

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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*Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

أحد الثالوث الأقدس

## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

**Saturday, May 25** (Eng.)

**4:00 pm** + Robert Nuccitelli, *By the Demers Family*

**Sunday, May 26**

**8:00 am** + Renee & Sleiman Chahine, *By their family*

**9:30 am** + Larry Crichton, *By Gregory & Karen Daher*

**11:00 am** **40 Day Anniversary** - Mary Ata, *By her Husband, children & their families*

### 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

**Saturday, June 1** (Eng.)

**4:00 pm** + Mansour Mouawad, children, Charbel & Stephanie Mouawad, *By Mareleine Mouawad.*

**Sunday, June 2**

**8:00 am** + Deceased members of the Hbaiter Family, *By Mr. & Mrs Kamil Hbaiter & family*

**9:30 am** + +Joseph & Noha Maroon *by Lisa & Crista Maroon*

**11:00 am** + Daoud Bechara *by his children Joseph, Maroun, & Dounia, their spouses, and their families*

+ Najib & Handouma Maroun & Deceased Family Members, *By Mr. & Mrs. Gaby Maroun & family.*

#### PLEASE NOTE

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

### Daily Liturgies

**Monday, May 27** (Ar.) **Office Closed**

*Memorial Day Liturgy-Cemetery Ground*

**10:00 am** + All Souls

**Tuesday, May 28** (Eng.)

*St. Heliconis/ Acts 4:13-22/ Jn 15:9-14*

**9:00 am** + Charbel Mansour Mouawad, *By Mareleine Mouawad*

+ For the Souls in Purgatory, *By Dora Pereira*

**Wednesday, May 29** (Ar.)

*St. Theodosia of Tyre/ Acts 4:23-31/ Jn 15:15-17*

**9:00 am** + Deceased members of the Jabbour Family, *By Mouna Jabbour Hbaiter*

**Thursday, May 30** (Eng.)

*Corpus Christi*

*Pope St. Felix/ 1 Cor 10:14-21/ Jn 6:47-63*

**9:00 am** In honor of Tia Sfeir, *By her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Beshara Sfeir*

**9:30 am – 12pm** Adoration

**Friday, May 31**

*St. Petronilla & St. Hermias/Acts 5:12-21a/ Jn 15:22-27*

**6:30 pm** Rosary

**7:00 pm** Liturgy followed by Adoration & Procession

### SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Loving Memory of Larry Kalil, *By his wife Linda Kalil & family*



In Loving Memory of Charbel Mansour Mouawad, *By his family*

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### ENERGY COLLECTION

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### TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Please Join Us ! Friday May 31, 2024  
to celebrate the Feast of the

Corpus Christi - خميس الجسد  
&

Concluding the Marian Month.

6:30pm: Rosary

7PM: Liturgy

Followed by Adoration, and  
Procession with the Monstrance and  
the Statue of Virgin Mary

### 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

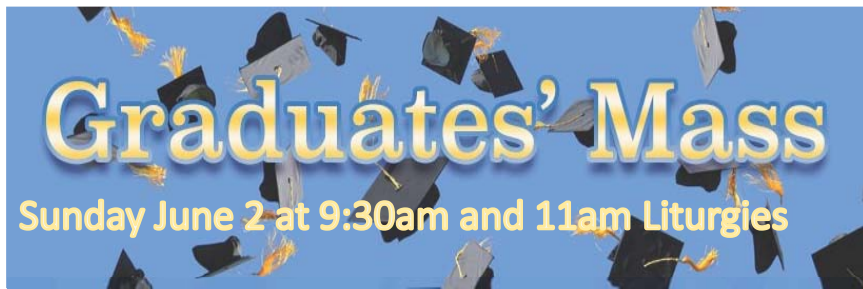
**Donations:** Church \$500

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.



**In Honor of the High School & College Graduates.**

Please submit the name of your child to be remembered  
in our Liturgy and published in our Weekly Bulletin.

Deadline to submit is Friday, May 24, 2024.



### MAHRAJAN 2024

The Mahrajan committee is soliciting  
interest and commitments from our  
parishioners and friends for our 52nd  
Annual Lebanese Mahrajan,  
August 30, 31 & September 1, 2024.

