

“COME AND HAVE BREAKFAST,”  
JESUS TOLD THEM. NONE OF  
THE DISCIPLES DARED ASK HIM,  
“WHO ARE YOU?” BECAUSE  
THEY KNEW IT WAS THE LORD.

JOHN 21:12

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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*

#### 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 Fourth Sunday of the Resurrection

### الأحد الرابع من زمن القيامة

**Sat** April 24 **For: 20th Anniversary - Fred J. Ganem** By Mrs. Joanne Ganem, children, and  
4:00 PM *English* grandchildren.

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**Sun.** April 25

9:00 AM *English* **For: +Assad Saysouk**, By his son, Raymond, wife, Claudia, and their Family.

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11:00 AM *Arabic & English* **For: +Marie Makhoulouf**, By her sons, Antony and Jean Paul Abi Awad, and their family.

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### The 4th Week of the Glorious Resurrection - الأسبوع الرابع من زمن القيامة

**Mon** April 26 **For: +Ghandour El Ramey**, By his daughter, Bassima Aboujaude.  
9:00 AM

**Tue** April 27 **For: +Jamil, Nadia, and Angelle Abed El Hay, and Abdulla Sfeir**, By Beshara &  
9:00 AM Huguette Sfeir.

**Wed** April 28 **For: +Jeanette Lahoud Nasr and Antoine Abou Ezzi**, By Dr. and Mrs. George  
9:00 AM Abou Ezzi and Family.

**Thu** April 29 **For: +Jean El Helou**, By Tony El Helou and Family.  
9:00 AM

**Fri** April 30 **NO LITURGIES**

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### The 5th Sunday of the Resurrection - Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon

### الأحد الخامس من زمن القيامة - عيد سيدة لبنان

**Sat** May 1 **In Honor of the First Holy Communicants.**  
4:00 PM *English*

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**Sun.** May 2

9:00 AM *English* **For: 1st Anniversary - Charles Tarness**, By his wife, Georgette, children, Eleanor, Matthew and Pauline, and their spouses.

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**For: 2 Year Anniversary - Maurice Geha**, By his wife and children

11:00 AM *Arabic & English* **For: +Handouma and Najib Maroun, and Deceased Family Members**, By Mr. and Mrs. Gaby Maroun and Family.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION  
*National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Lebanon  
May 2*

**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.

VENMO 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.

## 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!

### **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/>

## 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)**

### **Arabic Sessions**

By: Fr Manuel Rahme

Don't Hesitate to call the Rectory to Join the following online sessions:

		Intro to St Paul's
1st Week	Wed April 28	Epistles & to Romans
2nd Week	Wed May 5	Rom Chap 1&2
3rd Week	Wed May 12	Rom Chap 3&4
4th Week	Wed May 19	Rom Chap 5&6
5th Week	Wed May 26	Rom Chap 7&8
6th Week	Wed June 2	Rom chap 9&10
7th Week	Wed June 9	Rom Chap 11&12
8th Week	Wed June 16	Rom Chap 13&14
9th Week	Wed June 23	Rom Chap 15&16

*Stay tuned for a schedule of English Bible Study Sessions*

## **CONDOLENCES**

To Laure and Amine Bourouphael on the passing of her beloved father.

Our sympathies are extended to his family and loved ones here and in Lebanon.

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

## **COVID RELIEF RAFFLE**

Our gratitude is expressed to:

3rd Prize Winners,

*Christine & Rony Najjar and*

1st Prize Winners,

*Charbel and Rana Abi Samra*

For re-donating their raffle winnings.

We are very blessed by your kindness and generosity!

## Congratulations

To Wissam and Gretta Merheb and family  
On the birth of their son, **Ivan**



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 ثققتها؛ 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.

### 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*

PARISH RESOURCES

## 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.

## *"Their eyes were prevented from recognizing him"*

You have heard, dearly beloved, that the Lord appeared to two disciples while they were walking on the road. They were talking about him, even though they did not believe. He did not show them an appearance which they could recognize, but the Lord behaved before the eyes of their bodies in accord with what was going on inwardly before the eyes of their hearts. Within themselves they were both loving and doubting; and the Lord was present to them out, outwardly, but did not show them who he was. He manifested his presence to them as they talked about him, but hid the appearance by which they would recognize him on account of their doubts. He did indeed talk with them, reproving the hardness of their understanding and opening to them the mysteries of holy scripture concerning himself: and yet, because as an object of faith he was still a stranger to their hearts, he made a pretense of going on farther... The perfect Truth did nothing deceitful; he was only manifesting himself to them materially as they were thinking of him.

