

## 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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*Season of the Glorious Epiphany*

*Sunday Of The Faithful Departed*

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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

## Daily Liturgies

### Sunday of the Faithful Departed

**Saturday, February 3** *St Simeon & St. Anna*  
 4:00 pm + Christine Kattar, *By Souad Moses*

**Sunday, February 4** *St Isidore*  
 8:00 am + Elias Owaida, *By his son Robert Owaida & family*

9:30 am + 40 Day Anniversary - Larwrence (Larry) Crichton, *By his family*

11:00 am + 1st Anniversary Michel Y. Elghoul, and in memory of Sayde Elghoul, *By their sons, Tony and Walid, their spouses, & their families*  
 + Halim and Alice El Hachem, *By their family*

5:00 pm + Wadih, Tony & Jennifer Abourjeili, *By Mr. & Mrs. Jean Abourjeili, & family.*

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

**Saturday, February 10** *St. Apollonia*  
 4:00 pm + Dan "Ghandour" & Gloria Sarkis, *By their family*

**Sunday, February 11** *Our Lady of Lourdes*  
 8:00 am Private Intentions  
 9:30 am + Private Intentions  
 11:00 am + Wadad Azzi, *By her Children and their families*

#### PLEASE NOTE

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

**Monday, February 5** (Eng.)  
*St. Agatha / 1Thes 4:13-18 / Lk 12:1-7*

9:00 am + Elias & Reine Roukos, living and deceased family members, *By Aida Ata*

**Tuesday, February 6** (Eng.)  
*St. Proclus / 2Thes 1:1-12 / Lk 12:8-12*

9:00 am Good health and well being of Brother Reny Roy, *By the Demers family*

**Wednesday, February 7** (Ar.)  
*Pope St. Anterus / 2Thes 2:1-12 / Lk 12:13-21*

9:00 am + Deceased members of the Goulart & Pereira families, *By Dora Pereira*

**Thursday, February 8** (Eng.)  
*Zechariah the Prophet / 2Thes 2:13-3:5 / Lk 12:22-32*

9:00 am + Najib Khoury, *By Mr. & Mrs. Ghassan Abou-Ezzi*  
 9:30 am - 12 pm Adoration

**Friday, February 9 - Feast of Saint Maron**  
*Holy Day of Obligation / 2Tim 3:10-17 / Jn 12:23-30*

4:00 pm (Eng) Feast of Saint Maron  
 7:00 pm (Ar & Eng) Good Health and Blessings for all our parishioners

#### LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil  
 Sunday, February 4 -  
 8:00 am - Hiam Bouhabib  
 9:30 am - Angela Dahbour  
 11:00 am -(Eng) Marcel Saade  
 (Ar) Marie-Christine Daou

#### 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

**OBSERVANCES**

- \* **Feast of St Maron - Holy Day of Obligation - OFFICE CLOSED**  
- Friday, Feb 9 - Liturgy @ 4pm (Eng) & 7pm (Ar & Eng)
- \* **Ash Monday- Feb. 12 - Liturgies & distribution of ashes @ 4pm**  
(Eng) & 7pm (Ar & Eng)
- \* **Presidents Day - OFFICE CLOSED - Monday, Feb 19, 2024**

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

**Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy**

(857)390-4838

[pv@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto: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.

**EPARCHIAL APPEAL**

**Eparchial Charities Appeal**  
Feb 12 - March 31

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ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

**02 MARCH**

TICKETS **100\$**

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EXQUISITE MAZZA & DINNER INCLUDED - RAFFLE PRIZES

Featuring the Star:

**Brigitte Yaghi**

Guest of Honor:

**THE MAESTRO LEBNEN KHALIL**

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FOR RESERVATION , PLEASE CONTACT:

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### Spiritual Program For Lent 2024 -

Fr. Raymond Bassil Lenten Series

JOIN US ONLINE :

**For a Weekly Lenten Retreat 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



### 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 7, 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

### YOUTH LITURGY

**Sunday, February 4 @ 5pm**

All our youth, MYO & MYA members, and their families are invited to celebrate with us the first Sunday of the month mass.

