

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

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

Fr. Edgard (Neemtallah) Oneissy

857-390-4838

...pv@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,

James T. Demers & David Leard

Sub-Deacons: Antoine Nammour

DAILY LITURGIES 9am

MON & WED (Arabic)

TUE & THU (English)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4:00PM(English)

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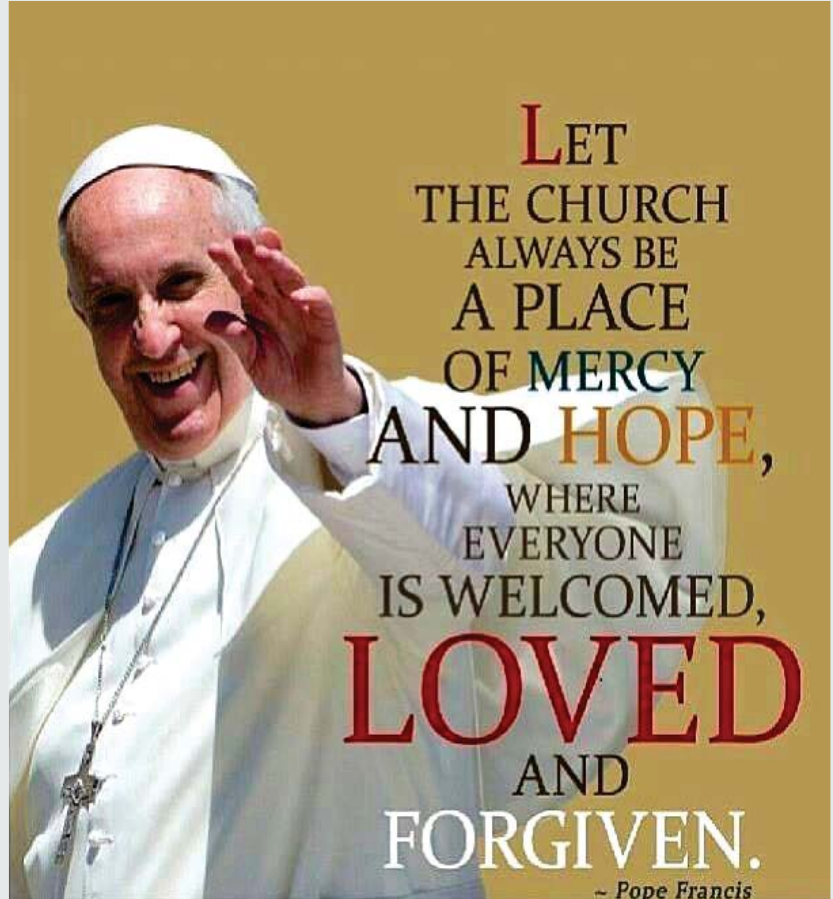
8:00AM (Arabic)

9:00AM (English)

11:00AM (English & Arabic)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM



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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 Consecration and Renewal of the Church

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CONSECRATION & RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH

Saturday, November 5, 2022 St. Asya

4:00 pm For: +Private Intentions.

Sunday, November 6, 2022 St. Paul

8:00 am For: the Living & Deceased Members of the Alphonse, Bou-Habib, Hayek & Renner Families.

9:00 am For: +Donald George, By his wife, Gladys, children & their Families.

11:00 am For: +Maroun Mouawad, By his wife, Habouba, children & their Families.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

Saturday, November 12, 2022 St. Theodore

4:00 pm For: Deceased and Living Veteran's of our Community.

Sunday, November 13, 2022 St. John Chrysostom

8:00 am For: In Honor of Mounir & Najat Rizkallah's Children & their families.

9:00 am For: +Private Intentions.

11:00 am For: +George, Helen, & Zeidan Ata By the Family.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday, November 7(Ar.) St. Hieron

Heb. 10:11-18 / Jn 17:1-8

9am For: The good health & well being of Sheryl Coury.

Tuesday, November 8 (En.) St Michael

1 Cor. 12:1-11 / Mt 18:23-35

9am For: +Conal Foley, By Deacon & Mrs. James Demers & Family.

Wednesday, November 9 (Ar.) St Matrona

Heb. 10:26-31 / Jn 17:14-19

9am For: +Private Intentions, By Najat & Mounir Rizkallah.

Thursday, November 10 (En.) St Maura

Heb. 10:32-39/ Jn 17:20-23

9am For: +Larry & Dora M. Pereira, By Dora Pereira.

9:30am -12 noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 11-No Liturgy

St Mennas

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Maronite Patriarchal Charities November 12 & 13

Sanctuary Lamps

For the good health of Louise Glass & her Family.

For the well being of Leigh Anne Rethage,

By her grandmother, Louise Glass.



