

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed & loved by St Anthony's Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship.

PARISH OFFICE: ... 978.685.7233 ... FAX: 978-688-4475 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

FRI 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SAT By Appointment

MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael ... 305-807-9087

... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy

857-390-4838

... pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,

James T. Demers & David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

DAILY LITURGIES 9am

MON & WED (Arabic)

TUE & THU (English)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4:00PM (Eng)

SUN 8:00AM (Ara)

9:00AM (Eng)

11:00AM (Eng. & Ara)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM



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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.

LITURGIES INTENTIONS **Fifth Sunday of the Resurrection: Peter Receives his Ministry**

الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة : يسوع يسلم الرعاية لبطرس

SIXTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION

Saturday, May 13 (English) *Our Lady of Fatima*

4:00pm + Michael McCarron, *By Evelyn Saliba Caron.*

+Fred & Rose Breehey, Mcarmy Syiek, Rasheedy Milan, Agnes Forsley, & Meralda McCann, *By Karen Breehey.*

Sunday, May 14 *Sts. Boniface & Aglae*

8:00 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased.

9:00 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased

11:00 am In Honor of all Mothers, Living & Deceased

Daily Liturgies

Monday, May 15 (Ar.) *Our Lady of the Harvest*

Heb 7:1-7 / Mk 3:31-4:9

9:00am 1st Anniversary - +Baby Leo Alexander, *By his parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun, Big Brother, Lucas, & Family.*

Tuesday, May 16 (En.) *St. Gennadius*

Phil 1:12-20 / Jn 11:17-31

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

Wednesday, May 17 (Ar.) **Ascension of Our Lord**

Phil 4:1-7/ Jn 11:32-46

7:00pm +Boutros Daou, *By Samir & Leila Daou.*

Thursday, May 18 (En.) **Ascension of Our Lord**

2 Kings 2:1, 8-13/ Acts 1:1-14 /Mt 16:15-20

9:00am +Alexandrine Bejjani, *By Lily Bijjani & Family.*

9:30am -12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, May 19 *St. Philoterus & St Cyriaca*

NO LITURGY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Saturday, May 20 (English) *St Thalaleus*

4:00pm 1st Anniversary For: +Larry Kalil, *by his wife, Linda, Children & Family*

Knights of the Altar - Promotional Liturgy

Sunday, May 21 *St. Constantine & St. Helen*

8:00 am +Private Intentions

9:00 am + Charles Tarness, *By his wife, Georgette, children, & grandchildren*

11:00 am 1st Anniversary - +Baby Leo Alexander, *By his parents, Danny & Chantale Maroun, Big Brother, Lucas, & Family.*

+Phillip Bistany, *By Ferris & Linda Nasser.*

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Catholic Communications Campaign- May 21

Sanctuary Lamps

In Memory of Larry Kalil,

by his wife, Linda, Children & Family.

In Memory of Deceased Family

Members of Larry Kalil,

by Linda Kalil.

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/


PLEASE NOTE:

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

Clergy Day Off

Fr Elie: Mondays / Fr. Neemtallah's : Wednesdays

TOTUS TUUS مخلصي لك



Join "our Lady of Lebanon Sodality" every Wednesday, during the month of May, to pray the Rosary (Arabic & English) at 6 pm St Anthony, Lawrence, Ma, 01841

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..." (Luke 1,46)

قَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ: " تُعَظِّمُ نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ، وَتَبْتَهِجُ رُوحِي بِاللَّهِ مَخْلُصِي " (لوقا 1:46)

Blessed Mothers' Day!

MARY,
HOLY MOTHER
PRAY for US!



HOW MUCH IS 5%?

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|---------------|--------|---------|---------|
| WEEKLY INCOME | \$150. | \$200. | \$300. |
| OFFERING | \$7.50 | \$10.00 | \$15.00 |

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| \$400. | \$500. | \$700. | \$800. | \$900. |
| \$20.00 | \$25.00 | \$35.00 | \$40.00 | \$45.00 |

St. Anthony Church • Lawrence, MA

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| PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT | \$ | \$100 | \$50 | \$25 | \$20 | \$15 | \$10 |
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Please mark the amount of your offering to insure proper credit.

