

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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SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH



LEBANESE MAHRAJAN

LAWRENCE, MA



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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

15th SUNDAY - PENTECOST SEASON

Saturday, September 2 (English) *St. Mamma*

4:00pm 1st Anniversary - +Evon Danus, *By her children & their Families.*

Sunday, September 3 *St. Theodore*

11:00 am In Honor and Thanksgiving for our Parishioners at St Anthony Church

Daily Liturgies

Monday, September 4 (Ar.) *St. Babylas*

NO LITURGY, OFFICE IS CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5 (En.)

St. Sharbel of Raha & his Sister; St. Teresa of Calcutta

NO LITURGY

Wednesday, September 6 (Ar.)

St. Michael the Archangel

Jas 1:19-27 / Lk 17:20-25

9:00am +The Souls in Purgatory, *By Mr. & Mrs. Kamil Hbaiter & Family.*

+Antoine Roukoz, *By his sister, Aida Ata, & Family.*

Thursday, September 7 (En.) *St. Sozon*

Jas 2:1-13 / Lk 17:26-30

9:00am In Honor of Abouna Maroon, *By Kozhaya & Lola AbouKhalil.*

Eucharistic Adoration

& Blessing immediately to follow the Liturgy.

Friday, September 8 NO LITURGY

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PLEASE NOTE:

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

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Saturday, September 9 (English)

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary

4:00pm Private Intentions.

Sunday, September 10 *St. Pulcheria*

9:00 am +Joyce Marie Belko, *By her Family.*

11:00 am President Bachir Gemayel and the Deceased Members of the Lebanese forces
By the Lebanese Forces Methuen Chapter

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND MAIL IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE

LITURGIES SCHEDULE SURVEY

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church wants your input into for adjusting our liturgy schedule to best meet the needs of our parishioners.

Which set of liturgies would be the best for you?

Saturday 4pm (English), Sunday 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English), 11am (Arabic & English)

Saturday 4pm (English), Sunday 8:30am (Arabic), 10am (English), 11:30am (Arabic & English)

A Sunday 5:00 pm youth/young adult liturgy will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Would you attend this liturgy?

Yes

No

A Sunday 5:00 pm youth/young adult liturgy will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Which language would you prefer?

Arabic only

English only

A mix of Arabic and English

About You

What is your age? _____

Are you or a family member involved in an organization or activity at St. Anthony Parish?

Yes

No

51ST ANNUAL **LEBANESE** MAHRAJAN

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH, LAWRENCE, MA

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Homemade Lebanese Food and Pastries, Hookah, Raffles, Arts and Crafts, Souvenirs, Folkloric Dance and Belly Dancing Free Cooking and Bely Dancing Classes, Children Activities.

Fri 5p-1a
Sat 5p-2a
Sun 12p-12a



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Families,
Just a reminder, online registration is open for your convenience: www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/
Our classes will run bi-weekly on Saturdays from 5-7pm, starting September 9th! We are looking forward to the upcoming year with your children! *The Religious Ed Team*

CHOIR MINISTRY

Love to Sing? Join our Choir Ministry!
We are looking to recruit new members who enjoy praising the Lord through song. Not sure if this ministry is for you? You are invited to try it out and see! For questions or more details, please reach out to Fr. Neemtallah or Patrick Tabet. *“The church choir is the heart of the church, singing praises to the Lord.”*

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS - MYA *Ages 18-35*
MYA Registration is open to new members.
Contact Ramona for more info: 978-350-2965.

COMING SOON
MEN'S MINISTRY
CONNECTING, EQUIPPING AND REACHING MEN FOR CHRIST

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

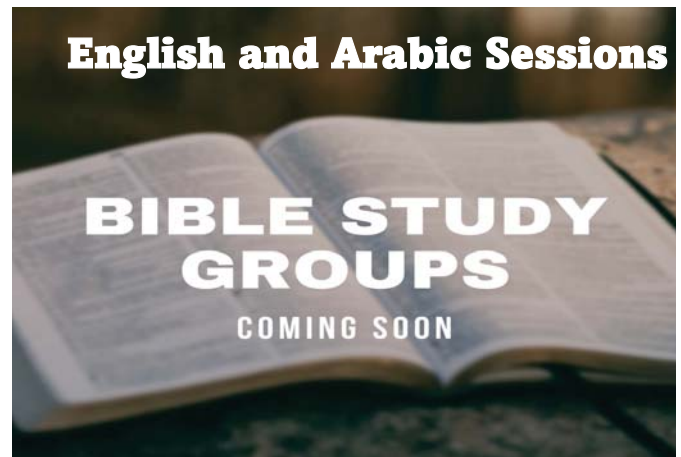
The Knights of the Altar will be starting its meetings up again this year, and any boys interested in serving who have already made their First Communion are welcome to come and see what it's all about. The first meeting will be an ice cream social on **Saturday, September 9th, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.** Come see what a privilege it is to serve our Lord at His altar!

