



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

Sunday, November 19, 2017

الأحد، 19 تشرين الثاني 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

LITURGIES

Daily Liturgies:

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

Sacraments of

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Sacrament of

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday &

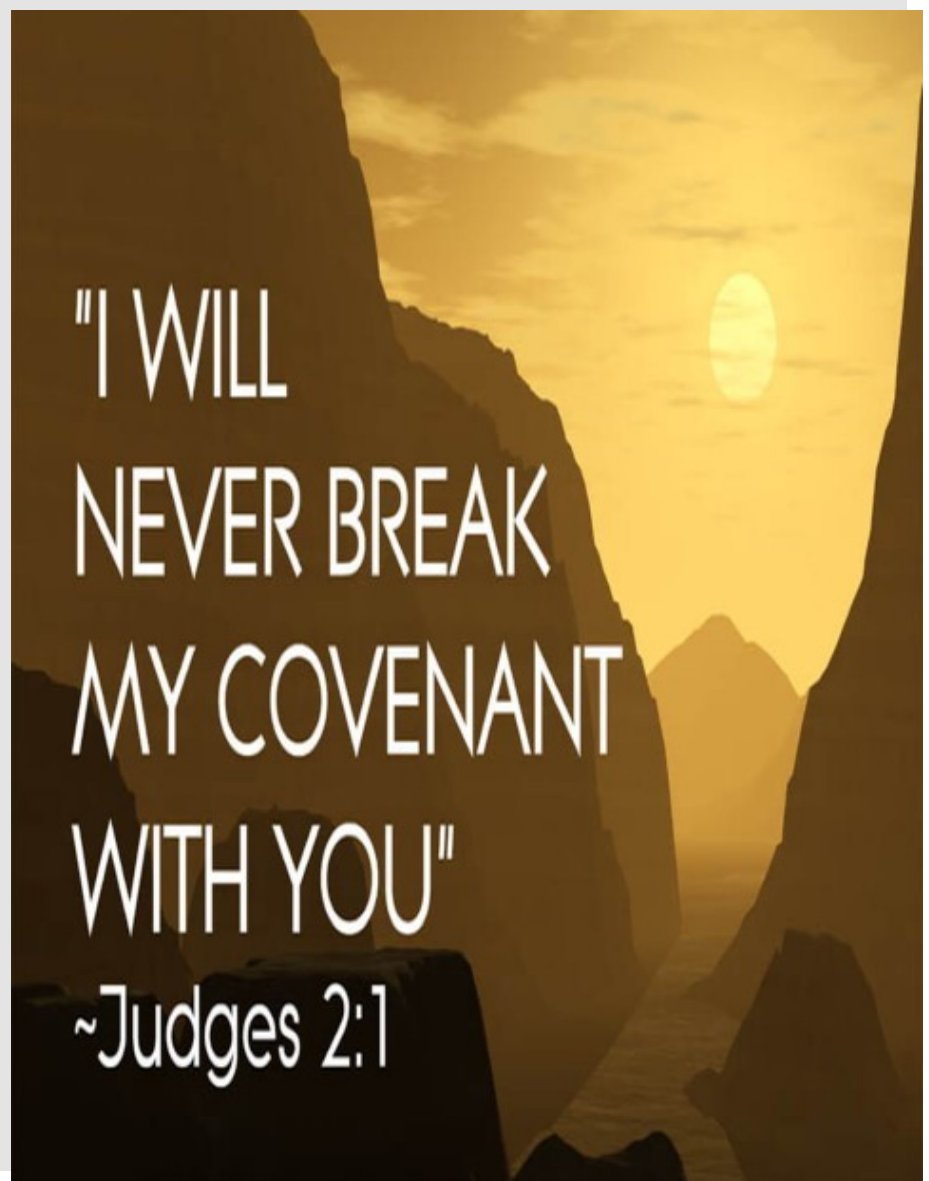
Saturday Liturgies,

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

BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA



Liturgies Intentions

Announcement to Zechariah

أحد بشارة زكريا

Saturday, November 18	4:00 PM	For: +Edmond Solomon, By the Pastor.
Sunday, November 19	8:30AM	For: + Joseph Bousanayah and Fadia Chickhani, By Mr. and Mrs. Tony Namour and Family.
	9:30AM	For the souls of Jennie and Toufi Ferris, By their children and families.
	11:30 AM	For: + George, Zeidan, and Helen Ata, and Salwa Geha, By their children and their loving families. For: 40 Day Anniversary- Elias Feghali, By the Family.

