

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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the

Holy

*Sunday of the Fourth Week after the Cross*

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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### 4TH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

**Saturday, October 7** (English)

*St. Sarkis & Bacchus*

**12:00pm** 40 Day-Leila Fakhoury *By Her husband, Tony Ghosn, and her daughter, Rola, wife of 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.*

**9:30 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.*

### 5th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

**Saturday, October 14** (English)

*St. Isaiah the Monk*

**4:00pm** 40 Day Anniversary: +Irene Tarshi, *By her family*

+ Abraham Sarkis, *By his wife, Therese, children & their families*

**Sunday, October 15**

*St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church*

**8:00 am** + Private Intention

**9:30 am** In honor of Abouna Neemtallah, *By Kozhaya & Lola AbouKhalil*

**11:00 am** 40 Day Anniversary: + Nazem Saliba, *By his family*  
+Claire Ata, *By her parents, Elias & Philpa Ata*

## Daily Liturgies

**Monday, October 9** (Ar.)

*St James, Brother of the Lord / Rev 15:1-8/ Jn 12:20-28*

**9:00am** +Akle Abi Sleiman, *By Her son Fr. Elie Mikhael*

**Tuesday, October 10** (En.)

*St. Eulampius, His Sister Eulampia, & Companion*

*Rev 18:1-8 / Jn 16:20-24*

**9:00am** +Antoine Oneissy, *By His son, Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy*

+ All Souls in Purgatory, *By Dora Pereira*

**Wednesday, October 11** (Ar.)

*Pope St. John XXIII / Rev 19:1-2, 5-9, 11-13, 16 / Lk 12:16-21*

**9:00am** +Tanios Sadek *By his wife Nouhad, Children & their families*

**Thursday, October 12** (En.)

*St. Edno /Rev 21:1-12 / Lk 13:6-9*

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

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

**Friday, October 13**

*Sts.. Carpus & Papyrus, & Their Companions*

**No Liturgy**

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

**In Memory of Akle Abi Sleiman  
By the Abou Ezzi Family.**

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

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

## PLEASE NOTE:

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**Account Totals By Week**

For 09/01/2023 - 09/30/2023

**Week of 08/27/2023**

Sunday Collection	880.00		
			Total \$880.00

**Week of 09/03/2023**

Candles	843.15	Catholic Universities 2nd Collection	100.00
Sunday Collection	2,135.50	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	305.00
			Total \$3,383.65

**Week of 09/10/2023**

Candles	107.00	Catholic Universities 2nd Collection	1,005.00
Sunday Collection	2,646.00	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	255.00
			Total \$4,013.00

**Week of 09/17/2023**

Candles	162.00	Catholic Universities 2nd Collection	25.00
Sunday Collection	3,308.00	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	180.00
			Total \$3,675.00

**Week of 09/24/2023**

Candles	198.00	Sunday Collection	3,900.50
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	250.00		
			Total \$4,348.50

**Total \$16,300.15**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**M-TH** 10:00 am-3:00 pm

**FRI** 10:00 am-2:00 pm

**SAT** By Appointment

**DAILY LITURGIES @ 9 am**

**MON & WED** (Ara)

**TUE & THU** (Eng)

**WEEKEND LITURGIES**

**SAT** 4 pm (Eng)

**SUN** 8 am (Ara)- 9:30 am (Eng)

11 am (Eng.& Ara)

**1st Friday of the Month:**

6 pm - Confession / 7 pm - Liturgy

**1st Sunday of the Month:**

Youth Liturgy @ 5:00 pm

**Holy days of obligation:**

Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 pm

**MEET OUR PRIESTS:**

**Fr. Elie Mikhael** (305) 807-9087

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

**Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy**

(857)390-4838

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**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.

\* Excluding Venmo and Online Contributions

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

**World Mission Sunday - October 21 & 22**

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

*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: **October 7, 5-7 pm**  
**October 21, 5-7 pm**

We are in need of Substitute Teachers! If you are interested, please contact Ginine Flanagan at: [lawrencereligioused@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencereligioused@gmail.com)

*The Religious Ed Team*

## KNIGHTS OF MARY

Next Session: **Saturday, October 14, 5-7 pm**

**Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:**

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

## MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION - MYO

**Next Meeting:**

**Sunday, October 15 @ 6 - 7:30 pm**

High School Students Registration:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/](http://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

## 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 7 pm** 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?*

# ST. ANTHONY'S

# BASKETBALL

STH - 8TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

\$100 REGISTRATION FEE

STARTING IN NOVEMBER

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### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> -Thanksgiving), 29

-December 6, 13, 20 (no session 27<sup>th</sup> - Christmas)

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


### ARABIC BIBLE STUDY & FORMATION

Every Thursday at 6PM - October 12, next session

### 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?



THE MARONITE SEMINARY PRESENTS

# A WEEKEND OF DISCERNMENT

ADULT MEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023**

OUR LADY OF LEBANON MARONITE SEMINARY  
7164 ALASKA AVENUE NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20012

FREE TO ATTEND

TO RSVP, CONTACT THE MARONITE SEMINARY:  
202-723-8831 / MARONITSEMINARY@COMCAST.NET

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**SOME ADVICE ON PRAYER FROM AN OLD MASTER***Ronald Rolheiser*

At the risk of being simplistic, I want to say something about prayer in a very simple way.

