

## 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)

### 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:

Deacons: Nadim B. Daou,  
James T. Demers & David Leard  
Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

### DAILY LITURGIES 9am

**MON & WED** (Arabic)

**TUE & THU** (English)

### WEEKEND LITURGIES

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

**SUN** 8:00AM (Ara) /

9:00AM (Eng) /

11:00AM (Eng.& Ara)

### Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM



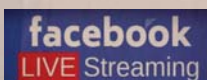
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### SACRAMENTS

**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 INTENTIONS

### Sunday of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee

**Saturday, February 18**

**4:00pm** +James & Lillian Harmon, James Jr.,  
& June, *By Al & Jean Khoury*

**Sunday, February 19**

**8:00 am** + Private Intentions

**9:00am** In Honor of Mrs. Kathleen Gabriel, *By her family*

**11:00 am** +Daoud Abou-Ezzi, *By his wife, Leila, children & their families.*

+ 40 Day - Halim El Hachem, *By his children, grandchildren & their families.*

## Entrance into Great Lent: Cana Sunday

أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير : أحد آية عرس قانا

### Healing of the Leper

**Saturday, February 25** (English)

**4:00pm** +Dan & Gloria Sarkis, *By their Family.*

**Sunday, February 26**

**8:00 am** +Private Intentions.

**9:00 am** Private Intentions.

**11:00 am** +Boutros & Angele Daou, *By their Family.*



### Weekday Liturgies

**ASH MONDAY—FEBRUARY 20**

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

**9AM LITURGY—English & Arabic**

**7PM LITURGY—ARABIC & ENGLISH**

**Tuesday, February 21** (En.) *St Eustathius*  
*Rom 15: 1-13/ Mt 6: 16-21*

**9:00am** +Larry & Dora M. Pereira *By Dora Pereira.*

+Jason Ballan, *By Mr. & Mrs. John Maksou & Family.*

**Wednesday, February 22** (Ar.)  
*Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter of Antioch,*  
*Rom 15: 14-21/ Mt 6:1-4*

**9:00am** +Siham Azzi, *By Mr. & Mrs. Elie Kazzi.*

**Thursday, February 23** (En.)  
*St. Polycarp of Smyrna*  
*1 Tim 6:6-12/ Mt 6: 25-34*

**9:00am** In Honor of Silvana Awad.  
+For the Souls in Purgatory *By Dora Pereira*

**9:30am -12 noon Eucharistic Adoration**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday at 7pm

Confessions are available 30 minutes  
before the Stations Prayers.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*In Honor of Kathleen Gabriel.*

*In Honor of Toufic Hatem.*

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

### Clergy Day Off

Fr Elie: **Mondays**

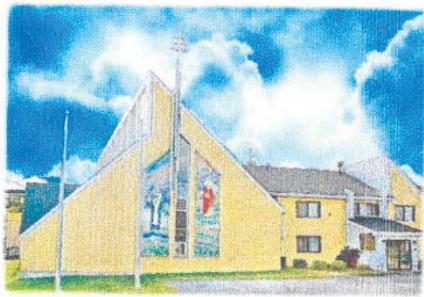
Fr. Neemtallah's : **Wednesdays**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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



HOW MUCH IS 5%?				St. Anthony Church • Lawrence, MA							
WEEKLY INCOME	\$150.	\$200.	\$300.	PLEASE INDICATE AMOUNT	\$	\$100	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
OFFERING	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$15.00	Please mark the amount of your offering to insure proper credit.							
\$400.	\$500.	\$700.	\$800.	<p><b>Dear Parishioners</b></p> <p>Be an active member of the building and growth of our community. The Lord commands His people to tithe, to donate, so that our hearts will not be attached to the riches of the world <i>where moth and rust destroy</i>.  <i>Here is a breakdown of donations based on individual income....</i>  <i>Let your charity be at the measure of His Love to us on the Cross</i></p>							
\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$40.00								



If absent, PLEASE MAIL YOU CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH.

# Lenten Bible Studies

## ARABIC SESSION

Let us dig in together! Open and Free Spiritual Space - Every Tuesday at 7PM— Church Parish Hall

**English Session- February 23**  
*Thursdays 7-8:30 pm*

*With Deacons: Jim Demers & David Leard*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Liturgies are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or special anniversary, and more.

Liturgy stipend or offering given, signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

If you would like to have a Liturgy said for someone, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email for help with available dates and times.

