

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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زمن العنصرة - Pentecost Season

## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### 4th Sunday of Pentecost

**Saturday, June 8** (Eng.) *St. Cyrilla*

4:00 pm + Albert & Jeanne Farrah, *By their children and grandchildren*

**Sunday, June 9** *St. Pelagia of Antioch*

8:00 am In Honor of Mike & Janice Solomon  
(*Wedding Anniversary*)

9:30 am + Khalil Moukarzel, *By Lili Bijjani*

11:00 am **40 Day Anniversary** - Joseph Oneissy, *By His brother Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy*

+ Hanna, Farrah, & Salma Dacchache, & Adla Chechrallah, *By Mr. & Mrs. Wissam Merheb & family*

### 5th Sunday of Pentecost

#### Father's Day

**Saturday, June 15** (Eng.) *St. Basil the Great*

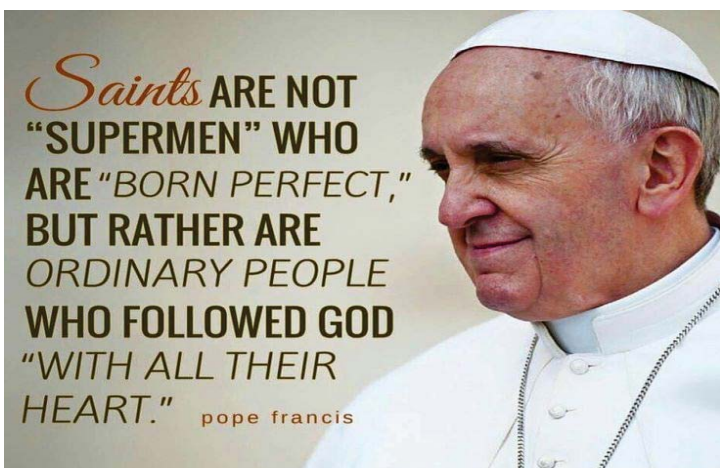
4:00 pm + Joseph & Carol Grieco, *By their family*  
+ Leonard Ramey, *By his family*

**Sunday, June 16** *Hosea the Prophet*

**8am/ 9:30am/ 11am Divine Liturgies**

**Intentions will be offered for**

**The Blessings & Good Health to all the fathers**



### Daily Liturgies

**Monday, June 10** (Ar.) *St. Barnabas*  
*Acts 7:44-50 / Mt 18:1-5*

9:00 am + Deceased Members of the Jabbour family, *By Mouna Hbaiter*

**Tuesday, June 11** (Eng.) *St. Bartholomew*  
*Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Mt 18:6-10*

9:00 am + Charles & Margaret Bruns, *By Subdeacon & Mrs. Tony Nammour*

**Wednesday, June 12** (Ar.) *St. Onuphrius*  
*Acts 8:1b-8 / Mt 18:11-14*

9:00 am In Honor of Abouna Maroun Bou Khalil (priestly anniversary), *By Kozhaya & Lola Abou Khalil & family*

**Thursday, June 13** (Eng.) *St. Anthony of Padua*  
*St. Aquilina of Jbeil/ Acts 8:9-13b, 25 / Mt 18:15-20*

9:00 am + Charles & Margaret Bruns, *By Subdeacon & Mrs. Tony Nammour*

9:30 am – 12pm **Adoration**

**Friday, June 14 - NO LITURGY**  
*St. Elisha the Prophet /Acts 8:26-40 / Mt 18:21-35*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**PETER'S PENCE-June 30, 2024**

*Please remember to remit your Fuel/Utilities Envelope. Your contribution helps us keep the Heat on in the Winter and the AC on in the Summer. Thank you!*

### PLEASE NOTE

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





## 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!

### Account Totals By Week For 05/01/2024 - 05/31/2024

#### Week of 05/05/2024

Ascension	107.00	Candles	352.00
Catholic Communication Appeal	105.00	Donation	200.00
Donation for Masses	130.00	First Communion	330.00
National Shrine Our Lady of Lebanon	1,106.00	Pentecost Offering	105.00
Sanctuary Lamps	40.00	Sunday Collection	4,195.75
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	300.00		