OUR SYMPATHIES TO:

-Amal Rizkallah, for the loss of her beloved husband, **Bechara Rizkallah.**

We express our condolences to his children: Christa, and her husband, Dean, Leah and her husband, Liam; his siblings, their families and loved ones.

May he rest in peace & his memories be eternal.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**Catholic Universities of America -
September 9 & 10**

*Please remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope:
Your contribution helps us keep the AC on in
the Summer & the Heat on in the Winter!*

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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE ORDINATION OF

**DEACON
CHRISTIAN HBAITER**

TO THE

Sacred Priesthood

Jn. 15:15

THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS BY
THE MOST REVEREND GREGORY J. MANSOUR
BISHOP OF THE EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

09.16.2023

AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH
145 AMESBURY STREET
LAWRENCE, MA 01841

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN PARISH HALL

CONCELEBRATING PRIESTS, PLEASE BRING FULL WHITE VESTMENTS
DEACONS/SUBDEACONS, PLEASE BRING ALB/WHITE STOLE

OFFICE HOURS:

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

FRI 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SAT By Appointment

DAILY LITURGIES 9am

MON & WED (Ara)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 PM (Eng)

SUN 9 AM (Eng) _11 AM (Eng.& Ara)

Holy days of obligation:

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

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:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers &
David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

Fr Elie: **Mondays**

Fr. Neemtallah: **Wednesdays**

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.

FIRST BANS OF MARRIAGE: Ronald Ead & Alexis Canto

CONGRATULATIONS! Sacrament of Matrimony:

Youhanna AbouJoude & Tressa Bsaiibes

“Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds. Rite of the Covenant”

SANCTUARY LAMPS

In Honor and Thanksgiving for our Parishioners

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

GIVING UP ON FEAR *By Ronald Rolheiser*

A friend of mine shares this story. He was an only child. When he was in his late twenties, still single, building a successful career and living in the same city as his mother and father, his father died, leaving his mother widowed. His mother, who had centered her life on her family and on her son, was understandably devastated. Much of her world collapsed, she'd lost her husband, but she still had her son.

The next years were not always easy for her son. His mother had lost much of her world, save him, and he felt a heavy responsibility toward her. She lived for his visits. His days off and his vacation times had to be spent with her. Much as he loved his mother, it was a burden that prevented him from having the social life and relational freedom he yearned for, and it prevented him from making some career decisions that he would otherwise have made. He had to take care of his mother, to be there for her. As one can guess, their times together were sometimes a test of loyalty and duty for the son. But he did it faithfully, year after year. There was no one else his mother could lean on.

When his mother's health began to decline, she sold her house and moved into a Seniors' complex. Most times on his day off he would pick up his mother, take her for a drive in the country, and then take her to dinner before dropping her back at her mini apartment. One day on such an outing, driving along a country road in silence, his mother broke the quiet with words that both surprised him and, for the first time in a long time, had his full attention.

She shared words to this effect: Something huge has happened in my life. I've given up on fear. All my life I have been afraid of everything – of not measuring up, of not being good enough, of being boring, of being excluded, of being alone, of ending up alone, of ending up without any money or a place to live, of people talking about me behind my back. I've been afraid of my own shadow. Well, I've given up on fear. And why not? I've lost everything – my husband, my place in society, my home, my physical looks, my health, my teeth, and my dignity. I've nothing left to lose anymore, and do you know something? It's good! I'm not afraid of anything anymore. I feel free in a way I have never felt before. I've given up on fear.

For the first time in a long time, he began to listen closely to what his mother was saying. He also sensed something new in her, a new strength and a deeper wisdom from which he wished to drink. The next time he took her for a drive, he said to her: Mom, teach me that. Teach me how not to be afraid.