It had to be shown whether those who did not as yet love him as God were at least able to love him as a stranger. Since those with whom Truth was walking couldn't be alien to charity, they invited him, a stranger, to be their guest. But why do I say they invited him, when it is written that they compelled him? We must surely infer from this example that strangers are not only to be invited to be guests but even forcibly persuaded.

They set the table, brought food, and recognized in the breaking of the bread the God they did not know as he explained the sacred scriptures. They were not enlightened by hearing God's commandments, but by putting them into practice.



**NAM's Annual Scholarship Applications** are now available for the 2021-2022 school year in the following categories:

1. *NAM General Application for Scholarships:*
    - *John A. Solomon Memorial - MYO Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors who are active members of MYO*
    - *Massabki Brothers Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors*
    - *Naomi & Paul Kassouf Scholarship; Two scholarships of \$2000 each, payable over 2 years, available for high school seniors*
    - *Bouna Sharbel Scholarship; One scholarship of \$1000, available for high school seniors*
    - *Gilbert Chagoury Undergraduate Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in college*
    - *Thomas and Jennie Ayoob Memorial Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, payable over 2 years, available for students already in college*
    - *Gilbert Chagoury Graduate Scholarship; One scholarship of \$2000, available for students already in masters or doctorate program*
  2. *USEK Scholarship:* *The University of the Holy Spirit-Kaslik, Lebanon. 10 Summer scholarships will be awarded which will include full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once the semester is completed. Available for college students; Summer 2022.*
  3. *NDU Scholarship:* *Notre Dame University-Louaize, Lebanon. 12 scholarships for the Spring or Fall semester, both include full tuition and dormitory; and \$500 once a semester is completed. Available for college students; Fall/Spring 2021-22*
- To apply, or for further details, visit [namnews.org](http://namnews.org) or contact Curtis Taylor @ 330-212-9207 or via email @ [namscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:namscholarships@gmail.com). **Application Deadline is May 28, 2021**

## 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: Letter to the Hebrews 13:18-25**

**Brothers and sisters,** Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been set free; and if he comes in time, he will be with me when I see you. Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy send you greetings. Grace be with all of you.

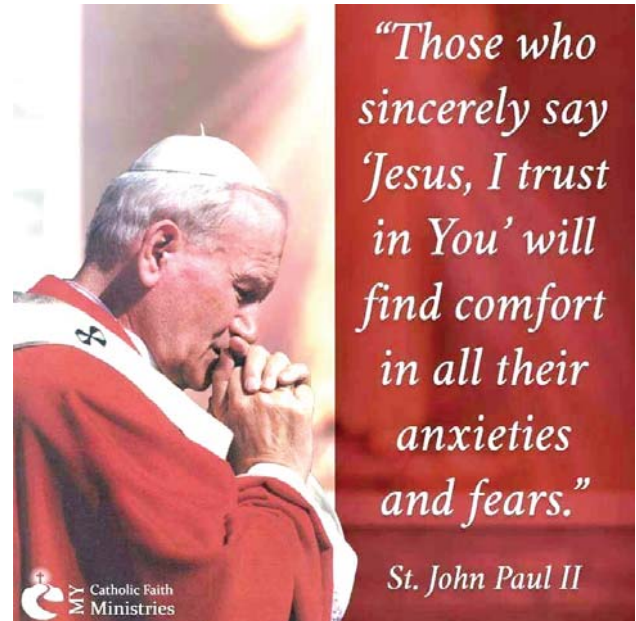
الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 13:18-25  
يا إخواني، صلُّوا مِن أَجْلِنَا، فَإِنَّا وَاثِقُونَ أَنَّ ضَمِيرَنَا صَالِحٌ، وَنَحْنُ نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَسَلِّكَ مَسَلًّا حَسَنًا فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ. وَأَطْلُبُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْحَاحِ أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا ذَلِكَ، حَتَّى يَرُدَّنِي اللَّهُ إِلَيْكُمْ سَرِيعًا! وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ، الَّذِي أَصْعَدَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ، رَاعِيَ الْخِرَافِ الْعَظِيمِ بِدَمِ عَهْدِ أَبَدِيٍّ، هُوَ يَجْعَلُكُمْ كَامِلِينَ فِي كُلِّ صِلَاحٍ، لِتَعْمَلُوا بِمَشِيئَتِهِ، وَهُوَ يَعْمَلُ فِينَا مَا هُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ، بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ. وَأُنَاشِدُكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَحْتَمِلُوا كَلَامَ التَّشْجِيعِ، فَإِنِّي كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ! إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّ أَخَانَا طِيمُوتَاوُسَ قَدْ أُخْلِطِي سَبِيلَهُ. فَإِنَّ أَسْرَعَ فِي مَجِيئِهِ، سَأَذْهَبُ مَعَهُ وَأَرَاكُمْ. سَلِّمُوا عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُدَبِّرَيْكُمْ وَجَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ. يُسَلِّمُ عَلَيْكُمْ الْإِخْوَةُ الَّذِينَ فِي إِيطَالِيَا. أَلْتَعْمَةُ مَعَكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ!