LITURGIES INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

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

CLERGY DAY OFF

Beginning this Month

Fr Elie's DAY OFF: Mondays

Fr. Neemtallah's DAY OFF: Wednesdays

The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation were administered to:

Noah Jefferson

Child of: Ross & Julianne Jefferson

"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

THE SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

As we approach the holiday's we ask you to inform us of any loved ones who are sick or shut in. Call or email the Rectory today with their information so we can add them to our visits!

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SYSTEM- Preparing for the New Year

Have you changed your address? Are you a new member or current member interested in being a part of our envelope system? Prefer to donate online and dislike wasting the paper envelopes? We can fix that!

As we approach the last few months of 2022, please be sure to update your records with the Parish office. Call or e-mail us at your earliest convenience and let us know!



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Church while you shop this Holiday Season!

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Search and Select: *Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, Lawrence, MA* as you charity today!

Christmas at Saint Anthony's

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M-WINE presents



*An Evening of
Ladies Christmas Party Fun*

Friday, December 9

Doors open at 7:30pm

Cedars Banquet Hall

145 Amesbury St. Lawrence MA

\$50/ Dinner Included

Saint Anthony's Parish

The Annual Men's Christmas Party

Presented By

Parish Council & Knights of Coumbus

Tuesday, December 13

7:00pm-10:00pm

\$50.00

Michael Restaurant

12 Alpha St, Haverhill, MA 01832

www.stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events-2/

St. Anthony Maronite Church *invites you* to our annual Christmas Concert

EMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US

*For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.
(Matthew 2:2)*



DECEMBER 17, 2022 | 7 P.M.

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH, 145 AMESBURY ST, LAWRENCE, MA

Please join us for a light dinner in the church hall following the concert.

ENGLISH & ARABIC BIBLE STUDY

Sessions will be held in person & virtually.
Virtual links will be sent to you via text
prior to each session.

English Bible Study- November 10

Thursdays 7-8:30 pm

With Deacon Jim Demers
& Deacon David Leard

Arabic Bible Study-November 8

Tuesdays 6-7pm

with Fr. Neemtallah

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Bi Weekly from 5-7PM

Regular Session, November 5, 2022

Regular Session, November 19, 2022

Full Calendar:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next class: **November 12** 5PM-6:30 PM

Full Calendar: www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/

We are in need of substitute teachers!!!

If you would like more information please contact
us at lawrencereligioused@gmail.com

-Religious Education Team

Knights of the Altar 2022-2023

The Knights of the Altar will be having their annual movie night on **Friday, November 11**, from 6:00-9:00 pm. All Knights and their families are welcome to attend.

Full Altar Server Schedule can be found:

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/kingths-of-the-altar-calendar/>

St Anthony's Knights of Columbus

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 8th @ 7PM in the hall

Maronite Youth Organization - MYO

Sunday, November 6 - 6-7:30 PM

Full Calendar: www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

MYO Regional Lock-in: December 3, 2022

St. Anthony of the Desert, Fall River, MA



Saint Anthony's Basketball Team members will be looking good in their new jerseys this year thanks to the generosity and great work of Alyce Sader! Our appreciation to Alyce for the kindness she has shown in printing and donating the jerseys for our boys and girls this year! Thank you for getting them off to a great season!

**Keep in mind this is the final weekend to register! Don't miss out, sign up today!*

ST. ANTHONY'S BASKETBALL

5TH - 8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE

STARTING IN NOVEMBER

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER BEFORE NOVEMBER 7





MYA ANNUAL CONVENTION - TAMPA FL

MEDICAL DONATION DRIVE FOR LEBANON

JUST THINK OF THE LIFE YOU CAN SAVE

ESOMEPRAZOLE - LANSOPRAZOLE - OMEPRAZOLE
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 VITAMIN D - KIDS VITAMINS GUMMIES- IRON- VITAMIN B
 COMPLEX - VITAMIN C GLUCOSAMINE MSM - RANTIDINE
 HOT & COLD PACKS - FIRST AID KITS - ACCU CHECK
 PERFORMA/GUIDE STRIPS - GLOVES

ANY MEDICATION YOU CAN DONATE IS APPRECIATED

ORGANIZER : GEORGE MATTA
 MYA NEW ENGLAND COORDINATOR
 GSM2296@GMAIL.COM
 774-365-1934



eat, drink, & be thankful

REGIONAL FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

November 13, 6:00 pm
 St. Anthony's Church
 145 Amesbury St. Lawrence

Maronite Young Adults - MYA
 MYA Registration is open to new members, Ages 18-35
 Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965

OLGC Christmas Fair

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish is hosting their Annual Christmas Fair, Saturday, November 12th, 9am-6pm, in Duperry Hall of St. Theresa Church. Save the date!



