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Third Sunday After Holy Cross

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

3rd SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Holy Rosary Sunday

Saturday, September 30 (English)

St. Gregory, the Illuminator

4:00pm For: +Richard Ferguson, *By his wife, Patricia, son, Matthew, & Family.*

Sunday, October 1 *St. Therese the Child of Jesus*

8:00 am For:+ John Purcell, *By his wife, Najla Azzi -Purcell*

9:30 am 40 Day Anniversary: +Paul Khalife, *By his wife, Pamela, & Children: Mark & Vanessa.*

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary: Naim El Hachem *By his wife Sonia, Children Tony, Richard, Ghassan, Vera, Spouses & Children*

For: +The Living & Deceased Members of the Bou Mitri Family, *By Mr. & Mrs. Mounir BouMitri*

5:00 pm For: Private Intentions

4TH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Saturday, October 7 (English) *St. Sarkis & Bacchus*

12:00pm 40 Day-Leila Fakhoury *By Her husband, Tony Ghosn, and her daughter, Rola, wife Mr. Bassil Zaza, & family*

4:00pm 40 Day Anniversary- John D'Angelo, *By his wife, Christine, Children & their Families.*

Sunday, October 8 *St. Pelagia of Antioch*

8:00am +Sabah Dagher, & Zakieh Moubarak, *By their Family.*

9:00 am +Marianna Vacca, *By Fr. Elie Mikhael.*

11:00 am 40 day Anniversary: +Farid Jean Rizk, *By his sister, Antoinette, wife of Jean Najm, & Family.*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, October 2 (Ar.) *St Cyprian & Justina*

Rev 7:9-17 / Mt 24:32-44

9:00am +Naim El Hachem, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi.*

Tuesday, October 3 (En.) *St. Dionysius*

Rev 10:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26

9:00am In Thanksgiving & for the Healing of Christine Kattar

Wednesday, October 4 (Ar.) *St. Francis of Assisi*

Rev 11:1-12 / Lk 5:33-39

9:00am Living and deceased family Members of Antoine and Joumana Azzi.

Thursday, October 5 (En.) *St. Paul the Simple*

Rev 12:1-12 / Lk 21:34-38

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

Eucharistic Adoration

& Blessing immediately to follow the Liturgy.

Friday, October 6 *St. Thomas the Apostle*

Rev 13:1,2b-4, 6-7, 11-12, 15-18 / Jn 5:17-23

6:00pm Confessions

7:00pm Private Intentions

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday - October 21 & 22

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SANCTUARY LAMPS

**For the Living & Deceased Members of the Bou Mitri Family,
By Mr. & Mrs. Mounir Bou Mitri.**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

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PLEASE NOTE:

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

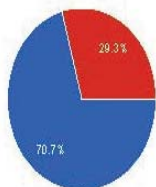
Liturgy Schedule Survey

369 responses

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Which set of liturgies would be the best for you?

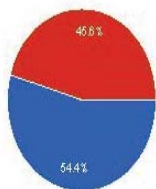
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● Saturday 4pm (English), Sunday 8am (Arabic), 9:30am (English), 11am (Arabic&English)
● Saturday 4pm (English), Sunday 8:30am (Arabic), 10am (English), 11:30am (Arabic&English)

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

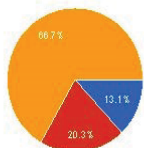
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● Yes
● No

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

291 responses

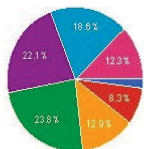


● Arabic only
● English only
● Mix of Arabic and English

About You

What is your age?

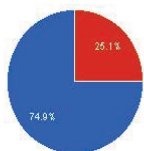
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● Under 20
● 20 to 29
● 30 to 39
● 40 to 49
● 50 to 59
● 60 to 69
● 70+

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

354 responses



● Yes
● No

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 8 AM (Ara)_ 9:30AM (Eng)

11 AM (Eng.& Ara)_ 5PM (Youth Liturgy)

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.

