



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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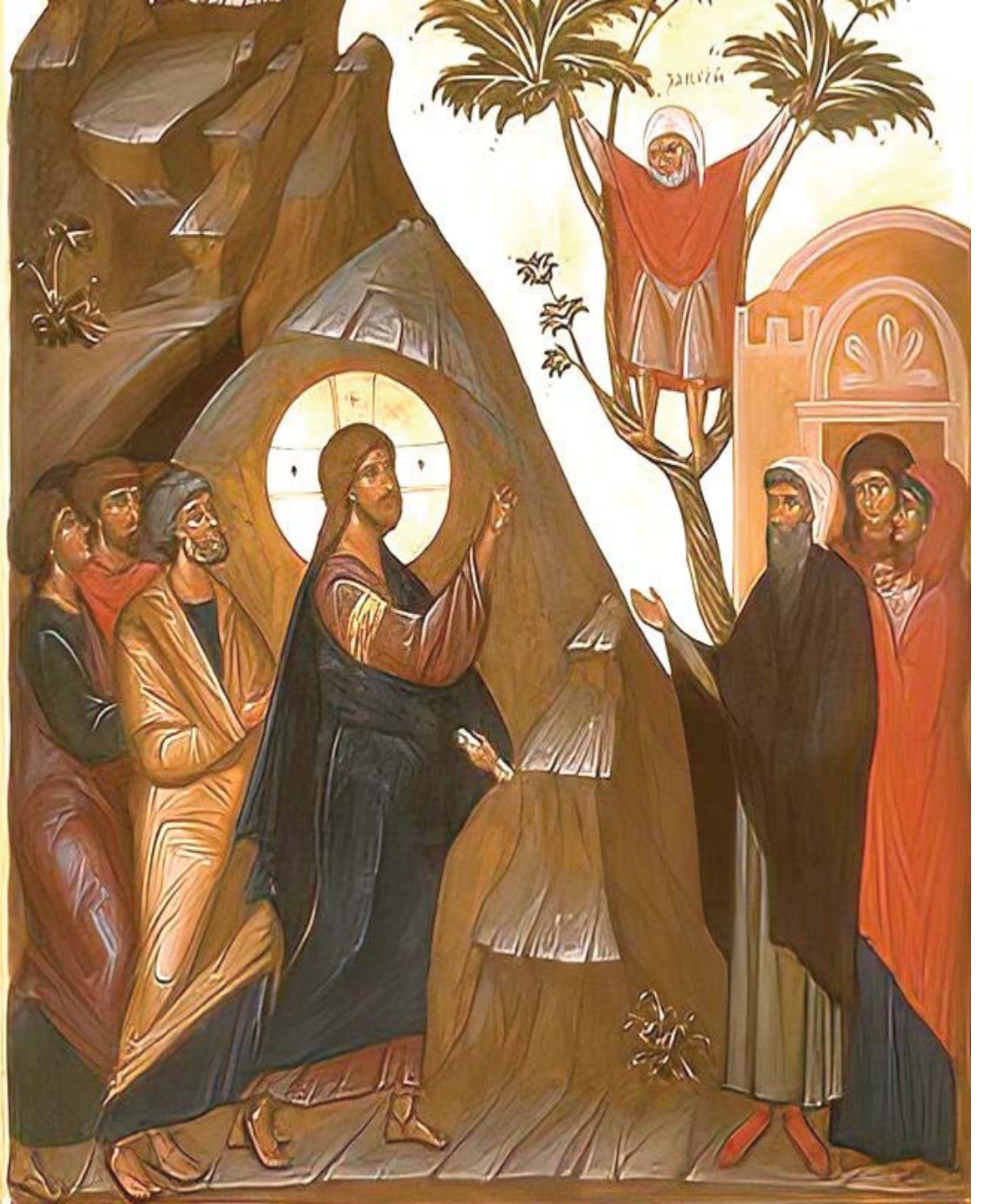


WEEKLY
BULLETIN



DAILY
READINGS

لانجيل اليومي



Pentecost Season - زمن العنصرة

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

11th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 27 (Eng.)

