



St. Anthony

Maronite Catholic Church

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية



OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9AM-2PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

Phone: 978.685.7233

Fax: 978.688.4475

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



LITURGIES

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Daily Liturgies

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday: Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

Sunday Liturgies:

9:00 AM - English

11:00 AM - English & Arabic

Holy days of obligation

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM



SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory ASAP.

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

زمن العنصرة - Season of Pentecost



Summer Motivational Theme
Dive Deep Into Your Faith



Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA

Saint Anthony Maronite Church Presents

44th ANNUAL

MAHRAJAN - Lebanese Festival

Featuring Live Entertainment:
Folkloric Dance and Belly Dancing

Homemade Lebanese
Cuisine & Pastries

Raffles, Hookah, & Souvenirs
Children Games & Activities

Labor Day Weekend

Friday 8/31 from 6pm - 12am
DJ & Ensemble

Saturday 9/1 from 5pm - 12am
Doris Farhat & Ensemble

Sunday 9/2 from 12pm - 12am
Chadi Naddaf & Ensemble

**FREE
ENTRY**



PARKING
AVAILABLE



Meet Our Staff

Pastor: Fr. Elie Mikhael

305.807.9087

✉ pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

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Fr. Jbrael Moussallem

412.616.4144

✉ pv@stanthonylawrence.org

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Parish Secretary Pat McKeever

Parish Ministries

♦ Religious Education

✉ ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

♦ Publishing: Bulletin

✉ bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

♦ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

♦ Kids Choir

♦ Knights of the Altar

♦ Knights of Mary

✉ kom@stanthonylawrence.org

♦ Maronite Youth : MYO

✉ myo@stanthonylawrence.org

♦ Maronite Young Adults

♦ Bereavement Ministry

♦ Cenacle of the Rosary

(Wednesdays @ 6PM)

♦ Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

♦ Sacristan (s)

Divine Liturgies Intentions

13th Sunday of Pentecost

الأحد الثالث عشر من العنصرة

Saturday, August 11 @ 4:00 PM:

• First Anniversary For: +Dennis Harb,

By his brother, Joseph, his wife, Theresa, and Family.

Sunday, August 12 @ 9:00 AM:

• First Anniversary For: +Anastasia Navaretta

• 3rd Year Anniversary For: +Julia Hassan

By the Hassan Family.

Sunday, August 12 @ 11:00 AM:

• For: +Private Intentions.

13th Week Pentecost

الأسبوع الثالث عشر من العنصرة

Monday, August 13 @ 9 AM - Saint Clair

• For: + Private Intentions.

Tuesday, August 14 @ 7 PM -

• Vigil Liturgy - Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15 @ 9 AM-

• Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 16 @ 9 AM - Saint Roukoz

• For: Special Intention.

Friday, August 17: No Liturgy

14th Sunday of Pentecost

الأحد الرابع عشر من العنصرة

Saturday, August 18 @ 4:00 PM:

• For: +Youssef Hajj Moussa, George Hajj Moussa,
and George Haddad,

By Richard and Yolla Haddad and Family

Sunday, August 19 @ 9:00 AM:

• In Honor of Dr. George Abou Ezzi, *By his Family.*

Sunday, August 19 @ 11:00 AM:

• Forty Day Anniversary For: +Elein Youssef Aziz,

By her brother, Sleiman Aziz.

The Sanctuary Lamp
The Light that Symbolizes
the Eternal Sacrifice

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
The Shibel Family.

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of
The Zraket Family.

POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS

August 2018 - Universal- The Treasure of Families – That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

44TH ANNUAL LEBANESE MAHRAJAN



VOLUNTEER!!!!

Make CHANGE happen VOLUNTEER !!!

Help Needed:

- ✓ Kitchen & Food Preparation
- ✓ Cooking & Serving Line
- ✓ Sweets & Sandwiches
- ✓ Raffle, Set Ups & Cleaning

*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

Mahrajan Cooking Schedule

- ♦ **Thursday August 16 from 10AM to 2PM**
Stuffed grape leaves
- ♦ **Wednesday August 29 starting at 6PM**
Shish Kabob and chicken kabob preparation
- ♦ **Thursday, August 30 starting at 6PM**
Kafta Preparation
- ♦ **Friday, August 31 starting at 10AM**
Vegetables and bread preparation

Anytime you can spare to help would be appreciated.
Should you have any questions or concerns please
contact Raghida Ramey:

By emailing: ragramey@comcast.net
Or calling after 4:00PM at 978-397-6720

Become a Sponsor

We appeal to you for your generosity towards our 44th Annual Mahrajan. Show your support through sponsorship. More details on Page 5 .

