

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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



**PARISH OFFICE: ... 978.685.7233 ... FAX: 978-688-4475 ... [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)**



**ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS**  
*ask the Holy Spirit*  
**TO SPEAK TO US; TEACH US**  
**WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW,**  
**AND SHOW US OUR GIFTS**  
**HE HAS GIVEN US!**

### DAILY LITURGIES 9am

**MON** (Arabic)

**TUE** (English)

**WED** (Arabic)

**THU** (English)

### WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

**SUN**

9:00AM (English)

11:00AM (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. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy

857-390-4838...

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

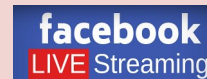
### MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacon David Leard

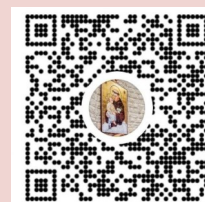
Deacon Nadim B. Daou

Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour



*SaintAnthonyLawrence*



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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

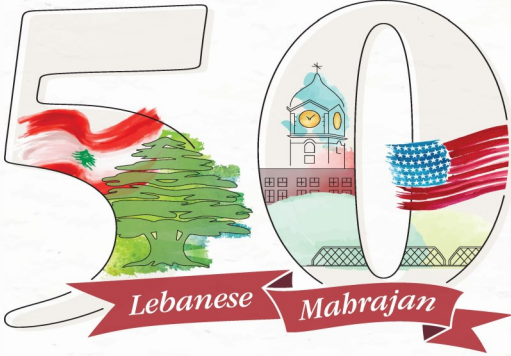
**Donations:** Church \$500—Priest: Free Will

**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.

Saint Anthony Maronite Church



**TH**  
Anniversary

The Lebanese Mahrajan features Live Entertainment including;

- Folkloric Dance & Belly Dancing
- Homemade Lebanese & American Cuisine & Pastries
- Children's Games & Activities
- Raffles, Hookah, and Souvenirs
- Free Cooking and Belly Dancing Classes!

## LABOR DAY WEEKEND

145 Amesbury Street Lawrence, MA 01841



**Friday 9 / 2 from 6PM to 1AM**  
**Saturday 9 / 3 from 5PM to 2AM**  
**Sunday 9 / 4 from 12PM to 12AM**

for more info:

978-685-7233

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

Facebook: Saint Anthony Lawrence

**FREE**  
entry

### ANNUAL MAHRAJAN NEWS

We rely on all of you for your volunteer time. Celebrating 50 years is extra special. We want everyone to be able to take time and enjoy the Mahrajan with family and friends. The committee encourages individuals to sign up early. The benefit is to schedule as many as possible prior to the event, allowing more time to share and celebrate with your loved ones. If you would like to volunteer, kindly let us know as early as possible by emailing us at: [mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:mahrajan@stanthonylawrence.org)

### RAFFLE

Raffle tickets -Please remit your ticket stubs at your earliest convenience, by mail or dropping it in the collection basket. We rely on you, our parishioners, the heart of St Anthony's Church, through your support, we keep beating.

### BASKET RAFFLE

Through your generosity and support, we had a wonderful Basket Raffle outcome last year. We appeal to you once again for your creative basket donation(s). Kindly drop your themed basket/donation at the Rectory during office hours for your convenience. Help us make this year's raffle even more successful than the last!

### SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

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.