Meet our staff:

Clergy

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Sub-Deacon Nadim B. Daou

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Parish Ministries

- ◆ Religious Education
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- ◆ Publishing: Bulletin
bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org
- ◆ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
 - ◆ Kids Choir
 - ◆ Knights of the Altar
 - ◆ Knights of Mary
 - ◆ Maronite Youth : MYO
 - ◆ Maronite Young Adults
(Coming Soon)
 - ◆ Bereavement Ministry
 - ◆ Cenacle of the Rosary
(Thursdays @ 6PM)
 - ◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy
(Sundays Before the Liturgies)
 - ◆ Sacristan (s)

Week of Announcement to Zechariah

أسبوع بشارة زكريا

Monday, November 20 @ 9 AM	For+ the souls of Catherine and Geoffrey O'Connell, By their loving daughter.
Tuesday, November 21 @ 7 PM	<i>Presentation of the Virgin Mary</i> Private Intentions.
Wednesday, November 22 9AM, <i>St Cecilia, M</i>	<i>12 Noon –Office Closed</i> Private Intentions
Thursday, November 23 @ 7PM	HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, November 24	Office Closed

Announcement to Virgin Mary

أحد بشارة مريم

Saturday, November 25	4:00 PM	For: 40 Day Anniversary– Adele Najjar By her family.
Sunday, November 26	8:30AM	For Good Health of Edith Charest By the Pastor
	9:30AM	For:+ Nancy and Joseph Azzi, By Cheryl Coury.
	11:30 AM	For:+ Said Boutros and Chafica Azzi, Joseph and Nancy Azzi, By Pierre and Elham Azzi and their Family.

We've launched our new website and we're excited to introduce you to our new look

www.stanthonylawrence.org



Is now available in association with

 myEoffering

www.stanthonylawrence.org

WHAT IS myEoffering?

myEoffering is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products. We chose to use myEoffering because they are part of a trusted, Christian family-owned company, who have been serving the needs of churches for nearly 100 years. Their product is solid, secure, easy, and convenient.

WHY SHOULD I USE myEoffering?

Many of you already pay for most of your purchases electronically, whether online or with a credit or debit card. So we have decided to offer this service as a convenience to you - you can stop writing checks or having to remember to bring cash every Sunday. Simply log in to our service and set up your offering. You can set the donations to match your pay periods, and even send your one-time donations to the special offerings we may have from time-to-time. This new service allows you to give any amount, at any time, from home or on the road, with your computer or even your mobile device. Now you can control how and when you give your tithes.

HOW DOES IT HELP?

Online giving is the future. In the lifetime of our young people, we will see electronic payments overshadow traditional methods of paper payments. In order to position ourselves to continue doing the work of God in the future and to make it as convenient as possible to be a cheerful giver to God's work, we have decided to offer online giving to you. In addition to easier access to giving and more engagement with young stewards, online offering has many benefits for the church. It allows us to more easily track contributions for budgeting. It saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week. It saves us from large fees on check processing and allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Signing up is as simple as going to our church website listed above and look for the green computer mouse icon. That button will take you to the myEoffering page for our church. Simply sign up and begin giving online today! Or scan the code to the right with your mobile device to get started now.



SCAN THIS
CODE WITH
YOUR MOBILE
DEVICE NOW



PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education - Sunday School

Great job to all the grade 7 & 8 students that participated in the liturgy this past weekend. What a marvelous example you all set as the young adults of our CCD program.