Raffle Tickets are out

By now, many of you have received two (2) books of 5 Raffle Tickets at \$5.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for the book. Take a moment to support this Raffle by purchasing one book and offering the second book your neighbor or your friends. This is one way to become an active participant of the Mahrajan, our largest fundraiser of the year.

Checks can be made payable to "St. Anthony Maronite Church", Memo: Raffle. In the event you need more tickets, feel free to contact the church office at 978-685-7233. If your neighbor does not wish to participate, kindly ask that you mail back the extra to the church.

Dabke Troupe

For more information, practice dates and times,
call or text Carla Khoder @ 978-697-1725 or
e-mail @ stanthonydabketroupe@gmail.com

Mahrajan Basket

I am happy to announce that I am available to make a basket for you in your chosen price range to donate for our Mahrajan Festival on Labor Day weekend August 31st thru September 2nd. Please place all orders by August 12th. "Baskets" may also be items such as gift certificates or popular electronic devices. I am in need of new ideas for basket themes and welcome any suggestions.

I can be reached at (978) 273-0693 to answer any questions or take orders. All donations should be delivered to the rectory during office hours by August 30th. It has only been with your support and generosity that the basket raffle has become more successful each year.

Thank you and God Bless you all. *Dianne Dewan*

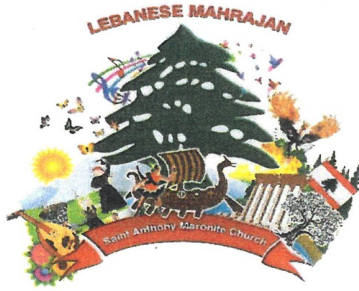
Pastries' Baking Schedule

- ♦ **Monday August 13 starting @ 9 AM**
- ♦ **Saturday August 18 starting @ 10 AM**
- ♦ **Saturday, August 25 starting @ 10 AM**

All help is appreciated.

For any questions or concerns please contact:
Bassima Aboujaoude @ 603-571-3003

Become a Sponsor of our 44th Annual Mahrajan -
Please fill out the form below and drop it in our Collection Basket
or send by mail to St. Anthony Lawrence/ 145 Amesbury Street / Lawrence MA 01841



St Anthony Maronite Church
44TH Annual Mahrajan
August 31, September 1 & 2, 2018

Donation/Sponsorship Form

Company/Organization Name: _____

Website: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Donation Description: _____

Value: _____

Sponsorship Levels

- ☐ Gold -\$2,500
 - Digital Marketing During the three days period of the Mahrajan (*Automation Advertisement*)
 - Four Food Voucher Tickets (Value up to \$100)
 - Name/Company Featured on Weekly Bulletin, Church Event Webpage—
www.stanthonylawrence.org , St. Anthony's Family & Friends Facebook Page, and other Social Medias
- ☐ Silver-\$1,500
 - Digital Marketing During the three days period of the Mahrajan (*Automation Advertisement*)
 - Two Food Voucher Tickets (Value up to \$50)
 - Name/Company Featured on Weekly Bulletin, Church Event Webpage—
www.stanthonylawrence.org , St. Anthony's Family & Friends Facebook Page, and other Social Medias
- ☐ Bronze-\$750
 - Digital Marketing During the three days period of the Mahrajan (*Automation Advertisement*)
 - Name/Company Featured on Weekly Bulletin.

In Memory or In Honor of: _____

(Please Check your donation option and Write the name of your loved ones above)

☐ Full Page Ad -\$500

☐ Half Page Ad -\$250

☐ 1/4 Page Ad -\$125

Maximum width of 120 pixels for best image or minimum of 300 JPG. E-mail logo/photo file to
mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org

Please make checks payable to St. Anthony's Church Tax ID # 04-2178891

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Monthly Operational Expenses - July 2017