**Total \$6,970.75**

#### Week of 05/12/2024

Ascension	186.00	Baptism Donation	200.00
Candles	179.00	Catholic Communication Appeal	15.00
Donation	825.75	Donation for Masses	85.00
Easter Offering	20.00	First Communion	750.00
In Memory of	995.00	MYO Retreat	87.64
National Shrine Our Lady of Lebanon	95.00	Sanctuary Lamps	20.00
Stipend	115.00	Sunday Collection	3,569.15
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	620.00		

**Total \$7,762.54**

#### Week of 05/19/2024

Baptism Donation	200.00	Candles	150.00
Catholic Communication Appeal	1,051.00	Church Hall Use	500.00
Donation for Masses	50.00	In Memory of	390.00
MYO Fundraiser	3,278.00	National Shrine Our Lady of Lebanon	50.00
Pentecost Offering	658.00	Sanctuary Lamps	80.00
Sunday Collection	2,645.00	Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	302.00

**Total \$9,354.00**

#### Week of 05/26/2024

Candles	178.00	Catholic Communication Appeal	65.00
Church Hall Use	500.00	Donation for Masses	10.00
In Memory of	965.00	MYO Retreat	3,375.00
Pentecost Offering	84.00	Sanctuary Lamps	60.00
Stipend	15.00	Sunday Collection	2,747.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	50.00		

**Total \$8,049.00**

**Total \$32,136.29**

### 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JULY 31-August 2**

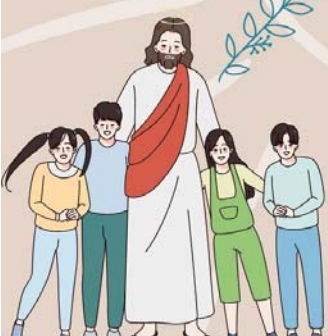
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**M-WINE**

*"We Serve Better Together"*

Next event:  
**Monday, June 24, 2024 @ 7 pm**

Ladies are invited to an evening of meditation, discussion, & prayer at St. Anthony Church. Let's celebrate the Word of God.


We always welcome new members who are interested in women spirituality, Lebanese social gathering, & building friendship.



**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)



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Online Registration is now open for 2024-2025  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/)

**KNIGHTS OF MARY**  
 Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb


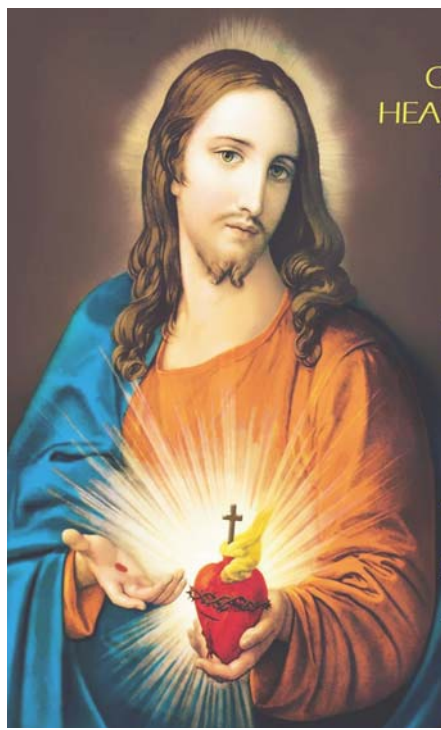
Now accepting Online registration for 2024-2025  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/)

**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>

Thursday, June 20, 2024: Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession

For more information email:  
[communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org](mailto:communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org)

**O SACRED HEART OF JESUS,**

fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with lively sorrow for my sins. I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, Good JESUS, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger.



### **Congratulations to the DCG Scholarships' Recipients**

The Dorothy C Gabriel Foundation is pleased to announce that the following awards have been granted for the 2024-2025 school year:

**Recipients:** Charbel Bou-Chaaya, Elie Bou-Chaaya, Angela Dahbour, James Maroun, Anthony Merheb, Charbel Sadek, & Joy Sadek.