A reminder that due the Thanksgiving there will be no CCD next Sunday November 26. We encourage you to continue to help your children with the Christmas Carols they are learning for the upcoming pageant.

On behalf of the CCD program we like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Enjoy this time with your family.

Please help support our Knights of Columbus by having your child create a poster for their upcoming poster contest. Deadline to turn in posters is December 10.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

MYO SCHEDULE 2017-2018

- ◆ December 1st - Faith Formation
- ◆ December 17th - MYO Christmas Party

Old and new members are encouraged to attend, Grades 9-12~Dates are Subject to change~

KNIGHTS OF MARY SCHEDULE

All Events run from 5PM - 7PM

After 4PM Liturgy

Dates are Subject to change



2017 - 2018
December 2 Christmas Recital
December 17
January 6
January 20

K of M Children's Choir



Practices will be held from

5:00PM - 6:30PM

November 18th, January 13

Christmas Poinsettias

Saint Anthony's Church invites you to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for Christmas "In Honor" or "In Memory" of special loved ones.

Donation is \$15.00 per plant. The deadline to order is

Tuesday, December 19th.

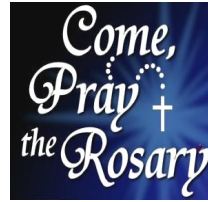
Donation forms will be in the upcoming Bulletin.



Meet and Greet
Launching our
first MYA
get together



Saturday, November 25th
@ 5:30 PM



Rosary Group
Every Wednesday @ 6PM

صلاة المسبحة الوردية
الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة
السادسة مساء

Bible Study

everyone is welcome

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7 PM - ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 7PM - ARABIC

مواعيد السهرات الأنجيلية:

باللغة الأنكليزية: الثلاثاء 28 تشرين الثاني الساعة 7 مساء.

باللغة العربية: الأربعاء 29 تشرين الثاني الساعة 7 مساء.



We share the happiness and rejoice with Dalia and Rony Fakhry, on the birth of their new baby boy, Andreas. Our warm

wishes are extended to their families and loved ones. May the Heavenly Father keep these precious gifts in His loving care.

On Behalf of St Anthony Parish, we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to:

- ◆ Selim and Rita Matta, for the loss of his mother, Madlin Saliba Matta, who passed away in Lebanon.
- ◆ Elie and Kathleen Rahme, for the loss of his brother, Father George Rahme (*Antonine Order*), who passed away in Lebanon.

May they rest in peace and their loved ones be comforted.

الراحة الأبدية أعطيهم يا رب.
ونورك الأزلي فليضي لهم.

Christmas Liturgical & Social Celebrations

Ladies

Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 10th
@ 4 PM



Tickets are on sale Contact:
Lori Corey @ 978-273-3594
Mounira Daher @ 603-235-0801

Men's Christmas Party!
Friday December 8, 2017

Tickets are now on sale. Contact
Rodney Pica @ 603.489.8363 or
Jason Azzi @ 413.364.3333 or
Peter Sarkis @ 603-303-3165
To purchase your ticket

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, December 23rd - 4 PM

Sunday, December 24th

- ◆ 11:30 AM, English & Arabic

Christmas Novena - تساعية ألياميلاد

- ◆ DECEMBER 15-23 Following the Divine Liturgy

Christmas Liturgies - قدايس عيد ألياميلاد المجديد

Sunday, December 24th

- ◆ 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy - English
- ◆ 12AM - MIDNIGHT-English & Arabic

Monday, December 25th

- ◆ 10:00 AM - Arabic
- ◆ 11:30 AM, English & Arabic

New Year's Weekend - قدايس عيد راس ألسنة المجديدة

Saturday, December 30th - 4PM

Sunday, December 31st

- ◆ 8:30 AM, Arabic
- ◆ 9:30 AM, English
- ◆ 11:30 AM, English & Arabic

Monday, January 1, 2018 - 5 PM Liturgy.

