

"The priest is not a priest
for himself - he is for you.
After God, the priest
is everything."

- St. Jean Vianney

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 PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael305-807-9087.... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...978-873-5363...pv@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.



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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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday of the Priests - أحد الكهنة

Sat Jan. 23
English 4:00 PM **For: + 1 Year Anniversary - Ida M. Thomas**
By her daughter in law Phyllis, Ida's Grandchildren, their spouses and her great-grandchildren

Sun Jan. 24
English 9:00 AM **For: + The Assad Coury Family** *By Sheryl A. Coury*

Ara/Eng 11:00 AM **For: + Tanous Ata** *By his wife Leila and his children Elie, Ibrahim, Diana, Mirna & Alfred Ata and their families*
Church

Mon Jan. 25 9:00 AM **For: + Jeanne Maalouf** *By Lili Bijjani and her family*
The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Tue Jan. 26 9:00 AM **For: + Massoud and Maroun El-Achkar** *By Fr. Elie Mikhael*
 + *Aida Vargas de-Escobar* *By her Family*

Wed Jan. 27 9:00 AM **For: + Fr. Michel Bijjani** *By Lili Bijjani and her family*
The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

Thu Jan. 28 9:00 AM **For: + Tony & + Barbara, +John, +All, and +Georgina Goulart**
By Dora Pereira
The intentions and donors of Catholic Extension

9:45 AM-12Noon **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

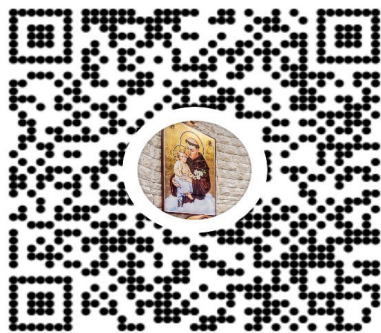
Fri Jan. 29 **No Liturgy**

Sunday of the Righteous and Just - أحد الأبرار والصديقين

Sat Jan. 30
English 4:00 PM **For: 40 Day Anniversary - Robert Brousseau**
By his wife Elaine Brousseau

Sun Jan. 31
English 9:00 AM **For: 1st Year Anniversary - Joseph Jabbour**
By Mr. & Mrs. Kamil and Mona Hbaiter and Family

Ara/Eng 11:00 AM **For: 40 Day Anniversary- Jamile Barbar Zaarour & Salma B. Bechara** *By her daughters Georgina Wife of Jihad Maroun, Joumana wife of Edgar Feghali, and their children.*
Church



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...)

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

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

or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Or by visiting: www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Burial Pre-Arrangements

Making arrangements for a burial in advance should be no more difficult than providing insurance or having a will. It is a sensible thing to do. By pre-arranging your burial, you can avoid the unnecessary confusion plus the financial and emotional stress that death often brings. Funeral pre-arrangements are available and recommended with guarantees of no increase in cemetery charges at the time of interment.

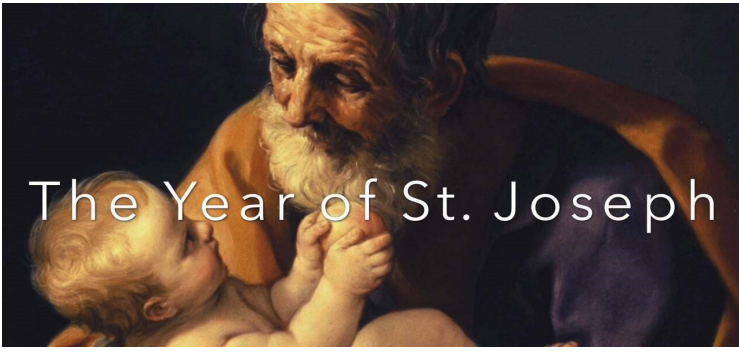
Pre-Arrangement Funds are placed in a separate account and are withdrawn at the time of the interment. An interest free Time-Payment Plan is available for your convenience.

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 rectory@stanthonylawrence.org and we will attach that to your loved one's record.



Prayer to Saint Joseph:
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

نرفع إليه هذه الصلاة:
السلام عليك يا حامي المخلص،
وخطيب العذراء مريم.
لقد ائتمنك الله على ابنه؛
وبك وضعت مريم ثقتها؛
ومعك صار يسوع رجلاً.
أيها الطوباوي يوسف، كن أباً لنا نحن أيضاً،
وأرشدنا في درب الحياة.
التمس لنا النعمة والرحمة والشجاعة،
واحمنا من كل شر. آمين.

(Prayer by Pope Francis at the conclusion of his Letter
“[Patris corde](#)” (“With a Father’s Heart”) proclaiming a
“Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020 to 8
December 2021.)

A second collection will be taken at the end of the month for the United States Catholic Bishops’ Worldwide Charities. Envelops have been included with your sets for your convenience.

BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday January 13, 2021.

For more info send an email

to: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to:

Christian Salim El Achi

Child of Elias El Achi and Clara Saade.

