



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

Season of Pentecost - زمن العنصرة

44TH ANNUAL

LEBANESE MAHRAJAN



Summer Motivational Theme

Dive Deep Into Your Faith



Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA

## Meet Our Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. Elie Mikhael

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**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

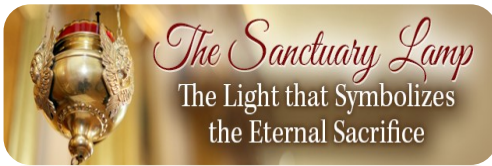
◆ Cenacle of the Rosary

(Wednesdays @ 6PM)

◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

◆ Sacristan (s)



*The Sanctuary Lamp*

The Light that Symbolizes  
the Eternal Sacrifice

### Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
*In Honor of the Mahrajan workers,  
donors, benefactors and volunteers.*

### Left Sanctuary Lamp

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## Divine Liturgies Intentions

### 16th Sunday of Pentecost

الأحد السادس عشر من العنصرة

**Saturday, September 1 @ 4:00 PM:**

• For: First Anniversary +Edward A. Foley,

*By his wife, Jean, and Family*

• For: First Anniversary +Denis J. Murphy

*By his wife, Noreen, and Family.*

**Sunday, September 2 @ 10:00 AM:**

• For: The intention and well-being of the Mahrajan workers,  
donors, benefactors, and volunteers.

### 16th Week Pentecost

الأسبوع السادس عشر من العنصرة

**Monday, September 3 - Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 4 @ 9 AM**

• For: Well Being & Recuperation of Hugette Sfeir, *By her family.*

**Wednesday, September 5 @ 9 AM**

• For: the Good health of May and Scotti Gabriel, *By the Pastor.*

**Thursday, September 6 @ 9 AM**

• For: Ray Pallala, *By the Pastor.*

**Friday, September 7: No Liturgy**

## FALL LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

الأحد ارتفاع ألسليب المقدس

**Saturday, September 8 @ 4:00 PM:**

• First Anniversary for: +Mary V. Faris,

*By her loving Faris and Solomon Family.*

**Sunday, September 9 @ 8:15 AM:**

• For: Private Intentions.

**Sunday, September 9 @ 9:30 AM:**

• Forty Day Anniversary For: +Rita Chory, *By the Family.*

**Sunday, September 9 @ 11:30 AM:**

• Forty Day Anniversary For: +Farha Salameh,

*By her son, Milad Salameh, and Family.*

• For: +Salwa Abou Khalil, *By her daughter, Rita, and her Family.*

**POPE PRAYER INTENTIONS - September 2018 - Universal - Young People in Africa -**  
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Monthly Operational Expenses - August 2017

Income	
Church Hall Rental	610.00
Candles / Other Devotional Item	365.00
Interest & Dividends	27.04
Miscellaneous (SPECIFY)	244.51
Parking Lot Donations	8,900.00
Sunday Coffee Hour	52.00
<b>Total Auxiliary Receipts</b>	<b>9,588.55</b>
Burial / Opening & Closing	1,950.00
Donations from Individuals - Other	1,015.00
Donations In Memory of...	1,370.00
Donations to Church for Baptism	400.00
Funeral Donation to Church	550.00
Cemetery Plot Purchase	700.00
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>5,985.00</b>
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	7,965.25
Religious Education Income	75.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24,223.80</b>
Expense	
Insurance - Disability	200.00
Insurance - Medical	3,600.00
Employee Health Insurance	525.00
Medical Reimbursements	43.19
Pension Plan Contr to Eparchy	1,000.00
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>5,368.19</b>
Furniture & Equipment	3,200.12
Major Repairs/Renovat. - Church	543.30
Opening & Closing Grave Expense	2,200.00
<b>Total Extraordinary Expenditures</b>	<b>5,943.42</b>
Household Supplies	176.84
Insurance on Personal Belonging	15.50
Salaries	
Clergy Help	300.00
Housekeeping	260.00
Office Work	500.00
Organist / Singers	625.00
Secretarial	2,750.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>4,435.00</b>
Books, Periodicals & Subscript	101.13
Eparchial Assessment	5,000.00
Funeral Donation to Priest	200.00
Janitorial Supplies	96.80
Cemetery Ground Maintenance	1,200.00
Church Grounds Maintenance	2,300.00
Cleaning	1,350.00
Software Maintenance	2.15
Waste Management	156.95
<b>Total Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>	<b>5,009.20</b>
Religious Supplies: Candles	706.00
Seminarian Assistance	500.00
Sewer & Water Assessment	110.88
Utilities	
Cellular Phone	113.19
Cable / Satellite TV	333.65
Electric	2,410.35
Fuel or Gas	133.42
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>2,990.61</b>
Parish Office Administration	
Advertising & Public Relations	250.00
Auto Expenses (Gas, Ins., etc.)	99.00
Copier (new lease)	167.45
Office Supplies	284.90
Postage	3.95
Printing	140.32
<b>Total Parish Office Administration</b>	<b>945.62</b>
Payroll Expenses	210.38
Reimbursable Expenses	25.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>31,834.47</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-7,610.67</b>

