

## 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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# Entrance Into The Great Lent

*Sunday Of The Miracle at Cana*

أحد مدخل الصوم الكبير: آية عرس قانا



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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

## Daily Liturgies

### Entrance Into The Great Lent Sunday of the Miracle at Cana

**Saturday, February 10** *St. Apollonia*

- 4:00 pm + Dan "Ghandour" & Gloria Sarkis,  
*By their family*
- + Halim Rizkallah, *By his son, Charles  
Clement, and family*

**Sunday, February 11** *Our Lady of Lourdes*

- 8:00 am Private Intentions
- 9:30 am + Private Intentions
- 11:00 am + 1st Anniversary Wadad Azzi, *By her  
Children and their families*

### Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

**Saturday, February 17** *St Agapitus*

- 4:00 pm + Philip Bistany, deceased members  
of the Asmar & Bistany Family, *By  
Barbara Bistany & family*

**Sunday, February 18** *Pope St. Leo the Great*

- 8:00 am + Private Intentions
- 9:30 am + Sam & May Khoury, *By their  
children & their families*
- 11:00 am + Naim El Hachem, Samir El Hachem,  
and deceased family members, *By  
Sonia El Hachem & family*
- + Samia El Hachem, *By her Family.*

#### PLEASE NOTE

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

**Ash Monday, February 12**

*St. Meletius / 2 Cor 5:20-6:7 / Mt 6:16-21*

**Liturgies & Distribution of Ashes  
4:00 pm (Eng) and 7:00 pm (Ar & Eng)**

**Tuesday, February 13 (Eng.)**

*St. Catherine de Ricci/ Rom 15:1-13 / Mt 6:5-15*

9:00 am Private Intention

**Wednesday, February 14 (Ar.)**

*Sts. Cyril & Methodius/ Rom 15:14-21 / Mt 6:1-4*

9:00 am + Najib Khoury, *By Dr. & Mrs.  
George Abou-Ezzi*

**Thursday, February 15 (Eng.)**

*Sts. Faustinus & Jovita / 1Tim 6:6-12 / Mt 6:25-34*

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

9:30 am - 12 pm Adoration

**Friday, February 16**

*St. Theodore/2Thes 3:6-14/ Mt 7:13-27*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

## SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

### ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE

To Defray: Building insurance \$25,638,  
Bishop's Appeal \$9500, &  
Eparchial Assessment \$27,600



EPARCHIAL APPEAL

Eparchial Charities Appeal: Feb 12 - March 31

The Lenten letter with the Annual Raffle Tickets, which includes your contribution towards the Bishop's Appeal, has been mailed out. Your support and generosity help us reach our goal.

Please remit your tickets at your earliest convenience.

Thank you!

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 (Ar)

TUE & THU (Eng)

WEEKEND LITURGIES

SAT 4 pm (Eng)

SUN 8 am (Ar)- 9:30 am (Eng)

11 am (Eng.& Ar)

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

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.

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

02 MARCH

TICKETS 100\$

**HAFLI**

EXQUISITE MAZZA & DINNER INCLUDED - RAFFLE PRIZES

Featuring the Star:

**Brigitte Yaghi**

Guest of Honor:

**THE MAESTRO LEBNEN KHALIL**

Music by:

**DJ ROY**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM  
145 Amesbury St, Lawrence MA 01841

FOR RESERVATION , PLEASE CONTACT:

Mary (El-Achi) Francis +1 (978) 960-7479  
Mounira Daher +1 (603) 235-0801  
Wissam Merheb +1 (978) 853-5145

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### BIBLE STUDY - ENGLISH SESSIONS

*Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series*

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

Location will be in conference room and simulcast on Zoom.

- ◆ February 21, 28
- ◆ March 6, 13, 20
- ◆ April 3, 10, 17, 24 (Makeup sessions for snow days)

\*More sessions to be posted at a later date

### MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour**

Next Meeting:

**Sunday, February 25, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session:

**Saturday, February 17, 2024 @ 5-7 pm**

We are in need of Substitute Teachers! If you are interested, please contact

Ginine Flanagan at: [lawrencereligious@gmail.com](mailto:lawrencereligious@gmail.com)

### KNIGHTS OF MARY

**Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb**

Next Sessions:

**Saturday, February 10 & 24, 2024 @ 5-7 pm**

Calendar for 2023-2024 Season:

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

### KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:

**Saturday, March 2, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm**

*Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings*

*New applicants are always welcome*

### FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**

*Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by*

*The liturgy & procession*

**Weekly Zoom Prayer**

**Every Tuesday @ 8pm**

Zoom ID: 335616991

Passcode: 816342

**Or you can join by clicking this link:**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>



### Spiritual Programs For Lent 2024

**JOIN US ONLINE For a Weekly Lenten Retreats:**

#### ◆ In Arabic with Fr. Raymond Bassil:

- \* *A doctor in Theology from the Catholic Institute, Lyon, France*
- \* *Professor of Sacramental Theology at the Holy Spirit University, Kaslik, Lebanon*
- \* *Professor of Theology at the Jesuit University of Saint Joseph, USJ, Lebanon*



#### ◆ In English on FORMED

**You can sign up with a parish account:**

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
2. Search for your parish by Zip Code/Postal Code Click on your parish.
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



During Lent Season, the **Family of Saint Sharbel** will conduct a food drive for the Monks of Petersham.

#### Items to be collected:

Honey, Olives, Walnuts, Old-Fashioned Oats, BROWN Rice, Quinoa (Grain), Canned Diced Tomatoes, Canned Sliced Mushrooms, Canned Chicken, Canned Sardines, Canned Tuna (in water), Dried Fruit (Raisins/Prunes/Cranberries etc.), "Healthy" Breakfast Cereals (Raisin Bran, Cheerios, Granola Etc.), Herbal Tea Bags (Decaff).

**Thank you for your support and generosity.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**-St. Anthony Council 16204**

**KOC Next Meeting:**

Tuesday February 13, 2024 @ 7 pm, church hall

Men 18yrs and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: [KOFc16204@gmail.com](mailto:KOFc16204@gmail.com)



# MYO LENTEN LOCK-IN

**NOTICE**  
**SCHEDULE CHANGE**

**CHECK IN:**  
Friday, Feb 16TH at 5:00pm

**CHECK OUT:**  
Saturday Feb 17TH at 12:00pm

**WHERE**  
**St. Anthony Maronite Church Hall**  
245 Amesbury St, Lawrence Ma



Follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonysmyo>

**OPEN TO JR MYO (8TH GRADE) AND MYO MEMBERS**

**JOIN US!**  
**WHAT IS THE LOCK-IN?**  
LENTEN LOCK-IN IS ONE OF THE STAPLE EVENTS FOR OUR MYO MEMBERS. THIS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT TO HELP OUR YOUTH PREPARE FOR THIS SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER THROUGH REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, AND RENEWAL.

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$25.00  
**CHECK WHATSAPP CHAT FOR MORE DETAILS !**

**QUESTIONS?**  
Gloria Azzi 978-852-9806  
Marie Charabati 603-275-5409

Deadline for registration: 12Feb



*Saint Anthony's Maronite Church*

# EASTER Bake Sale

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: MARCH, 17, 2024**

**PROCEEDS TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN LEBANON**

**Order Form:** Send your order by e-mail or by calling Bassima @ 603.571.3003 or the office @ 978.685.7233

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-Up Date: PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**

**Maamoul:**

- ♦ Dates : 6 for \$10      x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Walnuts : 6 for \$10    x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Pistachio: 6 for \$12    x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kaak:**

Bag (6) for \$7            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ghraybeh:**

6 pieces for \$7            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Macaroon w/Walnuts:**

6 pieces for \$7            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sumbusik w/Walnuts:**

4 pieces for \$6            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Baklawa:**

6 pieces for \$7            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cookies w/Dates:**

6 pieces for \$7            x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kanafe Box: \$50**      x Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Order: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Donation Payment:**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Venmo \_\_\_\_\_



**Save the dates**  
July 31st — August 2nd  
Kindergarten – 8th grade  
\$75/child  
**Registration Will Open Soon**

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- Feb 10:** Tony Abou Jaoude, Adam Daher, Ernest Dow, Salim El-Achi
- Feb 11:** Abdo Abou Raad, Robert Owaida, Ziad Saab
- Feb 12:** Badia Abboud
- Feb 13:** Regina Abdelnour, Jood Hayek, Vivian Ota
- Feb 14:** Joseph Azzi, Elio Zaarour
- Feb 15:** Danny Abourjeili, Marie Clement, Linda Gabriel, Samira Khalife, Michael Lalo, Molly Rizk, Wajdi Spiridon
- Feb 16:** Rita Akl, Mark Bejjani, Elizabeth Ganem, Mason Jesionowski, Diana Smith, Michael Tarshi