Income	
Church Hall Income	
Church Hall Cleaning	100.00
Total Church Hall Income	100.00
Liturgical Music	250.00
Bank Fee Reversal	150.00
Candles / Other Devotional Item	524.01
Miscellaneous (SPECIFY)	55.68
Parking Lot Donations	2,700.00
Sunday Coffee Hour	111.00
Total Auxiliary Receipts	3,540.69
Donations from Individuals	1,650.00
Donations In Memory of...	45.00
Donations to Church for Baptism	200.00
Funeral Clergy Stipend	400.00
Funeral Donation to Church	475.00
Total Other Extraordinary (SPECIFY)	0.00
Total Extraordinary Income	2,770.00
Ordinary Income	
Regular Collections	
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	10,096.22
Total Income	16,756.91
Expense	
Employee Health Insurance	420.00
Furniture & Equipment	826.96
Household	
Household Supplies	292.26
Table Expenses	790.40
Total Household	1,082.66
Insurance on Personal Belonging	12.75
Salaries	
Clergy	1,900.00
Housekeeping	260.00
Office Work	400.00
Organist / Singers	650.00
Parochial Vicar Salary	1,700.00
Secretarial	2,200.00
Total Salaries	7,110.00
Other Ordinary	
Books, Periodicals & Subscript	923.04
NAM Convention	684.02
Maintenance & Repairs	
Cleaning	1,000.00
Software Maintenance	2.15
Waste Management	157.71
Total Maintenance & Repairs	1,159.86
Seminarian Assistance	45.75
Utilities	
Cellular Phone	100.79
Cable / Satellite TV	335.36
Electric	1,806.44
Fuel or Gas	167.51
Total Utilities	2,410.10
Total Other Ordinary	5,222.77
Parish Office Administration	
Advertising & Public Relations	147.51
Auto Expenses (Gas, Ins., etc.)	604.34
Copier (new lease)	167.45
Office Supplies	645.88
Postage	87.95
Printing	128.00
Telephone & Internet Service	388.12
Total Parish Office Administration	2,169.25
Parish Programs	
Knights of the Altar	542.22
Sunday Coffee Hour	45.00
Total Parish Programs	587.22
Payroll Expenses	168.30
Total Expense	17,599.91
	-843.00

TITHES & OFFERINGS - August 5, 2018

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 2,573.00
Candles	\$ 121.00
Donations – Masses	\$ 270.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Total Deposit	\$ 3,064.00

Keep your church with you on your summer Break! Contribute to Our Parish Growth.

Apply Online:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>



Or scan this code with your mobile device to get started!



St. Anthony Church

Sign up today at our church website: www.stanthonylawrence.org

Membership Registration

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>

Online Donation

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

Upcoming Events

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>

Monthly Calendar:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>

PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education

Registration 2018-2019

Registrations are open throughout the summer. Please continue to check your email and the bulletin for any information regarding religious education.

On behalf of Religious Education, we wish you a safe and fun summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of Columbus

Monthly meeting Tuesday, August 14th @ 7PM

MYO - Registration

MYO Registration will be the weekends of September 8th, 9th & September 15th & 16th

Knights of Mary - Registration

Knights of Mary Registration will be the weekends of September 8th, 9th & September 15th & 16th

Condolences

We join the Parish in offering our condolences to the family of the late:

♦ **Checrallah "Chick" Bistany,**

Our Sympathies are expressed to his wife, Jeanne, children and their families.

May he rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted.



St. Joe's Registration Open

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School is accepting preschool to grade 8 applications for the '18/'19 school year. Tours are available throughout the summer, by appointment. Come learn about the many benefits of a Catholic school education including our low student/teacher ratio. Ask about the CSF scholarship for transfer students. Questions? **Contact Christine Latino** at clatino@sjrcs.com or [603-893-6811](tel:603-893-6811) x 19.

KINDLY READ CAREFULLY ALL SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

Baptism & Confirmation: (Check our Website)

Guidelines :

stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/

Registration :

stanthonylawrence.org/online-registration-form/

Sacrament of Marriage: (Check our Website)

Guidelines :

stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines-2/

FOCCUS: stanthonylawrence.org/foccus/

Pre-Cana: stanthonylawrence.org/pre-cana/

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Usage Donations:

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/banquet-hall/>

Burial Guidelines

Burial Charges and Fees: (Check our Website)

<http://stanthonylawrence.org/charges-and-fees/>

Lot Sales: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>

FREE ADMISSION!

