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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Hours of Liturgical services changed due to COVID-19

Weekday Liturgies Mon - Thu: 9:00 AM

Saturday Liturgies: 4:00 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Liturgies: 9:00 AM (English) 11:00 AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation: Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

OFFICE HOURS M-TH: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM Saturdays: By Appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH SECRETARY: 978.685.7233 ... rectory@stanthonylawrence.org MEET OUR PASTOR:

Fr. Elie Mikhael 305-807-9087 pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS

Deacon Nadim B. Daou /Deacon Michael Charchaflian Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

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 website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 15, 2020

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

أحد بشارة زكريًا - SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

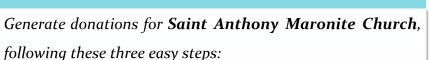
Sat	Nov. 14 English	4:00 PM	For: Good Health of Georges Ead By his brother Charles Ead For: +Stephanie Abraham By her family
Sun	Nov. 15 English	9:00 AM	For: + Ibrahim & Saide Kassas By their son Georges Kassas & family
	Ara/Eng Church	11:00 AM	For: + Maroun Mouawad By his wife Habouba and his children Simon, Renee and Michael For: + Farid Sfeir By his wife and children
Mon	Nov. 16	9:00 AM	For: Marie-Christine Elia & Carine Elia By their sister Ajia Elia
Tue	Nov. 17	9:00 AM	For: N'oula and Jocelyne Abi Haydar and their family By Ajia Elia
Wed	Nov. 18	9:00 AM	For: + Thomas S. Kattar By his daughters Donna and Christine Kattar
Thu	Nov. 19	9:00 AM	For: +Parents Barbara & Antonio, +Brothers John, All, + Larry's Parents By Dora Pereira
		9:30AM- 12Noon	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Fri	Nov. 20		No Liturgy
أحد بشارة مريم العذراء - SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY			
Sat	Nov. 21 English	4:00 PM	For: + Albert Abraham & + Alice Abraham By Charles & Margaret Gaziano
Sun	Nov. 22 English	9:00 AM	For: + Penny and Toufy Ferris By Elaine Ferris
	Ara/Eng Church	11:00 AM	For: 40 Day Anniversary - Joseph Charchafalaian By His wife & Children For: Georges, Helen and + Zeidan Ata By their Family



Venmo your Parish 1– Scan the QR code. 2– Choose the amount 3– Use the Memo to indicate which account the contribution is made towards. (e.g. Weekly Contribution, Energy needs...)

Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at **smile.amazon.com** or with AmazonSmile ON in the app and Amazon donates **amazon**smile



1- Use this link <u>smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2178891</u> to choose the Church as your favorite charity.

2- Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>. Same products, same prices, same services as the Amazon you know.

3- Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

ONLINE BURIAL SEARCH

UPDATE YOUR LOVED ONES RECORD !!

The following steps will help you access the tool:

- 1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
- 2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
- 3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.
- 4. Click on the name.
- 5. In the middle of the page, look for "Do you know more about this person or their ancestors"? Click here.
- 6. You can then complete any or all the fields and click submit.
- 7. If desired, you may send obituary notice, special documents, letters, receipts etc. to <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u>

and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH depends on donations from our parishioners and benefactors to live and expand our Mission.

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

<u>stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/</u>

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
or by E-mail: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

COVID-19 Liturgies Schedules

Weekdays:

Monday & Wednesday @ 9:00 AM *(Arabic)* Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00 AM *(English)*

St. Anthony Knights of Mary ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM:

https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/ registration-form-4/

For Calendar and Health and Safety Protocols, Please Check our Website:

https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

Upcoming Session: November 28, 2020

Sessions will start at 5:15 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : December 5



ALL MEMBERS MUST FILL AND SUBMIT THE COVID-19 QUESTIONAIARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE BEFORE ATTEND-ING ANY MEETING OR ACTIVITY IN THE CHURCH:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/covid-19questionnaire/

Weekends:

Saturday @ 4:00 PM (English) Sunday @ 9:00 AM (English) Sunday @ 11:00 AM (Arabic/English)

Weekly Spiritual Mezza

Presented by Deacon Nadim Daou

Details sent by text message and on Facebook

Religious Education

The next class for Religious Education class will be held on

Saturday, December 5, from 5:15 -6:30.

