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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 @ 7:00 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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

#### MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael ....**305-807-9087**... [pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

Fr. Manuel Rahmeh ...**978-873-5363**...[pv@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto: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.

## SUNDAYS & WEEKLY LITURGIES

### The Third Sunday of the Resurrection

### الأحد الثالث من زمن القيامة

<b>Sat</b> 4:00 PM	<b>April 17</b> English	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Therese Azzi-Feghaly</b> By her daughter, Christelle, wife of Dory Saliba, her brother, Elias G. Azzi and his wife, Alice, and their families, and the families of her late brother, Joseph G. Azzi.
<b>Sun.</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 18</b> English	<b>For: Stephanie Ota</b> By her loving Family <b>For: 1st Year Anniversary - Helen Abdo</b> , By her sons, Joseph and John, and their families
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Arabic & English	<b>For: 40 Day Anniversary - Shawool S. Geha</b> By his brothers and sisters: Michel, Samih, Leila, the family of the late, Maurice Geha, and their families.

### The 3rd Week of the Glorious Resurrection - الأسبوع الثالث من زمن القيامة

<b>Mon</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 19</b>	<b>For: +Deacon Allan Ramey</b> , By Father Elie.
<b>Tue</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 20</b>	<b>For: Tony and Barbara, John, All, Georgina Goulart</b> , By Dora Pereira.
<b>Wed</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 21</b>	<b>For: Private Intentions.</b>
<b>Thu</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 22</b>	<b>For: Private Intentions.</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>NO LITURGIES</b>

### The Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

### الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

<b>Sat</b> 4:00 PM	<b>April 24</b> English	<b>For: 20th Anniversary - Fred J. Ganem</b> By Mrs. Joanne Ganem, children, and grandchildren.
<b>Sun.</b> 9:00 AM	<b>April 25</b> English	<b>For: Assad Saysouk</b> , By his son, Raymond, wife, Claudia, and their Family.
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Arabic & English	<b>For: Private Intentions.</b>

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
*Catholic Home Missions Appeal*  
*April 18*

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
**WEEKLY / MONTHLY / ANNUAL**  
**GIVING COMMITMENT**

For your convenience, in addition to online donations and the drop box at the entrance of the church, we will be returning to passing the collection baskets during the Liturgy. Basket collection will begin the first weekend of May. Rest assured, we will continue to follow and observe the CDC COVID Guidelines. We thank you for your continuous support towards your Spiritual home.

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REGISTER ONLINE



[stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/](http://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" X 8" = \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233

or by E-mail:

[rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto: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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) Or

by visiting: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://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](http://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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org) and we will attach that to your loved one's record.

## Pope John Paul II: *Christ's Resurrection Was a Concrete Event*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1. In the liturgical season running from Easter to Pentecost, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life.

Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried His cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave in to the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you."

2. The Church is based on their extraordinary experience. The first proclamation of the Gospel was nothing other than the testimony of this event: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses!" (Acts 2:32). The Christian faith is so linked with this truth that Paul did not hesitate to declare: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). Along these lines the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community, handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 638).

Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.

3. Regina caeli, laetare! Rejoice, Holy Virgin, because He whom you bore in your womb is risen! Dear brothers and sisters, let us try to relive the joy of the Resurrection with Mary's heart. Even in the darkness of Good Friday she prepared herself to receive the light of Easter morning.

Let us ask her to obtain for us a deep faith in this extraordinary event, which is salvation and hope for the world.

*From an address given by Pope John Paul II before reciting the Regina caeli on Sunday, 21 April 1996.*

## CONDOLENCES

To Robert and Catherine Cloutier on the passing of their beloved mother:  
*Rose Hashem*

Our sympathies are extended to her siblings: Joseph, Sabah, Najwah, Najat, Abdo, and Fadwah, along with their spouses and families.

*May her soul rest in peace and her loved ones be comforted.*

***The Sacraments of Baptism &  
Confirmation were administered to:***

***Ruby Harb***

daughter of José-Antoinette Harb

*May God shower his blessings upon the  
Baptized one & her family!*

## Religious Education

The *final* class for Religious Education will be *Saturday, April 17*.