NEW LITURGIES SCHEDULE— BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30 -OCTOBER 1, 2023

DAILY LITURGIES:

- MON & WED 9AM (ARABIC)
- TUE & THURS 9AM (ENGLISH)

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

- CONFESSIONS-6pm-7pm
- LITURGY 7PM

SATURDAY

- 4PM ENGLISH

SUNDAY

- 8AM ARABIC
- 9:30AM ENGLISH
- 11AM ARABIC & ENGLISH

1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

- 5PM YOUTH LITURGY

Save the date



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."*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session: *September 23, 5-7 pm*
October 7, 5-7 pm

*Deadline to Register for the
2023-2024 School Year is September 30th*

The Religious Ed Team

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Save the date for the Knights of Mary KICK-OFF Meeting: *Saturday, September 30th*
Beginning with Liturgy at 4PM, followed by activities from 5-6PM

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

MYO Kick off Meeting:

Sunday, October 1 @ 5-7PM

High School Students Registration:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/

Save the Date: *Eparchial Retreat*

2023 Eparchial MYO Retreat

Oct 27, 4:00 PM – Oct 29, 2:00 PM

America's Keswick Christian Retreat Ctr,

601 County Rd 530, Whiting, NJ 08759, USA

Regions: New England, Mid-Atlantic East, & West

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Save the Date for the Daughter's of St Anthony Kick - Off Meeting on *Monday, October 2 @ 12 Noon*. More details to follow.

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS

We have the most amazing volunteers, who are always there to make sure we succeed unanimously as a Parish Family.

Volunteers of this year's Mahrajan are invited to an appreciation dinner on *Saturday, October 7th at 7PM* in the Church Hall.

COMING SOON

MEN'S MINISTRY

CONNECTING. EQUIPPING AND REACHING MEN FOR CHRIST

Purpose:

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony's church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a guide and intercessor, and create the opportunity to pray, share our experience and grow in faith together on our journey to eternal life promised to us by Jesus the crucified.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

One Saturday every month (except 2nd Saturday) at Saint Anthony Maronite Church and Hall

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

FIND SUPPORT TO GROW YOUR FAITH

Finding support for your newly found or even lifelong pursuit of Catholicism can be a challenge. Need help being affirmed in your daily walk, in gaining new wisdom or in becoming a better man?

STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE

Want valuable wisdom on how to strengthen your relationship with your wife? Or need to know what the Catholic Church teaches? Or how to live a life that is Christ centered?

FOSTER FAMILY VALUES

Need encouragement to discover new ways to engage yourself, your wife or your children to live and understand your faith every day?

ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

Looking for ways to become an active participant in your Catholic community or to aid others by showing them how to live the Catholic faith and how it can help them live happier and holier lives?

BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH SESSIONS

Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism Series*

The beauty, goodness, and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Bishop Robert Barron presents topics from more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of our Church's history that claims more than one billion people as the fullness of Catholicism is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as we watch each episode and discuss the topics presented on **why** we believe what we believe. Each session is independent, so come whenever you like.

Regular Schedule: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

Location will be in conference room and simulcast on Zoom.

-October 4, 11, 18, 25

-November 1, 8, 15, (no session 22nd -Thanksgiving), 29

-December 6, 13, 20 (no session 27th - Christmas)

**More sessions to be posted at a later date.*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Ronald Ead & Alexis Canto

*"Confirm them in faith, hope, love and just deeds.
Rite of the Covenant"*

Congratulations on your New Baby

Taline El Hachem, daughter of

Elie & Jane El Hachem

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed:

Navy June Davis, Daughter of: Michael & Rosemarie (Daher) Davis

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,
but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

~Mark 16:16

Arabic Bible study & Formation

Every Thursday at 6PM - Starting October 5

The Importance and Benefits of Bible Study

8 Benefits of Bible Study

1. It is through the Word of God that we get faith.
2. If we are going astray, the Word of God corrects us.
3. If we are ignorant, the Word of God instructs us.
4. The Bible gives us great and loving thoughts of God, and makes our hearts tender toward Him.
5. Do you want to know Jesus better? Read the Bible.
6. Do you want to pray with more faith and power? Read the Bible.
7. Do you want to speak to the hearts of saints and sinners with more effect? Read the Bible.
8. Do you want to hold out faithful to the end, and not make shipwreck of faith?

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Lebanese Nights
OCT 21 | 8PM
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SURRENDERING TO LOVE *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Perhaps all of Jesus' invitations to us can be summarized in one word, surrender. We need to surrender to love.