**TICKETS WILL BE MAILED SOON !!!!**

Covering the upcoming expenses:  
 Building insurance (\$30k) & Bishop’s Appeal

**St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church**  
 To Cover: Building Insurance (30K) & Bishop Appeal (\$7500)

**ANNUAL RAFFLE FUNDRAISING**

1st PRIZE: \$2500  
 2rd PRIZE: \$ 1000  
 3rd PRIZE: \$ 500  
 4th PRIZE: \$250

1 TICKET for \$10 / 5 for \$40

TO BE DRAWN APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY  
 rectory@stanthonylawrence.org / 978.685.7233

**Do you play a Musical Instrument?**

Ride along with  
**Maestro Loubnen Khalil**

If your interested in participating in an orchestra directed by the Violin Master, Loubnen Khalil, kindly fill out the short form below and drop it in the collection basket or send your information to our office email @ [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)

- Name:**
- Best Contact:**
- Instrument:**
- Years of Playing or learning:**

### 2023 ALAA SCHOLARSHIP

The 2023 ALAA Scholarship Application is now available for students planning to attend college next year. **\*DEADLINE: MARCH 1st\***

Application is available at the following Link:

[americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org](http://americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org)



AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Upcoming Classes- Bi-Weekly- 5PM-6:30 PM

**Saturday March 4**

Please check your calendars for all the spring semester dates.

Hello Religious Education Families,

#### First Communion families:

If your child was Baptized in a church other than St. Anthony Church, we need proof of Baptism. Please send your baptismal certificate to us as soon as possible. If we do not have proof of Baptism, your child WILL NOT be able to receive in May.

If your child was Baptized at St. Anthony Church, we have a record, and you are all set.

The Religious Education Team

Calendar:

[stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/)

### KNIGHTS OF MARY

Upcoming Sessions: **February 18: CANCELED**

**March 11: from 5-7PM**

Calendar: [www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/)

### KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sign up today to serve on the Altar!

Application and full Altar Server Schedule can be found:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/kinghts-of-the-altar-calendar/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/kinghts-of-the-altar-calendar/)

### LOL BIBLE CAMP 2023

Save the dates - July 12 -15, 2023

### MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

MYA - Ages 18-35

**SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 21-SNOW TUBING**

MYA Registration is open to new members.

Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965

### MYA NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL RETREAT

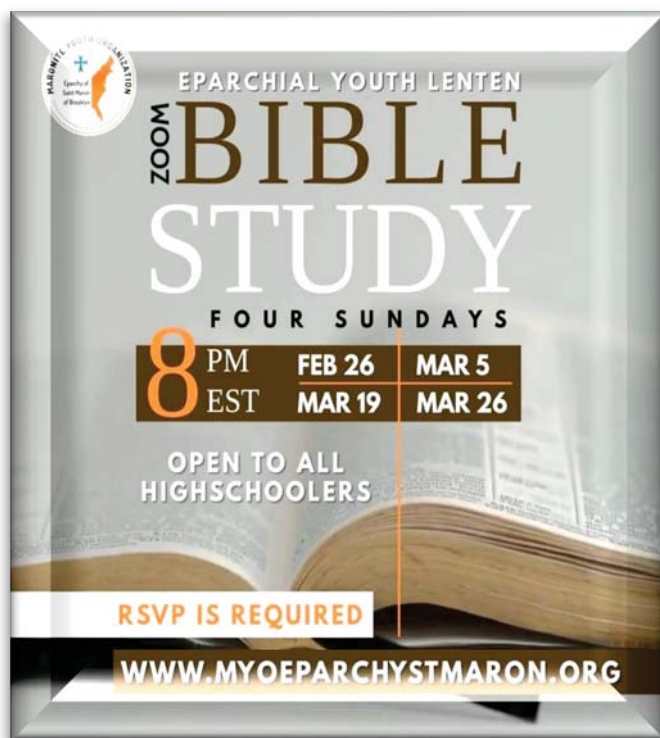


### MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO -Next Session:

**Lenten Day Retreat- More info coming soon!**

Full Calendar: [stanthonylawrence.org/myo/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/myo/)





### Congratulations on your New Baby

*Yasmina Gia Nassar, daughter of  
Maroun & Rana Nassar*

*Joseph Elias Azzi, son of  
Elias & Yulissa Azzi*

*“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a  
reward from him.” Psalm 127:3*

### OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

Nawal, Marlene, Lamia, Bassam, Tony, their spouses and families for the loss of their beloved mother, **Josephine Aoun.**

*May she rest in peace and her memories be eternal.*



### Arabic Spiritual retreat



**“Joseph, the faithful worker”**

**“يوسف، المؤمن العامل”**

**Guest speaker:**

**Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**From: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**At: St. Joseph Melkite Greek  
Catholic Church  
Lawrence, MA, 01841**

**For more information:**

phone: (978) 682-8152

Fr. Ziad Layous: 508-423-6148

Email: [stjosephsma@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsma@gmail.com)



