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WEEKLY BULLETIN - March 15, 2020

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

MEET OUR PRIESTS

Pastor

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305.807.9087 pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Andrawos El Tabchi 978-241-2977 pv@stanthonylawrence.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation:

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Donations:

Church & Priest: \$200

Matrimony:

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Donations:

Church \$500

Priest : Free Will

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home.

Please refer to our web-site for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Daily Liturgies

M & W: 9 AM

Tue. & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4 PM Vigil

Sunday Liturgies:

8:15 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH SECRETARY:

Pat McKeever:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Visiting Deacon

Michael Charchaflian

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT– PARABLE OF PRODIGAL SON

أحد الثالث من الصوم - الأبن الضال

Sat	Mar.14	4:00 PM	For: +Rocco Rossi <i>By his wife Theresa, Sons: Roy & wife Donna, Robert & Wife Lisa and family</i>
Sun	Mar.15	8:15 AM	For: Marc Abou Ezzi (Birthday) <i>By His Parents George and Mirna Abou Ezzi and Siblings</i>
		9:30 AM	For: + Ida Thomas <i>By Subdeacon James Demers and Family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: + Child Marvin Hobeika <i>By His Aunts; Jeicy El-Hajj, Joelle wife of Henry Sader and Family</i>
Mon	Mar. 16	9:00 AM	For: James and Ali Hajj (Anniversary)
Tue	Mar. 17	7:00 PM	For: + George Elias Saba <i>By His Daughter Tania wife of George Mazraani and Family</i>
Wed	Mar. 18	9:00 AM	For: Roy Rossi (Birthday)
			FEAST OF ST JOSEPH
Thu	Mar. 19	7:00 PM	For: + Parents, Barbara, Antonia, Dora Pereira & Brothers John, All & Larry's Parents <i>By Dora Pereira</i>
Fri	Mar. 20	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT– HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

أحد الرابع من الصوم - شفاء المخلع

Sat	Mar.21	4:00 PM	For: +Yvonne Yameen <i>By The Family</i>
Sun	Mar.22	8:15 AM	Michael Najem (Birthday) <i>By His Parents</i>
		9:30 AM	For: The Deceased Members of The Rahhal & Jesser Family <i>By Their Family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: + 40 Day Anniversary - Maha Karam <i>By Her brother Issam, nephew and nieces</i>

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

RIGHT & LEFT

Sanctuary Lamps will burn:

**In Honor of
Marc Abou Ezzi**

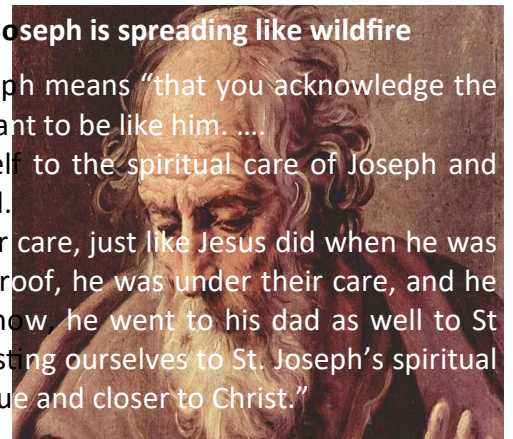
*Offered by His Parents
Dr. George and Mirna Abou Ezzi
and their family*

Why a new consecration to St. Joseph is spreading like wildfire

To consecrate yourself to St. Joseph means “that you acknowledge the is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him.

The first person to entrust himself to the spiritual care of Joseph and Mary was actually Jesus, he added.

“And so we give ourselves to their care, just like Jesus did when he was growing up. He lived under their roof, he was under their care, and he didn't just go to his mom, you know he went to his dad as well to St Joseph. So that's what it is, entrusting ourselves to St. Joseph's spiritual fatherhood to help us grow in virtue and closer to Christ.”



MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

SALARIES & INSURANCE	\$ 15,260.00
Total Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 6,278.58
Total Eparchial Dues	\$3,721.67
Monthly Operational Costs	\$25,260.25
Weekly Collection Needed	\$6,250.00

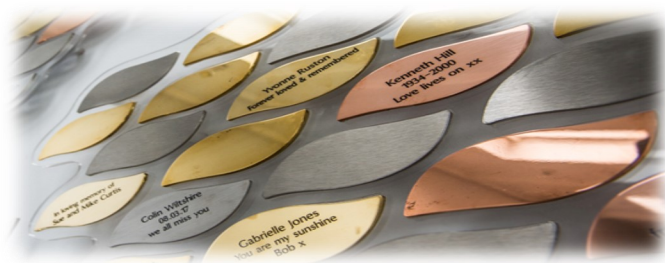
TO MEET OUR FIXED MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL-Parish Dues \$7,500

Supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION: TO KEEP UP WITH OUR NEEDS AND, NOT TO FALL SHORT OF OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GOAL. **Apply Online:** stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/



TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF LIFE BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

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

Please submit your request either by phone: **978.685.7233**

E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Mar.8

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 3,060.00
Short from Our Goal	\$ 3,190.00
Candles	\$ 246.00
Donations	\$ 300.00
Utilities: Fuel & Electricity	\$ 265.00
Banquet Hall	\$ 500.00
Donations (Liturgies, Stipend)	\$ 115.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 4,530.00
<i>Total Deposit</i>	\$ 9,016.00

SAINT ANTHONY'S Parish depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission, "Loving as Christ Loves, Serving as Christ Serves."

Your donations fund the many ministries and activities of the parish: Sunday and weekly Masses; faith formation for children, youth and adults; fellowship for our welcoming community; and outreach to those in need.

We deeply appreciate your important role within the Church, your integral part of St Anthony's Parish, and the giving of your special gifts of time, prayer, and monetary donations. Together we glorify God in thanksgiving for the wonderful gifts we have been given.

FORMED Parish Code: N3CCNK
Stanthonychurch.formed.org

WELCOME: Formed.org has been purchased by our parish for you, as a parishioner, to enjoy a multitude of media, at no cost to you! It includes movies, documentaries, books, audiobooks, podcasts, study materials, and so much more!

WHAT IS IT? Think of it like Netflix for Catholics. And there is a lot to see and hear! And best of all, there is no charge to you.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education

ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of Mary

kom@stanthonylawrence.org

Maronite Youth : MYO

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Publishing: Bulletin

bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org

Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Daughter's of St. Anthony

Family of St. Sharbel

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

M-WINE

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

Sacristan (s)

Sunshine Committee

Women's Ministry

PARISH RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.stanthonylawrence.org

Membership Registration

Under Welcome

Baptism & Confirmation:

Guidelines & Registration

Under Sacraments –Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:

Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana

Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

CALENDAR & EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Congratulations to the children in the First Communion class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 7.

Just a reminder that there are **no Sunday's off in March**. Religious Education meets weekly up to, and including March 29.

Rice Bowls: Our Religious Education program, along with 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, will participate in a life changing Lenten journey with CRS rice bowls. **Bowls had been distributed Sunday, February 16, and will be collected back on Sunday, March 29.**

Save the dates First Communion Families:

Friday, May 1, Rehearsal for First Communion

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 liturgy to celebrate First Communion

Meetings & Events

KNIGHTS OF MARY

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Upcoming Session: March 14th

MARONITE YOUTH - MYO

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Lenten Day Retreat: March 14 From 9 AM –2PM –Parish Hall

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Upcoming Choir Practice: Sat., March 21 @ 5PM - 6:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Meetings will resume after Easter

For more information: Sub Deacon Jim at 978-685-8423.

MYA - MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS SUNDAY MEETING

Wednesday March 18 @ 7:30PM - Theology on Tab (Location to be determined)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - أخوية سيدة لبنان

تجتمع الأخوية السبت الأول والثالث من كل شهر

اللقاء القادم: 21 آذار 2020 - الساعة 10:30 صباحاً

يلي كل لقاء روجي لقاء مشاركة في صلاة الأربعاء.

FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL — عائلة مار شربل

Thursday, March 19 - الخميس 19 آذار

ARABIC SCHOOL Hitafnammour@gmail.com

Classes are scheduled every Saturday @ 9 AM.

PARISH

LENTEN SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Thursday: 7:30PM –8:30PM

BIBLE STUDY : *The Acts of the Apostles*

English Bible Course sessions are held every

Wednesday at 6:30PM - Parish Hall

Arabic Bible Course sessions are held 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00PM - Chapel

FASTING FOR GREAT LENT—GUIDELINES

Fasting is the abstinence from eating and drinking from midnight till noon with the possibility of drinking water and consuming medication only.

Abstinence restricts us from eating meat and or dairy products. It is advisable that sick people and pregnant women should refrain from fasting.

The guidelines released by His Beatitude and Eminence Mar Bechara Boutros Cardinal Rai, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East are as follows:

- Fasting from midnight to midday on all weekdays: no food or drink is to be consumed, with the exception of water;
- Abstaining from consuming meat or dairy on the Fridays of Lent;
- Abstaining from meat throughout the first and last week of Lent (Holy Week);
- We do not fast or abstain on Saturdays and Sundays, with the exception of Easter Saturday, where fasting and abstinence are to be observed;
- In 2017, the following feast days fall within the Lenten Season: St John Maroun (2 March), The Forty Martyrs (9 March), St Joseph (19 March), St Rafqa (23 March), The Annunciation (25 March). We do not fast or abstain on these feast days.