But why is that difficult? Shouldn't it be the most natural thing in the world? Isn't our deepest desire a longing to find love and surrender to it?

True, our deepest longing is to surrender to love, but we have some deep innate resistances to give ourselves over in surrender. Here are a couple of examples:

At the Last Supper in John's Gospel when Jesus tries to wash Peter's feet, he meets a stiff resistance from Peter – Never! I will never let you wash my feet! What's ironic here is that, perhaps more than anything else, Peter yearned precisely for that kind of intimacy with Jesus. Yet, when it's offered, he resists.

Another example might be seen in the struggles of Henri Nouwen. Nouwen, one of the most gifted spiritual writers of our generation, enjoyed immense popularity. He published more than 50 books, was a much sought-after professor (tenured at both Harvard and Yale), received invitations daily to give talks and lectures around the world, and had many close friends.

And yet, inside all that popularity and adulation, surrounded by many friends who loved him, he was unable to let that love give him any real sense of being loved or of being lovable. Instead, through most of his life he labored inside a deep anxiety which had him believe that he wasn't lovable. On occasion this even landed him in clinical depression. And so, through most of his adult life, surrounded by so much love, he was haunted by a sense that he wasn't loved, nor worthy of being loved. Moreover, he was a deeply sensitive person who more than anything else wanted to surrender to love. What held him back?

In his own words, he was crippled by a deep wound he couldn't quite name and whose grip he couldn't shake. This was true for most of his adult life. Eventually, he was able to free himself from his deep wound and surrender to love. However, it took a traumatic death experience for that to happen. Standing too close to the highway at a bus-stop one morning, he was struck by the mirror of a passing van which sent him flying. Rushed to a hospital, for some hours he hovered between life and death. While in that state, he had a very deep experience of God's love for him. He returned to full consciousness and normal life as a profoundly changed man. Now, after experiencing God's love for him, he could finally also surrender to human love in a way he had been incapable of previous to his "death" experience. All his subsequent books are marked by this conversion in love.

Why do we fight love? Why don't we surrender more easily? The reasons are unique to each of us. Sometimes we are dealing with a deep wound that leaves us feeling unlovable. But sometimes our resistance has less to do with any wound than it has to do with how we are unconsciously fighting the very love we so painfully seek. Sometimes, like Jacob in the Bible, we are unconsciously wrestling with God (who is Love) and consequently unconsciously fighting love.

In the Bible story where Jacob wrestles all night with a man, we see that in this struggle he has no idea that he is wrestling with God and with love. In his mind, he is wrestling with a foe he needs to conquer. Eventually, when the darkness of the night gives way to more light, he sees what he is wrestling with – and it is a surprise and shock to him. He realizes he is fighting love itself. With that realization, he gives up struggling and instead clings to the very force he had been previously fighting, with the plea: "I will not let you go, until you bless me!"

This is the final lesson we need to learn in love: We wrestle for love with every talent, cunning, and strength inside us. Eventually, if we are fortunate, we have an awakening. Some light, often a crippling defeat, shows us the true face of what we have been wrestling with and we realize that it's not something to be conquered, but it's the very love to which we have been longing to surrender.

For many of us, this will be the great awakening in our lives, a waking up to the fact that in all our ambitions and schemes to show the world how worthwhile and lovable we are, we are in unconscious ways fighting the very love to which we ultimately want to surrender. And, usually, as with Jacob in the biblical story, it will take the defeat of our own strength and a permanent limp before we realize what we are fighting against is really that to which we most want to surrender.

And this is surrender, not resignation, something we give ourselves over to rather than something that defeats us

SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

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Cemetery Guidelines

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Headstones & Cemetery Markers

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 30: Youssef Acevedo, Therese Chahine, Mason Sawyer

Oct 1: Luna Abi-Moussa, Ibrahim Ata, Christopher Bou Saada, Neal Hassan, Tanous Hatem, Jason Martino, Alyce Sader, Antoinette Sader, Christa-Marie Salame, Fadi Saroufim,

Oct 2: Alexander Collins, Afif El Rahi, Patrick Gerges, Damari Leonardo, Dionair Leonardo, Radwan Maroun

Oct 3: Elizabeth Bistany, Elie Bouraphael, Ghazi Daher, Rosemarie Lahage, Sanette Saade, Eliane Saade

