

THE BEATIFICATION OF
Patriarch Elias Peter Howayek
JULY 25, 2026

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

10th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 25

*St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary
Acts 20:17-24,28,32,35/Mt 23:1-12*

4:00 pm Private Intention

Sunday, July 26

St. Bridget of Sweden

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am Private Intention

11:00 am Private Intention

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 1

*St. Shmouni and Her Seven Sons
Acts 22:30-23:11/Lk 12:10-12*

4:00 pm In Honor of Subdeacon Antoine & Hitaf Nammour, By Kozhaya & Lola Abou Khalil

Sunday, August 2

Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen, the First Martyr

8:00 am Private Intention

9:30 am 40 Day Memorial +Houda Bejjani, By her son, George Bejjani, his wife, Rita, & Family

+Checrallah Bistany, Wadih & Souraya Bistany, By Jeanne D'Arc Bistany & Family

11:00 am +Antoinette Salim Raad, By Nada Asmar
+Saria Geha, By her husband, Samih Geha & his Family

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

Monday, July 27

*St. Pantaleon (Asya)
Scts 21:1-14/Mt 23:13-15*

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, July 28

*The Third Council of Constantinople (681)
St. Anthusa/Bl. Stanley Rother
Acts 21:15-26/Mt 23:16-22*

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

Wednesday, July 29

*Ezekiel the Prophet/St. Martha, the Sister of Lazarus
Acts 21:27-28,30b-40a/Mt 23:23-26*

9:00 am In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Samir Daou

Thursday, July 30

*Sts. Abdon and Sennen/Bl. Solanus Casey
Acts 21:40-22:10/Lk 12:1-5*

9:00 am +Tony Waters, By Patricia Waters

Friday, July 31

*The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of St. Maron
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Acts 22:17-29/Lk 12:6-9*

NO LITURGY - OFFICE CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE

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

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.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Blessed Elias Hoayek: A Shepherd of Providence, Unity, and Hope

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday, the Maronite Church and the entire Lebanese nation will rejoice as Patriarch Elias Peter Hoayek is proclaimed Blessed. His beatification is more than an honor given to a great figure of the past; it is a reminder that holiness can be lived through courageous leadership, humble service, and faithful love for one's people.

Elias Hoayek was born in Helta, Lebanon, in 1843. He entered the seminary as a young man, continued his theological studies in Rome, and was ordained a priest in 1870. After returning to Lebanon, he served the Church as a teacher, patriarchal secretary, bishop, and eventually Maronite Patriarch of Antioch. In 1895, together with Mother Rosalie Nasr and Sister Stephanie Kardouche, he founded the Congregation of the Maronite Sisters of the Holy Family, recognizing the importance of education, family life, and the apostolic service of women in the Church. He was elected patriarch in 1899 and shepherded the Maronite Church until his death in 1931.

Patriarch Hoayek's holiness was revealed most clearly during suffering. During the First World War and the terrible famine that devastated Lebanon, he opened monasteries and convents to the hungry and displaced, without distinction of religion. He used the Church's resources—and even placed its property at risk—to feed those who were starving. He understood that a shepherd cannot remain comfortable while his people suffer. His pastoral authority was not based on titles or privilege, but on sacrifice, compassion, and responsibility.

He also defended Lebanon's freedom and dignity. At the Paris Peace Conference, he spoke on behalf of the Lebanese people and helped prepare the way for the proclamation of Greater Lebanon in 1920. Yet his patriotism was not narrow or divisive. He envisioned Lebanon as a homeland of coexistence, where Christians and Muslims could live together in freedom, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

The miracle officially recognized for his beatification occurred in 1965. Nayef Abou Assi, a Lebanese Army officer from the Druze community, suffered from chronic bilateral spondylolysis, a serious spinal condition. After dreaming of Patriarch Hoayek, he awoke completely healed. The fact that this grace was received by a person of another religious community beautifully reflects the patriarch's lifelong mission: God's mercy knows no boundaries.

Patriarch Hoayek was a man of prayer, evangelical poverty, dialogue, and profound trust in Divine Providence. He teaches us that holiness is not an escape from the world's problems. Holiness means entering those problems with faith, courage, and love. In him, devotion to God became devotion to people, and love of the Church became a commitment to protect human dignity in every person.

As we celebrate his beatification, let us ask ourselves: Do we notice the hungry, the lonely, and the suffering? Do we use our responsibilities to serve or to be served? Do we work for unity or deepen division? May Blessed Elias Hoayek intercede for Lebanon, for the Maronite Church, and for all of us, so that our faith may become courageous service and our love may become a source of hope.