**ALTAR CANDLES WILL BURN**

**In Loving Memory of  
Stephanie & Fred Schiripo, By Beverly & Bob.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**April 25:** Dany Elnar, Rouba Haykal, Andrew Kamari, Jack Roy  
**April 26:** Crystal Abi-Moussa, Elizabeth Assaf, Jessica Hall, Marilyn Leard, Robert Schiripo  
**April 27:** Charbel AbouJaoude, Elida Ata  
**April 28:** Abdel AbouHamad, Amanda Asmar, Victor Azzi, Girias Charabati, Lynn Deinnocentis, Mouna Hbaiter, Wilfredo Pagan  
**April 29:** Laila Eid, Joseph Elnar, Mia Hassan, Lara Kossai, Abraham Lahood, Anthony Merheb  
**April 30:** Scot Gabriel  
**May 1:** Fred Corey, Lina Daher, Danielle Elnar, Sophia Georges, Donna Yameen, Amara Khalife

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR LOVED ONES**

**April 25:** Helen DiGenti  
**April 27:** Norman Basabis, Anna Armeen  
**April 28:** John J. Hanley, Maria Moujaes  
**April 29:** Marion Abdulla, Mary Kissinger  
**May 1:** John Ristem



**Gospel: Saint John 21: 1-14**

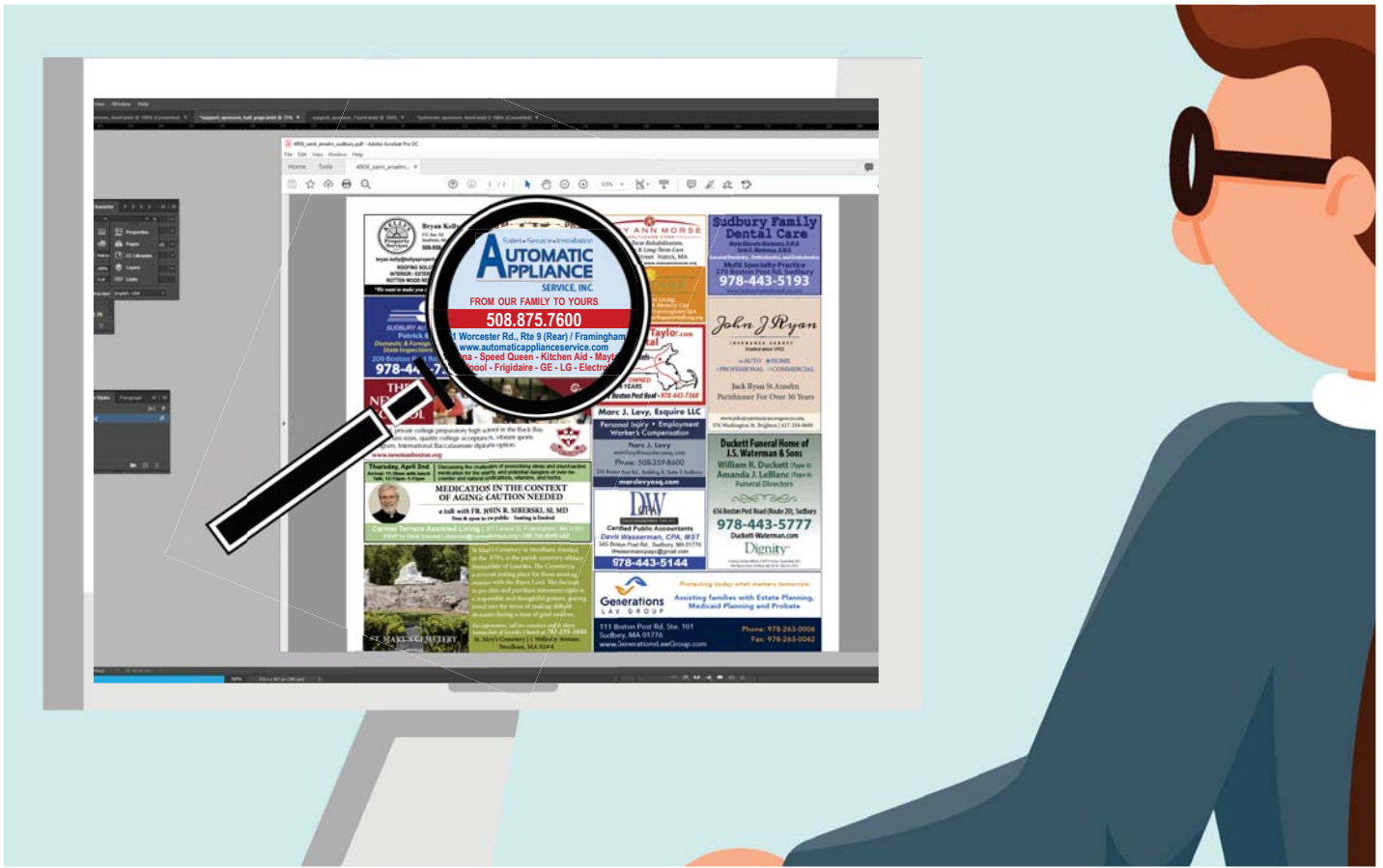
After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21:1-14