Your support and generosity are always crucial to the success  
of this fundraiser. More Information to come!

**Mahrajan Raffle** will be out soon by Mail and Electronically!

**Mahrajan Baskets:** Relying on your creativity, but we are  
also here to help. Drop your donations and we can take over  
assembly!

**Mahrajan Sponsors:** Letter and forms will be forthcoming!

**Mahrajan Volunteers:** More help is needed! Sign up sheet  
will be available and published soon!



### DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Come and join us for the end of season dinner  
**Monday June 3, @ 4 pm**  
Shadi's Restaurant, North Andover  
Cost: \$30 per person

Please RSVP by: Thursday, May 30th  
To one of the following officers  
Elaine Ferris, 978-682-2112  
Chris Hassan, 978-937-9913  
Katy Abraham 978-682-2571  
Elaine Daher 978-97-2434

### KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Next Meeting:  
**Saturday, June 1, 2024 @ 11 am- 12:30 pm**  
*Remember to bring your handbooks to the meetings*  
*New applicants are always welcome*

### MAHRAJAN DABKE

#### ~ Kids Troop

Mahrajan Kids Dabke group practice will be held every Monday from 6 - 7 with **Reine Ata**. The kids Dabke age group will consist of participants from age 7 to 12.

If interested please scan the QR CODE to complete the registration form.



### Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Ladies Guild



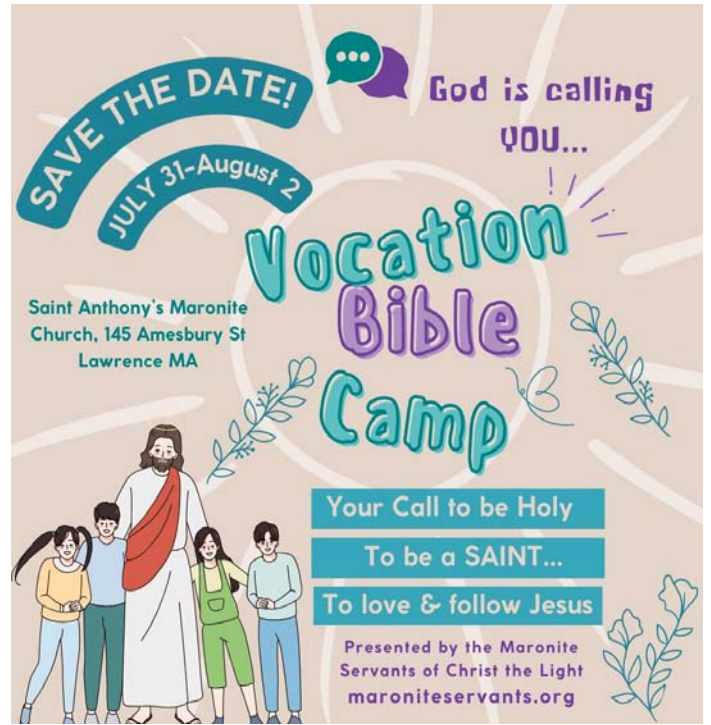
Every Tuesday—Zoom Prayer @ 8pm  
Zoom ID: 335616991—Passcode: 816342  
Or you can join by clicking this link:  
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/335616991>

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204



KOC Next Meeting:  
**Tuesday June 11, 2024 @ 7pm, Church Hall**  
Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.  
For information email: [KOFC16204@gmail.com](mailto:KOFC16204@gmail.com)



### MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION

MYO closed out the year with "Bowl and Pizza Night" at Academy Lanes.

This year group had over 20 active youth members! They have all grown into discipleship and friendship, by participating in many meetings, local retreats, faith formation events, and community services.

Notably, earlier in the year, MYO organized a fundraising event and raised a \$1000. They had the option to use the money to spend on a trip, pizza party, or movie night. They decided to donate the money to a church in Lebanon to help with the cost of the youth outreach program!

We are very proud of this group of MYO members (*not all are showing in this photo*) and can't wait for our next season! Please keep the youth and advisors in your prayers. Thank you!