She lived for two more years and during those years he took her for drives in the country and for lunches and dinners together, and he drew something from her, from that new strength in her, that he had not been able to draw from before. When she eventually died and he lost her earthly presence, he could only describe what she had given him in those final years by using biblical terms: "My mother gave me birth twice, once from below and once from above."

It's not easy to give up on fear, nor to teach others how to do so. Fear has such a grip on us because for most of our lives we in fact have much to lose. So, it's hard, understandably so, not to live with a lot of fear for most of our lives. Moreover, this is not a question of being mature or immature, spiritual or earthy. Indeed, sometimes the more mature and spiritual we are, the more we appreciate the preciousness of life, of health, of family, of friendship, of community – all of which have their own fragility and all of which we can lose. There are good reasons to be afraid.

It is no accident that this man's mother was able to move beyond fear only after she had lost most everything in life. God and nature recognize that and have written it into the aging process. The aging process is calibrated to take us to a place where we can give up on fear because as we age and lose more and more of our health, our importance in the world, our physical attractiveness, our loved ones to death, and our dignity, we have less and less to lose – and less and less to be afraid of.

This is one of nature's last gifts to us, and living in a way that others see this new freedom in us can also be one of the last great gifts we leave behind with those we love.

ANNUAL SAINT JUDE FUNDRAISER

Dear family and friends, parishioners of St Anthony Church,

Since 2010, until now, ST Jude Hospital takes care of my son, Mark Bejjani.

Mark relapsed in 2014, but thanks to your prayers and also the awesome care provided by St Jude Hospital, Mark survived this dangerous and awful disease.

September 23rd at 9:00 AM, you are all invited to come walk with us around St Anthony Church, while praying the rosary. There will be a Manouche breakfast sale following the walk.

Please be many...Mark needs your support!

Donations for the cause may be made payable to: Saint Anthony Church, please be sure to write in the memo: DONATION FOR ST JUDE.

God bless you all and keep everyone in good health. *Rita Bejjani*

FIRST VOWS OF SISTER EMILY MARY

as a Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

*Saint Anthony of the Desert Church
Fall River, Massachusetts*

6:00PM - Thursday, September 7, 2023

A reception will follow

R.S.V.P. by August 28 to Sister Marla Marie only via email:

Email: sister@maroniteservants.org

-or-Telephone: 508/996-1753.

Do you play a Musical Instrument Ride along with Maestro, Loubnen Khalil

If you are 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

Name-Best Contact-Instrument:

Years of Playing or learning:

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Hookas . Raffles . Dancing

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Friday, September 8, 2023 **Saturday, September 9, 2023**
 5:00PM - 11:00PM 12:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Entertainment

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, NY

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church
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ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 SUNDAY
 AT 12noon to 5:00PM - Behind Janetos Plaza
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Sept. 2:** Nassif Ata, Angela Dahbour, Grace Mansor, Christopher Getchell,
- Sept. 3:** Joey Abi-Moussa, Samir Maroun, Clara Safi
- Sept 4.:** Allan Bistany, Megan El Hayek, Therese Leone, Layla Merheb, Abbas Sadek
- Sept. 5:** Lyanna Abboud, Harrison Ameen, Aleya Ayoub, Matthew Bergeron, Stephanie Constantine, Dominic Maroun, Lilliana Tabet, Bruce Touma,
- Sept. 6:** Nelly Bouraphael, Lori Corey, Olivia Reed
- Sept. 7:** Cynthia Ayoub, Violette Hawwa, Adriana Ndaira, Eleanor Tarness,
- Sept. 8:** Tania Behnam, Sahar Cordes, Charbel Sadek, Michael Sader, Charbel Zaarour,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Sept. 2:** Joseph & Marlene Abdunour
- Sept. 3:** George & Rita Bejjani, Raymond & Janette Nadira,
- Sept 4.:** Pierre & Elham Azzi
- Sept. 5:** Antoine & Hyam Bou Habib, Kenneth & Loretta DeMarco
- Sept. 6:** Dr. Tony & Viviane Tannoury, Nicholas & Meaghan Twing
- Sept. 7:** Joseph & Roula Nassar, Edward & Stacy Zraket
- Sept. 8:** Brian & Linda Houry

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost: Repentance of a Sinful Woman

Book of Micah 7,7-9.18-20.