تساعية ألياميلاد:

تبدأ ليلة 15 كانون الأول و تنتهي في 23 كانون الأول

قدايس عيد ألياميلاد المجديد

الأحد 24 كانون الأول: 4 مساء باللغة الأنكليزية

قدايس نصف الليل: باللغة العربية و الأنكليزية

قدايس يوم العيد, الأثنين 25 كانون الأول:

10:00 صباحاً: باللغة العربية

11:30 صباحاً: باللغة العربية و الأنكليزية

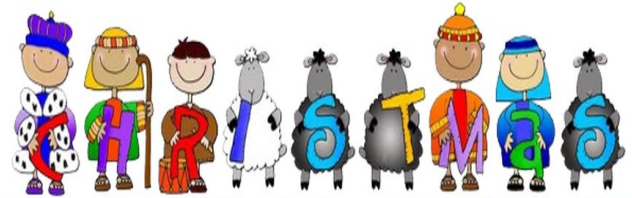
قدايس عيد راس ألسنة المجديدة

الأثنين 1 كانون الثاني: ألساعة 5 مساء

JOIN US FOR A
Christmas CONCERT
& SING ALONG

Featuring
St Anthony Choirs, The Children Choirs
Along with
St Augustine & St Bernard Bellarmine Choirs

Saturday December 2 @ 6PM
Reception to Follow - Parish Hall



PAGANT

Sunday, December 17th-9:30 AM Liturgy

Giving Tree Angels will be in the
foyer starting the weekend
of the 18th.

All gifts MUST be UNWRAPPED
and the angel should be attached to the gift. All gifts
need to be brought to the church for collection on
Sunday, December 10th.

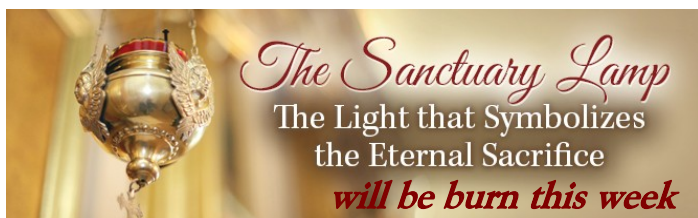


TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

November 12, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,953.00
Candles	\$ 135.00
Fuel	\$ 480.00
Second Collection	\$ 534.00
Total Deposit	\$ 4,102.00



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Light that Symbolizes the Eternal Sacrifice

will be burn this week

Left Sanctuary Lamp

*In Loving Memory of Father George Rahme
Offered by the Pastor.*

Right Sanctuary Lamp

*In Loving Memory of Father George Rahme
Offered by the Pastor.*

Guidelines:

Baptismal Guidelines: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines & Registration Form

Marriage Guidelines: (Check our Website)

- ◆ Guidelines & Check List Forms

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

- ◆ Contract Form (Check our Website)
- ◆ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:
 1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)
 2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners (with contribution history)
 3. Security Deposit \$250 (Returned after the event, if no Damages)
 4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS ~ NOVEMBER 2017 CHRISTIANS IN ASIA



That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

ALTAR SERVERS

Date	Time	Altar Servers
Saturday, November 18	4:00 PM	Fadi Chahine Youssef Chahine
Sunday, November 19	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, November 19	9:30 AM	Jason Demers Joseph Safi
Sunday, November 19 11:30 AM		Anthony Chaya, Christopher Bou Saada Elias Azzi, Rudy Bouraphael

Date	Time	Altar Servers
Saturday, November 25	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, November 26	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, November 26	9:30 AM	Max Sheehan Thomas Demers
Sunday, November 26 11:30 AM		Anthony Chamoun, Anthony ElHachem George ElHachem, Giorgio Abounasr



Lectors

Date	Time	Lectors
Saturday, November 18	4:00 PM	Alexa Ata
Sunday, November 19	8:30 AM	Maroun Nassar
Sunday, November 19	9:30 AM	Elaine Ferris
Sunday, November 19 11:30 AM		English: Marie Charabati Arabic: Claudine Raad