It is important to note that food and water are always permitted when needed to take medicines or in case of illness or old age. A person who cannot fast or abstain may choose another form of penance.

MINISTRIES & SPIRITUALITIES

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

Items to Order:

- ◇ Maamoul (Walnuts, Dates & Pistachio) Package Half Dozen Each
- ◇ Kaak (*Our Traditional Recipe*)
- ◇ Sanbousik with Walnuts
- ◇ Ghoraybe
- ◇ Knafe

PUT YOUR ORDER NOW BY:

Phone: Bassima at 603. 571.3003

Or by email: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Memo: Bake Sale

MYO FALAFEL LUNCHEON

Raising Funds for our upcoming Retreat!!

We are a group of High Schoolers who are committed to enrich our faith and to live it actively in the midst of our St Anthony Church & Community.

Our Upcoming Fundraising to defray the cost of our retreat will be held on **Sunday March 29 after 11 AM Liturgy.**

Come Hungry !!! And Thank you in advance for

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Hospice Services of MA is looking for volunteers to provide practical & emotional support to patients & families at the end of life.

Call Stacey Sherman @ 857-363-8194 for more details about this program.

AS WE PRAY, ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

March 16: Andrew Nadira

March 9: Patrick Becotte, Roy Rossi

March 18: Mateo Mazraani, Josette Nammour

March 19: John Saad

March 20: Zoe Danus, Marybeth Hashem, Michael Najem

March 21: George Ata, Rudy Bourouphael, Gisele Dahbour, Michael Fiato, Miray Hachem, Noreen Mallen, Douglas Pica

March 22: Martin Akiki, Samantha Asmar, Emma Azzi, Marisa Thompson

SPIRITUAL CORNER

SPEAKING WITH AUTHORITY *By Ronald Rolheiser*

We are growing ever more distrustful of words. Everywhere we hear people say: “That’s just talk! That’s nothing but empty words!”

And empty words are all around us. Our world is full of lies, of false promises, of glittering advertising that doesn’t deliver, of words never backed up by anything. We trust less and less in what we hear. We’ve been lied to and betrayed far too often, now we’re cautious about what we believe.

But distrust in the words we hear is only one way in which our spoken word is weak. Our words can be truthful and still have little power. Why? Because, to use Gospel terms, we may not be speaking with much *authority*. Our words may not have what they need to back them up. What’s meant by this?

The Gospels tells us that one of things that distinguished Jesus for the other religious preachers of his time was that he spoke with *authority*, while they didn’t. What gives words authority? What gives them transformative power?

There are, as we know, different kinds of power. There’s a power that flows from strength and energy. We see this, for example, in the body of a gifted athlete who moves with authority. There’s power too in charisma, in a gifted speaker or a rock star. They too speak with a certain authority and power. But there’s still another kind of power and authority, one very different in kind from that of the athlete and the rock star. There’s the power of a baby, the paradoxical power of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness. Powerlessness is sometimes the real power. If you put an athlete, a rock star, and a baby into the same room, who among them is the most powerful? Who has the most authority? Whatever the power of the athlete or the rock star, the baby has more power to change hearts.

The Gospel texts which tell us that Jesus spoke with “authority” never suggest that he spoke with “great energy” or “powerful charisma”. In describing Jesus’ authority they use the word “*exousia*”, a Greek word for which we don’t have an English equivalent. What’s “*exousia*”? We don’t have a term for it, but we have a concept: “*Exousia*” might be described as the combination of vulnerability, innocence, and helplessness that a baby brings into a room. Its very helplessness, innocence, and vulnerability have a unique authority and power to touch your conscience. It’s for good reason that people watch their language around a baby. Its very presence is cleansing. But there are a couple of other elements too undergirding the authority with which Jesus spoke. His vulnerability and innocence gave his words a special power, yes; but two other elements also made his words powerful: His words were always grounded in the integrity of his life. As well, people recognized that his authority was not coming from him but from something (Someone) higher whom he was serving. There was no discrepancy between his words and his life. Moreover, his words were powerful because they weren’t just coming from him, they were coming *through him* from Someone above him, Someone whose authority couldn’t be challenged, God.