MAHRAJAN
MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL

AUGUST 17-19

GEORGE MAALOUF & BAND • ANDREW KEEDY ENSEMBLE
DANCING • HOOKAH RENTALS • LAMB KABOBS
GRAPE LEAVES • SHAWARMA • PASTRIES •
MIDDLE EASTERN GOODS • KID'S GAMES & PETTING ZOO •
CHURCH TOURS

www.bestfestnh.com

***George Maalouf will be performing Friday and Saturday Evening
Andrew Keedy Ensemble will be performing Sunday***

OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS CHURCH
140 MITCHELL STREET
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

13th Sunday of Pentecost: Parable of the Sower

1 Corinthians 3:1-11

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة: مثل الزارع

كورنثس 3:1-11

أَنَا، لَمْ أَسْتَطِعْ أَنْ أَكَلِّمَكُم كَأَناسٍ رُوحَانِيَّينَ بَلْ كَأَناسٍ جَسَدِيَّينَ، كَأَطْفَالٍ فِي الْمَسِيحِ. قَدْ غَذَوْتُكُمْ بِالْحَلِيبِ لَا بِالطَّعَامِ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمْ تَكُونُوا بَعْدَ قَادِرِينَ، وَلَا حَتَّى الْآنَ أَنْتُمْ قَادِرُونَ. فَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَزَالُونَ أَنَاسًا جَسَدِيَّينَ: فَمَا دَامَ بَيْنَكُمْ حَسَدٌ وَخِصَامٌ، أَفَلَا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيَّينَ، وَسُلُوكًا جَسَدِيًّا تَسْلُكُونَ؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ أَحَدُكُمْ يَقُولُ: أَنَا لِبُولُسَ! وَآخَرُ: أَنَا لِأَبُولُسَ! أَفَلَا تَكُونُونَ جَسَدِيَّينَ؟ فَمَا هُوَ أَبُولُسُ؟ وَمَا هُوَ بُولُسُ؟ هُمَا خَادِمَانِ أَمَنْتُمْ عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمَا، عَلَى قَدَرٍ مَا أَعْطَى الرَّبُّ كُلًّا مِنْهُمَا. أَنَا عَرَسْتُ، وَأَبُولُسُ سَقَى، وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الَّذِي كَانَ يُنْمِي. فَلَا الْغَارِسُ بِشَيْءٍ وَلَا السَّاقِي، بَلِ اللَّهُ الَّذِي يُنْمِي! لَكِنَّ الْغَارِسَ وَالسَّاقِي وَاحِدٌ، وَكُلُّ مِنْهُمَا يَأْخُذُ أَجْرَهُ عَلَى قَدَرِ تَعَبِهِ. فَتَحْنُ مُعَاوَنَاتِ لِلَّهِ، وَأَنْتُمْ حَقْلُ اللَّهِ وَبِنَاءُ اللَّهِ. وَأَنَا بِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي، وَضَعْتُ الْأَسَاسَ كَبْنَاءٍ حَكِيمٍ، لَكِنَّ آخَرَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ: فَلْيَنْظُرْ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ كَيْفَ يَبْنِي عَلَيْهِ! فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يُمَكِّنُهُ أَنْ يَضَعَ أُسَاسًا آخَرَ غَيْرَ الْأَسَاسِ الْمَوْضُوعِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ.

SAVE THE DATE

Maronite Young Adult Evening with
Bishop Gregory Mansour



Friday
September 7
at 6:30pm

EVENING SCHEDULE

6:30pm Divine Liturgy
7:15pm Dinner & Icebreaker
8pm Discussion led by
Bishop Gregory
8:45pm Q&A
9pm Dessert
9:30pm Concluding remarks
9:45pm Social time

THEME
**Friendship,
Dating and
Self-giving Love**

Saint Theresa's Church,
343 Main Street
Brockton MA 02301

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Church Parish Code: N3CCNK

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Episode 11: The Assumption

How Much Do You
Know About Mary's
Assumption?

Celebrate Mary's Assumption into Heaven with this beautiful and engaging episode by Scott Hahn's St. Paul Center. Discover the rich Scriptural foundations for the Church's teaching on Mary's Assumption, and grow in love for Our Blessed Mother in the process!

Watch on formed.org



"My devotion to Mary is forever transformed!"

—Michelle R.