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، ظَهَرَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى عَلَى بُحَيْرَةِ طَبْرِيَّةَ،

وَهَكَذَا ظَهَرَ: كَانَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ، وَثُومًا الْمُقَبَّبُ بِالتَّوَامِ، وَنَتْنَايِيلُ الَّذِي مِنْ قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَأَبْنَا زَبَدَى، وَتِلْمِيذَانِ آخَرَانِ مِنْ تَلَامِيذِ يَسُوعَ، مُجْتَمِعِينَ مَعًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ: «أَنَا ذَاهِبٌ أَصْطَادُ سَمَكًا.» «قَالُوا لَهُ:» «وَنَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَأْتِي مَعَكَ.» «فَخَرَجُوا وَرَكِبُوا السَّفِينَةَ، فَمَا أَصَابُوا فِي تِلْكَ اللَّيْلَةِ شَيْئًا. وَلَمَّا طَلَعَ الْفَجْرُ، وَقَفَ يَسُوعُ عَلَى الشَّاطِئِ، وَلَكِنَّ التَّلَامِيذَ لَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «يَا فِتْيَانِ، أَمَا عِنْدَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ السَّمَكِ؟.» «أَجَابُوهُ: «لا!». «فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «أَلْقُوا الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى يَمِينِ السَّفِينَةِ تَجِدُوا.» «وَأَلْقَوْهَا، فَمَا قَدِرُوا عَلَى أُجْتِدَابِهَا مِنْ كَثْرَةِ السَّمَكِ. فَقَالَ ذَلِكَ التَّلَامِيذُ الَّذِي كَانَ يَسُوعُ يُحِبُّهُ لِبُطْرُسَ: «إِنَّهُ الرَّبُّ.» «فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ، انْتَرَزَ بِثَوْبِهِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عُرْيَانًا، وَأَلْقَى بِنَفْسِهِ فِي الْبُحَيْرَةِ. أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْآخَرُونَ فَجَاؤُوا بِالسَّفِينَةِ، وَهُمْ يَسْحَبُونَ الشَّبَكَةَ الْمَمْلُوءَةَ سَمَكًا، وَمَا كَانُوا بَعِيدِينَ عَنِ الْبَرِّ إِلَّا نَحْوَ مِئَتَيْ ذِرَاعٍ. وَلَمَّا نَزَلُوا إِلَى الْبَرِّ، رَأَوْا جَمْرًا، وَسَمَكًا عَلَى الْجَمْرِ، وَخُبْزًا. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَاتُوا مِنَ السَّمَكِ الَّذِي أَصَبْتُمُوهُ الْآنَ.» «فَصَعَدَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسَ إِلَى السَّفِينَةِ، وَجَذَبَ الشَّبَكَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ، وَهِيَ مَمْلُوءَةٌ سَمَكًا كَبِيرًا، مِئَةً وَثَلَاثًا وَخَمْسِينَ. وَمَعَ هَذِهِ الْكَثْرَةِ لَمْ تَنَمَرَّقِ الشَّبَكَةُ. قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «هَلُمُّوا تَعَدُّوا.» «وَلَمْ يَجْرُؤُ أَحَدٌ مِنَ التَّلَامِيذِ أَنْ يَسْأَلَهُ: «مَنْ أَنْتَ؟»، لِأَنَّهُمْ عَلِمُوا أَنَّهُ الرَّبُّ. وَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوعُ وَأَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ وَنَاوَلَهُمْ. ثُمَّ فَعَلَ كَذَلِكَ بِالسَّمَكِ. هَذِهِ مَرَّةٌ ثَالِثَةٌ ظَهَرَ فِيهَا يَسُوعُ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ بَعْدَ أَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ.»

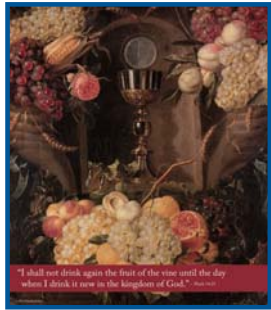


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