**CHANGING**  
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**\$7,500**

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHARAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHARAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHARAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS
- ✓ BUSINESS NAME AND SPONSORSHIP CATEGORY RECOGNITION IN DESIGNATED SECTION IN 50TH MAHARAJAN SLIDESHOW

**SUSTAINING**  
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**\$5,000**

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHARAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHARAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHARAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS

**GROWING**  
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**\$2,500**

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON SCREENS DURING MAHARAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHARAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$50)
- ✓ 2 MAHARAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

**OUTREACH**  
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**\$1,000**

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON TELEVISION DURING THE MAHARAJAN WEEKEND WITH LIMITED SCREEN TIME
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHARAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$25)
- ✓ 1 MAHARAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

**FRIENDS**  
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**\$250**

- ✓ SPONSOR'S NAME WILL BE MENTIONED ON THE COMMON "FRIENDS OF THE MAHARAJAN" DIGITAL SLIDE ADVERTISEMENT
- ✓ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN PARISH BULLETIN

**HELPING**  
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**\$500**

- ✓ SHARED DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT WITH NAME/LOGO IN THE MAHARAJAN
- ✓ COMPANY NAME OR LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE AND PARISH BULLETIN
- ✓ 1 RAFFLE BOOK

NAME/BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAHARAJAN SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORSHIP IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

-CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH (MEMO: MAHARAJAN SPONSORSHIP)  
-SPONSOR MUST PROVIDE HIGH RESOLUTION ELECTRIC LOGO AT HIS EXPENSE. SPONSORSHIPS ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PASTOR AND THE MAHARAJAN COMMITTEE. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGIES**

**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost: Feast of Transfiguration**

الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة: عيد تجلي الرب يسوع

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost  
FEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION**

**Saturday, August 6, 2022**

4:00 pm For: +Checralla “Chick” Bistany, By his wife, Jeanne D’Arc, & Family.

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

9:00 am For: Special Intention.

11:00 am For: 40 Day Anniversary- Kronfli Boustani, By her children & their Families.

Also, For: +Saria Geha, By her husband, Samih Geha, & Family.

**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**

**Saturday, August 13, 2022**

*St. Hippolytus of Rome*

4:00 pm For: +Janet Maroun, by her children, grandchildren, sisters, & brothers.

**Sunday, August 14, 2022** *Micah the Prophet*

9:00 am For: 40 Day Anniversary- Helen Rage, By her children: Barbara, Toni, Susan, & Charles, their spouses, her grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

11:00 am For: 1 year Anniversary- Mrs. Najibe Aboujaude, By Antoine & Bassima Aboujaude.

**EUCHRISTIC ADORATION**

**Please take notice:**

***Eucharistic Adoration will be Canceled during the month of August to resume back to Normal Schedule in September***

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

**Monday, August 8** -(Ar.) *St. Dominic*

*Daily Readings: Acts 21:1-14/ Matthew 23:13-15*

9AM For: +Elias, Ramza, & Kamal Geha, By Marie Geha Maroun.

**Tuesday, August 9** (En.) *St. Matthias*

*Daily Readings: Acts 21:15-26 / Matthew 23:16-22*

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

**Wednesday, August 10** (Ar.) *St. Lawrence*

*Daily Readings:*

*Acts 21:27-28,30b-40a / Matthew 23:23-26*

9AM For: +Antoine, Sami, & Marie Maroun, & Marleine Abdulnour, By Marie Geha Maroun.

**Thursday, August 11** (En.) *St. Clare*

*Daily Readings: Acts 21:40-22:10 / Luke 12:1-5*

9AM For: Therese Bou-Mitri, By her husband, Antoine, her son, Andre, daughter, Anabelle, wife of Robert Owaida, & her granddaughters.

**Friday, August 12, St. Shaina**

**NO LITURGY**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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



**Sanctuary Lamps**

**In Memory of Stephen Tarshi,**

*By his mother,*

*Irene Tarshi, & Family.*

**In Memory of Michael & James Tarshi,**

*By their wife/mother, Irene Tarshi, & Family.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To: David & Emily Bechara  
for the birth of their baby boy, *Tannous*.



### Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Liturgy will be celebrated  
Monday, August 15  
at 9AM and 7PM.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm  
Craft Food Halls  
200 5th Ave. Waltham, MA

**Maronite Young Adults**  
**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

*Friend or Foe: A Discussion on Christ Centered Relationships*  
Featuring Subdeacon  
**Christian Hbaiter**  
RSVP to George or Ramona

**MYA**  
MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

\$20 per person  
Drink Card Included!  
Talk Food Social  
Cash Bar Available

You Are Cordially Invited  
TO  
THE ORDINATION OF  
SUBDEACON JAMES DEMERS  
AND  
SUBDEACON CHRISTIAN HBAITER  
TO  
*The Order of Deacons*  
BY THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS OF  
THE MOST REVEREND  
GREGORY J. MANSOUR  
BISHOP OF THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

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CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MYSTERIES AND ORDINATION  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, 11:00 AM  
AT  
SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH  
145 AMESBURY STREET  
LAWRENCE, MA 01841

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LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW IN CHURCH HALL  
ALL ARE WELCOME

DIVINE LITURGY AND ORDINATION WILL BE LIVESTREAMED  
VIA PARISH FACEBOOK @SAINTANTHONYLAWRENCE

### OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

The Hleiss & Ata Families for the loss of their mother, grandmother & sister, **Violette Ata**.

*May her soul rest in peace & her memory be eternal.*

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

- August 10<sup>th</sup>
- August 17<sup>th</sup>
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> – TUESDAY
- August 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Dabke Sessions, Ages 6-11 years:

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.

*Reine Ata and Colette Sadek*





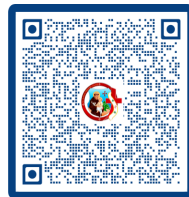
**MARONITE-  
Women IN the  
New  
Evangelization**

**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.

**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 Jido 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



- Yours is the first of Christ's faces to greet God's people as they assemble for prayer.
- Yours is the word that welcomes the stranger to be at home.
- Yours is the task of discretion: knowing how to welcome, & when and where to seat the latecomer.
- Yours is the Lord's face and voice.
- Assist in passing the collection baskets
- Help the Communion flow
- Assist those who become ill or need aid
- Distribute bulletins & other materials
- After mass area check

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Aug 6:** Laura Chamoun, Michelle Daccache, Lea El-Hachem, Khalil El-Kareh, Patrick Ramey, Noura Saab, Theresa Short
- Aug 7:** Juliette Ata, Adam Avedisian, Elias Bourouphael, Joseph Gebeili, Nathaly Huntsman, Pierre Kayrouz, Maliha Mouawad, Ryan Savastano,
- Aug. 8:** Reagan Bistany, Joshua Nicholson, Madelyn Pelletier, Vincent Puglisi, Christine Ryan
- Aug. 9:** Mary Abdou, John Azzi, Michael Azzi, Sylvie Faris, Kevin Kissinger, Valentina Maroun, David Perrone,
- Aug. 10:** Brady Abraham, Sophie Azzi, Tyler Bishop, Grace Cherfane, Anthony Hassan, Chloe Khoury, Marcus G. Thompson
- Aug. 11:** Maria Bonanno, Teresa Kamari, Victoria Ann Nassar
- Aug. 12:** James Abdallah, Justin El-Kareh, Adriana Faris, Ryan Jermany

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Aug 6:** Ralph & Carine El-Hayek, Thomas & Fadia Enright, Jercin & Nathalie Ephrem, Jimmy & Morgan Georges, Robert & Anabelle Owaida
- Aug 7:** Pierre & Ann Maroun
- Aug. 8:** Rony & Dalia Fakhry, Robert & Clara Safi
- Aug. 9:** Joseph & Alexandria Akiki, George & Felicia Azzi, Tanos & Jeanette El-Helou, Michael & Anne-Marie Faris, Andre & Ashley Switala
- Aug. 10:** Gaby & Raghida Ramey, Steve & Mimo Schultz
- Aug. 11:** Albert & Jean Khoury
- Aug. 12:** Carl & Sylvie Faris