But as for me, I will look to the LORD, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I must bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he takes my side and executes judgement for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall see his vindication. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger for ever, because he delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and unswerving loyalty to Abraham, as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

First Letter to the Thessalonians 1,1-10.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 7,36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him that she is a sinner.' Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' 'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?' And he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 2- 4PM - Susan Kalil

Sunday, Sept. 3 - 11:00AM Eng: Elias Azzi

Ar: Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9 - 4PM - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, September 10 - 11AM - Michael Faris

11:00AM - Eng: Hicham Saade

Ar: Jean Abourjeili

الأحد الخامس عشر من زمن العنصرة: توبة المرأة الخاطئة

سفر ميخا 7: 9-7. 18-20

أما أنا فاترَقَبُ الرَّبِّ وَأَجْعَلُ رَجَائِي فِي إِلَهٍ خَلَاصِي فَيَسْمَعُنِي إِلَهِي. لَا تَشْمَتِي بِي يَا عَدُوَّتِي فَإِنِّي إِذَا سَقَطْتُ أَقُومُ وَإِذَا سَكَنْتُ فِي الظُّلَامِ يَكُونُ الرَّبُّ نُورًا لِي. إِنِّي أَحْتَمِلُ سُخْطَ الرَّبِّ لِأَنِّي خَطَّيْتُ إِلَيْهِ إِلَى أَنْ يُدَافِعَ عَن قَضِيَّتِي وَيُنصِفَنِي فَيُخْرِجُنِي إِلَى الثُّورِ وَأَرَى بَرَّهُ. مَنْ هُوَ إِلَهٌ مِثْلَكَ حَامِلٌ لِلْآثَامِ وَصَافِحٌ عَنِ الْمَعَاصِي لِبَقِيَّةِ مِيرَاثِهِ، لَا يُشَدِّدُ غَضَبَهُ لِلأَبَدِ لِأَنَّهُ يُحِبُّ الرَّحْمَةَ. سَيَعُودُ فِيرَأْفُ بِنَا وَيَدُوسُ آثَامَنَا وَتُطْرَحُ فِي أَعْمَاقِ الْبَحْرِ جَمِيعُ خَطَايَاهُمْ. تَمْنَحُ يَعْقُوبَ الصِّدْقَ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ الرَّحْمَةَ مَا أَفْسَمْتَ لِأَبَائِنَا مُنْذُ الْأَيَّامِ الْقَدِيمَةِ.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 1: 10-1

يَا إِخْوَتِي: مِنْ بُولَسَ وَسِلْوَانَسَ وَطِيمُوثَاوَسَ إِلَى كَنِيسَةِ التَّسَالُونِيكِيِّينَ الَّتِي فِي اللَّهِ الْآبِ وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ: الْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ! نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ دَائِمًا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، وَنَذْكُرْكُمْ فِي صَلَوَاتِنَا بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ. وَنَذْكُرُ فِي حَضْرَةِ إِلَهِنَا وَأَبِينَا عَمَلِ إِيمَانِكُمْ، وَتَعَبِ مَحَبَّتِكُمْ، وَثَبَاتِ رَجَائِكُمْ، كَمَا فِي رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَنَعْلَمُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَجْبَاءَ اللَّهِ، أَنَّ اللَّهَ اخْتَارَكُمْ؛ لِأَنَّ إِنْجِيلَنَا لَمْ يَصِرْ إِلَيْكُمْ بِالْكَلامِ وَحَسَبِ، بَلْ أَيْضًا بِالْقُوَّةِ وَبِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَبِإِمْلاءِ النِّيِّقِينَ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ كُنَّا بَيْنَكُمْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. فَقَدْ صِرْتُمْ تَقْدُونَ بِنَا وَبِالرَّبِّ، إِذْ قَبِلْتُمْ الْكَلِمَةَ، فِي وَسْطِ ضَيْقَاتٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، بِفَرَحِ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، حَتَّى صِرْتُمْ مِثَالًا لِجَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةٍ وَأَخَائِيَّةٍ؛ لِأَنَّهَا مِنْكُمْ دَاعَتْ كَلِمَةَ الرَّبِّ، لَا فِي مَقْدُونِيَّةٍ وَأَخَائِيَّةٍ وَحَسَبِ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ أَنْتَشِرَ إِيمَانُكُمْ بِاللَّهِ، حَتَّى لَمْ يَعْذُ بِنَا حَاجَةٌ إِلَى أَنْ نَقُولَ فِي ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا. فَهَمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ يُخْبِرُونَ عَنَّا كَيْفَ كَانَ دُخُولُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ، وَكَيْفَ رَجَعْتُمْ عَنِ الْاَوْثَانِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، لَكِي تَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ الْحَيَّ الْحَقَّ، وَتَنْتَظِرُوا مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ ابْنَهُ، الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، يَسُوعَ، مُنْجِيَنَا مِنَ الْعُضْبِ الْآتِي.