St. Pantaleon

4:00 pm + Private Intention

Sunday, July 28 *The Third Council of Constantinople*

9:30 am Private Intentions

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary - Elham Azzi, *By her husband, Pierre, her children, Elias & Elian, their spouses & families*

12th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 3 (Eng.)

David the Prophet

4:00 pm For the Souls in Purgatory, *By Lili Bijjani*

Sunday, August 4

St. John Vianney

9:30 am Private Intentions

11:00 am + 1st Anniversary - Elias Bou Chaaya, *By his wife, Labibe, his children, Rabih BouChaaya, Ghada Nassar, their spouses & their families*

+ Saria Geha, *By Samih Geha & family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, July 29 (Ar.)

Ezekiel the Prophet & St. Martha/Acts 23:12-22/Lk 12:13-21

9:00 am Private Intentions

Tuesday, July 30 (Eng.)

Sts. Abdon & Sennen/Acts 23:23-35/Lk 12:22-31

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

Wednesday, July 31 (Ar.) *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

The 350 Martyrs, Disciples of St. Maron

/Acts 24:1-2a,5-6b,9-13,17-21/Lk 12:32-34

9:00 am + Private Intentions

Thursday, August 1 (Eng.)

St. Shmouni & her Sons/Acts 24:27-25:12/Lk 12:35-40

9:00 am + George Tabet & deceased family members, *By his daughter, Mireille, wife of Kamal Azzi, and family*

Friday, August 2 -

NO LITURGY / OFFICE CLOSED

Translation of the Relics of St. Stephen

/Acts 25:13-14a,22-27 / Lk 12:42-48

OBSERVANCES

- ◆ As of August 1st, 2024, the parish office will be CLOSED on Fridays.
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled during the month of August to resume back to normal schedule in September.

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Loving Memory of Edmond Solomon,
By his family

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Take St Anthony's Church with you on your vacation! Please keep your online donations active while you're away to help our doors remain open, awaiting your return.

Thank You & Have Safe travel!

PLEASE NOTE

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

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Father Elie Mikhael, who has been appointed by his holiness, Pope Francis, as the *Apostolic Administrator for the vacant see in the Diocese of Our Lady of Lebanon of Mexico.*

His Excellency, Bishop Gregory, has appointed Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy as Administrator of Saint Anthony Maronite Church, under the guidance of Father Elie.

We ask you to keep our beloved clergy in your prayers as they embark in these leadership roles in their Ministry, serving the Flock of Christ, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



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9 July 2024

Prot. No. 192/1/24

Reverend Edgard Antoun Oneissy
Saint Anthony Church
145 Amesbury Street,
Lawrence, MA 01841


Dear Father Oneissy,

By virtue of this letter, I hereby amend your current appointment as Parochial Vicar at Saint Anthony Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts (Prot.No. 496-1-22) and appoint you Administrator of the same. This appointment is effective immediately and will remain in effect until my revocation or that of my successor.

You are asked to exercise your new office under the supervision of Father Elie Mikhael, and in accordance with all of the provisions of Ecclesiastical laws and Statutes and in compliance with the applicable civil laws in force.

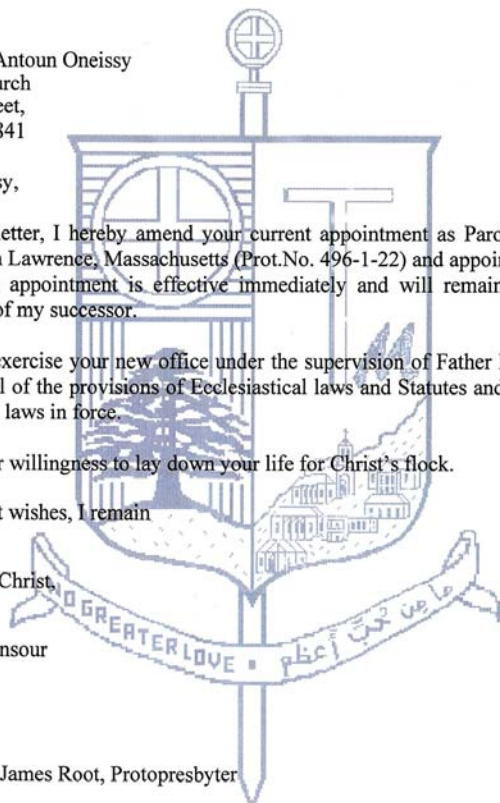
Thank you for your willingness to lay down your life for Christ's flock.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Gregory John Mansour

GJM/ac

Cc: Monsignor James Root, Protopresbyter
Reverend Elie Mikhael, Pastor



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 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.

Let us pray for all good and faithful priests who dedicate themselves to their people with generosity and unknown sacrifices.

~Pope Francis



MAHRAJAN UPDATES

The Mahrajan Committee is soliciting interest and commitments from our parishioners and friends for our **52nd Annual Lebanese Mahrajan**. Your support and generosity are always crucial to the success of this fundraiser.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Mahrajan Raffle Tickets have been sent out by mail and electronically to parishioners who are registered via email! Your continuous support is very much appreciated towards our major fundraiser!

Scan the QR Code & Buy your Tickets Now!



RAFFLE BASKETS

We appeal to your creativity! Pick a theme, put it together, and donate towards this year's Baskets Raffles! Want to donate and not sure what to do, or simply don't have the time? We can help! Many ready made baskets, that fit every budget, are available for donation.

Please contact Dianne Dewan by email at Didewang@gmail.com or at (978) 273-0693 for a list of themes and prices.

All donations can be dropped off at the Rectory during office hours.

MAHRAJAN SPONSORS: The sponsorship letter and form were sent electronically! To become a sponsor, please see the form on the next page for various sponsorship levels.

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS: We rely on your help beloved parishioners to volunteer your time!

- Join Our Team: Help spread joy and goodwill at this year's festival!
- Fun and Meaningful Roles: From welcoming guests to assisting with activities, there's a role for everyone.
- Flexible Hours: Volunteer for shifts that fit your schedule and enjoy the festival in your free time.
- Community Spirit: Be part of a team that makes a positive impact and fosters community spirit.
- Sign Up Today: Interested? Contact Ramona Yammine @ (978) 350-2965 and/or Grece Abou-Ezzi @ (978) 382-2980 or scan the QR Code now to start getting involved and be part of this wonderful festivities.
- Training will be provided (if needed) to ensure your readiness to contribute and engage.



Thank You for helping us make our **52nd Mahrajan** a memorable event for all!

Sign-up Now Scan the QR Code



52TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL
LEBANESE MAHRAJAN
LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Saint Anthony Maronite Church
presents

Friday
08/30
5 PM - 1AM

Saturday
08/31
5 PM - 2AM

Sunday
09/01
12 PM - 12AM

BECOME A SPONSOR

CHANGING

 **\$7,500**

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS
- ✓ BUSINESS NAME AND SPONSORSHIP CATEGORY RECOGNITION IN DESIGNATED SECTION IN 50TH MAHRAJAN SLIDESHOW

SUSTAINING

 **\$5,000**

- ✓ LOGO PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON ALL DIGITAL LED SCREEN DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 RESERVED PARKING SPACES
- ✓ 4 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$100)
- ✓ 4 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS
- ✓ LOGO ON EVENT PROMOTIONAL T-SHIRTS

GROWING

 **\$2,500**

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON SCREENS DURING MAHRAJAN WEEKEND AND SHORTLY AFTER
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 2 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$50)
- ✓ 2 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

