



SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

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

كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

Sunday, December 3, 2017

الأحد، 3 كانون الأول 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,

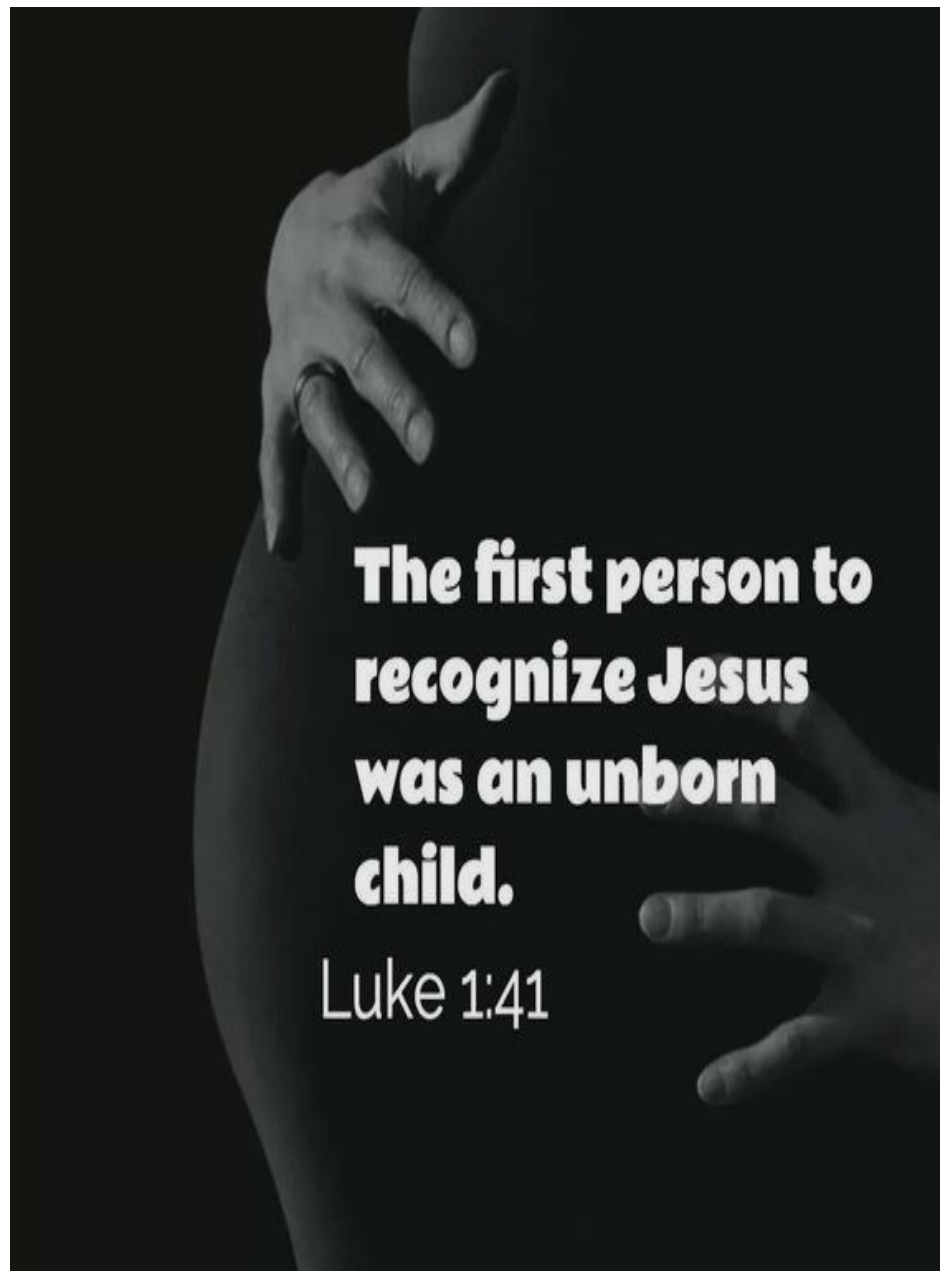
or by appointment

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

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

Season the Glorious Birth of Our Lord



The first person to recognize Jesus was an unborn child.

Luke 1:41

Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA



Liturgies Intentions



Meet our staff:
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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)

Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

أحد زيارة العذراء لأليصابات

Saturday, December 2	4:00 PM	For: +Habib and Alice Bistany, By their loving Children and Families.
Sunday, December 3	8:30AM	For: + Harris, Faride and Michael Bijjani By the Family
	9:30AM	40 Day Anniversary– Helen Hajj, By her children and families.
	11:30 AM	For: + John El-Helou By His Son Tony El Helou and His wife, Jeanette, His daughter, Lola, wife of Mr. Abraham Ata and their families.