While doing doctoral studies, I had a professor, an elderly Augustine priest, who in his demeanor, speech, and attitude, radiated wisdom and maturity. Everything about him bespoke integrity. You immediately trusted him, the wise old grandfather of storybooks.

One day in class he spoke of his own prayer life. As with everything else he shared, there were no filters, only honesty and humility. I don't recall his exact words, but I remember well the essence of what he said and it has stayed with me for the nearly forty years since I had the privilege of being in his class.

Here's what he shared: prayer isn't easy because we're always tired, distracted, busy, bored, and caught up in so many things that it's hard to find the time and energy to center ourselves on God for some moments. So, this is what I do: no matter what my day is like, no matter what's on my mind, no matter what my distractions and temptations are, I am faithful to this: Once a day I pray the Our Father as best I can from where I am at that moment. Inside of everything that's going on inside me and around me that day, I pray the Our Father, asking God to hear me from inside of all the distractions and temptations that are besetting me. It's the best I can do. Maybe it's a bare minimum and I should do more and should try to concentrate harder, but at least I do that. And sometimes it's all I can do, but I do it every day, as best I can. It's the prayer Jesus told us to pray.

His words might sound simplistic and minimalistic. Indeed the church challenges us to make the Eucharist the center of our prayer lives and to make a daily habit of meditation and private prayer. As well, many classical spiritual writers tell us that we should set aside an hour every day for private prayer, and many contemporary spiritual writers challenge us to daily practice centering prayer or some other form of contemplative prayer. Where does that leave our old Augustinian theologian and his counsel that we pray one sincere Our Father each day – as best we can?

Well, none of this goes against what he so humbly shared. He would be the first to agree that the Eucharist should be the center of our prayer lives, and he would agree as well with both the classical spiritual writers who advise an hour of private prayer a day, and the contemporary authors who challenge us to do some form of contemplative prayer daily, or at least habitually. But he would say this: at one of those times in the day (ideally at the Eucharist or while praying the Office of the Church but at least sometime during your day) when you're saying the Our Father, pray it with as much sincerity and focus as you can muster at the moment ("as best you can") and know that, no matter your distractions at the moment, it's what God is asking from you. And it's enough.

His advice has stayed with me through the years and though I say a number of Our Fathers every day, I try, at least in one of them, to pray the Our Father as best I can, fully conscious of how badly I am doing it. What a challenge and what a consolation!

The challenge is to pray an Our Father each day, as best we can. As we know, that prayer is deeply communitarian. Every petition in it is plural – "our", "we", "us" – there's no "I" in the Our Father. Moreover, all of us are priests from our baptism and inherent in the covenant we made then, we are asked daily to pray for others, for the world. For those who cannot participate in the Eucharist daily and for those who do not pray the Office of the Church, praying the Our Father is your Eucharistic prayer, your priestly prayer for others.

And this is the consolation: none of us is divine. We're all incurably human which means that many times, perhaps most times, when we're trying to pray we'll find ourselves beset with everything from tiredness, to boredom, to impatience, to planning tomorrow's agenda, to sorting through the hurts of the day, to stewing about who we're angry at, to dealing with erotic fantasies. Our prayer seldom issues forth from a pure heart but normally from a very earthy one. But, and this is the point, its very earthiness is also its real honesty. Our restless, distracted heart is also our existential heart and is the existential heart of the world. When we pray from there, we are (as the classical definition of prayer would have it) lifting mind and heart to God.

Try, each day, to pray one sincere Our Father! As best you can!

## SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

### Grave Purchase & Burial

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### 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

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### BIRTHDAY WISHES

- Oct 7:** Rosemarie Davis, Christine Deschene, Nathalie Nader, Elias Nammour, Hasna Ndaira
- Oct 8:** Joumana Azzi, Marcus Fakhry, Kamil Hbaiter, AJ Mansor, III, Christina Saad
- Oct 9:** Antoine Azzi, Marwane Cherfane, Linda Kalil, Julia Saade, Hanane Salame
- Oct 10:** Barbara Boustani, Jason Demers, Isabella Lenotte, Teya Nader, Marie Rahme, Rebecca Ramy, Andrew Saab, Amanda Zoghbi
- Oct 11:** William Dunbar, Robin Faster, Samantha Ota, Roman Solia
- Oct 12:** Christelle Abboud, Angelina Azzi, Tina Conway, Jason Korbani, Sabrina Sahyouni, Evangeline Sapochetti, Roula Zaza
- Oct 13:** Joseph Hbaiter, Jean Markert, Dorine Maroun Anthony Sadek