## First Communion

If your child is making First Communion in May, please note the following important dates and times. **We will be having only one liturgy this year.**

Your child should be able to recite The Our Father, The Hail Mary, and the Act of Contrition. These have been provided and are reviewed in class, but your practice with your child is necessary.

**Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 1:30 PM**

**First Communion liturgy**

See your guidelines for further information on communion dress and expectations.

# Called to *Serve* Lectors

In light of recent events, we have had to put a hold on our Lectors Ministry. We would like to begin scheduling readers as before. For those who wish to be a part of our Lectors schedule, please show your interest by calling the Office @ 978-685-7233 or send us an e-mail @ [bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org). Please be sure to indicate which Liturgy you will be attending as well as if you prefer to read the Arabic or English Epistle. For your convenience, Readings will be e-mailed to you or you can access them through our website via Online Bulletin. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

**The Maronite Servants of Christ** the Light are opening their convent in Dartmouth, MA, for young adult women (ages 18-35) to come and visit during the week of May 1-8, 2021. This will be an opportunity to make a mini retreat, participate with the sisters in their day-to-day life and be rejuvenated in the Lord.

The sisters encourage any woman open to serving the Lord in a special way interested to contact Sister Marla Marie for more information.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2021

by Phone: 508-996-1753 or by

Email: [sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org)

Website: [www.maroniteservants.org](http://www.maroniteservants.org)



## DCG FOUNDATION - APPLY NOW

Awarded in memory of Dorothy C. Gabriel. Awarded to members of St Anthony Maronite Church who will be attending Central Catholic High School. **Application Form:** <https://www.dcgfoundation.com/>

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.

السلام عليك يا حامي المخلص، وخطيب العذراء مريم. لقد ائتمناك 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.

### BIBLE STUDY

Arabic and English Sessions are taking place every Wednesday. For more info send an email to: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

## PARISH RESOURCES

### AVAILABLE ONLINE

[www.stanthonylawrence.org](http://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*

## ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Nearly 2,000 years ago, two disillusioned youths consoled each other as they walked that seven-mile stretch of road separating Jerusalem from Emmaus. They moved slowly, depression having taken the spring from their steps. A double feeling clung to their hearts that day. They were hurting and there was reason. Their messiah and their dreams had just been crucified. A deep dark disappointment dampened their spirits. And there was fear. Most of all, there was fear. Not fear that they themselves might be crucified. That prospect loomed more welcome than the thought of going on. Theirs was that more horrible fear, the fear that comes from the realization that perhaps nothing makes a difference after all, maybe our dreams and our hopes point to nothing more real than Santa and the Easter Bunny. Maybe hope is only for children and the naive? They had been so excited, so full of hope. The uncrucified Christ had filled them with a dream. With that dream had come a new innocence, a freshness, an energy, a feeling absent since they had been children and which, prior to meeting Jesus, they had, long ago, unconsciously despaired of ever feeling again.

One weekend, one black Friday, had changed it all. They walked now, realistic again, more than 48 hours older, their dreams, like their messiah, dead, entombed. They had grown up a lot in one weekend. Their naiveté had died as it hung exposed, mocked and ridiculed by the wise. There was a lesson hard learned, but it brought a hurt and a disappointment beyond words. But another feeling clung to them too, like a demon refusing to be exorcised. The dream still burned holes in their hearts. Mocked and dead – maybe it didn't matter? Maybe something was more real than even death! Hurt beyond words, confused beyond doubts, they searched for words, grasped for trust. Then a stranger caught their step and caught their mood. They didn't recognize him. How could they? In their loss of trust, their messiah had died.