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- Feb 11:** Antoine & Joumana Azzi
- Feb 14:** Gabriel & Tania Farhat, David & Alice Merlino

# Community Outreach



The Daughters of St. Anthony, and residents from The Woods at Merrimack enjoyed the "Liturgy and Lunch" offered by the parish on Candlemas. Bassima AbouJaoude, Mona Khoder, and Elaine Daher helped Fr. Elie Mikhael, and Deacon Jim Demers arrange the event with the support of all our parish.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS



### For Private Intentions

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

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

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, February 11-

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am -(Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Roula Nassar

## LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, February 18 -

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - Joey Safi

11:00 am -(Eng) Marita Merheb

(Ar) George Merheb

## CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed

Aviana Gail Joelle Khalife  
Daughter of Bodie & Marisa Khalife

Ava Rose Puchtler  
Daughter of Molly Puchtler

*"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." ~Mark 16:16*



AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION

All qualified **High School Seniors and College Undergraduates** students are invited to apply for the **ALAA Scholarships**.

All applicants are encouraged to use the electronic application. Deadline is March 1st, 2024.

Students can access this information at :

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

Or on ALAA Facebook page.

## SAINT ANTHONY 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: Miracle at Cana

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*Book of Isaiah 55,1.6-13.*

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. .

*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 John 2,1-11.*

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 : آية عرس قانا

سفر أشعيا 1:55 - 6 - 13

تَعَالَوْا أَيُّهَا الْعِطَاشُ جَمِيعًا هَلُمُّوا الْمِيَاهِ، وَهَلُمُّوا أَيُّهَا الْمَعْدَمُونَ مِنَ الْفِضَّةِ، ائْتَاغُوا وَكُلُّوا، ائْتَاغُوا خَمْرًا وَابْنًا مَجَانًا مِنْ غَيْرِ فِضَّةٍ. أَطْلُبُوا الرَّبَّ مَا دَامَ مَوْجُودًا، ادْعُوهُ وَهُوَ قَرِيبٌ. لِيُتْرِكَ الشَّرِيرُ طَرِيقَهُ، وَالْأَثِيمُ أَفْكَارَهُ، وَلِيَنْتَبِ إِلَى الرَّبِّ فَيَرْحَمَهُ، وَلِيَرْجِعَ إِلَى إِلَهِنَا لِأَنَّهُ يُكْنِزُ الْغُفْرَانَ. لِأَنَّ أَفْكَارِي لَيْسَتْ مُمَاتِلَةً لِأَفْكَارِكُمْ، وَلَا طُرُقُكُمْ مِثْلَ طُرُقِي، يَقُولُ الرَّبُّ. فَكَمَا أَرْتَفَعَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ، كَذَلِكَ أَرْتَفَعَتِ طُرُقِي عَنْ طُرُقِكُمْ، وَأَفْكَارِي عَنْ أَفْكَارِكُمْ. وَكَمَا تَهْطِلُ الْأَمْطَارُ وَيَنْهَمِرُ النَّلْجُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَلَا تَرْجِعُ إِلَى هُنَاكَ، بَلْ تَرْوِي الْحُقُولَ وَالْأَشْجَارَ وَتَجْعَلُ الْبُذُورَ تُنْبِتُ وَتَنْمُو وَتُثْمِرُ زَرْعًا لِلْفَلَاحِ وَخُبْرًا لِلْجِيَاعِ. هَكَذَا تَكُونُ كَلِمَتِي الَّتِي تَصْدُرُ عَنِّي مِثْمَرَةً دَائِمًا، وَتَحَقِّقُ مَا أُرْغَبُ فِيهِ وَتُفْلِحُ بِمَا أَعْهَدُ بِهِ إِلَيْهَا. لِأَنَّكُمْ سَتَتْرَكُونَ بَابِلَ بِفَرَحٍ وَسَلَامٍ فَتَنْتَرْتُمُ الْجِبَالَ وَالتَّلَالَ أَمَامَكُمْ بِهَجَّةٍ وَتُصَفِّقُ أَشْجَارَ الْحَقْلِ بِأَيْدِيهَا غِبْطَةً، وَحَيْثُ كَانَ الشُّوكُ وَالْقُرَاصُ، تَنْمُو أَشْجَارَ السَّرْوِ وَالْأَسِ: فَيَكُونُ ذَلِكَ تَخْلِيدًا لِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ وَعَلَامَةً أَبَدِيَّةً لَا تُمَحَى.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14:14-23