## 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" X 8" = \$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

## Tenth Sunday of Pentecost: Feast of Transfiguration

*2nd Book of Kings 1,2-8*

Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay injured; so he sent messengers, telling them, 'Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.' But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, 'Get up, go to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, "Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?" Now therefore, thus says the LORD, "You shall not leave the bed to which you have gone, but you shall surely die." ' So Elijah went. The messengers returned to the king, who said to them, 'Why have you returned?' They answered him, 'There came a man to meet us, who said to us, "Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him: Thus says the LORD: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not leave the bed to which you He said to them, 'What sort of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things? They answered him, 'A hairy man, with a leather belt around his waist.' He said, 'It is Elijah the Tishbite.'

*Second Letter to the Corinthians 3,7-17.*

If the ministry of death, chiseled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory! Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 9,1-7.*

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.' Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 6- 4PM Lisa Abdallah**

**Sunday, August 7- 9AM David Brousseau**

**11:00AM Eng: Mansour Chaya  
Ar: Mounira Daher**

**Saturday, August 13- 4PM Patricia Ferguson**

**Sunday, August 14- 9AM Meaghan Twing**

**11:00AM Eng: Anthony Merheb  
Ar: Gretta Merheb**



## الأحد العاشر من زمن العنصرة: عيد تجلي الرب يسوع

سفر الملوك الثاني 8-1:2

وَسَقَطَ أَخْزِيَا مِنْ سُبَّاكِ عُلَيْتِهِ فِي السَّامِرَةِ، وَمَرَضَ، فَأَرْسَلَ رُسُلًا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "أَمْضُوا وَأَسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ، إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ، هَلْ أَشْفَى مِنْ مَرَضِي هَذَا؟". فَخَاطَبَ مَلَأُكَ الرَّبِّ إِبِلِيَا التَّشْبِي قَائِلًا: "قُمْ فَأَصْعِدْ لِمَلَاقَاةِ رُسُلِ مَلِكِ السَّامِرَةِ وَقُلْ لَهُمْ: أَلَعَلَّهُ لَيْسَ إِلَهُ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى تَذْهَبُوا وَتَسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ؟ فَذَلِكَ هَكَذَا يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ: إِنَّ السَّرِيرَ الَّذِي عَلَوْتَهُ لَا تَنْزِلُ عَنْهُ، بَلْ تَمُوتُ مَوْتًا". فَمَضَى إِبِلِيَا. وَرَجَعَ الرُّسُلُ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "لِمَاذَا رَجَعْتُمْ؟" فَقَالُوا لَهُ: "إِنَّ رَجُلًا صَعِدَ لِمَلَاقَاتِنَا وَقَالَ لَنَا: أَمْضُوا رَاجِعِينَ إِلَى الْمَلِكِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَكُمْ وَقُولُوا لَهُ: هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ: أَلَعَلَّهُ لَيْسَ إِلَهُ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَتَّى تَذْهَبُوا وَتَسْتَشِيرُوا بَعْلَ زَبُولَ إِلَهَ عَقْرُونَ؟ لِذَلِكَ فَالسَّرِيرَ الَّذِي عَلَوْتَهُ لَا تَنْزِلُ عَنْهُ، بَلْ تَمُوتُ مَوْتًا". فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: "مَا هِيَ هَيْئَةُ الرَّجُلِ الَّذِي صَعِدَ لِمَلَاقَاتِكُمْ وَخَاطَبَكُمْ بِهَذَا الْكَلَامِ؟ فَقَالُوا لَهُ: رَجُلٌ عَلَيْهِ لِبَاسٌ مِنْ شَعْرِ وَعَلَى حَفْوِيهِ إِزَارٌ مِنْ جِلْدٍ". فَقَالَ: "هُوَ إِبِلِيَا التَّشْبِي".