TITHES & OFFERINGS - August 26, 2018

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 2,624.00
Candles	\$ 63.00
Assumption Feast Day	\$ 5.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,692.00</b>

Second Collection- September 9, 2018  
 Catholic University of America  
 (Our own Seminarians are benefitting from the collection by receiving %50 discount in tuition)

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](http://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.

Online Registration:

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

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](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org).*

**Classes Resume September 16th**

### 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

### Saints Novena

St Theresa Little Flower Novena  
Starting Wednesday September 19th @ 6:30PM

### Knights of Columbus News

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 11th @ 7 PM

### Banns of Marriage

First Banns of Marriage are announced for :

\* *Julianne Maroun and Ross Jefferson*

### Congratulations - New Baby

We join with the parish family of Saint Anthony in offering our sincere congratulations to Bob and Maya Faris for the birth of their new baby girl:

\* **Emma Catherine Faris**

Our warm wishes to their families and loved ones. May the Heavenly Father keep her in His loving care.

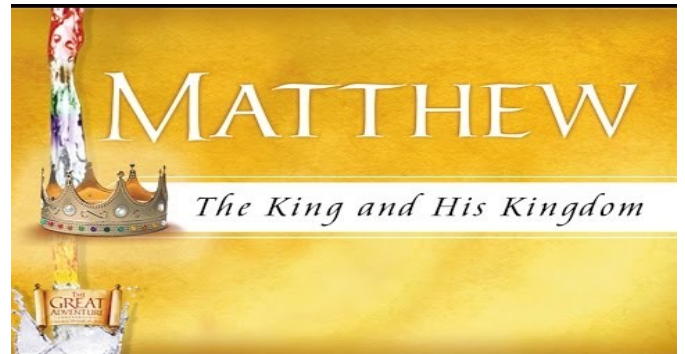
### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday, Starting September 13



### Bible Study

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Wednesday  
Starting October 9th and 10th



### FALL LITURGY SCHEDULE:

**Beginning Sunday, September 9th**

**Weekday Liturgies:**

*Monday, Wednesday 9 AM*

*Tuesday, Thursday 7 PM*

**Saturdays : 4 PM Vigil Liturgy**

**Sundays:**

*8:15 AM - Arabic*

*9:30 AM English*

*11:30 AM Arabic & English*

**Incensory Donated by:  
Mr. Victor Azzi—Thank You**





## MAHRAJAN HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ **BASKETS RAFFLE** - Try your luck with the numerous baskets being raffled
  - ◆ Show your dance moves with the **Live Entertainment** under the tent
  - ◆ Satisfy your hunger with the various **food** choices prepared fresh to order
- ◆ Sweeten your palate with the many choices of home-made **PASTRIES**
  - ◆ Occupy the kids with the **FREE Activities and Games** provided
  - ◆ Keep an eye out for the Folkloric **Dabke Troupe** performance
- ◆ Stop at the **Souvenirs booth** - check out the different items from Lebanon
- ◆ Visit the **Media Booth** proudly sponsored by the MYO

