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WEEKLY BULLETIN - March 22, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT– HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

أحد الخامس 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 (<i>Birthday</i>) <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>
Mon	Mar. 23	9:00 AM	For: Private Intentions
Tue	Mar. 24	7:00 PM	For: Private Intentions
Wed	Mar. 25	9:00 AM	For: Elias P. Azzi (<i>Birthday</i>)
		7:00PM	<i>Protection and Health of Our Parishioners Through the Intercession of Our Lady of Annunciation</i>
Thu	Mar. 26	7:00 PM	For: In Honor Ryan George (<i>Birthday</i>)
Fri	Mar. 27	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT– HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

أحد السادس من الصوم - شفاء المخلع

Sat	Mar.28	4:00 PM	For: + Ida Thomas <i>By Mr. & Mrs. Louis M. Lahoud Jr.</i>
Sun	Mar.29	8:15 AM	For: 1st Anniversary-Elias El Khoury <i>By Claudine Raad and Family</i>
		9:30 AM	For: + Antoinette, Daniel, & Michel Hachem <i>By the Family</i>
		11:30 AM	For: + Anthony Pastore <i>By His sister Teresa wife of Jamil Kamari and Family</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*

GOING LIVE: <https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/weekly-bulletin/>

Facebook: [St Anthony Lawrence](#)

REGISTER BY ENTERING YOUR FULL NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS

Live Stream of Liturgies, Rosary, Adoration and Stations of the Cross

- ⇒ SATURDAY 4:00 PM LITURGY
- ⇒ SUNDAY LITURGIES 8:15 AM - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM LITURGIES
- ⇒ ROSARY PRAYERS- EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM
- ⇒ LITURGY AND ADORATION – THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM
- ⇒ STATIONS OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

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

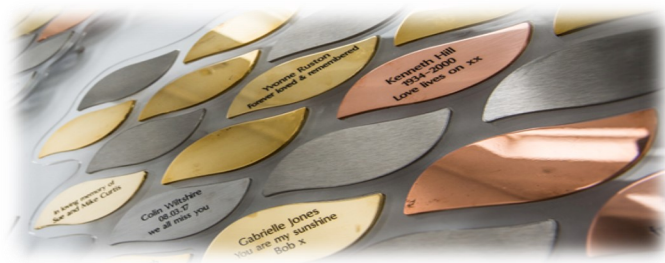
TO MEET OUR FIXED MONTHLY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

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. 15

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$ 2,438.28
<i>Short from Our Goal</i>	\$
Candles	\$ 75.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00
Utilities: Fuel & Electricity	\$ 165.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 870.30
<i>Total Deposit</i>	\$ 3,563.58

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

Hello Religious Ed families. I want to remind you, that Religious Ed will not meet this upcoming Sunday, March 29. We hope all of you are staying well in this rather difficult time. I have faith that this will pass, and that in a short time, this whole situation will be a memory.

In the meantime, I want you to know that we will do our best to make up some of this time missed. We are hoping to do a Saturday in April. A chance to bring the children together for a class/fun day. Although we do not have a plan yet, there will be more information coming.

The best thing you can do in this time is pray with your children. This is a perfect opportunity to continue your faith by praying, as a family, that our parish and its parishioners will remain healthy.. That this difficult time will be behind us soon. Continue to have faith,.

As of now, First Communion will remain on Saturday, May 2.. If we have to revisit this, we will, but in keeping with our faith, I believe we will not have to disrupt our end of the year plans.

God bless and keep you well.

The Religious Education Team

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

Ministries and Social Events will be put on Hold until the ban is lifted by the State Governor and by Our Bishop Most Reverend Gregory John Mansour

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.

PARISH

LENTEN SERVICES –STREAMING LIVE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: EVERY FRIDAY AT 7PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—STREAMING LIVE
Every Thursday: 7:30PM –8:30PM
BIBLE STUDY : POSTPONED

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

MINISTRIES & SPIRITUALITIES

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE



Easter Flowers—Donation Form



During the Easter season

Flowers will gracefully decorate our church and help bring us into a joyful spirit of Christ’s Resurrection. If you would like to contribute money toward the purchase of flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with the contribution.