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

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MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers

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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.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

07/19/2026

Candles	\$99.00
Sunday Collection	\$2,899.08
Fuel	\$195.00
Donations	\$10,000.00
	\$13,193.08

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.



SANCTUARY/EUCHARISTIC LAMPS

In Memory of Edmond Solomon,
By his Family

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of **Georges Michel Azar**, who passed away on July 17.

We express our sincere condolences to his family members.

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

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 25

4:00 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Stephen Pellerin

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb
(Ar) Sassine Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am - Mouna Hbaiterr

9:30 am - Meaghan Twing

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab
(Ar) George Saab

Call Amale Chantiri at 978-835-7382
or use this link:
<https://forms.gle/cfYsgKFznogd6UUM8>
to register your children.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

July 25: Naima El-Hachem, Morgan Georges, Margaret Goodwin, Moussa Haddad, Amanda Hayek, Joan Roy
July 26: Lola Ata, Kristen Chamoun, Marwan El Jamous
July 27: Elias BouHabib, Alison Puglisi, Samar Ramy
July 28: George Cherabie, Sarah Gemanos, Gabriel Hassan, Antoinette Jermany, Madison Khoury, Sharbel Korbani, Mireille Lalo, Tamara Naser, Winston Thompson
July 29: Charbel Dagher, Elias El-Achi, Christa Harb, Steven Khoury, Crista Pehl, Corey Sarkis
July 30: Helen Bassil, Lauren Crossley, Alexander Iskandar, Celestie Jbeily
July 31: Sharbel Azzi, Robert Chahine

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

July 25: Wayne & Kimberly Swanson
July 26: Elias & Samia Azzi, Elie & Michelle Daccach
July 27: Chaouki & Rosemary Bouchrouche
July 28: Fadi & Maggie Bouchrouche, Imad & Ghada Nassar, Joseph & Michelle Solomon
July 29: Elias & Vicky Abou Zeid, Roger & Cosette Zouein
July 30: Maroun & Leyla Saouma
July 31: Jean & Rachelle Abou Ezzi, George & Guila Atallah

The Parish Hall will be closed throughout the month of August for Mahrajan preparations.

Your cooperation is appreciated

BIBLE CAMP THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Bible Camp a wonderful success!

A special thank you to the ALAA for their generous sponsorship, which helped make this week possible for our children. We are also grateful to One Spot for generously donating a delicious pizza lunch that was enjoyed by all

Finally, we offer our sincere appreciation to the Maronite Sisters for sharing their time, faith, and dedication with our children throughout the week. Their love, patience, and commitment made a lasting impact on everyone who attended.

Thank you to all who supported, volunteered, and prayed for this ministry. May God abundantly bless each of you for your generosity and service.





MAHRAJAN 2026

Planning is underway for our Annual Lebanese Mahrajan, taking place Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 4, 5 & 6, 2026!

The Mahrajan Committee is inviting our parishioners, families, and friends to join us in making this year's festival another tremendous success. Your generosity, talents, and support are the heart of this beloved parish tradition.

MAHRAJAN RAFFLE

Our annual raffle tickets have been mailed. Make sure to check your mailbox. Thank you for your continued support. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

MAHRAJAN BASKETS

We welcome donations for our popular gift baskets. Whether you'd like to create a basket or simply donate items, our committee will gladly assemble them for you.

MAHRAJAN SPONSORS

Sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon. Please consider supporting our festival while promoting your business or honoring a loved one.

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS

Many hands make light work! Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the festival. Sign-up opportunities will be available soon - we'd love to have you join us!

Thank you for helping make Mahrajan 2026 a joyful celebration of our faith, family, culture, and community.

More exciting details are coming soon!

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS MAHRAJAN LEBANESE FESTIVAL

SINCE 1971 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND

2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Your sponsorship makes the Mahrajan possible and directly supports parish programs and youth initiatives. We invite your business or family to be part of this year's celebration.