Week of the Visitation to Elizabeth

أسبوع زيارة العذراء لأليصابات

Monday, December 4 @ 9 AM—St Barbara, M	Private Intentions.
Tuesday, December 5 @ 7PM St Saba the Hermit, C	For : +Aida Chemali By The Pastor
Wednesday, December 6 9AM, St Nicholas, C	For: Adma Nasrallah By the Pastor
Thursday, December 7 @ 7PM - Vigil Liturgy	Feast of the Immaculate Conception عيد الحمل بها بلا دنس For Parishioners By The Pastor
Friday, December 8 @ 9AM	Feast of the Immaculate Conception عيد الحمل بها بلا دنس For Parishioners By The Pastor

The Birth of John the Baptist

أحد مولد يوحنا المعمدان

Saturday, December 9	4:00 PM	For:+ Edward Harb, by the Pastor.
Sunday, December 10	8:30AM	For: + Miriam, Naim & Antoine Abi Sleiman By the Family
	9:30AM	For:+ Carol and Joseph Greico, By their loving Family.
	11:30 AM	For:+ Nassif Abdou and Hilene and Farid Abdou, By Martha, Mary and Abdo.

Saint Anthony's Maronite Church

كنيسة القديس أنطونيوس المارونية



برنامج الميلاد المجيد Christmas Calendar

Christmas Concert - Sing Along

St Anthony Choirs, The Children Choirs, St Augustine & St Bernard Bellarmine Choirs

Saturday, December 2 - 6:00PM

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 17, - 9:30 AM Liturgy

Christmas Weekend Liturgies

Day	Date	Time	Language
Saturday,	December 23rd	4 PM	English
Sunday	December 24th	11:30 AM	English - Arabic

Christmas Novena - تساعية الميلاد

Day	Date	Time	Language
	Dec 15- Dec 23	7:00 PM	

Christmas Liturgies - قدايس أعياد الميلاد

Occasion	Day	Date	Time	Language
Vigil Liturgy	Sunday	December 24th	4 PM,	English
MIDNIGHT Mass	Sunday	December 24th	12AM	English - Arabic
Christmas Day Mass	Monday	December 25th	10:00 AM	Arabic
Christmas Day Mass	Monday	December 25th	11:30 AM	English - Arabic

New Year's Week End - قدايس عيد رأس السنة

Occasion	Day	Date	Time	Language
Divine Liturgy	Saturday	December 30th	4 PM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	8:30 AM,	Arabic
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	9:30 AM,	English
Divine Liturgy	Sunday,	December 31st	11:30 AM,	English - Arabic
Ney Year's Liturgy	Monday	January 1, 2018	5 PM	English - Arabic

PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

Religious Education - Sunday School

On Sunday, December 3, the grade 1 students will be serving the 9:30 liturgy. Please have your child to the church no later than 9:15 on that Sunday.

Grade 6 & 7 parents, as mentioned in my e mail, your students will be leading the pageant this year. Rehearsal will be on **Saturday December 2, 9, and 16** from 12 until 2. Students should be prepared to attend all three rehearsals. We know this is a busy time and appreciate your help and support.

Knights of Mary have invited all CCD students to attend the annual **Christmas party on December 9** in the hall. Further details will follow.

Christmas ornaments will be on sale in the Church lobby after the liturgies. Please stop by and take a look as we have some new and different ornaments this year. Some include pictures from our church.

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

Susan Veilleux, ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Online Donation

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



ONLINE GIVING
Is now available in association with



www.stanthonylawrence.org

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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/>

THE KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

The Altar Servers will be meeting on **Saturday, December 9th** at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church. If there are any questions of conflicts, please call Sub-Deacon Jim Demers at 978-685-8423.



KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

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

January 6

January 20



K of M Children's Choir

January 13

Practices will be held from 5:00PM - 6:30PM



Rosary Group Every Wednesday @ 6PM

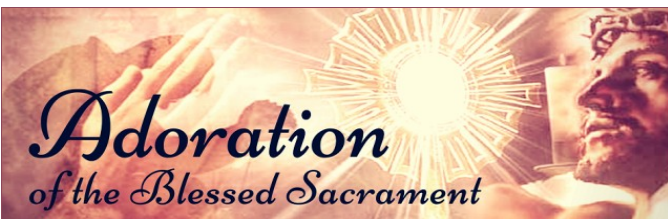
صلاة المسبحة الوردية

الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

Bible Study
everyone is welcome

Bible Studies will resume on Tuesday January 9th

تعاود السهرات الأنجيلية نشاطها في 9 كانون الثاني



Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Will be reserved to the Christmas Novena during the month of December