Dear Parishioners

Be an active member of the building and growth of our community. The Lord commands His people to tithe, to donate, so that our hearts will not be attached to the riches of the world *where moth and rust destroy.*

Here is a breakdown of donations based on individual income....

Let your charity be at the measure of His Love to us on the Cross



If absent, PLEASE MAIL YOU CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saturday, May 13th

All Religious Ed students are invited to attend 4:00pm Mass with their teachers. Following the Mass will be a Year End Celebration with Knights of Mary. Pizza, cookies and a drinks will be served!

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

-Guest Speaker - Sun. May 21, 5-7:30 PM

-End of Year Celebration - Sun. June 4

(More info to come)

Thank YOU for your Support!!
The MYO Members held a Breakfast Fundraiser, and with your help, raised **\$1,353.00.**



Full Calendar of events visit:
stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

LOL BIBLE CAMP 2023

3rd Annual LOL Bible Camp

Wednesday July 12th – Saturday July 15th

10:00 AM till 2:00 PM

Registration is open: *until June 25th, 2023.*

This camp is open to ages 5 through 12.

Volunteers are needed must be from ages 13 and up. Register through this link

<https://forms.gle/yWrrQ6bvF645F7bw9>

Payments can be made to “Saint Anthony’s Maronite church either Venmo, cash or check.” The cost per child is \$50, this includes snacks and lunch.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Colette Sadek at 617-512-9959 or email cocosadek@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF LEBANON SODALITY

Throughout the Month of May, we will be praying the *Rosary prior to the 11AM Liturgy on Sunday at 10:30AM and every Wednesday at 6PM.* Please join us as we pray together, honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary.

BIBLE STUDY

ARABIC SESSION: Tues. May 16 at 7PM

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Saturday, May 13: Final session of the season

Calendar: www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sign up today to serve on the Altar! Application and full Altar Server Schedule can be found at:

stanthonylawrence.org/kinghts-of-the-altar-calendar/

MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS -

MYA - Ages 18-35

MYA Registration is open to new members.

Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965

DABKE PRACTICE- AGES 6-12

Mahrajan Dabke practice will begin on the dates below. The kids dabke group will consist of ages 6 -12. We do ask that if a child is participating in Dabke and would like to perform at the Mahrajan, they **CANNOT have more than three absences throughout the summer.** *Please be mindful and respectful of the dedicated time the volunteers and children put in to prepare for this performance.*

The dates are below for our sessions:

Fridays 4:00 – 5:00 pm

- Friday, May 19th
- Friday, June 2nd
- Friday, June 9th
- Friday, June 16th
- Friday, June 23rd
- Friday, June 30th

July and August dates will follow.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

The family of the late Detective Sergeant, **Gene Hatem**.

We express our condolences to his Wife, Daughters, and Siblings, along with their Spouses and Families.

May he rest in peace and his memories be eternal.

FIRST BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Sabrina Sahyouni & Matthew Strizeck

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed at St Anthony:

George Anthony Saab
Son of Boutros & Linda Saab

Christian St Jean
Son of Nathaniel & Lindsey St Jean

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16



How do parishioners sign up for FORMED with a parish account?

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code/ Postal Code. Click on your parish.
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

Please NOTE: We no longer use custom URLs or Parish Codes. The only thing you need is your parish's Zip Code.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13- 4PM-
Therese Cherabie/Thomas Sader

Sunday, May 14 - 8AM - Hitaf Nammour
9AM - Meaghan Twing
11:00AM - Eng: Mary Saab / Ar: George Saab

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20 - 4PM - Joey Safi

Sunday, May 21- 8AM- Huguette Sfeir
9AM - Mike Faris
11:00AM - Eng: Marcel Saade
Ar: Marie-Christine Daou

Do you play a Musical Instrument

Ride along with Maestro Loubnen Khalil

If you are interested in participating in an orchestra directed by the Violin Master, Loubnen Khalil, kindly fill out the short form Below and drop it in the collection basket or send your information to our office email @