*Bring your families and friends, as we welcome all, from far and near to join us in the fun and excitement of our 44th Annual Mahrajan!!!*

### KINDLY READ CAREFULLY ALL SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

**Baptism & Confirmation:** (Check our Website)

**Guidelines :**

[stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines/)

**Registration :**

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

**Sacrament of Marriage:** (Check our Website)

**Guidelines :**

[stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines-2/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/guidelines-2/)

**FOCCUS:** [stanthonylawrence.org/foccus/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/foccus/)

**Pre-Cana:** [stanthonylawrence.org/pre-cana/](http://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/>

### HOW TO RESPOND by Ronald Rolheiser

Sometimes all you can do is to put your mouth to the dust and wait. That's a counsel from the *Book of Lamentations* and while perhaps not the best response to the recent revelations of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up in the Roman Catholic Church, it seems the only helpful response available to me as Roman Catholic priest today. Beyond prayer, I've been hesitant to respond otherwise to this current situation for *three* reasons.

My first hesitation has to do with the seeming futility of yet another apology and breast-beating. Since the report on sexual abuse and clerical cover-up was released in Pennsylvania a few weeks back, there have been apologies issued by virtually every diocese, every parish, and every priest in America, including one from the Pope himself. While these apologies have been almost universally sincere, non-defensive, and rightly focused on the victims, they've also for the most part not been well-received. More generally the response has been: "What good does that do now! Where were you when this was all happening?" The apologies have generally met with more cynicism and anger than acceptance. And yet it's important that they be made, though I'm not sure my adding another one will be helpful.

My second hesitancy stems from the fact that there's so much anger and grief around this issue right now that words, even the right ones, generally don't hit their mark, akin to telling someone freshly grieving the death of loved one that "she's in a better place." The words are true, but moment's too raw for the words to be heard. They only become effective later. And that's the situation now; we're in a time of raw anger and dark grief. These are in fact the same emotion (just that one's hard and the other soft) and so for many people dealing with the revelations of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up right now, apologies, while necessary, are not being heard. The moment is too raw.

And, one last hesitation: As a priest with a vow of celibacy I'm painfully aware that right now I'm at an understandable disadvantage to speak out on this. Victims speak from a position of moral privilege, rightly so, their voices carry extra authority; but those who stand symbolically connected to the perpetrators, and that's me, are understandably heard with suspicion. I accept that. How could it be otherwise? At this particularly charged moment, what moral authority can my voice carry on this issue? What does my apology add?

# SAVE THE DATE

Maronite Young Adult Evening with  
Bishop Gregory Mansour



Friday  
September 7  
at 6:30pm

## EVENING SCHEDULE

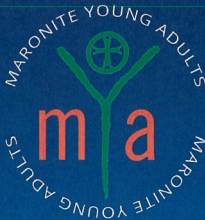
- 6:30pm Divine Liturgy
- 7:15pm Dinner & Icebreaker
- 8pm Discussion led by  
Bishop Gregory
- 8:45pm Q&A
- 9pm Dessert
- 9:30pm Concluding remarks
- 9:45pm Social time

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

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

10th Annual MYA Conference Presents

# MARONITE IDENTITY AND SPIRITUALITY



October 5th-7th  
Washington DC

Registration Coming Soon  
[www.maroniteyoungadults.org](http://www.maroniteyoungadults.org)



### St. Joe's Registration Open

St. Joseph Regional Catholic School invites you to our 4th annual Touch-A-Truck on Saturday, September 22 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm! This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Vehicles, food, music, games, face painting, glitter tattoos, raffles and more! Please consider donating a canned good for the Sts. Mary and Joseph Food Pantry.