Christmas Liturgical & Social Celebrations



Saturday, December 9th -from 5:30 - 7 PM
ALL Children are invited to attend the Annual Kids Christmas Party



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



Sunday, December 17th-9:30 AM Liturgy

Poinsettia Dedication

In Honor or In Loving Memory



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

Please complete this form and either place it in the offering plate, hand in at the rectory, or mail it to the church, along with your payment of \$15.00 per plant. **The deadline to order is Tuesday, December 19th.**

Given By: _____

In honor of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

In memory of:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



Ladies
Christmas Party!

Sunday,
December 10th @ 4 PM

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



DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

The Daughters of Saint Anthony will hold their annual Christmas Party on **Monday, December 4th** at Saint Anthony's Cedar's Hall, starting at 12 NOON. The luncheon will be a donation of \$15.00 per person and all are welcome.

Everyone attending is kindly asked to participate in a Christmas gift exchange by purchasing a \$5.00 Lottery ticket.

Also, please bring your donations for the Lazarus House Donation bins. For reservations and more information, please contact:

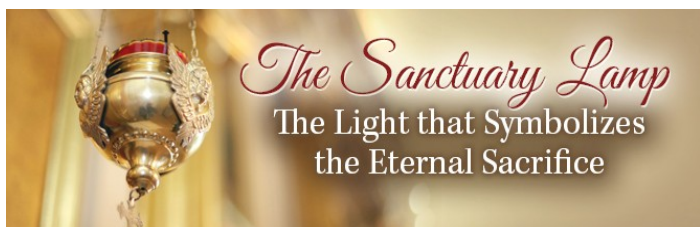
Elaine Ferris @ 978-682-2112,
Elaine Azzi @ 978-687-7454 or
Dianne Dewan @ 978-273-0693
by Friday, December 1st.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

November 26, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 2486.00
Candles	\$ 80.00
Fuel	\$ 70.00
Total Deposit	\$ 2,636.00



The Sanctuary Lamp
The Light that Symbolizes
the Eternal Sacrifice

Left Sanctuary Lamp

*In Loving Memory of John El-Helou,
Offered by his son, Tony El-Helou, and Family.*

Right Sanctuary Lamp

*In Loving Memory of John El-Helou,
Offered by his son, Tony El-Helou, and Family.*

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 ~ DECEMBER 2017

THE ELDERLY

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, December 2	4:00 PM	Jacob Godfrey Youssef Chahine
Sunday, December 3	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 3	9:30 AM	Antonio Hbaiter Caleb Hassan
Sunday, December 3 11:30 AM		Anthony Sadek, Charbel Sadek Charbel Yammine, Michael Merheb

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, December 9	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, December 10	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 10	9:30 AM	George Hbaiter Joseph Safi
Sunday, December 10 11:30 AM		Anthony Chaya, Geryes Geha Ryan El Khoury, Sebastian Ramey



Lectors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 2	4:00 PM	Christine Ryan
Sunday, December 3	8:30 AM	Guita Bou-Habib
Sunday, December 3	9:30 AM	Sub-Deacon Jim
Sunday, December 3 11:30 AM		English: Mounira Daher Arabic: Marcel Saade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 9	4:00 PM	Joel Habib
Sunday, December 10	8:30 AM	Hugette Sfeir
Sunday, December 10	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Frias
Sunday, December 10 11:30 AM		English: Mansour Chaya Arabic: Gretta Merheb

Giving Tree Angels
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.

تساعية أالميلاذ:

تبدأ ليلة 15 كانون الأول و تنتهي في 23 كانون الأول

قدايس عيد أالميلاذ المجد

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 المجدية

الأثنين 1 كانون الثاني: ألساعة 5 مساء



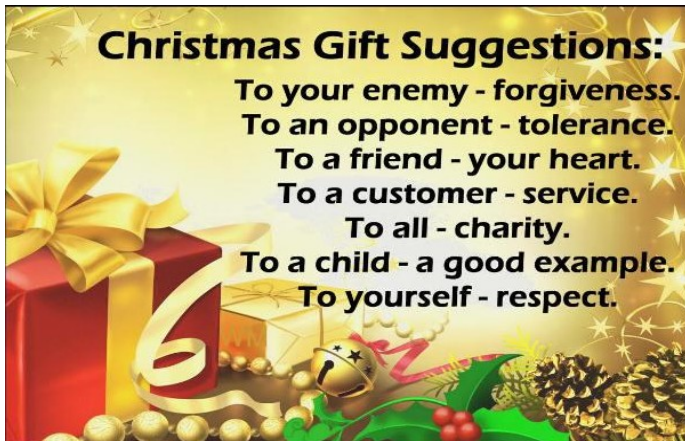
**Our Deepest
Sympathies and Condolences**
**Go to the Ata, Geha, Aoun and
Abdou Families**

On their great loss of their beloved,
Farid (Fred) Waniss Ata who died
at age 39.