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Name:

Best Contact:

Instrument:

Years of Playing or learning:

St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church: FOOD FESTIVAL

June 3- 12PM-12AM / June 4- 12PM-10PM

Saint George Celebrates 75th Anniversary Hafli

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Lebanese Dinner with Middle Eastern Entertainment
Featuring George Malouf & his band

7:00pm to 11 pm
Cash Bar
Face painting for kids
(note: Meza served at 7:30pm and Dinner served at 8:30pm)



Hellenic Center
219 Long Hill Road, Dover, NH

Admission **\$60.00** Adults
\$30.00 Kids under 12
No tickets sold at door
Call Cheryl Butler for Tickets and to Reserve a Table (603) 767-1416

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2023 NATIONAL MYO CONFERENCE
JUNE 27 - JULY 1

REGISTRATION
\$385 BY APRIL 1
\$400 AFTER APRIL 1

WALSH UNIVERSITY
NORTH CANTON, OHIO

12-18 y.o. REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
WWW.MARONITEYOUTH.ORG

WELCOME TO
PROVIDENCE, RI

58TH NATIONAL
MARONITE CONVENTION

JULY 5 - 9
2023

Hosted by St. Anthony of the Desert Church
Sponsored by The National Apostolate of Maronites
namnews.org

OMNI HOTEL PROVIDENCE

\$189/night

The Omni Hotel is located in the heart of downtown at 1 W. Exchange St., Providence, RI. 02903. For reservations call 1-402-952-6646 and ask for the National Maronite convention room block or visit www.omnihotels.com/hotels/providence/meetings/nam-national-convention-2023-07022023. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, June 12, 2023.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

ENTERTAINMENT

HAFLI DINNER FOLLOWED BY TALENTED
AMIN SULTAN
& LOCAL TALENT FROM
ST. ANTHONY OF THE DESERT
EVAN MASSOUD &
THE KHOURY FAMILY

THURSDAY, JULY 6

ENTERTAINMENT

PLATED DINNER FOLLOWED BY
WORLD-RENOWNED SINGER
ABEER NEHME
& VOCALIST CHRISTINE LATTOUF

SATURDAY, JULY 8

ENTERTAINMENT

GRAND BANQUET FEATURING
INTERNATIONAL
LEBANESE SUPERSTARS
GEORGE & ABEER NEHME

BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

Religious Education

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/>

Maronite Youth Organization –MYO

<https://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

Knights of Mary –KOM

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/>

Knights of the Altars

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/>

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

DINNER GALA

**Saturday
May 27, 2023**

**Doors Open at 7:00 pm
Dinner at 8:00 pm
\$75 per person**

St. Basil's Salvatorian Center
30 East Street, Methuen, MA

RSVP: Wissam (978) 853-5145
· Khattar (603) 401-4436
· Donna (603) 401-6420

Special Guest Appearance by
Violin Master Lebnen Khalil

Proceeds will support the ministries of our beloved
Basilian Salvatorian Order as they serve the people across Lebanon

Dinner, DJ, Door Prize, and Raffles



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- May 13:** Tatiana Daher
- May 14:** Marta Abdou, Roanne El-Hachem, Jean Mazraani, Marcus Mouawad, Joey Safi, Christopher Safi, Elias Yammine,
- May 15:** Raymond Germanos, Yola Nammour, Mireille Tabet
- May 16:** Edward Hatem, Ethan Homsey, Christine Kattar, Louise Martin, Carine Sadek
- May 17:** Walid Awad, Michelle Martino
- May 18:** Nicholas Abdilmasih, Diane Feghali, Rita Geha, Mona Khoder, Michael Naddif, Lara Ramey
- May 19:** Chirine Atallah, Marwan Dahbour, Jenny El-Helou, Stephen El Tabchi, Caleb Hassan, Jesse Plouffe, Irah Roderiguez

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 13:** Ibrahim & Soline Geha,
- May 15:** Michael & Rosemarie Davis
- May 16:** Jonathan & Meaghan Harvey, John & Maria Zaarour,
- May 17:** Kamal & Mireille Azzi
- May 18:** Brian & Karri Houry
- May 19:** Moussa & Minerva Haddad,

St Anthony's Cemetery

Grave Purchase & Burial

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (*During Office Hours*) **978-685-7233**
Email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org
or Visit: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/.