**Congratulations to all!  
Best of Luck at Central Catholic High School!**

### **CONGRATULATIONS on your New Baby**

**Michael James Corey**

*Son of Freddie & Bobbi Corey*

**Luca Khalife**

*Son of Bodie & Marisa Khalife*

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS! Baptized & Confirmed**

**Gianna Georgio Bassil**

*Daughter of Georgio & Jennifer Bassil*

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS! Sacrament of Matrimony**

**Nicholas Albert & Celine Ramey**

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

### **FIRST BANNES OF MARRIAGE**

**Franklin Guzman & Monica Rizkallah**



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st  
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### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**June 8:** Joanne Abdulla, Guila Atallah, Angelina Haddad, Joseph Leone, Michelle Saab

**June 9:** Antoine Abou Jaoude, Valerie Bouraphael, Cera Geha, Christiano Mazraani

**June 10:** Mounir Jermany, Matthew Pratt

**June 11:** Abdou Abdou, Hadi Alghoul, Sharbil Ata, Anthony Chedid, Carine El-Hayek, Virginia Gebeili, Pascal Haddad, Emma Homsey, Mackenna Jesionowski

**June 12:** Eugenie Abi Moussa, Mark Bejjani, Mireille Daher, Michael Hanna, Steven Maroun

**June 13:** Samuel Khalil, Matthew Matta

**June 14:** Tony Ayoub, Alexander Saysouk

### **ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

**June 8:** Joseph & Virginia Gebeili

**June 9:** Johnny & Remie Escobales

**June 10:** Steven & Najwah Miceli  
Mike & Janice Solomon

**June 11:** Fadi & Della Khoury,  
Sam & Renee Murphy,  
Joseph & Julia Saade

## **Mysticism For All: The Sacred Heart: Center of Everything, *By Fr. Daniel Renaud, OMI***

As children, many of us were exposed and encouraged to live out a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Countless well-known prayers and petitions were recited in common or murmured in private, and consecrations pronounced with fervor. Many families consecrated their homes to the Sacred Heart. A feast day was instituted in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1856 by Pope Pius IX. He established it as obligatory for the whole Church. The Pope asked that we celebrate it on the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi, which means late spring or early summer. Since 2002, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also a special Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests.

This devotion wants to highlight the superabundant and selfless love of God through the heart of his son Jesus. This defining symbol of Roman Catholicism at Vatican II was the result of a slow historical and mystical movement from an external religious fascination with the wounds, especially the pierced side of the body of Jesus which gave birth to the Church, through a progressively more internal and interior reality. As Wendy Wright points out, it is the medieval period that begins the desire to enter into the wounded body of Jesus through its opened side:

“True devotion to the human Jesus and his heart had begun. Elite friends cloistered in monastic cells received spousal visions of him revealing his heart. To them, he opened himself, poured out his heart’s secrets, invited them inside, and exchanged his heart for theirs.” (See Sacred Heart: Gateway to God.)

As I have highlighted in the previous three parts of this article, these types of mystical experiences are not only for the elite; all of us can experience this type of exchange of intense relationship and bond with God and Jesus. There is a subtle scriptural basis to this form of intimate exchange accessible to all in the Gospel of John. In the beginning, a portion called the prologue, John speaks of Jesus Christ as the pre-existing logos, nestled in the bosom (kolpos) of God (John 1:18). The only time this Greek term connoting intimacy, affection, and union is employed in John again, is when the beloved disciple lay his head on the chest or bosom of Jesus as they recline at a meal (see John 13:23). This significant juxtaposition is not known to many since this verse of chapter 13. The Greek term in most translations speaks of the unnamed disciple reclining at the side or beside Jesus. Scripture scholars tell us that when a person is not named, it is to encourage the reader/listener to identify with that person. John is then, in fact, saying that like the beloved disciple, we can all love and nestle against Jesus’ bosom and hear the heartbeat of God’s love for us in the same way Jesus intimately and eternally rested in God’s love!

I find it very interesting that the genesis of Teilhard de Chardin’s understanding of the Cosmic Christ stems from his devotion to the Sacred Heart. Despite being critical of the showmanship of the mass processions of the Sacred Heart of his youth, he had three consecutive mystical experiences of Christ that began with the Sacred Heart. The first one was during one of those processions where he saw the heart of Jesus turn to molten gold and radiate with beneficial rays of luminosity. His devotion to the Sacred Heart was at the center of his mystical theology: “Although I never really analyzed it before, it is in the Sacred Heart that the conjunction of the Divine and the cosmic has taken place...There lies the power that, from the beginning, has attracted me and conquered me ...All the later development of my interior life has been nothing other than the evolution of that seed.”