Congratulations to the parents and to the newly baptized child.

CONDOLENCES

To Joan and her family on the passing of the loving and caring husband , father and grand father: **Joseph Kalil**

May his soul rest in peace and his loved ones be comforted

Religious Education

Next Session is on **January 23, 2021 @ 5:15 pm.**

Save the Dates - First Communion:

- **March 6, 2021** from 5:15 to 6:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communion.
- **May 1, 2021 @ 10:30 am:** First Communion Liturgy

Knights of the Altar

Next meeting : February 6

Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic –Capacity %25

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 [Facebook page](#). 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.

Everyone attending Liturgy is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Liturgy is 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 present one hand resting on the palm of the other. Moving in front of one of the side altar the communicant pulls their mask or other facial covering below their chin and reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering and returns to their place.

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 foyer, and no receptions or

MENTAL HEALTH & SEVERE AUTISTIC HOMES

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FOOD & MEDICINE DRIVE

Items Listed Below!

Keep Checking back to remain updated on what is still needed

Drop off location

St Anthony Church: 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA

Drop off Dates / Times: Everyday Starting 1/11/21

Until further notice

**Contact the rectory with any questions @ 978.685.7233 or
rectory@stanthonylawrence.org**

FOOD DRIVE MOST NEEDED ITEMS

RAISINS

TABLE SALT

SUGAR

LENTILS

RED BEANS

BURGHOL

JELLY

HOMMUS

CANILLA RICE

PASTA

SPAGETTI SAUCE

MACARONI & CHEESE

INSTNAT POTATOES

RICE

**CANNED
VEGETABLES**

**CANNED MEAT:
CHICKEN, BEEF,
TUNA, SARDINES**

TEA

FLOUR

HONEY

DRY MILK

TOOTH BRUSHES

TOOTH PASTE

SHAMPOOS

DISH DETERGENT

ADULT DIAPERS

BAR SOAP

BODY WASH

SPORT SOCKS

TOWELS

GRIEVING DEATH

By Ronald Rolheiser

Most of us are familiar with the story of Zorba the Greek, either through Nikos Kazantzakis' famous book or through the movie. Well, Zorba was not a fictional character. He was a real person, Alexis Zorba, who had such a larger-than-life personality and energy that when he died, Kazantzakis found his death very difficult to accept, incredulous that such energy, verve, and color were mortal.

On learning of Zorba's death, this was Kazantzakis' reaction: "I closed my eyes and felt tears rolling slowly, warmly down my cheeks. He's dead, dead, dead. Zorba is gone, gone forever. The laughter is dead, the song cut off, the santir broken, the dance on the seaside pebbles has halted, the insatiable mouth that questioned with such incurable thirst is filled now with clay. ... Such souls should not die. Will earth, water, fire, and chance ever be able to fashion a Zorba again? ... It was as though I believed him to be immortal."

Sometimes it's hard to believe that a certain person can die because of the life and energy that he or she incarnated. We simply cannot imagine that life-pulse dead, stilled, forever gone from this planet. Certain people seem exempt from death because we cannot imagine such energy, color, generosity, and goodness dying. How can such wonderful energy just die?

I have felt that many times in my life; most recently this past week when two former colleagues, both specially spirited, colorful, witty, and generous men, died. Kazantzakis came to mind, and his struggle to accept Zorba's death, along with the way he tried to deal with that death. He decided he would try to "resurrect" Zorba, bring him back to life, by taking his story to the world in such a way so as to transform his life into a myth, a dance, and a religion.

Kazantzakis believed this is what Mary Magdala did in the wake of Jesus' death, when she left his tomb and went back to the world. She resurrected Jesus by telling his story, creating a myth, a dance, and a religion. So, in the wake of Zorba's death, Kazantzakis said to himself: "Let us give him our blood so that he can be brought back to life, let us do what we can to make this extraordinary eater, drinker, workhorse, woman-chaser, and vagabond live a little longer - this dancer and warrior, the broadest soul, surest body, freest cry I ever knew in my life." Bless his effort! It made for a great story, a gripping myth, but it never made for a religion or an eternal dance because that's not what Mary Magdala did with Jesus. Nonetheless, there's still something to be learned here about how to deal with a death that seemingly takes some oxygen out of the planet. We must not let that wonderful energy disappear, but keep it alive. However, as Christians, we do this in a different way.

We read the Mary Magdala story quite differently. Mary went to Jesus' tomb, found it empty, and went away crying; but ... but, before she got to tell anyone any story, she met a resurrected Jesus who shared with her how his energy, color, love, person would now be found, namely, in a radically new modality, inside his spirit. That contains the secret of how we are to give life to our loved ones after they have died.

How do we keep our loved ones and the wonderful energy they brought to the planet alive after they have died? First, by recognizing that their energy doesn't die with their bodies, that it doesn't depart the planet. Their energy remains, alive, still with us, but now inside us, through the spirit they leave behind (just as Jesus left his spirit behind). Further still, their energy infuses us whenever we enter into their "Galilee", namely, into those places where their spirits thrived and breathed out generative oxygen.