### ➔ HOW TO RESPOND by Ronald Rolheiser

But, for what it's worth, even given those caveats, I do offer an apology: As Roman Catholic priest, I want to publicly say that what's happened in the church in terms of sexual abuse by the clergy and cover-up by the hierarchy is inexcusable, deeply sinful, has harmed thousands of lives irrevocably, and needs radical redress in terms of reaching out to the victims and of prompting structural change in the church to ensure that this will never happen again.

Let me add something else: First, as a Roman Catholic priest, I do not distance myself from this by morally separating myself from those who have done wrong by declaring: "They're guilty and I'm not!" The cross of Jesus doesn't allow such an escape. Jesus was crucified between two thieves. He was innocent, they weren't; but he didn't protest his innocence, and those looking at three crosses that day didn't distinguish between who was innocent and who was guilty. The crosses were all painted with the same brush. There are times when one does not protest one's innocence. Part of Jesus' mission, as our liturgy puts it, was "to become sin for us", to risk having his innocence mixed in with guilt and be perceived as sin so as to help carry darkness and sin for others.

Beyond our apologies, all of us, clergy and laity alike, are invited to do something for the church right now, namely, help carry this scandal as Jesus did. Indignantly separating ourselves morally from this sin is not the way of Jesus and the cross.

Like Mary standing under the cross, we must not replicate the anger and darkness of the moment so as to give it back in kind. Instead, like her, we must do the only thing possible sometimes when standing beneath the consequence of sin, that is, let our posture, like Mary's, speak deeply through a voice that, unlike bitterness or collapse, says: "Today, I can't stop this darkness, nobody can. Sometimes darkness just has its hour. But I can stop some of the sin and bitterness that's in the moment by absorbing it, not distancing myself from it, and not giving it back in kind." Sometimes darkness has its moment and we, followers of Jesus, may not self-servingly distance ourselves from the sin but need to help absorb it.

***Sometimes all we can do is put our mouths to the dust ... and pray ... and wait. Knowing that, at some future time, the stone will again roll away from the tomb.***

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next fall \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name & (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: (City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Class assignments and ALL important notifications will be emailed to this address)*

Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Sacraments child has received:

Baptism Confirmation 1st Communion Reconciliation

Is the Child planning to receive his/her First Communion this year? (Please Check) YES NO

***If Child is planning to receive his/her First Communion a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate, if not in the church baptismal register, must be submitted no later than December 31, 2018.***

Registration Fees

\$25.00 registration.

\$20.00 book fee

Additional fee for grade 2 First Communion to be announced at a later date.

Cash & Checks are accepted.

Make payable to: St Anthony Maronite Church

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONCERNS: Please inform us of any learning challenges, social concerns, medications, allergies or other information: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: In an emergency, and if a parent cannot be contacted, you have my permission to contact the following person to help make decisions regarding the care for my child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent and authorize Father Elie Mikhael or his designated representative, to obtain and provide for my son/daughter any and all medical care or treatment which might become necessary, until either parent or the emergency contact person can be reached. I further expressly release and waive Father Elie Mikhael, his designated representative, and St. Anthony Maronite Church, and the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, from any liability, action, claim, cause of action which I might otherwise have in the event of illness or injury during the period that my son/daughter is attending the Sunday School.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO RELEASE *(Please check appropriate box below)*

AUDIO VISUAL TAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT: On occasion, videotape, audio tape, slides, and photographs are taken of children and youth during church and diocesan sponsored activities. These are utilized in newsletters, websites, event promotion, advertisements and another printed media. I / We consent  / do not consent  (check one) to the use of such materials in which I may appear. I release the staff and volunteers of St. Sharbel Mission and the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn, NY from any liability connected with the use of my child's picture or voice recording as part of any of the above or similar activities.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

16th Sunday of Pentecost  
Parable of the Pharisee & Tax Collector

الأحد السادس عشر من زمن العنصرة  
مثل الفريسيّ والعشار

**Romans 8:18-27**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

**رومة 8:18-27**

إِنِّي أَحْسَبُ أَنَّ آلامَ الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ لَا تُوَازِي الْمَجْدَ الَّذِي سَوْفَ يَتَجَلَّى فِيْنَا. فَإِنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ تَنْتَظِرُ بِفَارغِ الصَّبْرِ تَجَلِّي أَبْنَاءِ اللَّهِ؛ لِأَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ أُخْضِعَتْ لِلْبَاطِلِ، لَا طَوْعًا، بَلِ «بِسُلْطَانِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أُخْضَعَهَا»، وَلَكِنْ عَلَى رَجَاءٍ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ نَفْسَهَا سَتُحَرَّرُ هِيَ أَيْضًا مِنْ عُبُودِيَّةِ الْفَسَادِ إِلَى حُرِّيَّةِ مَجْدِ أَوْلَادِ اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْخَلِيقَةَ كُلَّهَا مَعًا تَتِنُّ وَتَتَمَخَّضُ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَلَكِنْ لَا هِيَ فَحَسَبِ، بَلِ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا الَّذِينَ لَنَا بَاكُورَةُ الرُّوحِ، نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَتِنُّ فِي أَنْفُسِنَا، مُنْتَظِرِينَ التَّبَيُّيَ أَيَّ فِدَاءِ جَسَدِنَا. فَإِنَّا بِالرَّجَاءِ حُلُصْنَا. وَالرَّجَاءُ الَّذِي يُرَى لَيْسَ رَجَاءٌ. فَهَلْ يَرْجُو أَحَدٌ مَا يَرَاهُ؟ أَمَّا إِذَا كُنَّا نَرْجُو مَا لَا نَرَاهُ، فَبِالصَّبْرِ نَنْتَظِرُهُ. وَهَكَذَا فَالرُّوحُ نَفْسَهُ يَعْضُدُنَا فِي ضَعْفِنَا، لِأَنَّهَا لَا نَعْرِفُ أَنَّ نُصَلِّيَ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي، لَكِنَّ الرُّوحَ نَفْسَهُ يَشْفَعُ لَنَا بِأَنْتَاتٍ لَا تُوصَفُ. وَالَّذِي يَعْصُصُ الْقُلُوبَ يَعْرِفُ رَغْبَةَ الرُّوحِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّهُ يَشْفَعُ لِلْقِدِّيسِينَ بِمَا يُوَافِقُ مَشِيئَةَ اللَّهِ

