymond & Lilliane Maroun, Milad & Hanane Salame  
**July 2:** Elie & Juliette Ata, Nathan & Ashley Daher, Kamal & Julie Haddad, Stephen & Bethany Pellerin

### 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!



### 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!



### BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

#### Religious Education

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/)

#### Maronite Youth Organization –MYO

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

#### Knights of Mary –KOM

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/)

#### Knights of the Altars

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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*

### 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](http://www.namaronites.org/plans-pricing)



### Sign up for FREE with our parish account

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
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### TREE OF LIFE

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1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6" = \$150 / 4"X8" = \$250

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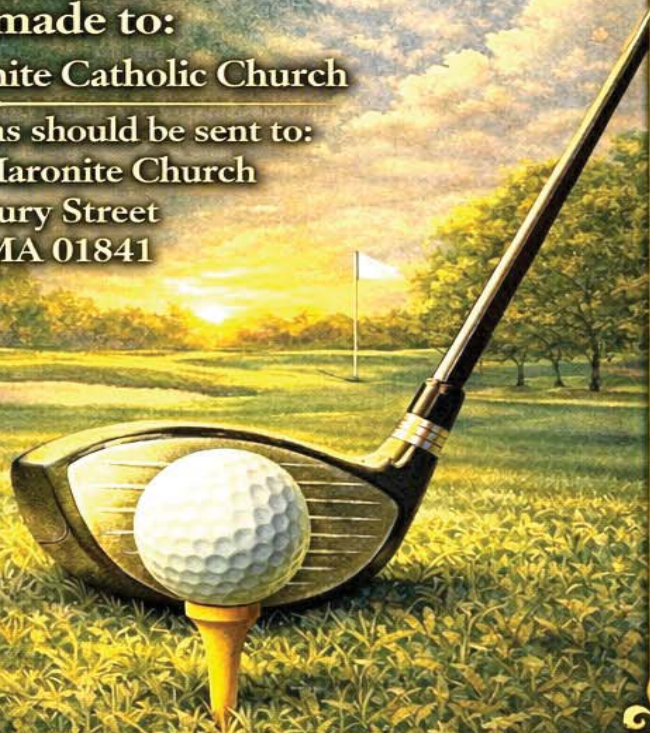
# Golf Tournament

*Monday, June 29th*  
Atkinson Country Club

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

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



**Sixth Sunday of Pentecost: Sending of the Apostles*****Book of Ezekiel 3:1-7,10-12***

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey. He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD'; whether they hear or refuse to hear. Then the spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of the LORD rose from its place, I heard behind me the sound of loud rumbling;

***A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-13,27-30***

Brothers and Sisters, Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

***Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 10:16-25***

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

**LECTORS SCHEDULE***Saturday, June 27*

4:00 pm - Susan Kalil

*Sunday, June 28*

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Theresea Bou Sanayah

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb  
(Ar) Gretta Merheb**LECTORS SCHEDULE***Saturday, July 4***NO LITURGY***Sunday, July 5*

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiter

9:30 am - Brody Pellerin

11:00 am - (Eng) Chloe Saade  
(Ar) Dana Hady

## الأحد السادس من زمن العنصرة: إرسال الرسل

### سفر حزقيال 3:1-10-12

قَالَ لِي الْجَالِسُ عَلَى شِبْهِ عَرْشٍ: «يَا ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَمَّ عَلَى قَدَمَيْكَ فَأَتَكَلَّمَ مَعَكَ. «فَدَخَلَ فِيَّ الرُّوحُ، لَمَّا تَكَلَّمْتُ مَعِي وَأَقَامَنِي عَلَى قَدَمَيَّ؛ وَسَمِعْتُ الْمُتَكَلِّمَ مَعِي، فَقَالَ لِي: «يَا ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ، إِنِّي مُرْسِلُكَ إِلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى أَنْاسٍ متمردين قد تمرّدوا عليّ، فقد عصوني هم وآباؤهم إلى هذا اليوم نفسه. فأرسلُكَ إلى البَنِينِ الصِّلابِ الوجوه القساة القلوب، فتقول لهم: "هكذا قال السيّد الربّ" سواءً أسمعوا أم لم يسمعوا، - فإنّهم بيث تمرد- سيعلّمون أنّ بينهم نبياً. وأنت يا ابن الإنسان، فلا تخف منهم ولا تخف من كلامهم، لأنّهم يكونون معك غليفاً وشوكاً، ويكون جلوسك على العقارب. من كلامهم لا تخف ومن وجوههم لا ترتعب، فإنّهم بيث تمرد. «وقال لي: «يا ابن الإنسان، جميع الكلام الذي أكلّمك به حُذِه في قلبك وأسمعه بأذنيك، وأذهب وامض إلى المجلّوين، إلى بني شعبك، وكلمهم وقل لهم: "هكذا قال السيّد الربّ"، سواءً أسمعوا أم لم يسمعوا. «ثمّ رفعتني الروح، فسمعت خلفي صوت جلبة عظيمة: «تبارك مجد الربّ في مكانه.»

### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 12:12-13-27-30

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَمَا أَنَّ الْجَسَدَ هُوَ وَاحِدٌ، وَلَهُ أَعْضَاءٌ كَثِيرَةٌ، وَأَعْضَاءُ الْجَسَدِ كُلُّهَا، مَعَ أَنَّهَا كَثِيرَةٌ، هِيَ جَسَدٌ وَاحِدٌ، كَذَلِكَ الْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا. فَحُنَّ جَمِيعًا، يَهُودًا وَيُونَانِيِّينَ، عِبِيدًا وَأَحْرَارًا، قَدْ تَعَمَّدْنَا فِي رُوحٍ وَاحِدٍ لِنَكُونَ جَسَدًا وَاحِدًا، وَسُقِينَا جَمِيعًا رُوحًا وَاحِدًا. فَانْتُمْ جَسَدُ الْمَسِيحِ، وَأَعْضَاءٌ فِيهِ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَمَا قُسِمَ لَهُ. فَقَدْ وَضَعَ اللَّهُ فِي الْكَنِيسَةِ الرُّسُلَ أَوَّلًا، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءَ ثَانِيًا، وَالْمُعَلِّمِينَ ثَالِثًا، ثُمَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيرَةَ، ثُمَّ مَوَاهِبَ الشِّفَاءِ، وَإِعَانَةَ الْآخَرِينَ، وَحُسْنَ التَّدْبِيرِ، وَأَنْوَاعِ الْأَلْسُنِ. أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ رُسُلٌ؟ أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ أَنْبِيَاءٌ؟ أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ مُعَلِّمُونَ؟ أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ صَانِعُو أَعْمَالٍ قَدِيرَةٍ؟ أَلَعَلَّ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَوَاهِبَ الشِّفَاءِ؟ أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ يَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِالْأَلْسُنِ؟ أَلَعَلَّ الْجَمِيعَ يُتْرَجَمُونَ بِالْأَلْسُنِ؟

### انجيل القديس متى 10:16-25

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: «هَا أَنَا أُرْسِلُكُمْ كَالْخِرَافِ بَيْنَ الذَّنَابِ. فَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ كَالْحَيَّاتِ، وَوُدَعَاءَ كَالْحَمَامِ. إِحذَرُوا النَّاسَ! فَإِنَّهُمْ سَيَسْأَلُونَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَجَالِسِ، وَفِي مَجَامِعِهِمْ يَجْلِدُونَكُمْ. وَتُسَاقُونَ إِلَى الْوَلَاةِ وَالْمُلُوكِ مِنْ أَجْلِي، شَهَادَةً لَهُمْ وَلِلْأُمَّمِ. وَحِينَ يُسْأَلُونَكُمْ، لَا تَهْتَمُّوا كَيْفَ أَوْ بِمَاذَا تَتَكَلَّمُونَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ سَتُعْطُونَ فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ مَا تَتَكَلَّمُونَ بِهِ. فَلَسْتُمْ أَنْتُمْ الْمُتَكَلِّمِينَ، بَلْ رُوحُ أَبِيكُمْ هُوَ الْمُتَكَلِّمُ فِيكُمْ. وَسَيَسْأَلُ الْآخُ أَخَاهُ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ، وَالْأَبُ ابْنَهُ، وَيَتَمَرَّدُ الْأَوْلَادُ عَلَى وَالِدِيهِمْ وَيَقْتُلُونَهُمْ. وَيُبْغِضُكُمْ جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، وَمَنْ يَصْبِرُ إِلَى الْمُنْتَهَى يَخْلُصُ. وَإِذَا اضْطَهَدُوكُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الْمَدِينَةِ، أَهْرُبُوا إِلَى غَيْرِهَا. فَالْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: لَنْ تَبْلُغُوا آخَرَ مُدُنِ إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. لَيْسَ تَلْمِيزٌ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ مُعَلِّمِهِ، وَلَا عَبْدٌ مِنْ سَيِّدِهِ. حَسَبُ التَّلْمِيزِ أَنْ يَصِيرَ مِثْلَ مُعَلِّمِهِ، وَالْعَبْدُ مِثْلَ سَيِّدِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ سَيِّدُ الْبَيْتِ قَدْ سَمَّوَهُ بَعْلَ زَبُولٍ، فَكَمْ بِالْآخَرَى أَهْلُ بَيْتِهِ؟

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