Saint Anthony Kids Choir

Registrations are open either by Contacting Mr. Wissam Merheb @ 978. 853.5145 or by emailing the parish at rectory@stanthonylawrence.org



Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality group is putting together a Parish Cookbook!

If you are interested in having a recipe featured (open to all!), please contact Bassima Aboujaoude (603-571-3003) or the Parish Office to submit your name and the dish you want to share! WEEKLY BULLETIN: SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD - ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation Were administered to:

Mia Lily Georges

Daughter of Paul & Lara Georges

Wishing all blessings upon the newly baptized child and her family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 15: Melhem Azzi, Eden Sfeir

Nov 16: Andrew Archambault, Logan Gabriel, Leslie Hassan

Nov 17: Joseph Saba, Serena Uliano, Pascal Zaarour

Nov 18: Chaouki Bouchrouche, Amale Chantiri, Andrew Dabrowski

Nov 19: Rana Abi-Rached, Ana Bradley, Nadine Sader

- Nov 20: Pierre Abdilmasih, Marie Akiki, Fred Corey, Cecelia Hatem, Sharbel Saab, Judith Saliba
- Nov 21: Louis Assaf, Rita Azzi, Gabriel Farhat, Michael Karam, George Saad, Erifili Sadek, Bernice Spencer

IN REMEBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

Nov 16: Mary T. Faris Nov 18: Thomas Shaheen Kattar - Deborah Salem Nov 19: Rose V. Martino - Edmund Daher Nov 20: Nicola H. Ramy Nov 21: Salvatore D'Orto - Joanne M. Nahil

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov 15: Bradford & Paula Brooks Bassam & Lara Geha Nov 19: Mounir & Antoinette Jermany Nov 20: Kenneth & Maureen Daher James & Lisa Abdallah



BIBLE STUDY

ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

1) Arabic Sessions:

Acts of the Apostles followed by the Book of Revelation. Next meeting Wednesday Nov. 18 2020 @ 6:00 PM

2) English Sessions:

A. Acts of the Apostles. Next meeting Wednesday Nov. 18 2020 @ 7:00 PM

B. Book of Revelation. *Next meeting* Wednesday Nov. 18 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Remark: Registration fee is \$40.00, including workbook.

For more info and registration send an email <u>rectory@stanthonylawrence.org</u>

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

LEFT CANDLE WILL BURN FOR: GEORGE C. MAROUN (1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY) BY HIS WIFE EDITH AND HIS CHILDREN MADELEINE, MAUREEN, CAROLYN, CARLENE, GEORGE JR., DOUGLAS AND NICHOLAS

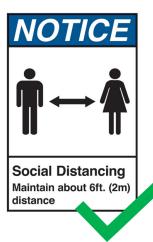
> RIGHT CANDLE WILL BURN IN HONOR OF: MIA ABOU EZZI

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday : 9:30am-12pm "The greatest love story of all time is

contained in a tiny white Host." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen







We have taken needed precautions to ensure the safety of our parishioners as we open the Church for worship

<u>Upon Arrival:</u>

- All church doors will be **opened wide** to avoid touching of door handles
- <u>Masks must be worn by all, ages 5+</u>, while inside the church. No one will be admitted without a mask, unless for health reasons.
- Masks (if needed) and Hand Sanitizer are available at Church Entrance.
- A **contact-less collection bin** has been placed in the foyer. Please drop your offering right into the bin.

During Liturgy:

- Every **other church pew is blocked off** to allow for physical distancing.
- The **center communion aisle has been marked with 6-ft markers** to allow for physical distancing.
- Red Qurbono books have been removed. All Liturgical texts are available online and throughout the church, you can find a QR Code that directs you to the online text for your convenience.
- Communion of the Eucharist may be received **on the hand** or by intinction on tongue.