May the hearts of his family be
consoled and his memory be eternal.



Saint Barbara was an early Christian saint and martyr. While imprisoned in a tower by her father, she became a Christian. He was so upset, he drew his sword to kill her. Her prayers created an opening in the tower allowing her to escape to a mountain gorge. She was eventually captured and martyred by her father.



Formed | Your Faith Matters to Us!! Parish Code: N3CCNK

<https://formed.org/watch/593ac0021ccf198c29ce3c21>



In this presentation from the 2017 FOCUS SEEK Conference, Sr. Miriam James Heidland gives an incredibly affecting and passionate talk about how each person can hear God's voice in prayer. Sr. Miriam relates the majestic beauty and simultaneous simplicity of God's call to every person and each person's opportunity to respond to him. She describes our lives as a drama, an adventure story in which we must be willing to continue forward in faith rather than with piercing sight. This captivating presentation will help listeners to understand the ways in which God wishes to speak to them, and will encourage listeners to respond with the fullness of their selves.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

مِنْ بُولُسَ، رَسُولِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، إِلَى الْقَدِيسِينَ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي أْفَسُسَ وَالْأَمْنَاءِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ: أَلْتَعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَبُو رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا بِكُلِّ بَرَكَةٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ؛ فَإِنَّهُ اخْتَارَنَا فِيهِ قَبْلَ إِثْنَاءِ الْعَالَمِ، لِنَكُونَ فِي حَضْرَتِهِ قَدِيسِينَ، لَا عَيْبَ فِيْنَا؛ وَقَدْ سَبَقَ بِمَحَبَّتِهِ فَحَدَدْنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ لَهُ أَبْنَاءَ بِالْتَّبَنِّي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَى مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِمَدْحِ مَجْدِ نِعْمَتِهِ الَّتِي أَنْعَمَ بِهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي الْحَبِيبِ؛ وَفِيهِ لَنَا الْفِدَاءُ بِدَمِهِ، أَي مَعْفَرَةُ الزَّلَّاتِ، بِحَسَبِ غِنَى نِعْمَتِهِ، الَّتِي أَفَاضَهَا عَلَيْنَا فِي كُلِّ حِكْمَةٍ وَفَهْمٍ؛ وَقَدْ عَرَفْنَا سِرَّ مَشِيئَتِهِ، بِحَسَبِ رِضَاهُ الَّذِي سَبَقَ فَجَعَلَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ، لِيَحَقِّقَ تَدْبِيرَ مِلءِ الْأَزْمِنَةِ، فَيَجْمَعَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ تَحْتَ رَأْسٍ وَاحِدٍ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ؛ وَفِيهِ أَيْضًا اخْتَارَنَا مِيرَاثًا لَهُ، وَقَدْ سَبَقَ فَحَدَدْنَا بِحَسَبِ قُصْدِهِ، هُوَ الَّذِي يَعْمَلُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِقَضَاءِ مَشِيئَتِهِ، لِنَكُونَ مَدْحًا لِمَجْدِهِ، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَبَقْنَا فَجَعَلْنَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ رَجَاءَنَا؛ وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا، بَعْدَ أَنْ سَمِعْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ، أَي إِنْجِيلِ خَلَاصِكُمْ، وَأَمَنْتُمْ، خُتِمْتُمْ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ الْمَوْعُودِ بِهِ، وَهُوَ عَرَبُونَ مِيرَاثَنَا، لِفِدَاءِ شَعْبِهِ الَّذِي أَقْتَنَاهُ، وَلِمَدْحِ مَجْدِهِ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

فِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ ، قَامَتِ مَرْيَمُ وَدَهَبَتْ مُسْرِعَةً إِلَى الْجَبَلِ، إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي يَهُودَا. وَدَخَلَتْ بَيْتَ زَكَرِيَّا، وَسَلَّمَتْ عَلَى إِلِيصَابَاتِ.

وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ إِلِيصَابَاتُ سَلَامَ مَرْيَمَ، أَرْتَكَّضَ الْجَنِينُ فِي بَطْنِهَا، وَأَمْتَلَّتْ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُّوسِ. فَهَتَّفَتْ بِأَعْلَى صَوْتِهَا وَقَالَتْ: «مُبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ فِي النِّسَاءِ، وَمُبَارَكَةٌ ثَمَرَةُ بَطْنِكَ! وَمِنْ أَيْنَ لِي هَذَا، أَنْ تَأْتِيَ إِلَيَّ أُمُّ رَبِّي؟ فَهِيَ مُنْذُ وَقَعَتْ صَوْتُ سَلَامِكَ فِي أَدْنَى، أَرْتَكَّضَ الْجَنِينُ أَبْتِهَاجًا فِي بَطْنِي! فَطُوبَى لِي الَّتِي آمَنْتُ أَنَّهُ سَيَبُوءُ مَا قِيلَ لَهَا مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ!»

THE VISITATION – REVISITED

We are all familiar with the biblical story of the Visitation. It happens at the beginning of Luke's Gospel. Mary and her cousin, Elizabeth, both pregnant, meet. One is carrying Jesus and the other is carrying John the Baptist. The Gospels want us to recognize that both these pregnancies are biologically impossible; one is a virginal conception and the other is a conception that occurs far beyond someone's childbearing years. So there is clearly something of the divine in each. In simple language, each woman is carrying a special gift from heaven and each is carrying a part of the divine promise that will one day establish God's peace on this earth.



But neither Mary nor Elizabeth, much less anyone around them, consciously recognizes the divine connection between the two children they are carrying. The Gospels present them to us as “cousins”, both the children and their mothers; but the Gospels want us to think deeper than biology. They are cousins in the same way that Christ, and those things that are also of the divine, are cousins. This, among other things, is what is contained in the concept of the Visitation.

Mary and Elizabeth meet, both are pregnant with the divine. Each is carrying a child from heaven, one is carrying Christ and the other is carrying a unique prophet, the “cousin” of the Christ. And a curious thing happens when they meet. Christ's cousin, inside his mother, without explicit consciousness, leaps for joy in the presence of Christ and that reaction releases the Magnificat inside of the one carrying Christ.

There's a lot in that image: Christ's cousin unconsciously leaps for joy in the presence of Christ and that reaction draws the Magnificat out of the one who is carrying the Christ. Christian de Cherge, the Trappist Abbott who was martyred in Algeria in 1996, suggests that, among other things, this image is the key to how we, as Christians, are meant to meet other religions in the world. He sees the image as illustrating this paradigm:

Christianity is carrying Christ and other religions are also carrying something divine, a divine “cousin”, one who points to Christ. But all of this is unconscious; we do not really grasp the bond, the connection, between what we are carrying and what the other is carrying. But we will recognize their kinship, however unconsciously, when we stand before another who does not share our Christian faith but is sincere and true to his or her own faith. In that encounter we will sense the connection: What we are carrying will make something leap for joy inside the other and that reaction will help draw the Magnificat out of us and, like Mary, we will want to stay with that other for mutual support.

And we need that support, as does the other. As Christian de Cherge puts it: “We know that those whom we have come to meet are like Elizabeth: they are bearers of a message that comes from God. Our church does not tell us and does not know what the exact bond is between the Good News we bear and the message that gives life to the other. ... We may never know exactly what that bond is, but we do know that the other is also a bearer of a message that comes from God. So what should we do? What does witness consist in? What about mission? ... See, when Mary arrives, it is Elizabeth who speaks first. Or did she? ... For most certainly Mary would have said: ‘Peace, Peace be with you’. And this simple greeting made something vibrate, someone, inside of Elizabeth. And in this vibration, something was said. ... Which is the Good News, not the whole of the Good News, but what can be glimpsed of it in the moment.”

Christian de Cherge then adds this comment: “In the end, if we are attentive, if we situate our encounter with the other in the attention and the desire to meet the other, and in our need for the other and what he has to say to us, it is likely that the other is going to say something to us that will connect with what we are carrying, something that will reveal complicity with us ... allowing us to broaden our Eucharist.”

We need each other, everyone on this planet, Christians and non-Christians, Jews and Muslims, Protestants and Roman Catholics, Evangelicals and Unitarians, sincere agnostics and atheists; we need each other to understand God's revelation. Nobody understands fully without the other. Thus our interrelations with each other should not be born only out of enthusiasm for the truth we have been given, but it should issue forth too from our lack of the other. Without the other, without recognizing that the other too is carrying the divine, we will, as Christian de Cherge asserts, be unable to truly release our own Magnificat. Without each other, none of us will ever be able to pray the Eucharist “for the many”.