But the stranger begins to find the words: "Do they not yet understand the ways of God? Isn't it always when they don't understand, and have to trust, that they understand the most deeply? Wasn't it necessary for naiveté to be so exposed and ridiculed? Is that not its glory?" His words burned in them, touching and soothing that same deep part of the heart where the dream had lain. But they were only words, a balm, a momentary salve, nothing more. The doubt, the hurt, the fear, these lingered on. Emmaus and twilight appeared at the same time. The stranger had been a consolation. Why not ask him to stay? They continued to share, bread and consolation. Suddenly their eyes were opened. Their minds and hearts were opened even further. They understood. Jesus was with them again. The dream exploded anew like an atom split. They split, immediately, for the ends of the earth, hanging their naiveté and their dreams on crosses everywhere. The dream never died again. Easter Sunday had eclipsed a godless Friday. Christianity goes through multiple moods and feelings. Each age must struggle with its own emotions. Today, in terms of feeling, we live in that time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are trudging along the road to Emmaus. Like the two disciples, we live with crucified dreams. Aesthetically, romantically, ethically, and religiously, we are surrounded by despair and its child, cynicism.

Dreams are giving way before the caveat of the cynic; faith is daily being displaced by doubt; and perseverance and long-suffering are all but extinct in a culture and church of release and enjoyment. Worst of all, there is fear, an unconscious fear whose tentacles are beginning to color every facet of life. It is the fear that perhaps our Christian hopes and dreams point to nothing beyond our own hopes and dreams. Perhaps faith is, after all, only a naiveté. Isn't Christ as dead as he was on Good Friday? Who, save perhaps for a few good thieves, is still turning to a cross for salvation? Yet there is something else: The dream still clings to us, refusing to let us go. It burns holes in us still, hanging on to us, even when in infidelity and despair we can no longer hang on to it. Hope is still more real than death. In our hurt, we are struggling for words and grasping for trust. We need to remain on the road to Emmaus. The stranger still stalks that same road. In his company we need to discuss our doubts, discuss the scriptures and continually offer each other bread and consolation. At some moment too, our eyes will be opened. We will understand and we will recognize the risen Lord. Then the dream will explode anew like a flower bursting in bloom after a long winter. We will be full of a new innocence. Easter Sunday will happen again.

## OUR MINISTRIES: FORMING A COMMUNITY \_ONE BODY

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION [ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Our Religious Program prepares our children on the Maronite Spirituality, Liturgy and Sacraments.*

*A ministry dedicated to enrich our children with a Maronite sense of pride and belonging.*

### KNIGHTS OF MARY [kom@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:kom@stanthonylawrence.org)

*A spiritual and Social ministry enriching children from 1st grade till 8th grade with Maronite Tradition and Spirituality. Registration will be open during the Summer. All are welcomed!*

### MARONITE YOUTH - MYO [myo@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:myo@stanthonylawrence.org)

*Forming a Catholic mind and heart based on the teaching of the Bible, Catholic Morality and Ethics. The Ministry based on high School Parishioners.*

### MYA - MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

*An Open and Healthy environment of moral, theological and Spiritual discussions .*

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- *Daughters of St Anthony: Women Ministry of 50+ caring and catering for spiritual and social animation*
- *Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality- أخوية سيدة لبنان*  
*Women Ministry for Arabic Speaking emphasizing on prayers, devotions and supporting the church through social events and activities.*
- *M\_WINE- Maronite Women in New Evangelization: Evangelizing at home through building a nucleus of prayer groups*

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

*Visiting the sick and shut-ins of our parish, ensuring our loved ones are not forgotten and remain a part of our community.*

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*Bringing Solace and consolation to the heart of grieving families helping them to prepare the funeral liturgy and celebrate the life of their loved ones in the outmost revered liturgical ambiance*

### KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

*Forming and Shaping Altar Boys Servers to serve the liturgical celebrations with awe and respect. Registrations are open to all our Boys from 2nd grade and up.*

### ST ANTHONY CHOIRS

*Four choirs serve the liturgies and the liturgical celebrations at St Anthony. Doors are open for everyone!*

### FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL—عائلة مار شربل

*Dedicated to spread St Charbel Devotion.*

### ARABIC SCHOOL [Hitafnammour@gmail.com](mailto:Hitafnammour@gmail.com)

*For Families who are open to teach their kids the Arabic language*

### MAHRAJAN COMMITTEE

*Shining our culture, tradition and heritage in the Merrimack Valley area and New England.*