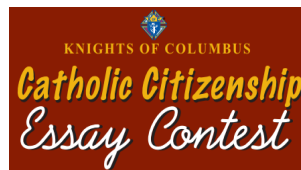
Date	Time	Lectors
Saturday, November 25	4:00 PM	Katie Abraham
Sunday, November 26	8:30 AM	Hitaf Nammour
Sunday, November 26	9:30 AM	Elaine Brousseau
Sunday, November 26 11:30 AM		English: Elias Azzi Arabic: Ajia Elia



News from Around the Way...

ST ANTHONY MYO GROUP REACHING OUT IN THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING TO PARISHIONERS AT MI NURSING HOME!!!


We are grateful for our pioneers for their great love and devotion to St Anthony



Knights of Columbus are hosting a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for Grades 8-12. Knights of Mary 8th Graders and all MYO are participating. This contest is also available to those who are not in these organizations. Please refer to the bulletin board in the foyer, there will be a poster and a packet for you to take. Submission are due on **November 26th**. For more information they can contact Christian Hbaiter at 978-857-4815.

The CCD 2nd Grade Class wishes our Parishioners at MI Nursing Home a Happy Thanksgiving!!!





Committee on International Justice and Peace
 3211 FOURTH STREET NE • WASHINGTON DC 20017-1194 • 202-541-3160
 WEBSITE: WWW.USCCB.ORG/JPHD • FAX 202-541-3339

October 4, 2017

Your Eminence/Excellency,

In July, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of our Conference, and I announced the designation of **Sunday, November 26**, as **A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians** that initiates "Solidarity in Suffering," a Week of Awareness and Education. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a fitting time to reflect on religious freedom and persecution.


USCCB is collaborating with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Relief Services, CNEWA and Aid to the Church in Need on this project. I wanted simply to update you on resources that are now available to assist your parishes, schools and campus ministries in observing this Day of Prayer and Week of Awareness. These **resources** are available on the following webpage: www.usccb.org/middle-east-Christians

- Homily Notes
- Intercessions
- Recommended Aid Agencies
- Prayer Card (in English and Spanish)
- Background on Catholic Churches in the Middle East
- Background on Christians of the Middle East
- Logos for Local Use (in English and Spanish)

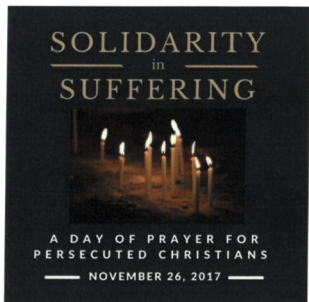
In addition, Catholic schools and parish religious education programs will also have access to educational materials produced in conjunction with "In RESPONSE to PERSECUTION: Findings of the Under Caesar's Sword Project on Global Christian Communities," produced by Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture, the Religious Freedom Institute, and Aid to the Church in Need. These resources are also linked from the above page. For social media, we are using the hashtag: #SolidarityInSuffering.

As our Conference has said, "To focus attention on the plight of Christians and other minorities is not to ignore the suffering of others. Rather, by focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all."

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Oscar Cantú
 Bishop of Las Cruces
 Chairman, Committee on International Justice and Peace



#SolidarityInSuffering

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسليه بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الوارثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدى للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الوارثون، لكي تكون الوراثه هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً للأمم كثيرة». «فإبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً للأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». «ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مائت، وأن حساً سارة قد مات. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجدد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برأ. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برأ»، بل كتب أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برأ، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