Contact Pat McKeever at the Parish Office with any further questions at 978.685.7233 or rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Easter Flower dedication: (Please print, as the name/names will be listed in the Bulletin)

Contribution by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Amount: \$ _____

In Memory of (Deceased):

In Honor of (Living):

COMMUNICATION

GOING LIVE : LITURGIES AND DEVOTIONS

Dear St. Anthony Parishioners,

We are writing to provide Parish updates considering the latest safety measures implemented by MA Governor Charlie Baker across the state and the most recent directive received from our Shepherd, The Most Reverend Bishop Gregory J. Mansour. We want to ensure that we do not play a role in allowing this pandemic (Coronavirus) to spread further. Effective immediately:

All Ministries, Parish Events, Social Gatherings, Meetings (including Bible Studies) are cancelled.

The Clergy will continue to offer daily Divine Liturgy (as attendance is generally under 25 people)

Weekend Liturgies will be offered via live-stream –Parish Facebook at 4:00pm (English-Saturday), 8:15am (Arabic), 9:30am (English) and 11:30am (English/Arabic) via our Parish Facebook Page.

The church will be opened but attendance is limited to 25 people. The families requesting the Liturgy intentions are given priority.

For those watching live-stream, **Spiritual Communion** is recommended. Please see below for the prayer to be recited in place of receiving physical communion.

Please note that **our Bishop has granted dispensation** to all the Faithful, relieving them of attending to their Sunday Liturgy Obligation during this time (*dispensation means that not attending Sunday Liturgy will not be considered a sin*).

On **Wednesdays, at 6:30pm**, we will live-stream the recitation of the **Holy Rosary** and invite you all to pray with us from home.

On **Thursdays, following the Divine Liturgy until 9:00pm**, we will live-stream **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and invite you all to pray with us from home.

On **Fridays, at 7:00pm**, we will live-stream **Stations of the Cross/Benediction of the Cross** and invite you to pray with us from home.

The church will be opened daily from 9am-4pm for private prayer (entrance will be through the Chapel side-door).

We encourage anyone who is feeling ill, exhibiting flu-like symptoms, or considered part of a vulnerable health population to **stay home** in consideration of their health and that of others.

We encourage you to continue to follow the updates and guidelines put forth by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

When Watching Liturgy from Home

We encourage you to treat Liturgy with the same reverence that you would at the church.

Eliminate distractions during the Liturgy by silencing/turning off your cell phone.

Gather the family to pray together.

Stand/sit at the same times you would during an in-person Liturgy (especially during the proclamation of the Gospel and Consecration)

Listen attentively and prayerfully

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

During the time of communion, recite the following in place of receiving physical communion:

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

في 16/3/2020

تدبير راعي مؤقت خاص برعية مار أنطونيوس - لورانس

الى جميع أبناء وبنات الرعية

نظرًا لتفاقم الأزمة الصحية التي خلفها وباء فيروس كورونا وحرصًا منا على تطبيق القرار الصادر عن ولاية ماساتشوستس بتاريخ 15/3/2020 وانسجامًا مع نداءات صاحب السيادة المطران غريغوري منصور السامي الإحترام وانطلاقًا من واجبنا الإنساني بالحد من إنتشار هذا الوباء نُحيطكم علمًا بالتدابير الراحوية التالية علمًا أنها لأسباب وقائية وبصورة مؤقتة:

أولاً: بقرار من راعي الأبرشية المطران غريغوري منصور السامي الإحترام يُفَسَّح استثنائيًا وبصورة مؤقتة ولأسباب وقائية من فريضة الإشتراك بالقدّاس الإلهي يوم الأحد.

ثانيًا: بالرغم من هذا التفسيح، يعوّض عنه بالصلاة البيئية في العائلة والإشتراك بالقدّاس الإلهي عبر وسائل التواصل الإجتماعي.

ثالثًا: تعليق جميع اللقاءات والنشاطات الخاصة بمنظمات الرعية من ضمنها السهرات الإنجيلية.

رابعًا: سيقوم كهنة الرعية بإقامة الذبيحة الإلهية اليومية بحسب المواعيد الإعتيادية إذ أنّ عدد المشاركين لا يتخطى الـ 25.

خامسًا: قداسات أيام السبوت والأحد وجميع الصلوات (راجع بند 6) سوف تُنقل مباشرة من خلال رابط خاص موجود على كافة صفحات التواصل الإجتماعي الخاصة بالرعية.

الموقع الإلكتروني للرعية: <https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/>

صفحة ال Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence MA

صفحة ال Instagram: St Anthony Maronite Church

علمًا أنّ الكنيسة ستبقى مفتوحة أمام المؤمنين الراغبين في المشاركة بالذبيحة الإلهية خاصة الذين تقدّم من أجلهم ومن أجل أحبائهم شرط ألا يتخطى عدد المشاركين الـ 25 مؤمن.