**Luke 18:9-14**

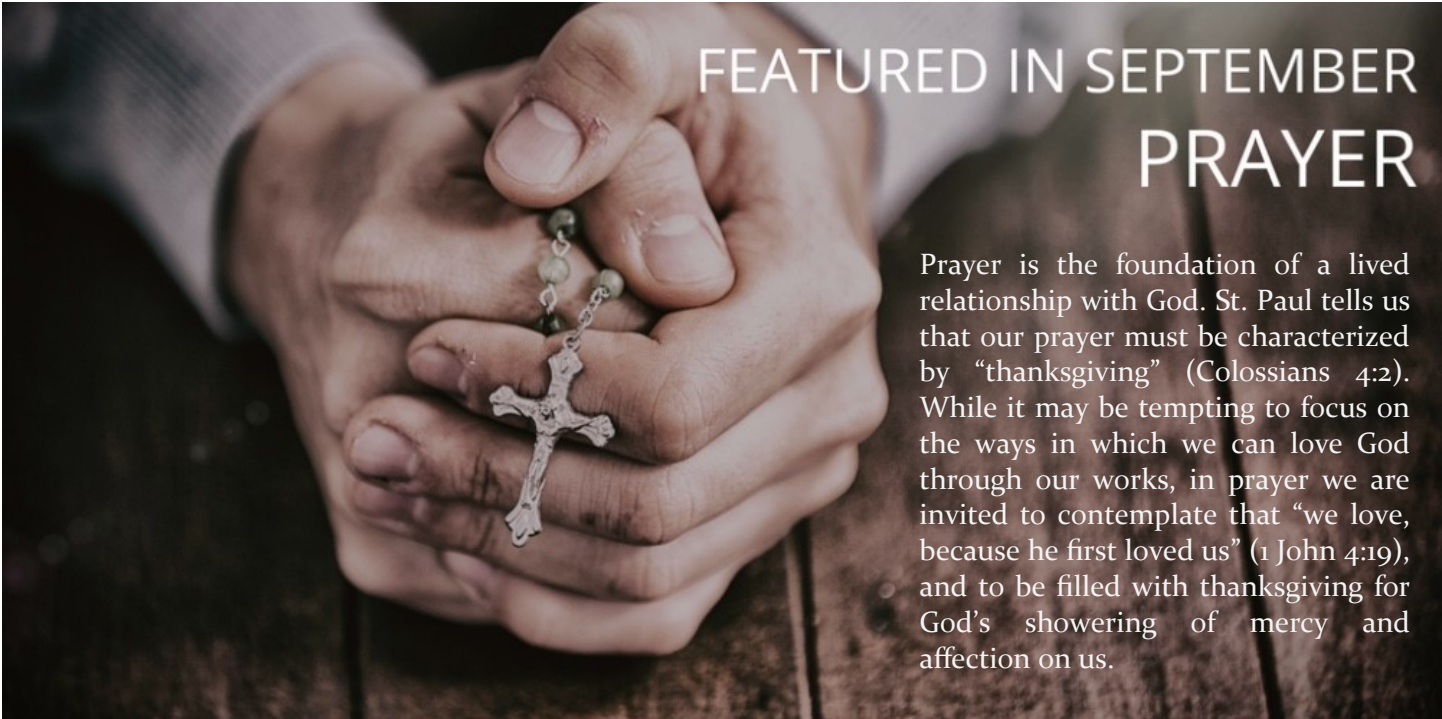
He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

**لوقا 18:9-14**

هَذَا الْمَثَلُ لِأَناسٍ يَتَّقُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ أَنَّهُمْ أَبْرَارٌ، وَيَحْتَقِرُونَ الْآخِرِينَ: «رَجُلَانِ صَعِدَا إِلَى الْهَيْكَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَا، أَحَدُهُمَا فَرِيسِيٌّ وَالْآخَرُ عَشَّارٌ. فَوَقَفَ الْفَرِيسِيُّ يُصَلِّيَ فِي نَفْسِهِ وَيَقُولُ: أَللَّهُمَّ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنِّي لَسْتُ كَبَاقِي النَّاسِ الظَّمَاعِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ الزُّنَّاءِ، وَلَا كَهَذَا الْعَشَّارِ. إِنِّي أَصُومُ مَرَّتَيْنِ فِي الْأُسْبُوعِ، وَأُؤَدِّي الْعِشْرَ عَنْ كُلِّ مَا أَقْتَنِي. أَمَّا الْعَشَّارُ فَوَقَفَ بَعِيدًا وَهُوَ لَا يُرِيدُ حَتَّى أَنْ يَرْفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، بَلِ كَانَ يَفْرَعُ صَدْرَهُ قَائِلًا: أَللَّهُمَّ، إصْفَحْ عَنِّي أَنَا الْخَاطِي! أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ هَذَا نَزَلَ إِلَى بَيْتِهِ مُبَرَّرًا، أَمَّا ذَلِكَ فَلَا! لِأَنَّ كُلَّ مَنْ يَرْفَعُ نَفْسَهُ يُوَضَّعُ، وَمَنْ يُوَضِّعُ نَفْسَهُ يُرْفَعُ.»



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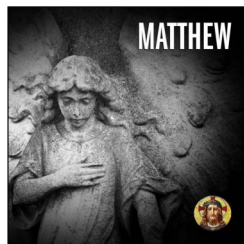
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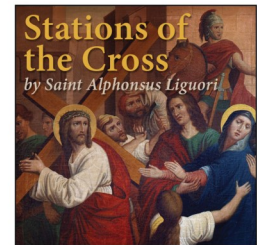
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