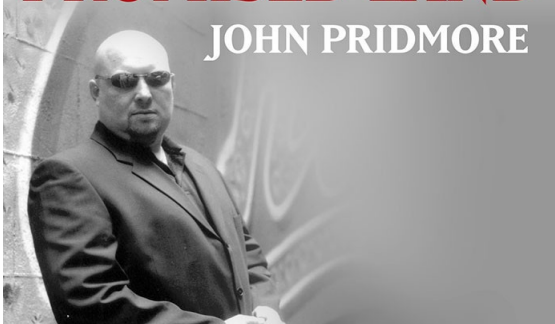
GANGLAND to PROMISED LAND

JOHN PRIDMORE

Gangland to Promised Land

One Man's Journey from the Criminal Underworld to Christ. John Pridmore

He was a serious "face" in London's East End. His Jackets were tailored to hold his machete and knuckledusters. His drug deals made him wealthy. Then something extraordinary happened . . . John Pridmore spoke at the 2008 World Youth Day and on EWTN about what Christ has done in his life. His powerful story has inspired hundreds of thousands to grow in their faith.



Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

بما أن كثيرين أخذوا يترتبون رواية للأحداث التي تمت عندنا، كما سلمها إلينا من كانوا منذ البدء شهود عيان للكلمة، ثم صاروا خداماً لها، رأيت أنا أيضاً، أيها الشريف تيوفيل، أن أكتبها لك بحسب ترتيبها، بعدما تتبعتها كلها، منذ بدايتها، تتبعا دقيقا، لكي تتيقن صحة الكلام الذي وعظت به.

كان في أيام هيرودس، ملك اليهودية، كاهن اسمه زكريا، من فرقة آبيا، له امرأة من بنات هارون اسمها إيصابات. وكانا كلاهما بارين أمام الله، سالكين في جميع وصايا الرب وأحكامه بلا لوم. وما كان لهما ولد، لأن إيصابات كانت عاقرا، وكانا كلاهما قد طعنا في أيامهما. وفيما كان زكريا يقوم بالخدمة الكهنوتية أمام الله، في أثناء نوبة فرقة، أصابته الفرعة، بحسب عادة الكهوت، ليدخل مقدس هيكل الرب ويحرق البخور. وكان كل جمهور الشعب يصلي في الخارج، في أثناء إحراق البخور. وتراءى ملاك الرب لزكريا واقفا من عن يمين مذبح البخور، فأضطرب زكريا حين رآه، وأستولى عليه الخوف. فقال له الملاك: «لا تخف، يا زكريا، فقد استجيب طلبك، وأمرتك إيصابات ستلد لك ابنا، فسمه يوحنا. ويكون لك فرح وأبتهاج، ويفرح بمولده كثيرون، لأنه سيكون عظيما في نظر الرب، لا يشرب خمرا ولا مسكرا، ويمتلئ من الروح القدس وهو بعد في حشا أمه. ويرد كثيرين من بني إسرائيل إلى الرب إلههم. ويسير أمام الرب بروح إيليا وقوته، ليرد قلوب الآباء إلى الأبناء، والعصاة إلى حكمة الأبرار، فيهيئ للرب شعبا معدا خيرا إعدادا.» فقال زكريا للملاك: «بماذا أعرف هذا؟ فإني أنا شيخ، وأمرأتي قد طعنت في أيامها!». فأجاب الملاك وقال له: «أنا هو جبرائيل الواقف في حضرة الله، وقد أرسلت لأكلمك وأبشرك بهذا. وها أنت تكون صامتا، لا تقدر أن تتكلم، حتى اليوم الذي يحدث فيه ذلك، لأنك لم تؤمن بكلامي الذي سببته في أوانه.» وكان الشعب ينتظر زكريا، ويتعجب من إبطائه في مقدس الهيكل. ولما خرج زكريا، لم يكن قادرا أن يكلمهم، فأدركوا أنه رأى رؤيا في المقدس، وكان يشير إليهم بالإشارة، وبقي أبكم. ولما تمت أيام خدمته، مضى إلى بيته. وبعد تلك الأيام، حملت امرأته إيصابات، وكنمت أمرها خمسة أشهر، وهي تقول: هكذا صنع الرب إليّ، في الأيام التي نظر إليّ فيها، ليزيل العار عني من بين الناس!.