Oct 4: Robert Issa, Selim Matta, Raghida Ramey, Adiel Rodriguez,

Oct 5: Sophia Forristall, Lea Francis, Joshua Garcia, Lucas Maroun, Ryder Pelletier,

Oct 6: Alexandria Akiki, Charbel Saade, Joseph Saade, Bob Uliano,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 30: Lutfi & Mouna Kassarji

Oct 1: Rabih & Maya Bou-Chaaya, Ryan & Nicole Jacobs,

Oct 2: Raymond & Claudia Saysouk,

Oct 3: Carlos & Christiane Daher, Glenn & Lisa Prezzano,

Oct 4: Neal & Vatina Hassan

Oct 5: Michael & Christine Deschene, Frank & Linda Shadeed

Oct 6: Milad & Laura Chamoun, Bassam & Rola El Fata, Charles & Najwa Nehme

Sunday of the Third Week after the Cross

Book of Daniel 7,9-14.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand, thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

First Letter to the Philippians 3,17-21.4,1..

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24,23-31.

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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.

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب: المسحاء الدجالون وعودة ابن الإنسان

سفر دانيال 7: 9-14

وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ نُصِبَتْ عُرُوشٌ فَجَلَسَ قَدِيمُ الْأَيَّامِ، وَكَانَ لِبَاسِهِ أَبْيَضُ كَالنَّجْمِ وَشَعْرُ رَأْسِهِ كَالصُّوفِ النَّقِيِّ وَعَرْشُهُ لَهَيْبَ نَارٍ وَعَجَلَاتُهُ نَارًا مُضْطَرِمَةً. وَمِنْ أَمَامِهِ يَجْرِي وَيَخْرُجُ نَهْرٌ مِنْ نَارٍ وَتَخْدِمُهُ أَلُوفٌ أَلُوفٍ وَتَقِفُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ رِبَوَاتٌ رِبَوَاتٍ. فَجَلَسَ أَهْلُ الْقَضَاءِ وَفُتِحَتْ أَسْفَارٌ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ بِسَبَبِ صَوْتِ الْأَقْوَالِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَا الْقَرْنُ. وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ قُتِلَ الْحَيَوَانُ وَأُبِيدَ جِسْمُهُ وَجُعِلَ وَقُودًا لِلنَّارِ. أَمَّا بَاقِي الْحَيَوَانَاتِ، فَأَزِيلَ سُلْطَانَهَا. لَكِنَّمَا أُتِيَتْ طُولَ حَيَاةٍ إِلَى زَمَانٍ وَوَقْتٍ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ فِي رُؤْيَايَ لَيْلًا فَإِذَا بِمِثْلِ ابْنِ إِنْسَانٍ آتٍ عَلَى غَمَامِ السَّمَاءِ فَبَلَغَ إِلَى قَدِيمِ الْأَيَّامِ وَقَرَّبَ إِلَى أَمَامِهِ. وَأُوتِيَ سُلْطَانًا وَمَجْدًا وَمَلَكًا فَجَمِيعُ الشُّعُوبِ وَالْأُمَمِ وَالْأَلْسِنَةِ يَعْبُدُونَهُ وَسُلْطَانُهُ سُلْطَانٌ أَبَدِيٌّ لَا يَزُولُ وَمُلْكُهُ لَا يَنْقَرِضُ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 3: 17-21 . 4: 1

يَا إِخْوَتِي، اِئْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظُرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مَرَارًا، وَأَكَلِمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَأَكْبَارٍ، يَسْلُكُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتَهُمُ الْهَلَاكَ، أَوْلِيكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُعَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدٍ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًّا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أَحْبَبُّهُمْ وَأَشْتَقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أَنْبُتُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 23-31

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَقُومُ مُسْحَاءً كَذِبَةً وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةً، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجُبَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النُّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْشَّمْسُ تُظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقُوَّاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعَّرُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةٌ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَحِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلِّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابٍ بَقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ لِيَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 30 - 4PM - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, October 1 - 8AM- Hitaf Nammour

9:30 AM - Brady Barry

11:00AM - Eng: Mansour Chaya

Ar: Amale Chantiri

5PM - Volunteer

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 7 - 4PM - Susan Veilluex

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