**Epistle: Second Letter to Timothy 2:8-13**

**Brothers and sisters,** Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى تيموثاوس 2:8-13

يا إخواني، وأنت يا ابني، تذكر يسوع المسيح الذي قام من بين الأموات، وهو من نسل داود، بحسب إنجيلي، الذي فيه احتمل المشقات حتى الفؤود كمجرم، لكن كلمة الله لا تقيد. لذلك أصبر على كل شيء من أجل المختارين، ليحصلوا هم أيضا على الخلاص في المسيح يسوع مع المجد الأبدى. صادقة هي الكلمة: إن متنا معه نحيا معه، وإن صبرنا نملك معه، وإن أنكرناه نكفنا، وإن كنا غير أمناء فهو يبقى أميناً، لأنه لا يقدر أن ينكر نفسه!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- April 18:** Ajia Bou Saada
- April 19:** Tony Abdilmasih, Simon Mouawad, Marie Mouawad, Estelle Mullen
- April 20:** Philip Aoun, Maggie Bouchrouche, Yara Daher, Sue Homsey, Elizabeth Mansor, III, Mario Nehme
- April 21:** Brady Ata, Danny Azzi, Isabella Samaan, Andrew Veilleux
- April 22:** Maria Andary, Rita Andary, Josh Frias, Maurice Hatem, George Kalil
- April 23:** Ella Asmar, Markus Maroun, Chadi Moussa, Samantha Zoghbi
- April 24:** Seamuss Menihane, Jad Ramey, Viviane Tannoury

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES**

- April 18:** Clarence Hedges
- April 19:** Loretta Becker, Joseph El Kareh
- April 20:** Deacon Allan Ramey
- April 21:** Adele Hatem, Stephanie Ota
- April 22:** Edward A. Hatem
- April 24:** George Abdallah, Dr. Joseph Maroun

**ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN**

In Loving Memory of  
**Rose & Peter Lucchesi & Mary Shadeed,**  
 By Beverly & Bob Schiripo.

**Guidelines For Public Liturgies During Pandemic – Capacity 50%**

**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.

**What should I do if I cannot come to Liturgy?**

We will continue to livestream our Liturgies on our [Facebook page](#).

**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. 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.

Parishioners who would like to have Holy Communion brought to their homes should contact the office @ 978.685.7233 during normal business hours.