### OBSERVANCES

♦ **SUMMER LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**  
 Sunday, June 9th begins our Summer Liturgy schedule: 9:30 am (Eng) & 11 am (Eng & Ar)  
*There will be no 8 am Liturgy on Sundays.*

### THIRD & FINAL BANNIS OF MARRIAGE

Nicholas Albert & Celine Ramey

### CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed

**Isabel Mary Bailin**

*Daughter of Michael & Kathryn (Kalil) Bailin*

**Nolan Robert Shepherd**

*Son of Alex & Ciara Shepherd*

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

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

- May 25:** Bea Ameen, Elie Daccache, John El-Helou, Tala El Hachem, Nour Hayek, Diane Mazraani, John Msaddi, Raymond Nammour, Mario Nehme, Filomena Touma
- May 26:** Jeremy Abdulla, Wahib Charabati, Nicole Saad
- May 27:** Amelia Jesionowski, Joshua Thomas
- May 28:** Joseph Chedid, Hannah Godfrey, Jacob Godfrey
- May 29:** Jean Abou Ezzi, Antoine Abou Jaoude, George Bejjani, Marie Hobeika, Declan Jacobs
- May 30:** George Akiki, Jaiden Amil, Matthew Avedisian, David Brousseau, Terri Kenney, Wesley Pelletier, Rodney Pica, Joel Santos, Tia Sfeir
- May 31:** Bassima Abou Jaoude, Elizabeth Aoun

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- May 25:** George & Hanna Ead
- May 28:** Elie & Joanna Hayek
- May 30:** Jason & Rena Hand



**Proudly Announces  
2024 Scholarship Program**

All High School & College Students (undergraduates & graduates) are encouraged to apply to the NAM Scholarships. Please click on the QR code and follow the application process!



**APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2024**



**THE MARY OF SCRIPTURE AND THE MARY OF DEVOTIONS, *By Ronald Rolheiser***

There's an axiom that says: Roman Catholics tend to adore Mary while Protestants and Evangelicals tend to ignore Mary. Neither is ideal. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has, in effect, two histories within Christian tradition. We have the Mary of Scripture and we have the Mary of Devotions, and both offer something special for our Christian journey.

The Mary of Devotions is the more well-known, though mostly within Roman Catholic circles. This is the Mary invoked in the rosary, the Mary of popular shrines, the Sorrowful Mother of our litanies, the Mother with the soft heart through whom we can get the ear of God, the Mary of purity and chastity, the Mother who understands human suffering, the Mother who can soften the hearts of murderers, and the Mother we can always turn to.

And this Mary is pre-eminently the Mother of the poor. Karl Rahner once pointed out that when you look at all the apparitions of Mary that have been officially approved by the church you will notice that she has always appeared to a poor person – a child, an illiterate peasant, a group of children, someone without social standing. She's never appeared to a theologian in his study, to a pope, or to a millionaire banker. She's always been the person to whom the poor look. Marian devotion is a mysticism of the poor. We see this, for example, very powerfully in the effect that Our Lady of Guadalupe has had on much of Latin America. In all of the Americas, most of the indigenous peoples are now Christian. However, in North America, while most of the indigenous peoples are Christian, Christianity itself is not seen as a native religion, but rather as a religion brought to the native peoples from elsewhere. In Latin America, in every place where Our Lady of Guadalupe is popular, Christianity is seen to be a native religion. But piety and devotions also run the risk of theological sloppiness and unhealthy sentimentality. That's the case too with the Mary of Devotions. We've tended to elevate Mary to divine status (which is simply wrong) and we have far too often encrusted her in so much piety that she, the Mary of Devotions, cannot possibly be the same person who wrote the Magnificat. The Mary of Devotions is often so enshrined in piety, over-simplicity, and asexuality that she needs to be protected from human complexity. Still, the Mary of Devotions offers us a lot vis-à-vis our spiritual journey. Much more ignored is the Mary of Scripture and the role the various Gospels assign to her. In the Synoptic Gospels, Mary is presented as a model of discipleship. More simply, she's shown to us as the one person who gets it right from the beginning. But that isn't immediately evident. On the surface, the opposite sometimes seems to be the case. For example, on a couple of occasions as Jesus is speaking to a crowd he is interrupted and told that his mother and his family are outside wanting to speak to him. His response: "Who are my mother and who are my brothers and sisters? It's those who hear the word of God and keep it." In saying this, Jesus isn't distancing his mother from himself and his message, the opposite. Before this incident is recorded in the Gospels, the evangelists have been very careful to point out that Mary was the first person to hear the word of God and keep it. What happens here is that Jesus singles out his mother first of all for her faith, not for her biology. In the Synoptic Gospels, Mary is the paradigm for discipleship. She's the first to hear the word of God and keep it. John's Gospel gives her a different role. Here she's not the paradigm of discipleship (a role John gives to the Beloved disciple and to Mary Magdala) but is presented as Eve, the mother of humanity, and the mother of each of us. Interestingly, John never gives us Mary's name, in his Gospel she is always referred to as "the Mother of Jesus". And in this role she does two things:

First, she gives voice to human finitude, as she does at the wedding feast of Cana when she tells her son (who is always divine in John's Gospel) that "they have no wine". In John's Gospel, this is not just a conversation between Mary and Jesus; but also a conversation between the Mother of Humanity and God. Secondly, as Eve, as universal mother, and as our mother, she stands in helplessness under human pain and within human pain when she stands under the cross. In this, she shows herself as universal mother but also as an example of how injustice must be handled, namely, by standing within it in a way that does not replicate its hatred and violence so as to give it back in kind. Mary offers us a wonderful example, not to be adored or ignored.



**AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION**

**Scholarship Banquet/Installation of Officers**  
**Michael's Function Hall**  
**Sunday Evening, June 2, 2024**  
**Cocktails: 6:00 – 7:00 pm / Dinner: 7:00 pm**  
**Donation: \$55.00 / Person**  
**For Tickets: Barbara Zraket @ 978-683-6271**



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## Most Holy Trinity

*Book of Genesis 18, 1-8.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oak of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if it please you, do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest under the tree. Now that you have come to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." "Very well," they replied, "do as you have said." Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick, three measures of bran flour! Knead it and make bread." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice calf, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then he got some curds and milk, as well as the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them, waiting on them under the tree while they ate.

*Letter to the Romans 11,25-36.*

So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, 'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.' As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 28,16-20.*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, May 25 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah*

*Sunday, May 26 -*

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Joey Safi

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Ata

(Ar) Esperance Ata

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*Saturday, June 1 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil*

*Sunday, June 2 -*

8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) Maribelle Spiridon



## أحد الثالوث الأقدس

### سفر التكوين 18:1-8

تَرَأَى الرَّبُّ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ عِنْدَ بُلُوطِ مَمْرَا، وَهُوَ جَالِسٌ بِيَابِ الْخَيْمَةِ، عِنْدَ أَحْتِدَادِ النَّهَارِ. فَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ وَنَظَرَ، فَإِذَا ثَلَاثَةٌ رَجَالٍ وَاقِفُونَ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْهُ. فَلَمَّا رَأَهُمْ، بَادَرَ إِلَى لِقَائِهِمْ مِنْ بَابِ الْخَيْمَةِ وَسَجَدَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ. وَقَالَ: «سَيِّدِي، إِنْ نِلْتُ حُطْوَةً فِي عَيْنَيْكَ، فَلَا تَجْزُ عَن عِبْدِكَ، فَيُقَدِّمَ لَكُمْ قَلِيلٌ مِنَ الْمَاءِ فَتَغْسِلُونَ أَرْجُلَكُمْ وَتَسْتَرِيحُونَ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ، وَأَقْدِمِ كِسْرَةَ خُبْزٍ فَتُسْنِدُونَ بِهَا قُلُوبَكُمْ ثُمَّ تَمْضُونَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ، فَإِنَّكُمْ لَذَلِكَ جُزْئُكُمْ بَعْبِدِكُمْ». «قَالُوا: «إِفْعَلْ كَمَا قُلْتَ». «فَاسْرِعْ إِبْرَاهِيمُ إِلَى الْخَيْمَةِ إِلَى سَارَةَ وَقَالَ: «هَلْمِي بِثَلَاثَةِ أَصْوَاعٍ مِنَ السَّمِيدِ النَّاعِمِ فَاعْجِنِيهَا وَأَصْنَعِيهَا فطائر». «وَبَادَرَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ إِلَى الْبَقْرِ، فَأَخَذَ عَجَلًا رَخْصًا طَيِّبًا وَسَلَّمَهُ إِلَى الْخَادِمِ فَاسْرِعْ فِي إِعْدَادِهِ. ثُمَّ أَخَذَ لَبَنًا وَحَلِيبًا وَالْعِجْلَ الَّذِي أَعَدَّهُ وَجَعَلَ ذَلِكَ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ، وَهُوَ وَاقِفٌ بِالْقُرْبِ مِنْهُمْ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ، فَأَكَلُوا.

### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 11:25-36

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَا أُرِيدُ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنْ تَجْهَلُوا هَذَا السِّرَّ، لِئَلَّا تَكُونُوا حُكَمَاءَ فِي عُيُونِ أَنْفُسِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنْ التَّصَلُّبَ أَصَابَ قِسْمًا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، إِلَى أَنْ يُؤْمِنَ الْأُمَّمُ بِأَكْمَلِهِمْ. وَهَكَذَا يَخْلُصُ جَمِيعُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «مِنْ صِهْيُونِ يَأْتِي الْمُنْقَذُ، وَيَرُدُّ الْكُفْرَ عَن يَعْقُوبَ؛ وَهَذَا هُوَ عَهْدِي مَعَهُمْ، حِينَ أُزِيلُ خَطَايَاهُمْ». «فَهُمْ مِنْ جِهَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ أَعْدَاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَمَّا مِنْ جِهَةِ اخْتِيَارِ اللَّهِ، فَهُمْ أَحِبَّاءٌ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْآبَاءِ؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَتَرَاجَعُ أَبَدًا عَن مَوَاهِبِهِ وَدَعْوَتِهِ. فَكَمَا عَصَيْتُمُ اللَّهَ أَنْتُمْ فِي مَا مَضَى، وَرُحِمْتُمْ الْآنَ مِنْ جَرَاءِ عُصْيَانِهِمْ، كَذَلِكَ هُمْ الْآنَ عَصَوْا اللَّهَ مِنْ أَجْلِ رَحْمَتِكُمْ، لِكَيْ يُرْحَمُوا الْآنَ هُمْ أَيْضًا؛ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ حَبَسَ جَمِيعَ النَّاسِ فِي الْعُصْيَانِ، لِكَيْ يَرْحَمَ الْجَمِيعَ. فَيَا لَعَمْرِي غِنَى اللَّهِ وَحِكْمَتِهِ وَمَعْرِفَتِهِ! مَا أَبْعَدَ أَحْكَامَهُ عَن الْإِدْرَاكِ، وَطُرْقَهُ عَن الْأَسْتِقْصَاءِ! فَمَنْ عَرَفَ فِكْرَ الرَّبِّ؟ أَوْ مَنْ صَارَ لَهُ مُشِيرًا؟ أَوْ مَنْ أَقْرَضَهُ شَيْئًا فَيَرُدُّهُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ؟ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ مِنْهُ وَبِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ. لَهُ الْمَجْدُ إِلَى الدُّهُورِ. آمِينَ.

### إنجيل القديس متى 28:16-20

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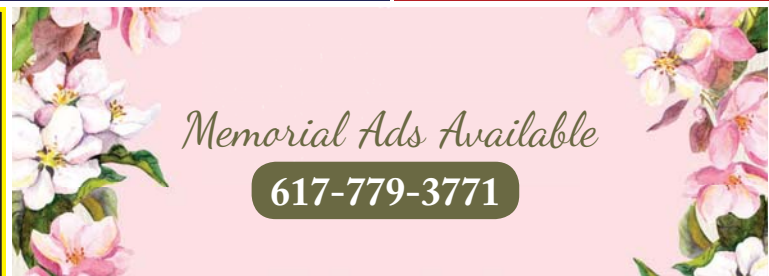
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