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English Spiritual Retreat

**“Jesus Christ  
our life;  
Seeing Christ in  
others”**

**“You will  
seek Me  
and find Me;  
when you  
seek Me  
with all  
your heart.”**

*-Jeremiah 29:13*

**Saturday, March 11, 2023**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Saint Joseph Melkite Church**  
Lawrence, MA, 01841

Father Christopher Sahd, bso  
speaker

For more information, please call:  
(978) 682-8152

Fr. Ziad Layous: (508) 423-6148  
Email: [stjosephsma@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsma@gmail.com)

## BECOME A NAM MEMBER

[Use your credit card and apply online](#)

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

### Additional Membership Benefits

- Discount on National & Regional Conventions' pre-registration
- Discount on NAM's Lenten Retreats
- Eligibility for NAM's Silver and Gold Massabki Awards, and Faith of the Mountain Award
- Discount on various items available through NAM
- Eligibility for Scholarships

## BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

### Religious Education

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/>

### Maronite Youth Organization –MYO

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/>

### Maronite Young Adults –MYA

*Please email the Parish to add your name to the MYA Group: [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org)*

### Knights of Mary –KOM

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/>

### Knights of the Altars

<https://www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/>

*In addition our Parish takes pride and invites you to be part of the other ministries such as:*

- *Daughters of St Anthony*
- *Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality*
- *Sunshine Committee*
- *M-Wine*
- *Bereavement Ministry*
- *Ushers*
- *Men's Ministry*

**Scholarships offered by NAM for active NAM members.** The applications for all scholarships offered by NAM can be found online, through NAM's website, [www.namnews.org](http://www.namnews.org).

### 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
- **Abouna Sharbel Scholarship;** Three (3) scholarships of \$1,000, available for 3 High School Seniors.
- **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
- **Chagoury Family 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
- **Chagoury Family 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 2023.

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 2023/2024

The details and eligibility requirements are clearly explained in each application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at 440-821-6303, email me at [namscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:namscholarships@gmail.com) or contact the NAM Office using the information at the bottom of this page.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS May 31, 2023.**



### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18- 4PM- Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, February 19

8AM - Hitaf Nammour

9AM - Michael Faris

11:00AM Eng: Mary Saab / Ar: George Saab

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 25 - 4PM - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, February 26- 8AM- Huguette Sfeir

9AM - Meaghan Twing

11AM -Eng: Nadine Daou

Ar: Marie-Christine Daou

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 18: Joy Andoun, Louann Bistany, John Bonanno, Lisa Germanos, John Hurton IV, Nicholas Nazzaro

Feb 19: Christopher Azzi, Rebecca Azzi, Larry Bejjani, Gabriel Bourouphael, Charbel Daher, Carlos Daher, Tuffic Hatem(99), George Kazanjian, Mikayla Plouffe, Mariana Sadek

Feb 20: George Azzi, Adrian Eid, Krista Maroon, Edward Karam, Isabelle Karam,

Feb 21: Anthony Alessandro, Sleiman Antar, Lauren Garand, Joseph Maroun, Bianca Raad

Feb 22: Jennifer Bouraphael, Mounira Daher, Jason Hand, Lutfi Kassari, Isabella Nehme, Kimberly Swanson,

Feb 23: Silvana Awad, Natalia Nazarro, Samantha Sayegh, Beverly Schiripo

Feb 24: Felicia Azzi, Marie Charabati, Andrew Haykal, Elizabeth Saab, Charbel Yammine

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb 18: Shadi & Josiane Asmar, Etienne & Amara Khalife

Feb 20: Joshua & Alaina Pelletier

Feb 22: Melhem & Nadia Azzi

Feb 23: Elie & Jane El Hachem

### St Anthony's Cemetery

#### Grave Purchase & Burial

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: [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/)

#### Cemetery Guidelines

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/)

#### Headstones & Cemetery Markers

Kindly review the information provided regarding acceptable dimensions per grave/lot on our website: [stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/](http://stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/).