- 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

- Nov. 5: George Abraham, Rabih Bou-Chaaya, Charles Bou Sanayeh, Maya Owaida,
 Nov. 6: Susan Abraham, Andrea Ata, Mia Ata, Andreas Fakhry, Rocco Fiacchino, Quinn Sfeir, Michael Zaaroor,
 Nov. 7: Anthony Conway, Rosemarie Davis, Gregory Daher, Deacon James Demers
 Nov. 8: Rima Ayoub, Michael Chaya, Patricia Ferguson, Jamie Gabriel, Peter Georges, James Khoury, Matthew Maroon, Rabeka Saouma
 Nov. 9: Mia Abou-Ezzi, Catherine Abu Khalil. Michael Moujaes
 Nov. 10: Salim Azzi, Wadad Ramy, Charbel Ramy, William Taylor,
 Nov. 11: Tannous Ata, Lydia Belko, Dominic Martino, Najat Rizkallah

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Nov. 6: Brian & Tina Conway
 Nov. 7: Pierre & Alyce Sader
 Nov. 11: Justin & Victoria Pelletier

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:30 - 11:00 AM | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come meet our faculty and administrators, see our classrooms, tour the campus, talk with current parents, and more!

*Forming Saints and Scholars
since 1914*



LECTORS SCHEDULE

- Saturday, November 5 - 4PM Susan Kalil*
Sunday, November 6- 8AM - Huguette Sfeir
 9AM - Meaghan Twing
 11:00AM Eng: Gisele Dahbour
 Ar: Marie-Christine Daou
- Saturday, November 12 - 4PM*
 Lisa Abdallah
- Sunday, November 13- 8AM -*
 Mouna Hbaiter
 9AM - David Brousseau
 11:00AM Eng: Mary Saab
 Ar: George Saab

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/

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

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

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

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

or Visit: 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

Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

Sunday of the Consecration and Renewal of the Church

Book of Isaiah 54,1.3.5-8.10.

Sing, O barren one who did not bear; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of her that is married, says the LORD. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. For the LORD has called you like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In overflowing wrath for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer. For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Letter to the Hebrews 9,1-12.

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshipper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 16,13-20.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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سفر أشعيا 53:1-10.8

إِهْتَفِي أَيْتُهَا الْعَاقِرُ الَّتِي لَمْ تَلِدْ، إِنْدَفِعِي بِالْهَتَافِ وَأَصْرُخِي، أَيْتُهَا الَّتِي لَمْ تَتَمَخَّضْ، فَإِنَّ بَنِي الْمَهْجُورَةِ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ بَنِي الْمُتَزَوِّجَةِ، قَالَ الرَّبُّ. فَإِنَّكَ تَتَجَاوِزِينَ إِلَى الْيَمِينِ وَإِلَى الشَّمَالِ، وَيَرِثُ نَسْلُكَ الْأُمَّمِ وَيُعَمِّرُ الْمُدْنَ الْخَرِبَةَ. لَا تَخَافِي فَإِنَّكَ لَا تَخْزِينَ، لِأَنَّ زَوْجَكَ هُوَ صَانِعُكَ، الَّذِي رَبُّ الْقَوَاتِ أَسْمُهُ، وَفَادِيكَ هُوَ قُدُّوسُ إِسْرَائِيلِ، يُدْعَى إِلَهُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا. وَقَدْ دَعَاكَ الرَّبُّ، كَأَمْرَةٍ مَهْجُورَةٍ كَنْيَبَةِ الرُّوحِ. وَهَلْ تُرَدِّلُ زَوْجَةَ الصِّبَا؟ يَقُولُ إِلَهُكَ، هُنَيْهَةً هَجَرْتُكَ وَبِمَرَامٍ عَظِيمَةٍ أَضْمُكَ. فِي سَوْرَةِ غَضَبٍ حَجَبْتُ وَجْهِي عَنْكَ لِحِظَةً، وَبِرَأْفَةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ أَرْحَمُكَ، قَالَ الرَّبُّ فَادِيكَ. وَإِنْ أَبْتَعَدْتَ الْجِبَالَ وَتَرَعَزْتَ التَّلَالَ، فَإِنَّ رَأْفَتِي لَنْ تَبْتَعِدَ عَنْكَ، وَعَهْدٌ سَلَامِي لَنْ يَنْزِعَ عَزَعٌ، قَالَ الرَّبُّ رَاحِمُكَ.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12:9-1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، كَانَتْ لِلْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيْضًا شَعَائِرُ عِبَادَةٍ، وَبَيْتٌ قُدْسٍ أَرْضِيٍّ. فَبُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «الْقُدْسُ»، وَكَانَ فِيهِ الْمَنَارَةُ، وَالْمَائِدَةُ، وَخُبْزُ النَّقْدِمَةِ، وَوَرَاءَ الْحِجَابِ الثَّانِي بُنِيَ الْمَسْكِنُ الَّذِي يُدْعَى «قُدْسَ الْأَقْدَاسِ»، وَيَحْتَوِي مَجْمَرَةَ ذَهَبِيَّةً لِلْبُخُورِ، وَتَابُوتَ الْعَهْدِ، مُغَشَّى كُلَّهُ بِالذَّهَبِ، وَفِيهِ جَرَّةٌ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ تَحْتَوِي الْمَنْ، وَعَصَا هَارُونَ الَّتِي أَفْرَحَتْ، وَلَوْحَا الْعَهْدِ، وَفَوْقَ التَّابُوتِ كَرُوبَا الْمَجْدِ يُظَلِّلَانِ الْغِشَاءَ: أَشْيَاءٌ لَا مَجَالَ الْآنَ لِلْكَلَامِ عَنْهَا بِالتَّفْصِيلِ. وَإِذْ بُنِيَتْ تِلْكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ عَلَى هَذَا التَّرْتِيبِ، كَانَ الْكَهَنَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ إِلَى الْمَسْكِنِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ، لِيَتِمُّوا الْعِبَادَةَ، أَمَّا الْمَسْكِنُ الثَّانِي فَكَانَ عَظِيمَ الْأَخْبَارِ يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ وَحْدَهُ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً فِي السَّنَةِ، وَلَا يَدْخُلُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَّا وَمَعَهُ دَمٌ يُقَرَّبُهُ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ وَعَنْ جَهَالَاتِ الشَّعْبِ. وَبِهَذَا يُوضِحُ الرُّوحُ الْقُدْسُ أَنَّ الطَّرِيقَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَعْدَ قَدْ كُتِبَ، مَا دَامَ الْمَسْكِنُ الْأَوَّلُ قَائِمًا. وَهَذَا رَمَزٌ إِلَى الْوَقْتِ الْحَاضِرِ، وَفِيهِ تَقَرَّبْ تَقَادِمٌ وَذَبَائِحُ، لَا يُمَكِّنُهَا أَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَنْ يُقَرَّبُهَا كَامِلًا مِنْ جِهَةِ الضَّمِيرِ. إِنَّهَا شَعَائِرُ جَسَدِيَّةٍ تَقْتَصِرُ عَلَى أَطْعَمَةٍ وَأَشْرِبَةٍ، وَأَنْوَاعٍ شَتَّى مِنَ الْأَغْتِسَالِ، مَفْرُوضَةٍ إِلَى أَنْ يَأْتِيَ وَقْتُ الْإِصْلَاحِ. أَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَقَدْ ظَهَرَ عَظِيمَ أَخْبَارِ الْخَيْرَاتِ الْآتِيَةِ، وَاجْتَازَ الْمَسْكِنَ الْأَعْظَمَ وَالْأَكْمَلَ، غَيْرَ الْمَصْنُوعِ بِالْأَيْدِي، أَي لَيْسَ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْخَلِيقَةِ، فَدَخَلَ إِلَى قُدْسِ الْأَقْدَاسِ مَرَّةً وَاحِدَةً، لَا بِدَمِ النُّيُوسِ وَالْعُجُولِ، بَلْ بِدَمِهِ هُوَ، فَحَقَّقَ لَنَا فِدَاءً أَبَدِيًّا.

إنجيل القديس متى 20-16:13

جَاءَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي قَيْصَرِيَّةِ فَيْلُبُسَ فَسَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟». فَقَالُوا: «بَعْضُهُمْ يَقُولُونَ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ؛ وَآخَرُونَ: إِيْلِيَّا؛ وَغَيْرُهُمْ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ أَحَدَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ». «قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟». «فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بَطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!». «فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «طُوبَى لَكَ يَا سِمْعَانُ بَنَ يُونَا! لِأَنَّهُ لَا لَحْمَ وَلَا دَمَ أَظْهَرَ لَكَ ذَلِكَ، بَلْ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَأَنَا أَيْضًا أَقُولُ لَكَ: أَنْتَ هُوَ بَطْرُسُ، أَي الصَّخْرَةَ، وَعَلَى هَذِهِ الصَّخْرَةَ سَأَبْنِي بَيْعَتِي، وَأَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ لَنْ تَقْوَى عَلَيْهَا. سَأَعْطِيكَ مَفَاتِيحَ مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ، فَكُلُّ مَا تَرَبُّطُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَرْبُوطًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمَا تَحْلُهُ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ يَكُونُ مَحْلُولًا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ». «حِينَئِذٍ أَوْصَى تَلَامِيذَهُ الْأَ يَفُولُوا لِأَحَدٍ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ.

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