You see this kind of authority; for example, in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier. Their words had a special authority. Mother Teresa could meet someone for the first time and ask him or her to come to India and work with her. Jean Vanier could do the same. A friend of mine shares how on meeting Vanier for the first time, in their very first conversation, Vanier invited him to become a missionary priest. That thought had never before crossed his mind. Today he’s a missionary.

What gives some people that special power? “*Exousia*”, a selfless life, and a grounding in an authority that comes from above. What you see in persons like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier is the powerlessness of a baby, combined with a selfless life, grounded in an authority beyond them. When such persons speak, like Jesus’, their words have real power to calm hearts, heal them, change them and, metaphorically and really, cast out demons from them.

But we don’t always have to look to spiritual giants like Mother Teresa and Jean Vanier to see this. Most of us have not been so personally influenced by Mother Teresa or Jean Vanier, but have been spoken to with authority by people around us. In my case, it was my father and mother who spoke to me with that kind of authority. As well some of the Ursuline nuns who taught me in school and some of my uncles and aunts had the power to ask sacrifice of me because they spoke with “*exousia*” and with an integrity and a faith that I could not question or deny. They asked me to consider becoming a priest and I became one.

What moves the world is often the powerful energy and charisma of the highly talented; but the heart is moved by a different kind of authority.

Palm Sunday – Holy Week – Easter

Palm Sunday

Sat 4/4 Liturgy & Blessing of Palms @ 4:00PM- *No Procession*
Sun 4/5 Liturgy & Blessing of Palms @ 8:15AM- *No Procession*
Sun 4/5 Liturgy & Blessing of Palms @ 9:30AM- *No Procession*
Sun 4/5 Liturgy & Blessing of Palms @ 11:30AM Main Sanctuary
Sun 4/5 Liturgy & Blessing of Palms @ 11 :40AM Church Hall
Followed by a Procession Weather Permitting

Holy Week

Mon 4/6 Ritual Coming to Harbor @ 7:00PM
Wed 4/8 Ritual of the Lamp @ 7:00PM
Blessing & Anointing with Holy Oil

Holy Thursday

Thu 4/9 Liturgy & Washing of Feet @ 7:00PM
Followed by Adoration from 8:30PM –Midnight

Good Friday

Fri 4/10 Pre-Sanctification Liturgy @ 11:00AM
Fri 4/10 Adoration of the Cross -English @ 4:00PM
Fri 4/10 Way of the Cross @ 5:00PM
Fri 4/10 Adoration of the Cross -Arabic @ 7:00PM

Easter Liturgies

Sat 4/11 Easter Liturgy - English @ 4:00PM
Sat 4/12 Midnight Liturgy Arabic and English @ 12:00AM
Sun 4/12 Easter Liturgy - English @ 9:30AM
Sun 4/12 Easter Liturgy - Arabic and English @ 11 :30AM



FOOD COLLECTION

The list of recommended items to be donated for the Maronite Monks in Petersham are:

- +Peanut Butter +Kashi Cereal +Low Carb Bread +Dried Prunes +Black Russian Pumpernickel Bread

Thank you for your support!
Please leave your donations in the Foyer.
<http://www.maronitemonks.org/>

SAVE THE DATES : July 8-12, 2020

57th National Maronite Convention
St. Anthony of Padua, Cincinnati, OH

For more information, visit: [ww.NAMNEWS.org](http://www.NAMNEWS.org)

Scholarship Application

Applications are now available for the **DCG Scholarships** for incoming CCHS Freshman, 2020-2021, school year. If you have been accepted into CCHS and you are a parishioner of Saint Anthony’s, to download the scholarship application, please visit www.dcgfoundation.com.

****Applications are due April 15th****

To download your application, visit their website or contact Ken @ 508-633-0704

www.americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org/scholarships/guidelines

Sections 1–6 must be completed in full, **mailed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2020** and forwarded to ALAA, P. O. Box 2244, Methuen, MA

EPISTLE READING - 2 Corinthians 13, 5-13

Brothers and sisters, Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? unless, indeed, you fail to pass the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed. But we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong not that we may appear to have passed the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. This is what we pray for, that you may become perfect. So I write these things while I am away from you, so that when I come, I may not have to be severe in using the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down. Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL READING - Saint Luke 15,11-32.