**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.

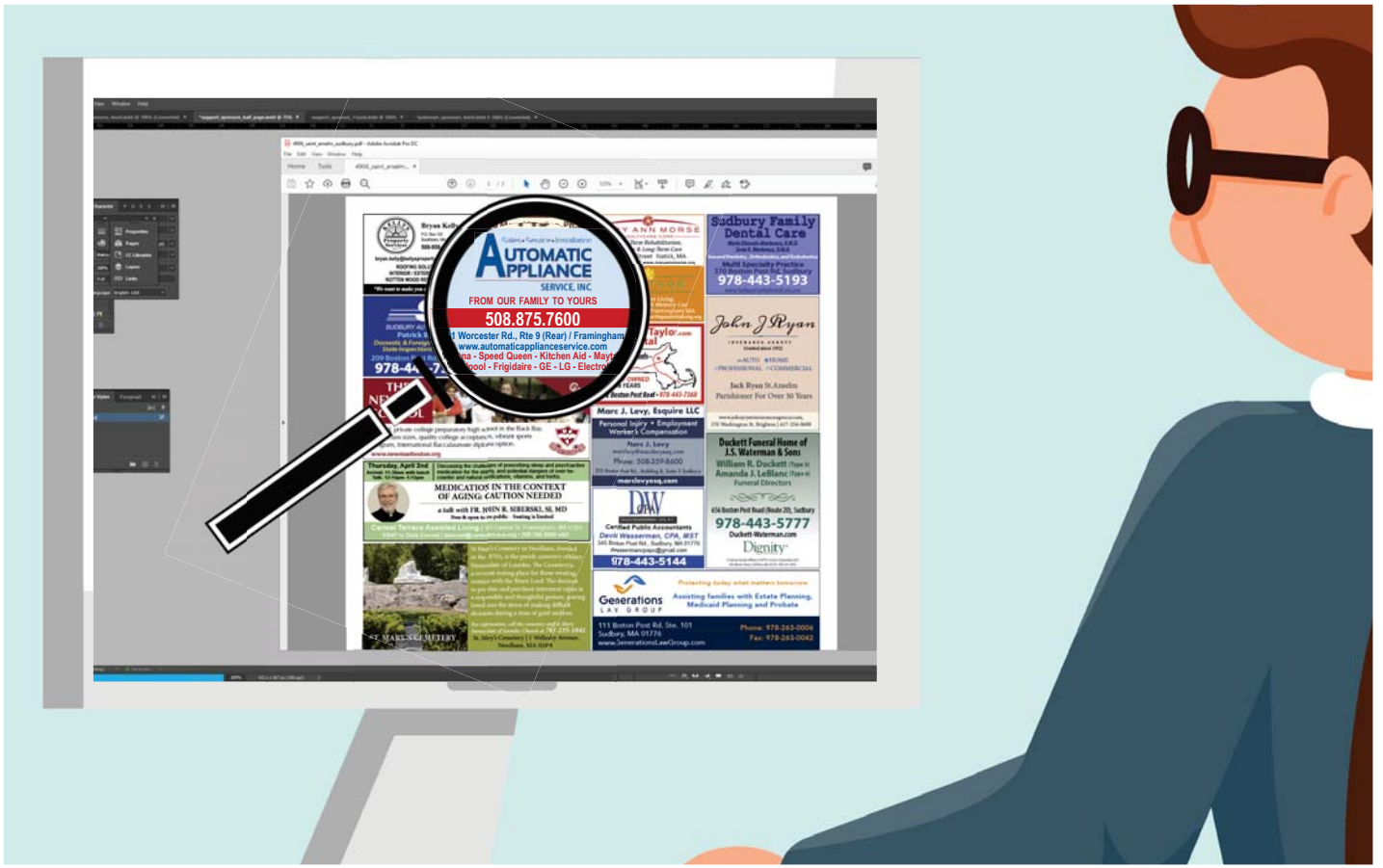


**Gospel: Saint Luke 24: 13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**إنجيل القديس لوقا 24:13-35**

ي اليَوْمِ عَيْنِهِ، كَانَ اثْنَانِ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ ذَاهِبِينَ إِلَى قَرْيَةٍ تُدْعَى عَمَّاوُسَ، تَبْعُدُ نَحْوَ سَبْعَةِ أَمْيَالٍ عَنِ أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَكَانَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ بِكُلِّ تِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ الَّتِي حَدَّثَتْ. وَفِيمَا هُمَا يَتَحَادَثَانِ وَيَتَسَاءَلَانِ، إِذَا يَسُوعُ نَفْسُهُ قَدْ أَقْتَرَبَ مِنْهُمَا، وَرَاحَ يَسِيرُ مَعَهُمَا. وَلَكِنَّ أَعْيُنَهُمَا أُمْسِكَتْ عَنْ مَعْرِفَتِهِ. أَمَا هُوَ فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «مَا هَذَا الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي تَتَحَادَثَانِ بِهِ، وَأَنْتُمَا تَسِيرَانِ؟» «فَوْقًا عَابِسِينَ. وَأَجَابَ أَحَدُهُمَا، وَأَسْمُهُ كَلْيُوبَاسَ، فَقَالَ لَهُ: «هَلْ أَنْتَ وَحَدَاكَ غَرِيبٌ عَنِ أُورُشَلِيمَ، فَلَا تَعْلَمُ مَا حَدَّثَ فِيهَا هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامُ؟» «فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «وَمَا هِيَ؟» «فَقَالَا لَهُ: «مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِيَسُوعِ النَّاصِرِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ رَجُلًا نَبِيًّا قَوِيًّا بِالْقَوْلِ وَالْفِعْلِ، قُدَّامَ اللَّهِ وَالشَّعْبِ كُلِّهِ. وَكَيْفَ أَسْلَمَهُ أَحْبَارُنَا وَرُؤَسَاؤُنَا لِيُحْكَمَ عَلَيْهِ بِالْمَوْتِ، وَكَيْفَ صَلَّبُوهُ! وَكُنَّا نَحْنُ نَرْجُو أَنْ يَكُونَ هُوَ الَّذِي سَيَفِدِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. وَلَكِنْ مَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَهَذَا هُوَ الْيَوْمُ الثَّلَاثُ بَعْدَ تِلْكَ الْأَحْدَاثِ. لَكِنَّ بَعْضَ النِّسَاءِ مِنْ جَمَاعَتِنَا أَذْهَشْنَنَا، لِأَنَّهُنَّ ذَهَبْنَ إِلَى الْقَبْرِ عِنْدَ الْفَجْرِ، وَلَمْ يَجِدْنَ جَسَدَ يَسُوعَ، فَرَجَعْنَ وَقُلْنَ إِنَّهُنَّ شَاهِدْنَ مَلَائِكَةً تَرَاءَوْا لَهُنَّ وَقَالُوا إِنَّهُ حَيٌّ! وَمَضَى قَوْمٌ مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَعَنَا إِلَى الْقَبْرِ، فَوَجَدُوهُ هَكَذَا كَمَا قَالَتِ النِّسَاءُ، وَأَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَلَمْ يَرَوْهُ.» «فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا عَدِيمِي الْفَهْمِ، وَبَطِيئِي الْقَلْبِ فِي الْإِيمَانِ بِكُلِّ مَا تَكَلَّمُ بِهِ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ! أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ عَلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ تِلْكَ الْأَلَامَ، ثُمَّ يَدْخُلَ فِي مَجْدِهِ؟» وَفَسَّرَ لَهُمَا مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِهِ فِي كُلِّ الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، مُبْتَدِئًا بِمُوسَى وَجَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ. وَأَقْتَرَبَا مِنَ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَا ذَاهِبِينَ إِلَيْهَا، فَتَظَاهَرَ يَسُوعُ بِأَنَّهُ ذَاهِبٌ إِلَى مَكَانٍ أَبْعَدَ. فَتَمَسَّكَ بِهِ قَائِلِينَ: «أَمْكُتْ مَعَنَا، فَقَدْ حَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، وَمَالَ النَّهَارُ.» فَدَخَلَ لِيَمْكُتَ مَعَهُمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ مُتَكِنًا مَعَهُمَا، أَحَدَ الْخُبْزِ، وَبَارَكَ، وَكَسَرَ، وَنَاوَلَهُمَا. فَأَنْفَتَحَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمَا، وَعَرَفَاهُ، فَإِذَا هُوَ قَدْ تَوَارَى عَنْهُمَا. فَقَالَ أَحَدُهُمَا لِلْآخَرِ: «أَمَا كَانَ قَلْبُنَا مُضْطَرِّمًا فِينَا، جِئْنَا كَمَا يُكَلِّمُنَا فِي الطَّرِيقِ، وَيَسْرَحُ لَنَا الْكُتُبُ؟» «وَقَامَا فِي تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ عَيْنَيْهَا، وَرَجَعَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، فَوَجَدَا الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُمْ مُجْتَمِعِينَ، وَهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: «حَقًّا إِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَامَ، وَتَرَأَى لِسِمْعَانَ!.» «أَمَا هُمَا فَكَانَا يُخْبِرَانِ بِمَا حَدَّثَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ، وَكَيْفَ عَرَفَا يَسُوعَ عِنْدَ كَسْرِ الْخُبْزِ.»

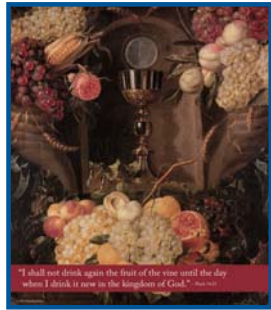


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