What's meant by that? What's someone's "Galilee"? A person's "Galilee" is that special energy, that special oxygen, which he or she breathes out. For Zorba, it was his fearlessness and zest for life; for my dad, it was his moral stubbornness; for my mom, it was her generosity. In that energy, they breathed out something of God. Whenever we go to those places where their spirits breathed out God's life, we breathe in again their oxygen, their dance, their life.

Like all of you, I have sometimes been stunned, saddened, and incredulous at the death of a certain person. How could that special energy just die? Sometimes that special energy was manifest in physical beauty, human grace, fearlessness, zest, color, moral steadiness, compassion, graciousness, warmth, wit, or humor. It can be hard to accept that beauty and live-giving oxygen can seemingly leave the planet.

In the end, nothing is lost. Sometime, in God's time, at the right time, the stone will roll back and like Mary Magdala walking away from the grave, we will know that we can breathe in that wonderful energy again in "Galilee".

Epistle: First Letter to Timothy 4: 6-16

Brothers and sisters, If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Gospel: Saint Luke 12: 42-48

The Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.'

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

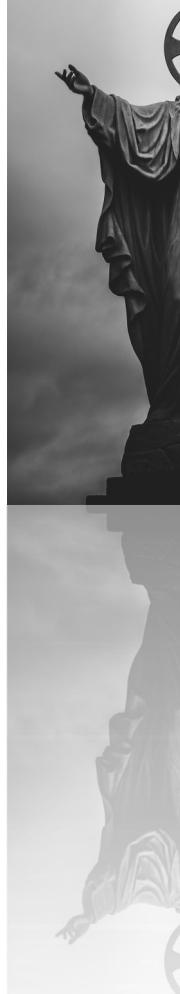
- Jan 24:** Andrea Dahbour, James Hajj,
Dean Levy
- Jan 25:** Gabrielle Abdelnour, Mariana Ata,
Matthew Getchell, Breanne Maroon,
Charlotte Samaan, Therese Zaarour
- Jan 26:** Roger Feghali, Elizabeth Frias
- Jan 27:** Ryan Abraham, Karen Pappalardo
- Jan 28:** Fred Abboud
- Jan 29:** Rana Abi-Samra, Booke Abouhamad,
Sam Hajj, Alyce Merlino, Paul Ramey
- Jan 30:** Kira Atallah, Justin Bouchrouche,
Maya Faris, Mia Merheb,
Joseph Solomon, Wilson Touma

IN REMEBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES

- Jan 24:** Elias C. Jbeily - Maha Karam
Richard E. Daher
- Jan 25:** Tannous Ata
- Jan 26:** Pierre E. Bouraphael
Aida Vargas de-Escobar
- Jan 27:** Peter Abdunour
- Jan 28:** Edward J. Jacobs
- Jan 30:** Handouma Maroun - James T. Gabriel

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

**WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMROY OF
IDA M. THOMAS BY HER FAMILY**



يا إخواني، إِذَا عَرَضْتَ ذَلِكَ لِلإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا
صَالِحًا لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مُتَعَدِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ

الرسالة الأولى إلى تيموتاوس 4: 6 - 16

الحَسَنَ الَّذِي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الخُرَافَاتُ التَّافِهَةُ، حِكَايَاتُ العَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرَضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى
التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الرِّيَاضَةَ الجَسَدِيَّةَ نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضَ الشَّيْءِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ
الحَيَاةِ الحَاضِرَةِ وَالآتِيَةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنا
جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَنَا فِي اللَّهِ الحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيَّمَا المُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ
وَعَلِّمُهُ. وَلَا تَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهِينُ بِحَدَاثَةِ سِنِّكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالكَلَامِ، وَالسِّيَرَةِ، وَالمَحَبَّةِ،
وَالإِيمَانِ، وَالعَفَافِ. وَاطْبُقْ عَلَى إِعْلَانِ الكَلِمَةِ وَالعِظِّ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمِلِ المَوْهَبَةَ
الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ عَلَيْكَ. إِهْتَمَّ بِتِلْكَ الأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَاطِبًا
عَلَيْهَا، لِيَكُونَ تَقَدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلجَمِيعِ. إِنَّتِي لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَّعْلِيمِكَ، وَانْتَبَتْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَصْتَ
نَفْسَكَ وَالدِّينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: "مَنْ تَرَاهُ أَلَوْكِيْلُ الأَمِينُ الحَكِيمُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ
سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي حِينِهَا؟

إنجيل القديس لوقا 12: 42 - 48

طُوبَى لِدَلِكِ العَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ
مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ العَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ العُلَمَانَ وَالجَوَّارِي،
يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ العَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ،
وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ العَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمِلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ
سَيِّدِهِ، يُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا العَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ،
فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطَلَبُ مِنْهُ الكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُتْمِنَ عَلَى الكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ."



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