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سَأَلَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْفَرِّيْسِيِّينَ يَسُوعَ أَنْ يَتَنَاوَلَ الطَّعَامَ مَعَهُ، فَدَخَلَ بَيْتَ الْفَرِّيْسِيِّ وَأَتَكَأَ. وَإِذَا امْرَأَةً، وَهِيَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ خَاطِئَةً، عَلِمَتْ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ مُتَكَيُّ فِي بَيْتِ الْفَرِّيْسِيِّ، فَجَاءَتْ تَحْمِلُ قَارُورَةَ طِيبٍ. وَوَقَفَتْ بَاكِئَةً وَرَاءَ يَسُوعَ، عِنْدَ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَبَدَأَتْ تَبْلُ قَدَمَيْهِ بِالذُّمُوعِ، وَتُنَشِّفُهُمَا بِشَعْرِ رَأْسِهَا، وَتُقْبِلُ قَدَمَيْهِ، وَتَدْهِنُهُمَا بِالطِّيبِ. وَرَأَى الْفَرِّيْسِيُّ، الَّذِي دَعَا يَسُوعَ، مَا جَرَى، فَقَالَ فِي نَفْسِهِ: «لَوْ كَانَ هَذَا نَبِيًّا لَعَلَّمَ أَيَّ امْرَأَةٍ هِيَ تَلْمَسُهُ! إِنَّهَا خَاطِئَةٌ.» فَأَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا سَمْعَانَ، عِنْدِي شَيْءٌ أَقُولُهُ لَكَ.» «قَالَ الْفَرِّيْسِيُّ: «قُلْ، يَا مَعْلَم.» «قَالَ يَسُوعُ: «كَانَ لِذَائِنِ مَدْيُونَانِ، أَحَدُهُمَا مَدْيُونٌ بِخَمْسِمِئَةِ دِينَارٍ، وَالْآخَرُ بِخَمْسِينَ. وَإِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لهُمَا مَا يُوفِيَانِ، سَامَحَهُمَا كِلَيْهِمَا. فَأَيُّهُمَا يَكُونُ أَكْثَرَ حُبًّا لَهُ؟.» «أَجَابَ سَمْعَانُ وَقَالَ: «أُظُنُّ، ذَلِكَ الَّذِي سَامَحَهُ بِالْأَكْثَرِ.» «فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «حَكَمْتَ بِالصَّوَابِ.» ثُمَّ أَلْفَتَتْ إِلَى الْمَرْأَةِ وَقَالَ لِسَمْعَانَ: «هَلْ تَرَى هَذِهِ الْمَرْأَةَ؟ أَنَا دَخَلْتُ بَيْتَكَ فَمَا سَكَبْتَ عَلَى قَدَمَيْ مَاءٍ، أَمَا هِيَ فَقَدْ بَلَّتْ قَدَمَيْ بِالذُّمُوعِ، وَنَشَفَتْهُمَا بِشَعْرِهَا. أَنْتَ لَمْ تُقْبِلْنِي، أَمَا هِيَ فَمُنْذُ دَخَلْتُ لَمْ تَكْفَ عَنْ تَقْبِيلِ قَدَمَيْ. أَنْتَ مَا دَهَنْتَ رَأْسِي بِزَيْتٍ، أَمَا هِيَ فَدَهَنْتَ بِالطِّيبِ قَدَمَيْ. لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكَ: خَطَايَاهَا الْكَثِيرَةُ مَغْفُورَةٌ لَهَا، لِأَنَّهَا أَحَبَّتْ كَثِيرًا. أَمَا الَّذِي يُغْفَرُ لَهُ قَلِيلٌ فَيَحِبُّ قَلِيلًا.» «ثُمَّ قَالَ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: «مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ!» «فَبَدَأَ الْمُتَكَبِّرُونَ مَعَهُ يَقُولُونَ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ: «مَنْ هُوَ هَذَا الَّذِي يَغْفِرُ الْخَطَايَا أَيْضًا؟.» «فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْمَرْأَةِ: «إِيمَانُكَ خَلَاصُكَ! إِذْهَبِي بِسَّلَامٍ!.»

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