*"All are welcome at the table of the Lord"*

### MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO Co-Leaders: Geryes Geha & Gabrielle AbdulNour

Next Meeting:

**Sunday, February 4, 2024 @ 6 - 7:30 pm**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next session:

**Saturday, February 3 & 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, 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, February 3, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm**

Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings  
New applicants are always welcome

### MYA Cook Off & Discussion

**Sunday, February 4th @6pm**  
@ Saint Anthony's Maronite Church Parish Hall

**\*After attendance of the 5pm liturgy\***

**Discussion: How to S.T.O.P. and Interpret the Bible**

**Pizza Competition**  
The following ingredients will be provided:

- Dough
- Cheese
- Tomato Sauce
- Pepperoni
- Olives
- Mushrooms
- Peppers
- Onions

\*Can bring your own SPECIAL ingredients\*

**Hope to see you there!**



# MYO LENTEN LOCK-IN

**CHECK IN:**  
Friday, Feb 9th at 5:00pm

**CHECK OUT:**  
Saturday Feb 10th at 12:00pm

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



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**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: 04Feb

**SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH**

**ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE**

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



*Saint Anthony's Maronite Church*

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*Bake Sale*

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

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**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- Feb 03: Elias Azzi, Jim Hajj, Joelle Ramey
- Feb 05: Arthur Khoury, Joseph Maroun, Jennifer Plouffe
- Feb 06: Pauline Bistany, Robert Brousseau, Clara El-Achi, Luca Hutton, Michael Jbeily, Yasmina Nassar
- Feb 07: Marie-Therese Assaf, Mitri Nader, Lucas Zouein
- Feb 08: Elie Azzi, Carla Bouchrouche
- Feb 09: Leila Msaddi

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- Feb 04: Antoun & Marie Haddad, Zakhia & Sanaa Kosseifi
- Feb 07: Gregory & Karen Daher
- Feb 08: Said & Sonia Geha, Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter
- Feb 09: AJ & Elizabeth Mansor, Libnan & Rebecca Ramy

**BREAKING FAITH WITH EACH OTHER** *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Is this new or are we just more aware of it? Hatred and contempt are everywhere. They are in our government houses, in our communities, in our churches, and in our families. We are struggling, mostly without success, to be civil with each other, let alone to respect each other. Why? Why is this happening and intensifying? Moreover, on both sides, we are often justifying this hatred on moral grounds, even biblical grounds, claiming that the Gospel itself gives us grounds for our disrespect – My truth is so right and you are so wrong that I can disrespect you and I have biblical grounds to hate you! Well, even a cursory look at scripture should be enough to enable us to see this for what it is; rationalization, self-interest, and the farthest thing from Jesus. Let's begin with something already taught long before Jesus. In the Jewish scriptures, we already find this text: "I have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one Father? Has not the one God created us? Why do we break faith with one another?" (Malachi 2,8-10) Long before Jesus, Jewish spirituality already demanded that we be fair and never show partiality. However, it still gave us permission to hate our enemies and to take revenge when we have been wronged – "an eye for an eye". Jesus turns this on its head. Everywhere in his person and in his teaching, most explicitly in the Sermon on the Mount, he challenges us in a radically new way, telling us that, if we want to go to heaven, our virtue needs to go deeper than that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. What was their virtue? The Scribes and Pharisees of his time were very much like the church-going Christians of our time. They were sincere, essentially honest, basically good people, who kept the commandments and practiced strict justice. But, according to Jesus, that isn't enough. Why? If you are a sincere person who is honest, keeps the commandments, and is fair to everyone, what's still missing? What's still missing lies at the very heart of Jesus' moral teaching, namely, the practice of a love and forgiveness that goes beyond hatred and grievance. What exactly is this? In justice and fairness, you are still entitled to hate someone who hates you and to extract an appropriate vengeance on someone who has wronged you. However, Jesus asks something else of us: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. ... If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5, 43-48) This is the very essence of Christian morality. Can you love someone who hates you? Can you do good to someone who wishes you evil? Can you forgive someone who has wronged you? Can you forgive a murderer? It's this, and not some particular issue in moral theology, which is the litmus test for who is a Christian and who isn't. Can you love someone who hates you? Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you move beyond your natural proclivity for vengeance? Sadly, today we are failing that test on both sides of the ideological and religious spectrum. We see this everywhere – from the highest levels of government, from high levels in our churches, and in public and private discourse everywhere, that is, people openly espousing disrespect, division, hatred, and vengeance – and trying to claim the moral high ground in doing this. Major politicians speak openly and explicitly about hating others and about exacting revenge on those who oppose them. Worse still, churches and church leaders of every kind are lining up behind them and giving them "Gospel" support for their espousal of hatred and vengeance. This needs to be named and challenged: anyone who is advocating division, disrespect, hatred, or revenge is antithetical to Jesus and the Gospels. As well, anyone supporting such a person by an appeal to Jesus, the Gospels, or authentic morality, is also antithetical to Jesus and the Gospels. God is love. Jesus is love enfleshed. Disrespect, hatred, division, and revenge may never be preached in God's or Jesus' name, no matter the cause, no matter the anger, no matter the wrong. This doesn't mean that we cannot have disagreements, spirited discussions, and bitter debates. But disrespect, hatred, division, and revenge (no matter how deeply they may in fact be felt inside us) may not be advocated in the name of goodness and Jesus. Division, disrespect, hatred, and vengeance are the Anti-Christ.