Between Liturgies:

All church pews and doors will be sprayed down with **hospital** -grade disinfectant.



Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic

Should I come to Liturgy?

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Liturgy. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website www.cdc.gov.

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Liturgy.

What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our <u>Facebook page</u>. Monday through Thursday Liturgy will be at 9:00 am. Saturday Liturgy will be at 4:00 pm and Sunday liturgies will be at 9:00 am & 11:00am.

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours. The frequency of our visits for Holy Communion will depend upon the number of requests.

How will we be kept safe when we come to Liturgy?

All pews are wiped down with disinfectant; and all Qurbono Books are removed; and all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

<u>Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering</u>. The only exception during Liturgy is when we are seated in the pew and when receiving Holy Communion.

You'll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household. Only certain pews are available for seating. When you arrive, please use your good judgment about where to sit. Be respectful and accommodating towards others as they arrive and look for seating.

You'll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available. You'll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket.

You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask or other facial covering below their chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding "Amen," the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering.

What do we need to keep in mind as we leave Liturgy?

Please leave Liturgy together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. You will not be permitted to congregate in the narthex, and no receptions or social gathering following Liturgy can be held.

I'm in the choir or a lector. What should we do?

Choirs are not allowed to assemble; cantors are acceptable to lead music at Liturgy.

Lectors and all lay ministers are obligated to wear masks and maintain the social distance of six feet as much as possible.

What about servers?

At this time, we will not be maintaining the usual server schedule. Servers are welcome to check in at the sacristy before Liturgy to see if the priest needs a server.

When should children wear masks?

Parents should determine when a child is old enough to attend Liturgy and can abide by the safety guidelines.

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Epistle: Letter to the Romans 4:13-25

Brothers and sisters, The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to

his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel: Saint Luke 1: 1 - 25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the

beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

الرسالة إلى أهل روما 4: 13-25 بواسِطَةِ الشَّرِيعَة، بَلْ بالبِرَ الَذِي نَالَهُ بالإِيْمَان. فلَوْ كَانَ أَهْلُ الشَّرِيعَة، بَلْ بالبِرَ الَذِي نَالَهُ بالإِيْمَان. فلَوْ كَانَ أَهْلُ الشَّرِيعَة. هُمُ الوَارِثِين، لأَبْطِلَ الإِيْمَان، وأَلْغِيَ الوَعْد؛ لأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَة تُسَتَبِ عَضَبَ الله؛ وحَيْثُ لا شرَيعَة، فَلا تَعَدِي لِلسَّرِيعَة. لِذَلِكَ فَأَهْلُ الإِيْمَان هُمُ الوَارِثُون، لِكَي تَكُونَ الورَاثَةُ هِبَةً مِنَ الله. وهكذا تحَقَقَ الوَعْد لِكُلَ نَسْئل إِبْرَاهيم، لا لِلنَّسْزِيعة. الَّذِي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَة فَصَبْ، بَلْ أَيْضًا لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الإِيْمَان، إِيْرَاهيم، الَّذي هُوَ أَبَّ لَنَا الَّذي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَة فَصَبْ، بَلْ أَيْضًا لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الإِيْمَان، إِيْرَاهِيم، الَّذي هُوَ أَبَّ لَنَا الَّذي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَة فَصَبْ، بَلْ أَيْضًا لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذي هُوَ مَنْ أَهْلِ الإِيْمَان، إِيْرَاهِيم، الَذي هُوَ أَبَّ لَنَا الَّذي هُوَ مَنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَة فَصَبْ، بَلْ أَيْحاً لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذي هُوَ مَنْ أَهْلِ الإِيْمَان، إِيْرَاهِيم، الَذي يُحَا الأَمْوَات، ويَدْعُو عَيْرَ المَوْجُودِ إلى الوُجُود. وقَدْ آمَنَ إِبْرَاهيمُ رَاحِيًا على عَيْرِ رَجَاء، بِأَنَّه سَتَصِيرُ أَبًا لأَمَم كَثِيرَة، ووَانَ حَسَالَهُ الذَي يَحْدِي فَقْتَ اللَّهُ اللَّذَى يَعْتَنْهُ إِنْ اللَّعَضَى مِنْهُ مَنْ أَنْهُ رَائَة اللَا تَعْرَي اللَّهُ وَابَ لَذَي يُحْوَى مَنْ أَنْهُ اللَّهُ الْعَارِ أَنْ لائُمَ عَذْيَرَة، ووَانَ حَسَالَهُ وَيَعْ رَجَاء يَقُونُ نَسْئُلُكَ. ووانَ حَسَالَة قَدِرُ أَنْ يُنْخِرَ مَا وَعَذَ بِهِ فَلِنَاكَ. ولمُ يَحْمَعُ بِيْبَمَانِهُ ولا تَرَدَى وهُو أَنْ أَعْنَ مِنْ أَهُ الْعُونِي أَنْ عَلْ اللَّهُ الْذَي أُنْعُو مُنْ عَلَى فَعْ فَالَا لَهُ الْقُنْ الْمَو عَنْ اللَّنُ الْمُواتِ وَيْنَ أَنْ عُنْ أَعْنَ مَالَا اللَّيْ عَالَة الْعَامِ وَاللَّذَي مَنْ مَا مَا عُلُهُ مُنْ اللَا مُوَاتِ وَالْتُ اللَّ الْمُواتِ يَعْذَلُ أَنْ عُنْ مَا مَا عُلْ اللَا مُوْ أَنْ الْتُنَا أَيْ الللَّهِ مَنْ عَلْهُ مَا لَنُ اللَهُ مَنْ أَنْ أَعْنَ اللَهُ مَنْ عُوْنَ الْعُنَا مِ مَا الللَّهُ الللْعُولُ مَعْ مَاللُ

بِمَا أَنَّ كثيرينَ أَخَذُوا يُرَتِّبونَ روَايةً لِلأَحْدَاثِ ٱلَّتِي تَمَّتْ عِنْدَنا، كَمَا إنجيل القدّيس لوقا 1: 1-25 لَهَا، رَأَيْتُ أَنا أَيْضًا، أَيُّهَا الشَّريفُ تِيُوفِيل، أَنْ أَكْتُبَها لَكَ بِحَسَبِ تَرْتِيبِهَا، بَعْدَما تَتَبَّعْتُهَا كُلَّها، مُنْذُ بِدَايَتِهَا، تَتَبُّعًا دقيقًا، لِكَى تَتَيَقَّنَ صِحَةَ الكَلامِ الَّذِي وُعِظْتَ بهِ.