Please note: Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

DONATE A TREE-IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

Plant-A-Tree A— For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque displayed for ten years.

Plant-A-Tree B—For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at **978.685.7233** or

email us at: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

TREE OF LIFE

BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

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

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Sixth Sunday of the Resurrection: Appearance to the 12

Book of Deuteronomy 31,1-9.

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. The LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. The LORD will give them over to you and you shall deal with them in full accord with the command that I have given to you. 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.

Letter 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 للرسل في العلية

سفر الاشترع 31: 1-3، 6-9

وَمَضَى مُوسَى وَكَلَّمَ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلَّهُ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَنَا الْيَوْمَ ابْنُ مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً، فَلَمْ أَعُدْ أَسْتَطِيعُ الْخُرُوجَ وَالذُّخُولَ، قَدْ قَالَ لِي الرَّبُّ: إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَعْبَرَ هَذَا الْأَرْضَ. فَالرَّبُّ الْهَكَ يَعْبرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يُبِيدُ تِلْكَ الْأُمَّةَ مِنْ أَمَامِكَ فَتَرْتَهَا، وَيَشُوعُ هُوَ يَعْبرُ أَمَامَكَ، كَمَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ. فَتَشَدَّدُوا وَتَسَجَّعُوا وَلَا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَرْتَعِدُوا أَمَامَهَا، فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ الْهَكَ هُوَ السَّائِرُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمَلُكَ وَلَا يَنْزُكَكَ. «ثُمَّ دَعَا مُوسَى يَشُوعَ، وَقَالَ لَهُ أَمَامَ عُيُونِ إِسْرَائِيلَ كُلَّهُ: «تَشَدَّدْ وَتَسَجَّعْ، فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ تُدْخِلُ هَذَا الشَّعْبَ الْأَرْضَ الَّتِي أَقْسَمَ الرَّبُّ لِأَبَائِهِمْ أَنْ يُعْطِيَهُمْ إِيَّاهَا، وَأَنْتَ تُورِثُهُمْ إِيَّاهَا. وَالرَّبُّ هُوَ السَّائِرُ أَمَامَكَ، وَهُوَ يَكُونُ مَعَكَ وَلَا يُهْمَلُكَ وَلَا يَنْزُكَكَ، فَلَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَفْرَعْ. «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 بُغْيَةَ قَلْبِي وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَى اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لِيَخْلُصُوا. فَأَنَا أَشْهَدُ لَهُمْ أَنَّ فِيهِمْ غَيْرَةَ لِلَّهِ، وَلَكِنْ بِدُونِ مَعْرِفَةٍ صَاحِبَةٍ. فَقَدْ جَهَلُوا بِرَّ اللَّهِ، وَحَاوَلُوا أَنْ يُنْبِئُوا 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 الْهَالِيَةِ؟»، 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، وَقَفَّ يَسُوعُ فِي وَسْطِهِمْ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ! «فَارْتَاعُوا، وَأَسْتَوْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ الْخَوْفُ، وَكَانُوا يَطُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ يُشَاهِدُونَ رُوحًا. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «مَا بِالْكُمْ مُضْطَرِبِينَ؟ 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 وَأَرَاهُمْ يَدَيْهِ وَرِجْلَيْهِ. وَإِذْ كَانُوا بَعْدَ غَيْرِ مُصَدِّقِينَ مِنَ الْفَرَحِ، وَمُتَعَجِّبِينَ، 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 بَعْدَ مَعَكُمْ. كَانَ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَتِمَّ كُلُّ مَا كُتِبَ عَنِّي فِي تَوْرَةِ مُوسَى، وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمَزَامِيرِ. «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 الْأُمَّمِ، إِبْتِدَاءً مِنْ أُورَشَلِيمَ. وَأَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

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