*May the souls of our 2023 departed parishioners rest in peace & their memories be eternal*

Georgette Abdulla, Louise Abdulla,  
Mark Alliegro, Josephine Aoun,  
Philip Brian Aoun, Wadad Azzi,  
Albert Beauchemin, Anthony Alfred Bistany,  
Antoine BouMitri, Elaine Brousseau,  
Renee Carabello, John D'Angelo,  
Halim El Hachem, Naim El Hachem,  
Michel Elghoul, Leila Fakhoury,  
Joseph Phillip Getchell, Antoine Ghosn,  
Edward Haberen, Christine Kattar,  
Paul Khalife, Rose Marie Lahage,  
Ernest Mackour, Marianne Melody Maroon,  
Ziad Moussa, Ikbal Nassar, Mary Nasser,  
Roland Parent, Jacqueline Rashid,  
Bechara Rizkallah, Theresa Rossi, Nazem Saliba

## SAINT ANTHONY CEMETERY

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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:  
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3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

### 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>

For more information email:

[communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org](mailto:communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org)



### 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)

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. Applications are due by March 1st, 2024.

Students can access this information at :

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

Or on ALAA Facebook page.

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## Sunday of the Faithful Departed

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### *Book of The Prophet Ezekiel 37:1-10*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the broad valley. It was filled with bones. He made me walk among them in every direction. So many lay on the surface of the valley! How dry they were! He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come back to life? "Lord GOD," I answered, "you alone know that." Then he said to me: Prophesy over these bones, and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put breath into you so you may come to life. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I prophesied as I had been commanded. A sound started up, as I was prophesying, rattling like thunder. The bones came together, bone joining to bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh grew over them, skin covered them on top, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me: Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man! Say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: From the four winds come, O breath, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life. I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath entered them; they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.

### *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 labor 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 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 Luke 16,19-31.*

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '



## سفر حزقيال 10:1-37

وكانت عليّ يدُ الرَّبِّ فأخرجني بروح الرَّبِّ ووضعني في وسط السَّهْلِ وهو مُمْتَلئٌ عِظَامًا، وأمرني عليها من حولها، فإذا هي كثيرةٌ جدًا على وجه السَّهْلِ، وإذا بها يابسةٌ جدًا. فقال لي: «يا ابنَ الإنسان، أترى تحيا هذه العظام؟» «فقلتُ:» «أيُّها السيِّدُ الرَّبُّ، أنت تعلمُ.» «فقال لي:» «تنبأ على هذه العظامِ وقُلْ لها: أَيَّتُهَا العِظَامُ اليابسةُ اسمعي كلمةَ الرَّبِّ. هكذا قال السيِّدُ الرَّبُّ لهذه العِظَامِ: هاءَئِذَا أُدْخِلُ فِيكَ رُوحًا فَتَحْيَيْنَ. أُجْعَلُ عَلَيْكَ عَصَبًا وَأَنْشِئُ عَلَيْكَ لَحْمًا وَأَبْسُطُ عَلَيْكَ جِلْدًا وَأُجْعَلُ فِيكَ رُوحًا فَتَحْيَيْنَ وتعلمينَ آتِي أنا الرَّبُّ.» «فتنبأتُ كما أمرتُ. فكان صوتٌ عند تَنبُؤِي، وإذ بارتعاش، فتقاربت العِظَامُ كُلُّ عَظْمٍ إِلَى عَظْمِهِ. ونظرتُ فإذا بالعِصَبِ واللَّحْمِ قد نشأَ عليها، وبُسِطَ عَلَيْهَا الجِلْدُ من فوق ولم يَكُنْ بها روح. فقال الرَّبُّ لي:» «تنبأ للروح، تنبأ يا ابنَ الإنسان وقُلْ للروح: هكذا قال السيِّدُ الرَّبُّ: هَلُمَّ أَيُّهَا الرُّوحُ مِنَ الرِّيحِ الأَرْبَعِ، وهُبْ في هَوْلَاءِ المَقْتُولِينَ فَيَحْيُوا.» «فتنبأتُ كما أمرني، فدخلَ فيهمُ الرُّوحُ، فعاشوا وقاموا على أقدامهم جيشًا عظيمًا جدًا جدًا.

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

يا إخوتي، أمَّا الأزمنةُ والأوقاتُ، أَيُّهَا الإخوةُ، فلا حاجةَ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي شَأْنِهَا؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ جَيِّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يَأْتِي كَالسَّارِقِ لَيْلًا. فحين يقولون: سلامٌ وأمنٌ! حينئذٍ يدهمهمُ الهلاكُ دهمَ المَخَاضِ لِلْحُبْلِى، ولا يُفْلِتُونَ. أمَّا أنتم، أَيُّهَا الإخوةُ، فَلَسْتُمْ فِي ظُلْمَةٍ لِيَفْاجِئَكُمْ ذَلِكَ اليَوْمُ كَالسَّارِقِ. فَإِنَّكُمْ كُلُّكُمْ أَبْنَاءُ النُّورِ، وَأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ؛ وَلَسْنَا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ ولا أَبْنَاءَ الظُّلْمَةِ. إِذَا فَلَا نَنَمُ كَسَائِرِ النَّاسِ، بَلْ لِنَسْهَرُ وَنَصْحُ؛ لِأَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَنَامُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَنَامُونَ، وَالَّذِينَ يَسْكُرُونَ فِي اللَّيْلِ يَسْكُرُونَ. أمَّا نحنُ أَبْنَاءُ النَّهَارِ، فَلِنُصْحُ لِابْسِينِ دِرْعِ الإِيمَانِ وَالمَحَبَّةِ، وَوَأَضْعِينِ خُوذةَ رَجَاءِ الخَلَاصِ. فَإِنَّ اللهَ لَمْ يَجْعَلْنَا لِلْغَضَبِ، بَلْ لِإِحْرَارِ الخَلَاصِ بِرَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ، الَّذِي مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، لِنَحْيَا مَعَهُ سَاهِرِينَ كَمَا نَأْمِينُ. فَلِذَلِكَ سَجَّعُوا بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا، وَلِيَبْنِ الوَاحِدُ الأَخرَ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ فَاعِلُونَ.