BLACK DIAMOND	\$15,000+	DIAMOND	\$10,000+
- Premium printed banner displayed prominently throughout the festival. - Exclusive premier sponsor recognition. - All Diamond-level benefits included		- Prominent logo placement on digital screens & event banners - Verbal recognition during the festival, 4 dedicated social-media posts, and featured recognition in the Mahrajan digital slideshow. - Full-page ad in the Mahrajan eBook.	
PLATINUM	\$7,500+	- Prominent logo placement on digital screens, website, and promotional materials - Festival recognition, 2 dedicated social-media posts, and featured in the digital slideshow. - Half-page ad in the Mahrajan eBook.	
GOLD	\$5,000+	- Logo displayed on digital screens, website, and festival webpage. - Verbal recognition, featured digital slideshow recognition, 1 dedicated social media post. - Quarter-page ad in the Mahrajan eBook.	
SILVER	\$2,500+	- Logo displayed on digital screens, website, and festival webpage. - Featured recognition in the Mahrajan digital slideshow and social media. - Honorable mention in the Mahrajan eBook.	
BRONZE	\$1,000+	- Logo listed on the festival website with recognition in digital slideshow. - Social media recognition. - Honorable mention in the Mahrajan eBook.	
COPPER	\$750+	- Company name listed on the festival website. - Shared recognition in the Mahrajan digital slideshow. - Honorable mention in the Mahrajan eBook.	
CEDAR CIRCLE	\$250+	- Recognition name listed in the Mahrajan digital slideshow. - Name acknowledged in the Mahrajan eBook.	

Business / Sponsor Name

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PAYMENT METHOD:

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Make checks payable to:

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Mahrajan Sponsorship

Tax info: to be coordinated with the Church

LOGO & AD SUBMISSION

Email: mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org

Format: PDF . AI . EPS . SVG . PNG . JPG

Minimum resolution: 300 DPI

Deadline: August 15, 2026

Questions? Call 978-685-7233

The Tenth Sunday of Pentecost: Jesus and Beelzebul***2nd Book of Kings 1:2-8***

Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay injured; so he sent messengers, telling them, 'Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.' But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, 'Get up, go to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, "Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?" Now therefore, thus says the LORD, "You shall not leave the bed to which you have gone, but you shall surely die." ' So Elijah went. The messengers returned to the king, who said to them, 'Why have you returned?' They answered him, 'There came a man to meet us, who said to us, "Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him: Thus says the LORD: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not leave the bed to which you He said to them, 'What sort of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?' They answered him, 'A hairy man, with a leather belt around his waist.' He said, 'It is Elijah the Tishbite.'

A Reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:1-11

Brothers and Sisters, Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 12:22-32

Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. All the crowds were amazed and said, 'Can this be the Son of David?' But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons.' He knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. Therefore I tell you, people will be forgiven for every sin and blasphemy, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة : يسوع وبعل زبول

سفر الملوك الثاني 1, 2-8

سَقَطَ أَخْزِيَا مِنْ شُبَّانِكِ عَلَيْهِ فِي السَّامِرَةِ، وَمَرَضَ، فَأَرْسَلَ رَسُولًا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَمْضُوا وَاسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ، إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ، هَلْ أَشْفَى مِنْ مَرَضِي هَذَا؟». «فَخَاطَبَ مَلَاكُ الرَّبِّ إِيلِيَّا التَّشْبِيَّ قَائِلًا: «قُمْ فَأَصْعِدْ لِمُلَاقَاةِ رَسُولِ مَلِكِ السَّامِرَةِ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ: "أَلَعَلَّ لَيْسَ إِلَهٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى تَذْهَبُوا وَتَسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ؟" فَلِذَلِكَ هَكَذَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ: "إِنَّ السَّرِيرَ الَّذِي عَلَوْتَهُ لَا تَنْزِلُ عَنْهُ، بَلْ تَمُوتُ مَوْتًا". «فَمَضَى إِيلِيَّا. وَرَجَعَ الرَّسُولُ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لَمَّاذَا رَجَعْتُمْ؟» فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «إِنَّ رَجُلًا صَعِدَ لِمُلَاقَاتِنَا وَقَالَ لَنَا: "أَمْضُوا رَاجِعِينَ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَكُمْ وَقُولُوا لَهُ: هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ: أَلَعَلَّ لَيْسَ إِلَهٌ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى تَذْهَبُوا وَتَسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَالسَّرِيرَ الَّذِي عَلَوْتَهُ لَا تَنْزِلُ عَنْهُ، بَلْ تَمُوتُ مَوْتًا". «فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «مَا هِيَ هَيْئَةُ الرَّجُلِ الَّذِي صَعِدَ لِمُلَاقَاتِكُمْ وَخَاطَبَكُمْ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ؟» فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «رَجُلٌ عَلَيْهِ لِبَاسٌ مِنْ شَعْرِ وَعَلَى حَفْوِيهِ إِزَارٌ مِنْ جِلْدٍ». «فَقَالَ: «هُوَ إِيلِيَّا التَّشْبِيُّ»