وذلك بحسب البرنامج التالي:

السبت الساعة 4,00 م باللغة الإنجليزية - الأحد الساعة 8,15 ص باللغة العربية - الأحد الساعة 9,30 ص باللغة الإنجليزية - الأحد

الساعة 11,30 ص باللغتين الإنجليزية والعربية

ولكنّ من يرغب في المشاركة بالذبيحة عن بُعد (عبر صفحات التواصل الإجتماعي): يُستعاض عن المناولة الفعلية بالمناولة الروحية مع تلاوة الصلاة الخاصة بالمناولة الروحية (راجع الملحق).

كما يُرجى التقيد بالإرشادات التالية: إعتبار المنزل كنيسة بيتية - مشاركة كافة أفراد العائلة مشاركة فعالة - التقيد بالبروبريكات (الوقوف والجلوس) **سادسًا:** ندعوكم للمشاركة بالصلوات التالية:

المسبحة الوردية يوم الأربعاء الساعة 6,30 م - ساعة السجود يوم الخميس بعد قدّاس الساعة السابعة مساءً - صلوات درب الصليب

وزياح الصليب الساعة 7,00 مساءً

سابعًا: تفتح الكنيسة أبوابها يوميًا من الساعة 9.00 ص حتّى الساعة 4.00 مساءً (الدخول من باب الكنيسة الصغيرة - الباب الجانبي المحاذي لمدخل المكتب)

نرجو تفهّمكم، ونشجّعكم على التحلي بروح الحكمة، والإلتزام بأقصى درجات الحماية والوقاية الصحية. نسأل الله، بشفاعته أمنا مريم العذراء والقديس أنطونيوس، أن يحميكم من كلّ مكروه ويزيل صلاتنا ودعاءنا إلى الربّ كي يشفي جميع المرضى ويمنح الأطباء وكلّ العاملين في القطاع الطبي النعم اللازمة لمتابعة رسالتهم بكلّ تفران ومحبة.

صلاة المناولة الروحية

يا اله الخير والرحمة والرأفة، يا من بك تعصم جميع الخلائق. لقد دعوتنا أن نتحدّ بك كما تتحدّ الأغصان بالكرمة، فنحمل ثمارًا تليق بأبناء الملكوت. أهلنا يا ربنا في وقت الضيق والشدة أن نتقدّم بنقاوة وقداسة من المناولة الروحية عوضًا عن المناولة الفعلية. وامنح بها يا أيها الثالوث القدوس الإله الواحد مغفرة للخطايا ومحوًا للذنوب وشفاءً للنفس والجسد. بشفاعته أمنا مريم العذراء والقديس أنطونيوس وجميع القديسين إرحمنا

وإرحم العالم أجمع. آمين

EPISTLE READING - Timothy 5,24-25 . 6,1-5

Brothers and sisters, The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

GOSPEL READING - Saint Mark 2,1-12.

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

AS WE PRAY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

March 23: Sonia Ata , Christophe Phares

March 24: Alison Hajj

March 25: Madonna Andary, Elias P. Azzi, Jonathan C. Bonanno , Antoine Bou-Mitri , Ryan George

March 26: Joumana Feghali , Gage Lanoue, Aiyah Saysouk , Temmer Zouein

March 27: Patrick Tabet

March 28: George Daher , Maryann C. Hatem, Marie Uliano

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

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رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى طيموتاوس 1-5، 6، 24-25

يا إخواني، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسَبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدَّفَ عَلَى اسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتَعْلِيمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَهِينُوا بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى فَلْيَخُدُّوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خِدْمَتِهِمْ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَحِبَّاءٌ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعَلِّمَهُ وَتَعِظَ بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مُخَالَفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلتَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَتُهُ الْكِبْرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بَمَرَضِ الْمَجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمَمَاحِكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنَاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، رَائِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَطْنُونَ أَنَّ التَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّيْحِ

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عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفْرَنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمِ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَاتَّوَّهُ بِمُخْلَعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُصُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشُوهُ، وَدَلَّوْا الْفِرَاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمُخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!». «وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكُتَّابَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدَّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟. وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهِذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَأَحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلِئِي تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ»، قَالَ لِلْمُخْلَعِ: لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، إِحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ!. فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلَّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَتَّةِ! »

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