كَانَ في أَيَّامٍ هِيرُودُس، مَلِكِ اليَهُودِيَّة، كَاهِنُ ٱسْمُهُ زَكَرِيَّا، مِنْ فِرْقَةِ أَبِيَّا، له ٱمْرَأَةٌ مِنْ بَنَاتِ هَارُونَ ٱسْمُها إليصابَات. وكَانَا كِلاهُمَا بَارَّيْنِ أَمَامَ الله، سَالِكَيْنِ في جَمِيع وصابَا الرَّبِّ وأَحْكَامِه بِلا لَوْم. ومَا كَانَ لَهُمَا وَلَد، لأَنَّ إليصابات كَانَتْ عَاقِرًا، وكَانَا كِلاهُمَا قَدْ طَعَنَا في أَيَّامِهِمَا. وفِيمَا كَانَ زَكَرِيَّا يَقُومُ بِالخِدْمَةِ الكَهَنُوتِيَّةِ أَمَامَ الله، في أَنْنَاءِ نَوْبَةِ فِرْقَتِهِ، أَصَابَتْهُ القُرْعَة، بِحَسَبِ عَادَةِ الكَهَنُوت، لِيَدْخُلَ مَقْدِسَ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ ويُحْرِقَ البَخُور. وكَانَ كُلُ جُمْهُورِ الشَّعْبِ يُصَلِّى في الخَارِج، في أَثْنَاءِ إِحْرَاقِ البَخُورِ. وَتَراءَى مَلاكُ الرَّبِّ لِزَكَرِيَّا وَاقِفًا مِنْ عَنْ يَمِينِ مَذْبَح البَخُور، فَأُصْطَرَبَ زَكَرِيًّا حِينَ رَآه، وأُسْتُولَى عَلَيْهِ الخَوف. فقَالَ لهُ المَلاك: "لا تَخَف، يَا زَكَرِيَّا، فَقَدِ ٱسْتُجِيبَتْ طِلْبَتُكَ، وَٱمْرَأَتُكَ إِلِيصَابَاتُ سَتَلِدُ لَكَ ٱبْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يُوحَنَّا. ويَكُونُ لَكَ فَرَحٌ وَٱبْتِهَاج، ويَفْرَحُ بِمَوْلِدِهِ كَثِيرُون، لأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ عَظِيمًا في نَظَرٍ الرَّبّ، لا يَشْرَبُ خَمْرًا ولا مُسْكِرًا، وَيَمْتَلِئُ مِنَ الرُّوح القُدُسِ وَهُوَ بَعْدُ في حَشَا أُمِّهِ. ويَرُدُ كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ بَني إِسْرَائِيلَ إلى الرَّبِّ إلههم. ويَسيرُ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ بِرُوح إيليَّا وقُوَّتِهِ، لِيَرُدَ قُلُوبَ الآبَاءِ إلى الأَبْنَاء، والعُصناةَ إلى حِكْمةِ الأَبْرَار، فيُهيّئ لِلرَّبِّ شَعْبًا مُعَدًّا خَيْرَ إعْدَاد. " فقال زكريّا لِلْمَلاك: "بماذا أَعْرف هذا؟ فإنِّي أَنَا شَيْخٌ ، و ٱمْرَأَتي قَدْ طَعَنَتْ في أَيَّامِهَا !. " فأَجَابَ المَلاكُ وقالَ له: "أَنَا هُوَ جِبْرَ ائِيلُ ٱلوَاقِف في حَضْرَةٍ الله، وقَدْ أُرْسِلْتُ لأُكَلِّمَكَ وأُبَشِرَكَ بِهذَا. وهَا أَنْتَ تَكُونُ صَامِتًا، لا تَقْدِرُ أَنْ تَتَكَلَّم، حَتَّى اليَوْمِ الَّذي يَحْدُثُ فِيهِ ذلِكَ، لأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُؤْمِنْ بِكَلامِي الَّذي سَيَتِمُ في أَوَانِهِ. " وكَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظرُ زَكَرِيَّا، ويَتَعَجَّبُ مِنْ إبْطَائِهِ في مَقْدِسِ المَهْيْكَل. ولَمَّا خَرَجَ زَكَرِيًّا، لَمْ يَكُنْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُم، فأَدْرَكُوا أَنَّهُ رَأَى رُؤْيَا في المَقْدِس، وكَانَ يُشيرُ إلَيْهم بِالإشارَة، وبَقِيَ أَبْكَم. ولَمَّا تَمَّتْ أَيَّامُ خِدْمَتِهِ، مَضنى إلى بَيْتِهِ. وبَعْدَ تِلْكَ الأَيَّام، حَمَلَتِ ٱمْرَأَتُهُ إليصنابَات، وكَتمَتْ أَمْرَهَا خَمْسَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، وهِيَ تَقُول: هكذا صَنعَ الرَّبُّ إليَّ، في الأَيَّامِ الَّتِي نَظَرَ إليَّ فِيهَا، لِيُزِيلَ العَارَ عَنِّي مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ!