

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



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### DAILY LITURGIES 9am

**MON** (Arabic)

**TUE** (English)

**WED** (Arabic)

**THU** (English)

### WEEKEND LITURGIES

**SAT** 4:00PM(English)

**SUN**

8:00AM (Arabic)

9:00AM (English)

11:30AM (English & Arabic)

### Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

### OFFICE HOURS

**M-TH** 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

**FRI** 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**SAT** By Appointment

### MEET OUR PRIESTS:

Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087

... [pastor@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

Fr. Michael Charchaflian ...508-982-5130

... [fathermichaeljm@gmail.com](mailto:fathermichaeljm@gmail.com)

### MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacon David Leard

Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour



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### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism & Confirmation:** 1 month in advance with the Pastor, **Donations:** Church: \$200 - Priest: Free Will

**Matrimony:** Arrangements should be made by couples 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.

LITURGIES

SUNDAY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

أحد الثالث الأقدس

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 11, 2022 St Bartholomew

4:00 pm For: +Joseph & Carol Greico, By their loving Family.

Sunday, June 12, 2022 St Onuphrius

9:00 am Knights of the Altar Promotional Liturgy.

For: +Michael, James, & Steven Tarshi, By Irene Tarshi & Family.

11:00 am For: 40Day Anniversary- Laure Najem - By her children: Amal, Rafoul, Elie, George, Zalfa & May; their spouses & families.

For: +Boutros Merheb, By his wife, Renee, children: Jeannette, George & Elie.

Third Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, June 18, 2022 St. Leontius

4:00 pm For: Special Intention.

Sunday, June 19, 2022 St Jude Thaddeus

9:00 am For: In Honor of all our Fathers.

Liturgy Celebrated at Saint Basil Seminary Grounds in Methuen. 11:00 am For: In Honor of all our Fathers.

Monday, June 13 -(Ar.) St. Anthony of Padua

Daily Readings: Acts 4:5-12 John 15:1-8

9AM For: In Honor of Walid Awad, By his family.

Tuesday, June 14 (En.) Elisha the Prophet

Daily Readings: Acts 4:13-22 John 15:9-14

9AM For: +The Souls in Purgatory, By Dora Pereira.

Wednesday, June 15 (Ar.) St. Basil the Great

Daily Readings: Acts 4:23-31 John 15:15-17

9AM For: +Laure Najem, By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi.

Thursday, June 16 (En.) Hosea the Prophet Thursday of the Body of Christ

Daily Readings: 1 Corinthians 10:14-21 John 6:47-63

9AM For: +Julio Paulino Fernandez, By Fr. Elie Mikhael.

10 am- 12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, June 17, Amos the Prophet NO LITURGY

PLEASE NOTE:

40 Day Liturgies are considered a priority. When necessary, they will be scheduled with other previously reserved intentions.

SUMMER LITURGIES SCHEDULE

Please take notice:

Sunday, June 5th began our Summer Liturgy schedule.

There are no 8AM Liturgy on Sundays.

Schedule is as follows:

9 AM-English & 11 AM-English & Arabic

LITURGIES INTENTIONS



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Father's Day Annual Church Picnic**  
**Location: St Basil Seminary , Methuen MA**  
**Date: Sunday June 19, 2022**  
• 11am Liturgy—Picnic Ground  
• 1pm Luncheon

**SHARE YOUR MEMORIES**

Our 50th Annual Mahrajan is fast approaching. In honor of this Golden Anniversary, we hope to create a documentary, sharing many memories. We continue to seek photos/videos from the 70's & 80s Mahrajan celebrations.

If you find old photos, newspaper clippings, etc., please drop them off at the Rectory during office hours or email them to *Abbas* at: [video@atsproduction.com](mailto:video@atsproduction.com) or contact him by phone at 978-390-0150.

What a great way to share the history and memories of what helped shape our traditions and lead us to this wonderful milestone, 50 Years!!! We look forward to sharing your memories as we continue to make more together!

**ANNUAL MAHRAJAN NEWS**

The Mahrajan committee has begun planning for our 50th Anniversary. We are seeking volunteers to lead the effort to honor that history during the Mahrajan. As you are well aware, the Mahrajan's success is dependent on volunteers.

The committee encourages individuals to sign up early. If your are interested in volunteering, please let us know as early as possible by emailing us at: [mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org)



**Sanctuary Lamps**

*In Memory of Ernest & Rosalie Maroun.*

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

*Peter's Pence - June 26*



Open Letter to the Parish, The Stewardship Council's responsibility is to execute on the wishes of the parishioners but to do so we need to make sure we are listening to what our parishioners really want.

Sometimes, this is difficult due to the broad nature of our parishioners; some have been part of the church for 3 generations and some we have just opened our hearts too. We have created a survey to gather information to hopefully create a vision for tomorrow.

After 2 years of COVID we are finally getting back to normalcy and this awakening is a perfect time to reflect and listen to the voice of the entire parish. We are so proud of how this community always steps up and supports the needs of others, but do we ever ask what you want. We are not asking for money or time or sweat, that will come, today all we want is for you to share with us your vision of the church's future.

Don't answer how you think Father Elie wants you to answer, or your Sitto or Jedo wants you to answer - listen to your heart and describe your vision for St Anthony's for the next 10 years or 50 years.

We hope the questions below stimulate your thoughts on where St. Anthony's is headed. We want to hear your voice. Fill in the form online by clicking on the link:

<https://forms.gle/kYYN7yD8uVVLk8co8>

Respectfully,  
Stewardship Council



## St. Anthony Dabke Troop Ages 6-11 Years Old Summer Training

We are excited to be gathering children ages 6 to 11 years to learn how to Dabke this summer. Reine Ata and Colette Sadek will be teaching this group. We are asking those who are interested to please be committed to our training dates (9 sessions). Anyone absent more than 3 times, will not be allowed to perform, as we ask that parents respect the time of the volunteers and committed children. Training will be held every Wednesday through the summer at 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the church hall. The first session will be held on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### The dates are below for our sessions:

- June 29<sup>th</sup>
- July 6<sup>th</sup> – No Session
- July 13<sup>th</sup>
- July 20<sup>th</sup>
- July 27<sup>th</sup>
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- August 10<sup>th</sup>
- August 17<sup>th</sup>
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – TUESDAY
- August 31<sup>st</sup>

We ask that parents send the following information to Colette **by June 29th** at [cocosadek@gmail.com](mailto:cocosadek@gmail.com) so we have all those interested in these sessions. Also, please send your children with water bottles labeled with their names to the sessions and comfy shoes!!!

- Name of Child
- Age
- Any health conditions that impact dancing
- Parent's name & best phone number

Thank you for trusting us with your children. Reine Ata and Colette Sadek



Save the Date

# LIGHT OF LIFE BIBLE CAMP

July 25-27th from 10am to 3pm  
at St. Anthony's Church, Lawrence MA  
<https://forms.gle/zTjpfY3wPzJcy1g89>



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

**Bryce Smith**

Child of: Alexander & Jenna Smith

**Evangeline Sapochetti**

Child of: Gregory & Jillian Sapochetti

**Lydia Belko**

Child of: Joshua & Anna Belko

**Michael Jbeily**

Child of: George & Celestie Jbeily

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”

Galatians 3:26-27

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Banns of Marriage:

*Elie Ata & Juliette Kassas*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To: Joseph & Alexandria Akiki  
for the birth of their baby boy:  
*George Samuel Akiki*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will have their elections, for the officers of the upcoming year, on Tuesday, June 14, at 7pm in the Church hall. All members, in good standing, are extremely encouraged to come and vote. If you would like to be nominated, or to nominate someone as an officer, please reach out prior to the meeting to make sure they are on the ballot. Email: [Kofc16204@gmail.com](mailto:Kofc16204@gmail.com) with Subject: *attention Issam*.

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

*Richard Jr. and his wife, Lucia; David and his wife, Heather; Michael and his wife, Bonnie; Patricia and her husband, Jeffrey Glasser; and Stephen and his wife, Kelly; along with their families, for the loss of their father, Richard Tahan.*

*May his soul rest in peace & his memories be eternal.*



More information/sign up:

[www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org)



Don't miss our special night for youth and young adults with Village Lights and Jackie and Bobby Angel.

*June 17, 2022 | 7:30pm – 9:30pm*  
*Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston*

*June 18, 2022 8:30AM – 6:00PM*  
*AT THE TSONGAS CENTER*

It is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity.

Cardinal Seán O'Malley invites all the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Boston and surrounding dioceses to join him in closing the Year of the Eucharist with a day-long **Eucharistic Congress, Jesus is Here**.

A core tenet of the Catholic faith is that the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is made truly present in the Eucharist. But belief in the True Presence has waned in recent years, even among Catholics. And that's a concern—because as Cardinal Seán teaches, "it is in the Eucharist where we find our true identity." **Jesus is Here** is an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the mystery of Jesus' presence with us—by listening to powerful talks on the Eucharist, by receiving Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass, and by adoring Him in a time of adoration and worship.

[www.evangelizeboston.com/eucharistic-congress/](http://www.evangelizeboston.com/eucharistic-congress/)

*To Sign up Contact*  
*Father Michael Charchaflian.*



**MARONITE-  
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Evangelization**

*Coming back with new administration*

M-WINE is a creative and inspired ministry to invigorate women's groups and parishes through encouraging, supporting, and nurturing women in the Maronite Catholic faith and by equipping and mobilizing women as intentional disciples of Christ.

## St Anthony-Grave Purchase & Burial

### Grave Purchase—\*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase–Double Depth: \$1900 (*one time fee*)
  - Perpetual Care: \$200 (*one time fee*)
- Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100
- Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (*one time fee paid upon installation*)

### Burial Costs (*Itemized*)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend ( Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

### Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

*Prices are subject to change.*

*\*Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.*

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website [www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/)

## 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](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

## Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

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.

## CEMETERY LOT SALES & AVAILABILITY

St Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget.

For more information:

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

**Email** [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

**or Visit:** [www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

## Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: <https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/>.

**Please note:** Double-Depth Graves are considered "One Grave Size"

## DONATE A TREE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

### Plant-A-Tree A—

*For a donation of \$400.00* : memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

### Plant-A-Tree B—

*For a donation of \$250.00*: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

### Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

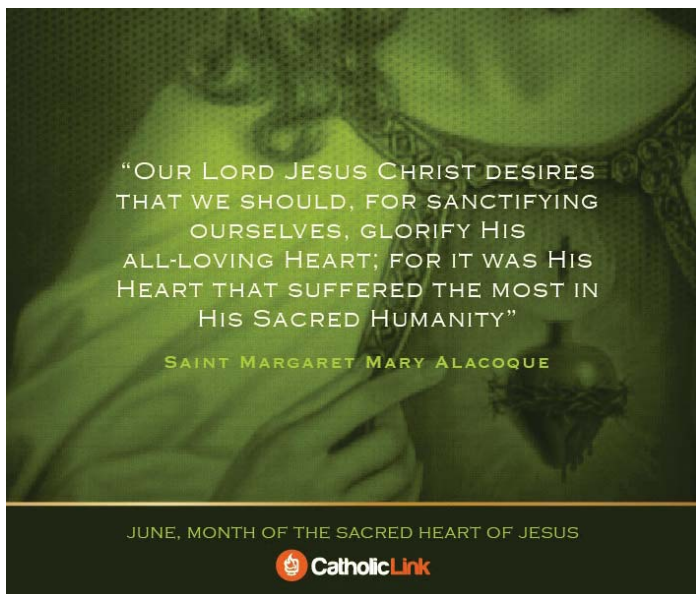
Your contribution is tax deductible. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at 978.685.7233 or email us at:

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

*Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood*





## Donate a Stock

*St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, INC*

**Fidelity account number: Z40-262821**

**Type of Ownership: Corporation**

**Fidelity's Depository Trust Company (DTC)**

**number, which is 0226**

**Our name and address:**

**Fidelity Investments**

**Attn: TOA Receives**

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**Our Lady Of Purgatory Church**

# Lebanese Festival

**Friday, June 24, 2022**      **Saturday, June 25, 2022**  
 5:00PM - 11:00PM      12:00PM - 11:00PM

**11 Franklin Street, New Bedford, MA 02740**



St. Monica School in Methuen is accepting applications for our Preschool – three-year-old program! Students must be three before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our three-year-old preschool students can attend our three- or five-day program (Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or Monday through Friday). Please check out the admissions page on our website or call the school office at 978-686-1801 for a tour or to learn more about the application process. Your child's education journey can start here at St. Monica School! We look forward to meeting you! E-mail: [smsoffice@methuencatholic.org](mailto:smsoffice@methuencatholic.org)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 11:** Abdou Abdou, Hadi Alghoul, Sharbil Ata, Tanal Ata, Anthony Chedid, Carine El-Hayek, Virginia Gebeili, Pascal Haddad, Emma Homsey, Mackenna Jesionowski
- June 12:** Eugenie Abi Moussa, Mark Bejjani, Michael Hanna, Steven Maroun
- June 13:** Nicole Hatem, Matthew Matta
- June 14:** Tony Ayoub, alexander Saysouk
- June 15:** Peter Abi-Samra, Albert Abraham, Kurt Bistany, Trinity Sfeir
- June 16:** Jeanelle Abou-Ezzi, Ramona Yammine,
- June 17:** Mounir Jermany, Matthew Pratt

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 11:** Fadi & Della Khoury
- June 14:** Pascal Constantine & Rita Touma
- June 15:** Joshua & Perla Gilman
- June 16:** Mike & Andrea Archambault

## Second Sunday of Pentecost: Most Holy Trinity

*Genesis 18,1-8*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

*Romans 11,25-36*

**Brothers and sisters,** So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

*Matthew 28,16-20.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, June 11- 4PM Patricia Ferguson*

*Sunday, June 12- 9AM  
Sub-Deacon Jim Demers*

*11:30AM Eng: Marita Merheb  
Ar: George Merheb*

*Saturday, June 18- 4PM Lisa Abdallah*

*Sunday, June 19- 9AM Meaghan Twing*

*11:30AM Eng: Volunteer  
Ar: Volunteer*



## الأحد الثاني من زمن العنصرة : أحد الثالوث الأقدس

### سفر التكوين 8:1-18

وَتَرَأَى الرَّبُّ لَهُ عِنْدَ بُلُوطٍ مَمْرًا، وَهُوَ جَالِسٌ بِيَابِ الْخَيْمَةِ، عِنْدَ احْتِدَادِ النَّهَارِ. فَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَنَظَرَ، فَإِذَا ثَلَاثَةُ رِجَالٍ وَاقِفُونَ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْهُ. فَلَمَّا رَأَهُمْ، بَادَرَ إِلَى لِقَائِهِمْ مِنْ بَابِ الْخَيْمَةِ وَسَجَدَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ. وَقَالَ: «سَيِّدِي، إِنْ نِلْتُ حُظْوَةَ فِي عَيْنَيْكَ، فَلَا تَجْزُ عَن عَبْدِكَ، فَيُقَدِّمَ لَكُمْ قَلِيلًا مِنَ الْمَاءِ فَتَغْسِلُونَ أَرْجُلَكُمْ وَتَسْتَرِيحُونَ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ، وَأَقْدِمَ كِسْرَةَ خُبْزٍ فَتُسْنِدُونَ بِهَا قُلُوبَكُمْ ثُمَّ تَمْضُونَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ لَذَلِكَ جُزْئُكُمْ بِعَبْدِكُمْ». «قَالُوا: «إِفْعَلْ كَمَا قُلْتَ». فَاسْرَعَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ إِلَى الْخَيْمَةِ إِلَى سَارَةَ وَقَالَ: «هَلْمِي بِثَلَاثَةِ أَصْوَاعٍ مِنَ السَّمِيدِ النَّاعِمِ فَاعْجِنِيهَا وَأَصْنَعِيهَا فطائر». «وَبَادَرَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ إِلَى الْبَقْرِ، فَأَخَذَ عِجْلًا رَخْصًا طَيِّبًا وَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ فَاسْرَعَ فِي إِعْدَادِهِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ لَبَنًا وَحَلِيبًا وَالْعِجْلَ الَّذِي أَعَدَّهُ وَجَعَلَ ذَلِكَ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ، وَهُوَ وَاقِفٌ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْهُمْ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ، فَأَكَلُوا.

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 11:25-36

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَا أُرِيدُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَجْهَلُوا هَذَا السِّرَّ، لِئَلَّا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ فِي عَيْنِينَ أَنْفُسِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنْ التَّصَلَّبَ أَصَابَ قِسْمًا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى أَنْ يُؤْمِنَ الْأُمَّمُ بِأَكْمَلِهِمْ. وَهَكَذَا يَخْلُصُ جَمِيعُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «مِنْ صَهْيُونَ يَأْتِي الْمُنْقِذُ، وَيَرُدُّ الْكُفْرَ عَن يَعْقُوبَ؛ وَهَذَا هُوَ عَهْدِي مَعَهُمْ، حِينَ أُزِيلُ خَطَايَاهُمْ». «فَهُمْ مِنْ جِهَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ أَعْدَاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ اخْتِيَارِ اللَّهِ، فَهُمْ أَحِبَّاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْآبَاءِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَتَرَاجَعُ أَبَدًا عَن مَوَاهِبِهِ وَدَعْوَتِهِ. فَكَمَا عَصَيْتُمُ اللَّهَ أَنْتُمْ فِي مَا مَضَى، وَرُحِمْتُمْ الْآنَ مِنْ جَرَائِ عَصِيَانِهِمْ، كَذَلِكَ هُمْ الْآنَ عَصَوْا اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِ رَحْمَتِكُمْ، لِكَيْ يُرْحَمُوا الْآنَ هُمْ أَيْضًا؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ حَبَسَ جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ فِي الْعَصِيَانِ، لِكَيْ يَرْحَمَ الْجَمِيعَ. فَيَا لِعُمقِ غِنَى اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَتِهِ وَمَعْرِفَتِهِ! مَا أَبْعَدَ أَحْكَامَهُ عَنِ الْإِدْرَاكِ، وَطُرْقَهُ عَنِ الْأَسْتِقْصَاءِ! فَمَنْ عَرَفَ فِكْرَ الرَّبِّ؟ أَوْ مَنْ صَارَ لَهُ مُشِيرًا؟ أَوْ مَنْ أَقْرَضَهُ شَيْئًا فَيُرْدَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ؟ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مِنْهُ وَبِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ. لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى الدُّهُورِ. آمِينَ.

### إنجيل القديس متى 16:28-20

أَمَّا التَّلَامِيذُ الْأَحَدَ عَشَرَ فَذَهَبُوا إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، إِلَى الْجَبَلِ حَيْثُ أَمَرَهُمْ يَسُوعُ. وَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ سَجَدُوا لَهُ، بِرَغْمِ أَنَّهُمْ شَكُّوا. فَذَنَا يَسُوعُ وَكَلَّمَهُمْ قَائِلًا: «لَقَدْ أُعْطِيتُ كُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْأَرْضِ. إِذْهَبُوا إِذَا فَتَلَمَذُوا كُلَّ الْأُمَّمِ، وَعَمِدُواهُمْ بِاسْمِ الْآبِ وَالْأَبْنِ وَالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، وَعَلِّمُوهُمْ أَنْ يَحْفَظُوا كُلَّ مَا أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ بِهِ. وَهَا أَنَا مَعَكُمْ كُلَّ الْأَيَّامِ إِلَى نِهَايَةِ الْعَالَمِ.»

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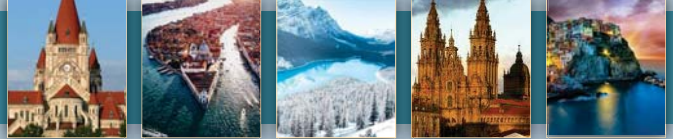


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