Teilhard saw the Heart of Jesus as the center of all created reality, the very center of love. In his retreat journal, he calls Jesus the “Universal Lover,” “the heart of the heart of the Universe.” The loving heart of Jesus is integral to his understanding of Jesus Christ as the Alpha and the Omega, the Cosmic Christ whom he saw at the very center of everything. This example illustrates how devotional spirituality can become the springboard for inspiring and life-giving mystical experiences. By opening ourselves to them, we will be more credible evangelizers, without even having to say a word about them. It will inspire and nurture the spiritual development of others. Our very presence, humility and dedication to gospel living will suffice to become loving and joyful disciples.

To conclude, I offer you excerpts of a lovely contemporary litany of the Sacred Heart poetically rendered by Wendy Wright: Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer...God’s Joy, God’s shalom, harp of the Trinity, wingbeat of the Spirit, breath of God, five-petaled rose...Womb of justice, birthplace of peace, our dearest hope, longing of our lives, Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer...Warmth of our hearts, transforming fire, cosmic furnace, enflamer of hearts, heart of evolution, beginning and ending, center of all... Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer...Wounded by love, pierced by our cruelty, broken by our hardness, mystic winepress, poured out as gift, Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer.

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of **Dorothy Mallen**, who passed away peacefully last week. We express our sympathies to her Daughter Karen (Hanna) and her husband, Marwan Nesrallah, her grandchildren: Anthony, Jonathan, Elias, & Nicholas; her sister-in-law, Yvonne Mallen, nieces, nephews, & their families.

*May her soul rest in peace & her memories be eternal.*

## HELP US HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED

We offer our sincere gratitude to 2 dedicated, *anonymous*, parishioners who took the time and made the effort to walk our cemetery and view each grave to ensure our Veterans are honored as they deserve to be.

Many of our deceased Veterans do not have a marker over their gravesite. We appeal to you, if a Veteran's Marker has not been placed on your Veteran's grave, or if they are missing a flag, please contact the rectory by email at [rectory@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:rectory@stanthonylawrence.org). We cannot provide this service without the assistance of the family. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us properly honor those who gave their lives in service.

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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"**

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Pentecost: Jesus Rejoice in the Holy Spirit

*Book of Wisdom 7:7-14.*

Therefore I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; Because all gold, in view of her, is a bit of sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and beauty I loved her, And I chose to have her rather than the light, because her radiance never ceases. Yet all good things together came to me with her, and countless riches at her hands; I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader, though I had not known that she is their mother. Sincerely I learned about her, and ungrudgingly do I share her riches I do not hide away; For she is an unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God, being commended by the gifts that come from her discipline.

*First Letter to the Corinthians 2,11-16.*

For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 10,21-24.*

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.'

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, June 8 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson*

*Sunday, June 9 -*

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Meaghan Twing

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

### LECTORS SCHEDULE

*Saturday, June 15 - 4 pm - Anthony Ata*

*Sunday, June 16 -*

8:00 am - Sylvana Awad

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) George Saab



## الأحد الرابع من زمن العنصرة: يسوع يبتهج بالروح

### سفر الحكمة 7:7-14

قال الحكيم: «لِذَلِكَ صَلَّيْتُ فَأَوْتَيْتُ الْفِطْنَةَ وَدَعَوْتُ فَأَتَانِي رُوحُ الْحِكْمَةِ. فَفَضَّلْتُهَا عَلَى الصَّوَالِجَةِ وَالْعُرُوشِ وَعَدَدْتُ الْغِنَى كَلَا شَيْءٍ بِالْقِيَّاسِ إِلَيْهَا. وَلَمْ أُعِدِلْ بِهَا الْحَجْرَ الَّذِي لَا يُقَدَّرُ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ الذَّهَبِ بِإِزَائِهَا قَلِيلٌ مِنَ الرَّمْلِ وَالْفِضَّةَ عِنْدَهَا تُحْسَبُ طِينًا. وَأَحْبَبْتُهَا فَوْقَ الْعَافِيَةِ وَالْجَمَالِ وَأَثَرْتُ أَنْ أَتَّخِذَهَا قَبْلَ النُّورِ لِأَنَّ رَوْقَهَا لَا يَبُورُ لَهُ قَرَارٌ. فَأَتَّئِنِّي مَعَهَا جَمِيعُ الْخَيْرَاتِ وَعَنْ يَدَيْهَا غِنَى لَا يُحْصَى. فَسُرَرْتُ بِهَذِهِ الْخَيْرَاتِ كُلِّهَا لِأَنَّهَا بِأَمْرَةِ الْحِكْمَةِ وَلَمْ أَكُنْ عَالِمًا بِأَنَّهَا أُمَّ لَهَا جَمِيعًا. وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُه بِإِخْلَاصٍ أُشْرِكُ فِيهِ بِسَخَاءٍ وَلَا أَكْتُمُ غِنَاهَا. فَإِنَّهَا كَنْزٌ لِلنَّاسِ لَا يَفْنَدُ وَالَّذِينَ أَقْتَنَوْهُ كَسَبُوا صِدَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أَوْصَتْهُ بِهِمُ الْمَوَاهِبِ الصَّادِرَةِ عَنِ التَّأْدِيبِ.»

### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنتس 2: 11-16

يا إخوتي، مَنْ مِنَ النَّاسِ يَعْرِفُ مَا فِي الْإِنْسَانِ إِلَّا رُوحُ الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي فِيهِ؟ كَذَلِكَ لَا أَحَدٌ يَعْرِفُ مَا فِي اللَّهِ إِلَّا رُوحُ اللَّهِ. وَنَحْنُ لَمْ نَأْخُذْ رُوحَ الْعَالَمِ، بَلِ الرُّوحَ الَّذِي مِنَ اللَّهِ، حَتَّى نَعْرِفَ مَا أَنْعَمَ بِهِ اللَّهُ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ مَوَاهِبِ. وَنَحْنُ لَا نَتَكَلَّمُ عَنْ تِلْكَ الْمَوَاهِبِ بِكَلِمَاتٍ تُعَلِّمُهَا الْحِكْمَةَ الْبَشَرِيَّةَ، بَلْ بِكَلِمَاتٍ يُعَلِّمُهَا الرُّوحُ، فَتُعَبِّرُ عَنِ الْأُمُورِ الرُّوحِيَّةِ بِكَلِمَاتٍ رُوحِيَّةٍ. فَالْإِنْسَانُ الْأَرْضِيُّ لَا يَقْبَلُ مَا هُوَ مِنْ رُوحِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّ ذَلِكَ عِنْدَهُ حَمَاقَةٌ، وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يَعْرِفَ مَا هُوَ مِنْ رُوحِ اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّ الْحُكْمَ فِي ذَلِكَ لَا يَكُونُ إِلَّا بِالرُّوحِ. أَمَّا الْإِنْسَانُ الرُّوحَانِيُّ فَيَحْكُمُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، وَلَا أَحَدٌ يَحْكُمُ عَلَيْهِ. فَمَنْ عَرَفَ فِكْرَ الرَّبِّ لِيُعَلِّمَهُ؟ أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَلْنَا فِكْرَ الْمَسِيحِ!

### إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 21-24

(بَعْدَ عَوْدَةِ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَالسَّبْعِينَ تَلْمِيذًا بِفَرَحٍ) ابْتَهَجَ يَسُوعُ بِالرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ، فَقَالَ: «أَعْتَرَفْتُ لَكَ، يَا أَبَتِ، رَبَّ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، لِأَنَّكَ أَحْفَيْتَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورَ عَنِ الْحُكَمَاءِ وَالْفُهَمَاءِ، وَأَطَهَرْتَهَا لِلْأَطْفَالِ. نَعَمْ، أَيُّهَا الْآبُ، لِأَنَّكَ هكَذَا أَرْتَضِيْتِ. لَقَدْ سَلَّمَنِي أَبِي كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، فَمَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ يَعْرِفُ مَنْ هُوَ الْآبَنُ إِلَّا الْآبُ، وَلَا مَنْ هُوَ الْآبُ إِلَّا الْآبَنُ، وَمَنْ يُرِيدُ الْآبَنُ أَنْ يُظَهَرَ لَهُ.» ثُمَّ التَفَّتْ إِلَى تَلَامِيذِهِ، وَقَالَ لَهُمْ عَلَى أَنْفِرَادٍ: «طُوبَى لِلْعُيُونِ الَّتِي تَنْظُرُ مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ! فَإِنِّي أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَمُلُوكًا كَثِيرِينَ أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَرَوْا مَا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ، فَلَمْ يَرَوْا، وَأَنْ يَسْمَعُوا مَا تَسْمَعُونَ، فَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا.»

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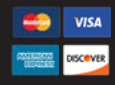


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