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- Oct 7:** Jeremy & Jessica Hall, George & Kristen Kassas
- Oct 8:** Gabriel, Kenneth M. & Jamie Gabriel, Marie & Brendan Melvin, Wilfredo & Cecilia Pagan, Ibrahim & Patricia Tabet
- Oct 9:** Edward & Barbara Zraket
- Oct 10:** Georges & Ajia Bou Saada, Carl & Zakia Fiacchino
- Oct 11:** George & Renee Saad
- Oct 12:** Donald & Jeanne Marie Holliday
- Oct 13:** Michael & Jaclyn Bou-Habib Joseph & Darine Maroun

## Sunday of the Fourth Week after the Cross

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*Book of Genesis 41,38-44*

Pharaoh said to his servants, 'Can we find anyone else like this one in whom is the spirit of God?' So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.' And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.' Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph's hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command; and they cried out in front of him, 'Bow the knee!' Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.'

*First Letter to the Thessalonians 5,1-11.*

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24,45-51.*

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### 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 الرابع بعد عيد الصليب: مثل العبد الأمين الحكيم

سفر التكوين 41: 38-44

فَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِحَاشِيَتِهِ: «هَلْ نَجِدُ مِثْلَ هَذَا رَجُلًا فِيهِ رُوحُ اللَّهِ؟» وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «بَعْدَمَا اعْلَمَكَ اللَّهُ هَذَا كُلَّهُ، فَلَيْسَ هُنَاكَ فَهَيْمٌ حَكِيمٌ مِثْلَكَ. أَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَيَّ بَيْتِي وَإِلَى كَلِمَتِكَ يَنْقَادُ كُلُّ شَعْبِي، وَلَا أَكُونُ أَعْظَمَ مِنْكَ إِلَّا بِالْعَرْشِ». وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «انظُرْ. قَدْ أَقَمْتُكَ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ». وَخَلَعَ فِرْعَوْنُ خَاتِمَهُ مِنْ يَدِهِ وَجَعَلَهُ فِي يَدِ يُوسُفَ، وَالْبَسَهُ ثِيَابَ كِتَانٍ نَاعِمٍ وَجَعَلَ طُوقَ الذَّهَبِ فِي عُنُقِهِ، وَأَرْكَبَهُ مَرْكَبَتِهِ الثَّانِيَةَ، وَنَادُوا أَمَامَهُ «احذَرْ». وَهَكَذَا أَقَامَهُ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ. وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ لِيُوسُفَ: «أَنَا فِرْعَوْنُ، بِدُونِكَ لَا يَرْفَعُ أَحَدٌ يَدَهُ وَلَا رِجْلَهُ فِي كُلِّ أَرْضِ مِصْرَ.»

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَمَّا الْأَزْمِنَةُ وَالْأَوْقَاتُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فَحِينَ يَقُولُونَ: سَلَامٌ وَأَمْنٌ! حِينئذٍ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الْهَلَاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَخَاضِ لِلْحُبْلَى، وَلَا يُفْلِتُونَ. أَمَّا أَنْتُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةَ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيُفَاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ كَالسَّارِقِ. فَانْتُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَلَا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ. إِذَا فَلَا نَنَمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ وَنَصْحُ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلِنَصْحُ لِابْسِينِ دِرْعِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَضِعِينَ خُوذَةَ رَجَاءِ الْخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَازِ الْخَلَاصِ بَرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كُنَّا أَمْ نَائِمِينَ. فَلِذَلِكَ سَجَّعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلِيَبِينَ الْوَاحِدُ الْآخَرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

إنجيل القديس متى 24: 45-51

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعَ: «مَنْ هُوَ الْعَبْدُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمُ الطَّعَامَ فِي حِينِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُهُ فَيَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُمْتَلَكَاتِهِ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الشَّرِيرُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي! وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ رِفَاقَهُ، وَيَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ مَعَ السَّكَّيرِينَ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيَفْصِلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْمُرَائِينَ. هُنَاكَ يَكُونُ الْبُكَاءُ وَصَرِيفُ الْأَسْنَانِ.»

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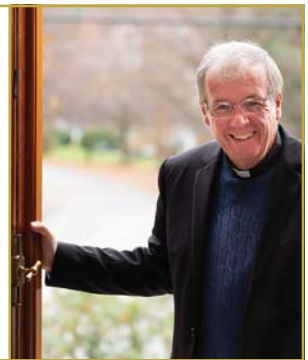
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