## إنجيل القديس لوقا 31-19:16

قال الربُّ يسوع: «كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الأَرْجُوَانَ وَالكِتَانَ النَّاعِمَ، وَيَتَتَعَمَّ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ بِأَفْخَرِ الوَلَائِمِ. وَكَانَ رَجُلٌ مَسْكِينٌ أَسْمُهُ لَعَازَرُ مَطْرُوحًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ القُرُوحُ. وَكَانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشَبَعَ مِنَ الفُتَاتِ المُتَساقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةِ الغَنِيِّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الكِلَابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ المَسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتْهُ المَلَايِكَةُ إِلَى حِضْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنَ. وَرَفَعَ الغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَهُوَ فِي الجَحِيمِ يُقَاسِي العَذَابَ، فَرَأَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ فِي حِضْنِهِ. فَنادَى وَقَالَ: يَا أَبَتُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيُنِيلَ طَرْفَ إصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَيُبْرِدَ لِسَانِي، لِأَنِّي مُتَوَجِّعٌ فِي هَذَا اللَّهيبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: يَا ابْنِي، تَذَكَّرُ أَنَّكَ نَلْتَ خَيْرَاتِكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَرُ نَالَ البَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجَّعُ. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ هُوَّةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ ثَابِتَةٌ، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ، وَلَا مِنْ هُنَاكَ أَنْ يَعْزُبُوا إِلَيْنَا. فَقَالَ الغَنِيُّ: أَسْأَلُكَ إِذَا، يَا أَبَتِ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لِي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوَةٍ، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُمْ، كَيْ لَا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ العَذَابِ هَذَا. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: عِنْدَهُمْ مُوسَى وَالأَنْبِيَاءُ، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُمْ. فَقَالَ: لَا، يَا أَبَتُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَلَكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِمْ وَاجِدُ مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: إِنَّ كَانُوا لَا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُمْ، وَلَوْ قَامَ وَاجِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ، لَنْ يَقْتَنِعُوا !.



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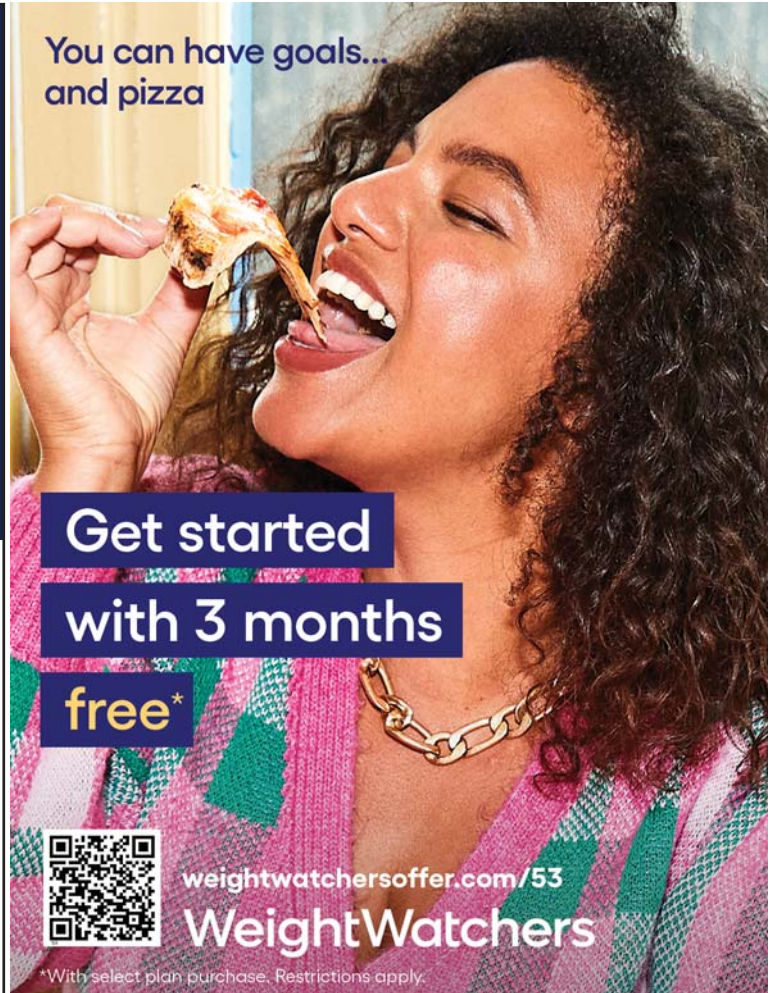
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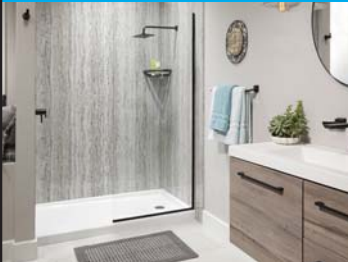
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