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

LECTORS

Sat., March 14 4:00 PM Roy Rossi

Sun., March 15

8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour

9:30 AM CCD

11:30 AM Eng.: Serena Sader **-Arabic:** Joelle Sader

Sat., March 21 4:00 PM Christine Ryan

Sun., March 22

8:15 AM Maroun Nassar

9:30 AM Michael Ferris

11:30 AM Eng.: Raghida Ramy

Arabic: Marcel Saade

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 13:5-13

يا إخوتي، إختبروا أنفسكم، هل أنتم راسخون في الإيمان. إمتحنوا أنفسكم. ألا تعرفون أن المسيح يسوع فيكم؟ إلا إذا كنتم مرفوضين! فأرجو أن تعرفوا أننا نحن لسنا مرفوضين! ونصلي إلى الله كي لا تفعلوا أي شر، لا لتظهر نحن مقبولين، بل لكي تفعلوا أنتم الخير، ونكون نحن كأنا مرفوضون! فإننا لا نستطيع أن نفعل شيئاً ضد الحق، بل لأجل الحق! أجل، إننا نفرح عندما نكون نحن ضعفاء، وتكونون أنتم أقوياء. من أجل هذا أيضاً نصلي لكي تكونوا كاملين. أكثب هذا وأنا غائب، لئلا أعاملكم بقساوة وأنا حاضر، بالسُلطان الذي أعطاني إياه الرب، لبنيانكم لا لهدمكم. غداً، أيها الإخوة، إفرحوا، وأسعوا إلى الكمال، وتشجعوا، وكونوا على رأي واحد، وعيشوا في سلام، والله المحبة والسلام يكون معكم! سلموا بعضكم على بعض بقبلة مقدسة. جميع القديسين يسلمون عليكم. نعمة الرب يسوع المسيح، ومحبة الله، وشركة الروح القدس معكم أجمعين!

إنجيل القديس لوقا 15:11-32

قال الرب يسوع: «كان لرجل ابنان. فقال أصغرهما لأبيه: يا أبي، أعطني حصتي من الميراث. فقسّم لهما ثروته. وبعد أيام قليلة، جمع الأب الأصغر كل حصته، وسافر إلى بلد بعيد. وهناك بدد ماله في حياة الطيش. ولما أنفق كل شيء، حدثت في ذلك البلد مجاعة شديدة، فبدأ يحس بالعوز. فذهب ولجأ إلى واحد من أهل ذلك البلد، فأرسله إلى حقوله ليزرع الخنازير. وكان يشتهي أن يملأ جوفه من الخروب الذي كانت الخنازير تأكله، ولا يعطيه منه أحد. فرجع إلى نفسه وقال: كم من الأجزاء عند أبي، يفضل الخبز عنهم، وأنا ههنا أهلك جوعاً! أقوم وأمضي. إلى أبي وأقول له: يا أبي، خطئنا إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً. فأجعلني كأحد أجرائك! فقام وجاء إلى أبيه. وفيما كان لا يزال بعيداً، رآه أبوه، فتحنن عليه، وأسرع فألقى بنفسه على عنقه وقبله طويلاً. فقال له ابنه: يا أبي، خطئنا إلى السماء وأمامك. ولا أستحق بعد أن ادعى لك ابناً... فقال الأب لعبيده: أسرعوا وأخرجوا الحلة الفاخرة واللبسوه، وأجعلوا في يده خاتماً، وفي رجله حذاء، وأثوا بالعجل المسمن وأذبحوه، ولتناكل ونتنعم! لأن ابني هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وصائباً فوجد. وبدأوا يتنعمون. وكان ابنه الأكبر في الحقل. فلما جاء واقترّب من البيت، سمع غناء ورقصاً. فدعا واحداً من الغلمان وسأله: ما عسى أن يكون هذا؟ فقال له: جاء أخوك، فدبح أبوك العجل المسمن، لأنه لقيه سالماً. فعضب ولم يرد أن يدخل. فخرج أبوه يتوسل إليه. فأجاب وقال لأبيه: ها أنا أخذتك كل هذه السنين، ولم أخالف لك يوماً أمراً، ولم تُعطني مرةً جدياً، لانتعم مع أصدقائي. ولكن لما جاء ابنك هذا الذي أكل ثروتك مع الزواني، دبحت له العجل المسمن! فقال له أبوه: يا ولدي، أنت معي في كل حين، وكل ما هو لي هو لك. ولكن كان ينبغي أن نتنعم ونفرح، لأن أخاك هذا كان ميتاً فعاش، وصائباً فوجد.»

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. March 14

4:00 PM Elias Saab, Anthony Ata

Sun., March 15

8:15 AM Volunteers

9:30 AM Caleb Hassan - Jason Demers

11:30 AM Andrew Azzi - Elias Azzi

Sat., March 21

4:00 PM Elias Saab, Anthony Ata

Sun., March 22

8:15 AM Volunteers

9:30 AM Charbel Yammine - Mark Bejjani

11:30 AM Charbel Sadek, Anthony Merheb