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 12, 1-11

يَا إِخْوَتِي : أَمَّا فِي شَأْنِ الْمَوَاهِبِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، فَلَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَكُونُوا جَاهِلِينَ. تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُمْ، عِنْدَمَا كُنْتُمْ وَثَنِيِّينَ، كُنْتُمْ تَتَقَادُونَ مُنْجَرِّفِينَ إِلَى الْأَوْثَانِ الْبُكْمِ. لِذَلِكَ أُعْلِنُ لَكُمْ أَنَّهُ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَنْطِقُ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ، وَيُمْكِنُهُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ مَحْرُوم!»؛ وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَقُولَ: «يَسُوعُ رَبٌّ!» إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. إِنَّ الْمَوَاهِبَ الرُّوحِيَّةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ وَاحِدَ؛ وَالخِدْمَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ الرَّبَّ وَاحِدَ؛ وَالْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيرَةَ عَلَى أَنْوَاعٍ، لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ وَاحِدَ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِي الْجَمِيعِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَكُلُّ وَاحِدٍ يُعْطَى مَوْهَبَةً يَتَجَلَّى الرُّوحُ فِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِ الْخَيْرِ الْعَامِ. فَوَاحِدٌ يُعْطَى بِالرُّوحِ كَلَامَ الْحِكْمَةِ، وَآخَرُ كَلَامَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ، وَفَقًّا لِلرُّوحِ عَيْنُهُ؛ وَآخَرُ الْإِيمَانَ فِي الرُّوحِ عَيْنُهُ؛ وَآخَرُ مَوَاهِبِ الشِّفَاءِ فِي الرُّوحِ الْوَاحِدِ؛ وَآخَرُ الْأَعْمَالَ الْقَدِيرَةَ، وَآخَرُ النُّبُوءَةِ، وَآخَرُ تَمْيِيزِ الْأَرْوَاحِ، وَآخَرُ أَنْوَاعِ الْأَلْسُنِ، وَآخَرُ تَرْجَمَةِ الْأَلْسُنِ. كُلُّ هَذَا يَعْمَلُهُ الرُّوحُ الْوَاحِدُ عَيْنُهُ، مُوزِّعًا لِكُلِّ وَاحِدٍ مَوَاهِبَهُ كَمَا يَشَاءُ.

إنجيل القديس متى 12, 22-32

حِينَئِذٍ قَدَّمُوا إِلَى يَسُوعَ مَمْسُوسًا أَعْمَى وَآخَرَسَ، فَشَفَاهُ، حَتَّى تَكَلَّمَ وَأَبْصَرَ. فَدَهَشَ الْجُمُوعُ كُلُّهُمْ وَقَالُوا: «لَعَلَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ دَاوُدَ؟». «وَسَمِعَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ لَا يُخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ إِلَّا بِبَعْلِ زَبُولَ، رَئِيسِ الشَّيَاطِينِ». «وَعَلِمَ يَسُوعُ أَفْكَارَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «كُلُّ مَمْلَكَةٍ تَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهَا تَخْرُبُ، وَكُلُّ مَدِينَةٍ أَوْ بَيْتٍ يَنْقَسِمُ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ لَا يَثْبُتُ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخْرِجُ الشَّيْطَانَ، يَكُونُ قَدْ أَنْقَسَمَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ، فَكَيْفَ تَثْبُتُ مَمْلَكَتُهُ؟ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِبَعْلِ زَبُولَ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ يَمَنْ يُخْرِجُونَهُمْ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ سَيَحْكُمُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ. أَمَّا إِنْ كُنْتُ أَنَا بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ أَخْرِجُ الشَّيَاطِينَ، فَقَدْ وَافَاكُمْ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ. أَمْ كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ أَحَدٌ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ بَيْتَ الْقَوِيِّ وَيَنْهَبَ أَمْتِعَتَهُ، إِنْ لَمْ يَرْبُطِ الْقَوِيُّ أَوَّلًا، وَحِينَئِذٍ يَنْهَبُ بَيْتَهُ؟ مَنْ لَيْسَ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ عَلَيَّ. وَمَنْ لَا يَجْمَعُ مَعِيَ فَهُوَ يُبَدِّدُ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ خَطِيئَةٍ سَتُغْفَرُ لِلنَّاسِ، وَكُلُّ تَجْدِيفٍ، أَمَّا التَّجْدِيفُ عَلَى الرُّوحِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ. مَنْ قَالَ كَلِمَةً عَلَى ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سَيُغْفَرُ لَهُ. أَمَّا مَنْ قَالَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ فَلَنْ يُغْفَرَ لَهُ، لَا فِي هَذَا الدَّهْرِ، وَلَا فِي الْآتِي.

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