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

#### 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.

#### 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 displayed for ten years.

**Plant-A-Tree B**—For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque displayed for five years.

**Your Donation is Tax-Deductible**

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

#### 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)

**Entrance into Great Lent: Cana Sunday***Book of Isaiah 55,1.6-13.*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*First Letter to the Romans 14,14-23.*

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 16,19-31.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



## أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير : أحد آية عرس قانا

سفر أشعيا 55:1.6-13

تَعَالُوا أَيُّهَا الْعَطَشُ جَمِيعًا هَلُمُّوا الْمِيَاهِ، وَهَلُمُّوا أَيُّهَا الْمُغْدَمُونَ مِنَ الْفِضَّةِ، ائْتَاغُوا وَكُلُوا، ائْتَاغُوا خَمْرًا وَلَبَنًا مَجَانًا مِنْ غَيْرِ فِضَّةٍ. أَطْلُبُوا الرَّبَّ مَا دَامَ مَوْجُودًا، ادْعُوهُ وَهُوَ قَرِيبٌ. لِيَبْتَزِكَ الشَّرِيرُ طَرِيقَهُ، وَالْأَثِيمُ أَفْكَارَهُ، وَلِيَبْتَزِبْ إِلَى الرَّبِّ فَيْرَحَمَهُ، وَلِيَرْجِعْ إِلَى إِلَهِنَا لِأَنَّهُ يُكثِرُ الْغُفْرَانَ. لِأَنَّ أَفْكَارِي لَيْسَتْ مُمَاتِلَةً لِأَفْكَارِكُمْ، وَلَا طُرُقُكُمْ مِثْلَ طُرُقِي، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. فَكَمَا أَرْتَفَعَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، كَذَلِكَ أَرْتَفَعْتُ طُرُقِي عَنْ طُرُقِكُمْ، وَأَفْكَارِي عَنْ أَفْكَارِكُمْ. وَكَمَا تَهْطِلُ الْأَمْطَارُ وَيَنْهَمِرُ التَّلْجُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَلَا تَرْجِعْ إِلَى هُنَاكَ، بَلْ تَرْوِي الْحُقُولَ وَالْأَشْجَارَ وَتَجْعَلُ الْبُنُورَ ثُنْبِي وَتَنْمُو وَتُثْمِرُ زَرْعًا لِلْفَلَّاحِ وَخُبْرًا لِلْجِيَاعِ. هَكَذَا تَكُونُ كَلِمَتِي الَّتِي تَصْدُرُ عَنِّي مِثْمَرَةً دَائِمًا، وَتُحَقِّقُ مَا أَرْغَبُ فِيهِ وَتُفْلِحُ بِمَا أَعْهَدُ بِهِ إِلَيْهَا. لِأَنَّكُمْ سَتُنْزَكُونَ بَابِلَ بِفَرَحٍ وَسَلَامٍ فَتَنْتَرَنُمُ الْجِبَالَ وَالْتِلَالَ أَمَامَكُمْ بِهَجَّةٍ وَتُصَوِّقُ أَشْجَارَ الْحَقْلِ بِأَيْدِيهَا غِبْطَةً، وَحَيْثُ كَانَ الشُّوكُ وَالْقُرَّاصُ، تَنْمُو أَشْجَارَ السَّرْوِ وَالْأَس: فَيَكُونُ ذَلِكَ تَخْلِيدًا لِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ وَعَلَامَةً أَبَدِيَّةً لَا تُمَحَى.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14:14-23

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاتِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ لِي شَيْءَ نَجَسٍ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسِبُهُ نَجَسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجَسًا. فَإِنْ كُنْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُحْزَنُ أَحَاكَ، فَلَا تَكُونُ سَالِكًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. فَلَا تُهْلِكُ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذَا فَلَا تَسْمَحُوا بِأَنْ يَصِيرَ الْخَيْرُ فِيكُمْ سَبَبًا لِلتَّجْدِيفِ. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشُرْبًا، بَلْ بِرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ الْمَسِيحَ هَكَذَا فَهُوَ مَرَضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلْبُنْيَانِ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فَلَا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ؛ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ، وَلَكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيهِ. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا، وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، وَلَا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيْئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبَ عَثْرَةٍ لِأَخِيكَ. وَأَحْتَفِظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَبْدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يَقْرَرُهُ! أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

انجيل القديس يوحنا 2:1-11

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ، كَانَ عُرْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ. وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتَلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ. وَنَفَدَ الْخَمْرُ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ». «فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلَكَ، يَا امْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدًا!» فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ!». «وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْزَانٍ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لَيْتْرًا، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْزَانَ مَاءً». «فَمَلَأُوهَا إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِسْتَقْفُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ». «فَقَدَّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقْفُوا يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكِرَ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَفْضَلَ جُودَةً، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ!». «تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أَوْلَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَظَاهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَأَمَّنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ.



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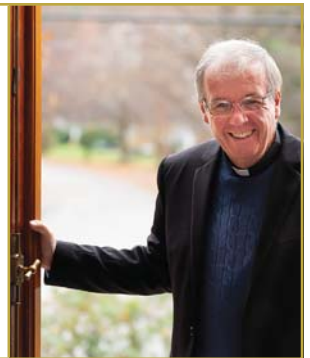
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