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنثس 17:3-7

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِذَا كَانَتْ خِدْمَةُ الْمَوْتِ، الَّتِي نُقِشَتْ حُرُوفُهَا فِي أَلْوَاحٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، قَدْ ظَهَرَتْ فِي الْمَجْدِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لَمْ يَقْدِرُوا أَنْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى وَجْهِ مُوسَى، بِسَبَبِ مَجْدِ وَجْهِهِ، مَعَ أَنَّهُ مَجْدٌ زَائِلٌ، فَكَيْفَ لَا تَكُونُ خِدْمَةُ الرُّوحِ أَكْثَرَ مَجْدًا؟ فَإِذَا كَانَ لِخِدْمَةِ الدِّيُونَةِ مَجْدٌ، فَكَمْ بِالْأَحْرَى تَفُوقُهَا خِدْمَةُ الْبِرِّ مَجْدًا؟ لِأَنَّ مَا كَانَ ذَا مَجْدٍ فِي الْمَاضِي، زَالَ مَجْدُهُ، بِالْقِيَاسِ إِلَى هَذَا الْمَجْدِ الْفَائِقِ! فَإِذَا كَانَ مِنْ مَجْدٍ لِمَا يَزُولُ، فَأَيُّ مَجْدٍ يَكُونُ بِالْأَحْرَى لِمَا يَدُومُ؟ إِذَا، بِمَا أَنَّ لَنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الرَّجَاءِ، فَنَحْنُ نَتَّصِرَفُ بِكَثِيرٍ مِنَ الْجُرْأَةِ، وَلَسْنَا كَمُوسَى الَّذِي كَانَ يَضَعُ بُرْقَعًا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، لِئَلَّا يَنْظُرَ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى نِهَائِيَةِ مَجْدٍ يَزُولُ. وَلَكِنْ أَعْمِيتُ بَصَائِرَهُمْ؛ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبُرْقَعَ نَفْسَهُ بَاقٍ إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ الْعَهْدَ الْقَدِيمَ؛ وَلَا يُكشَفُ عَنْ بَصَائِرِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يَزُولُ إِلَّا بِالْمَسِيحِ! أَجَلٌ، إِنَّ ذَلِكَ الْبُرْقَعَ لَا يَزَالُ حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ مَوْضُوعًا عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ، عِنْدَمَا يَقْرَأُونَ كِتَابَ مُوسَى. وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَمَا يَرْجِعُونَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ، يُنَزَعُ الْبُرْقَعُ عَنْ قُلُوبِهِمْ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ الرُّوحُ، وَحَيْثُ يَكُونُ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ تَكُونُ الْحَرِيَّةُ.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 7:1-9

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ بَعْضًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هُنَا لَنْ يَذُوقُوا الْمَوْتَ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ». «وَبَعْدَ سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ أَخَذَ يَسُوعُ بُطْرُسَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَيُوحَنَّا، وَصَعِدَ بِهِمْ وَخَدَّهُمْ إِلَى جَبَلٍ عَالٍ عَلَى أَنْفَرَادٍ، وَتَجَلَّى أَمَامَهُمْ. وَصَارَتْ ثِيَابُهُ بَيضاءَ نَاصِعَةً، حَتَّى لَيَعْجُزُ أَيُّ قَصَّارٍ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يُبَيِّضَ مِثْلَهَا. وَتَرَاعَى لَهُمْ إِبِلِيَا مَعَ مُوسَى، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ بُطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: «رَبِّي، حَسَنٌ لَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ هُنَا! فَلَنَنْصِبَ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ، لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَى وَاحِدَةً، وَإِبِلِيَا وَاحِدَةً». «وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَدْرِي مَا يَقُولُ، لِأَنَّ الْخَوْفَ أَعْتَرَاهُمْ. وَظَهَرَتْ غَمَامَةٌ تُظِلُّهُمْ، وَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ الْغَمَامَةِ يَقُولُ: «هَذَا هُوَ ابْنِي الْحَبِيبُ، فَلَهُ أَسْمَعُوا!».»

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