13th Sunday of Pentecost: Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:1-15

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.' As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة: مثل الزارع

لوقا 8:1-15

أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ يَطُوفُ الْمُدُنَ وَالْقُرَى، يُنَادِي وَيُبَشِّرُ بِمَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ، وَمَعَهُ اثْنَا عَشَرَ، وَبَعْضُ النِّسَاءِ اللَّوَاتِي شَفَاهُنَّ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ شَرِيرَةٍ وَأَمْرَاضٍ، هُنَّ: مَرْيَمُ الْمَدْعُونَةُ بِالْمَجْدَلِيَّةِ، الَّتِي كَانَ قَدْ خَرَجَ مِنْهَا سَبْعَةُ شَيَاطِينٍ، وَحَنَّةُ امْرَأَةِ خُوزَى وَكِيلِ هِيرُودُسَ، وَسُوسَنَةُ، وَغَيْرُهُنَّ كَثِيرَاتٌ كُنَّ يَبْذُلْنَ مِنْ أَمْوَالِهِنَّ فِي خِدْمَتِهِمْ. وَلَمَّا اخْتَسَدَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ، وَأَقْبَلَ النَّاسُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ، خَاطَبَهُمْ بِمَثَلٍ: «خَرَجَ الزَّارِعُ لِيَزْرَعَ زَرْعَهُ. وَفِيمَا هُوَ يَزْرَعُ، وَقَعَ بَعْضُ الْحَبِّ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ، فَدَاسَتْهُ الْأَقْدَامُ، وَأَكَلَتْهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ، وَمَا إِنَّ نَبَتَ حَتَّى يَبْسَ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ رُطُوبَةٌ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي وَسْطِ الشُّوكِ، وَنَبَتَ الشُّوكُ مَعَهُ فَخَنَّقَهُ. وَوَقَعَ بَعْضُهُ الْآخَرَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الصَّالِحَةِ، وَنَبَتَ فَأَثْمَرَ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ. قَالَ يَسُوعُ هَذَا، وَنَادَى: «مَنْ لَهُ أُذُنَانِ سَامِعَتَانِ فَلْيَسْمَعْ!» «وَسَأَلَهُ تَلَامِيذُهُ: «مَا ثَرَاهُ يَعْنِي هَذَا الْمَثَلُ؟». فَقَالَ: «قَدْ أُعْطِيَ لَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَنْ تَعْرِفُوا أَسْرَارَ مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ. أَمَّا الْبَاقُونَ فَأَكْلِمُهُمْ بِالْأَمْثَالِ، لِكَيْ يَنْظُرُوا فَلَا يُبْصِرُوا، وَيَسْمَعُوا فَلَا يَفْهَمُوا. وَهَذَا هُوَ مَعْنَى الْمَثَلِ: الزَّرْعُ هُوَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ، ثُمَّ يَأْتِي إِبْلِيسُ فَيَنْزِعُ الْكَلِمَةَ مِنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ، لِئَلَّا يُؤْمِنُوا فَيَخْلُصُوا. وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى الصَّخْرَةِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ وَيَقْبَلُونَهَا بِفَرَحٍ؛ هُوَ لَا أَصْلَ لَهُمْ، فَهُمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَى حِينٍ، وَفِي وَقْتِ التَّجَرُّبَةِ يَتَرَاجِعُونَ. وَالَّذِي وَقَعَ فِي الشُّوكِ هُمُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ وَيَمْضُونَ، فَتَخَنَّقُهُمُ الْهُمُومُ وَالْغِنَى وَمَلَذَاتُ الْحَيَاةِ، فَلَا يَنْضِجُ لَهُمْ ثَمَرٌ. أَمَّا الَّذِي وَقَعَ فِي الْأَرْضِ الْجَيِّدَةِ فَهُمْ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَ الْكَلِمَةَ بِقَلْبٍ جَيِّدٍ صَالِحٍ فَيَحْفَظُونَهَا، وَيَتَبَثُّونَ فَيُثْمِرُونَ.

LECTORS

Saturday, August 11 @ 4:00 PM: Christine Ryan
Sunday, August 12

9:00 AM Michael Faris

11:00 AM English: Marie Charabati

Arabic: Charbel Cherfane

Saturday, August 18 @ 4:00 PM: Joel Habib
Sunday, August 19

9:00 AM Jean Sarkis

11:00 AM English: Raghida Ramey

Arabic: Claudine Raad

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