يَا إِخْوَتِي، يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاتِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنْ لَا شَيْءَ نَجِسٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسَبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُخْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، 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 مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ. فَلْنَسْعَ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلْبُنْيَانِ بَعْضِنَا بَعْضًا. فَلَا تَنْفُضْ عَمَلُ 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. وَأَحْفَظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يُفَرِّرُهُ! أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنِ يَقِينِ وَإِيمَانِ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنِ يَقِينِ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 1:11-2

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 وَلكِ، يَا أُمْرَأَةٌ؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدُ!». «فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ!». «وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِتَطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسْعُ كُلُّ مِنْهَا مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لِيْتِرًا، فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْرَانَ مَاءً». «فَمَلَأُوهَا إِلَى فَوْقِ. قَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ». «فَقَدَّمُوا. وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقُوا يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوْلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكَرَ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَقْلَّ جُودَةً، أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى الْآنَ!». «تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أَوْلَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَظَهَرَ مَجْدَهُ، وَأَمَّنَ بِهِ تَلَامِيذُهُ.



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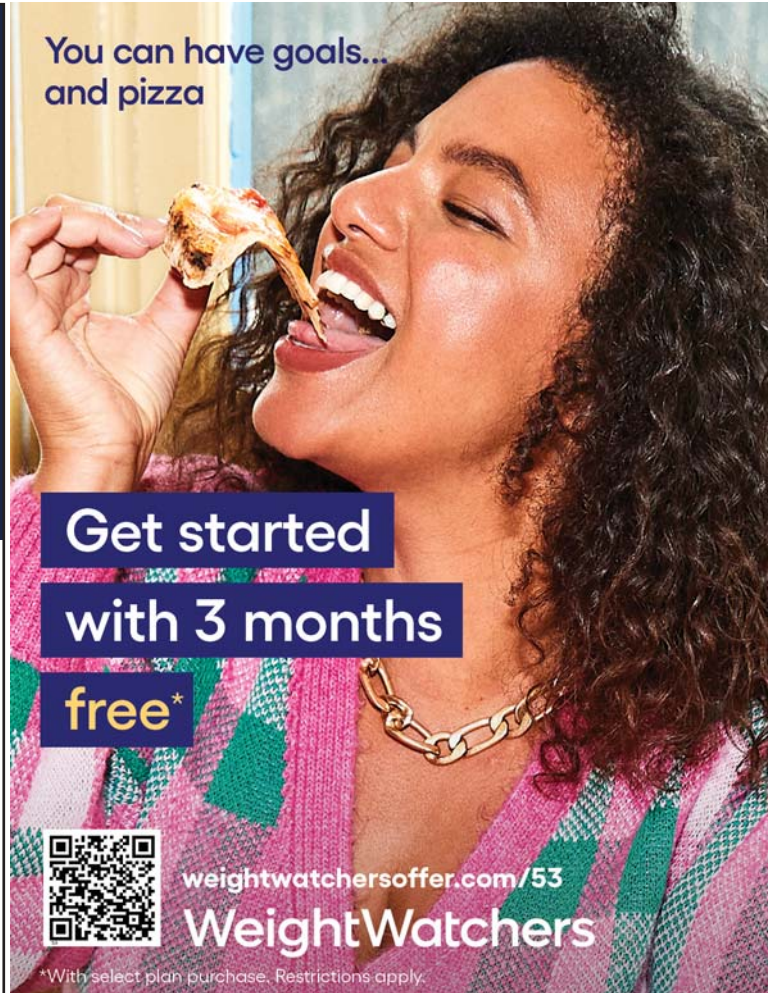
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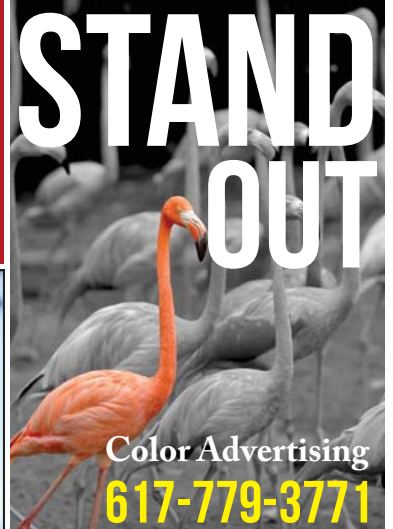


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