OUTREACH

 **\$1,000**

- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT SLIDE WITH LOGO TO RUN ON TELEVISION DURING THE MAHRAJAN WEEKEND WITH LIMITED SCREEN TIME
- ✓ LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE, PARISH BULLETIN, AND ON MAHRAJAN WEBSITE, PUBLICATIONS, AND SOCIAL MEDIA
- ✓ 1 DINNER TICKETS (VALUE OF \$25)
- ✓ 1 MAHRAJAN RAFFLE BOOKS

FRIENDS

 **\$250**

- ✓ SPONSOR'S NAME WILL BE MENTIONED ON THE COMMON "FRIENDS OF THE MAHRAJAN" DIGITAL SLIDE ADVERTISEMENT
- ✓ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN PARISH BULLETIN

HELPING

 **\$500**

- ✓ SHARED DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT WITH NAME/LOGO IN THE MAHRAJAN
- ✓ COMPANY NAME OR LOGO LISTED ON ST. ANTHONY'S WEBSITE AND PARISH BULLETIN
- ✓ 1 RAFFLE BOOK

NAME/BUSINESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAHRAJAN SPONSORSHIP LEVEL: _____

SPONSORSHIP IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF: _____

*CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH" (MEMO: MAHRAJAN SPONSORSHIP)
*SPONSOR MUST PROVIDE HIGH RESOLUTION ELECTRIC LOGO AT ITS EXPENSE. SPONSORSHIPS ACCEPTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PASTOR AND THE MAHRAJAN COMMITTEE. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.



WINE & CHEESE NIGHT...

Join the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light for a spiritual discussion on the Wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-12) and enjoy some fellowship, wine and cheese with the M- Wine Ladies of St. Anthony's Maronite Parish, 145 Amesbury St, Lawrence MA.

**FRIDAY
2 AUGUST 2024
7:00 -9:00PM**

Second BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Maria Nammour & Marjo Salillari
Joelle Ramey & Andrew Cunha

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- July 27:** Elias Bou Habib, Loretta DeMarco, Alison Puglisi, Samar Ramy
- July 28:** George Cherabie, Sarah Gemanos, Gabriel Hassan, Antoinette Jermany, Madison Khoury, Sharbel Korbani, Mireille Lalo, Winston Thompson
- July 29:** Charbel Dagher, Elias El-Achi, Christa Harb, Steven Khoury, Crista Pehl, Corey Sarkis
- July 30:** Helen Bassil, Lauren Crossley, Alexander Iskandar, Celestie Jbeily
- July 31:** Sharbel Azzi, Robert Chahine
- August 1:** Eleanor Abi-Moussa, Jeanine Abou Raad, Gladys George, Antoni Georges, Carol Hbaiter, Simona Kanaan, Jennifer Maroun
- August 2:** Charbel Abdilmasih, Cassandra Maroun, Gerald Motta, Sam Murphy, Melissa Rahi, Salwa Ramey, Daphne Georgia Vincent

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Online Registration is now open for 2024-2025
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/

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>



For more information email:
communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- July 27:** Chaouki & Rosemary Bouchrouche
- July 28:** Fadi & Maggie Bouchrouche, Imad & Ghada Nassar, Joseph & Michelle Solomon
- July 29:** Elias & Vicky Abou Zeid, Roger & Cosette Zouein
- July 30:** Maroun & Leyla Saouma
- July 31:** Jean & Rachelle Abou Ezzi, George & Guila Atallah
- August 1:** Afif & Joelle El Rahi, James & Mary Menihane, Andre & Hasna Ndaira



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
-St. Anthony Council 16204**

KOC Next Meeting:
**Tuesday August 13, 2024
@ 7pm, Church Hall**

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend. For information email: KOFC16204@gmail.com

ST. ANTHONY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

~SAVE THE DATE~

Weather Permitting, St. Anthony's Golf Tournament has been scheduled for:

Monday, September 23, 2024
at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club.

For more information, or to Sponsor this event, reach out to George Kassas at georgekassas@comcast.net, or email the rectory at rectory@stanthonylawrence.org.

MARONITE SERVANTS SCHEDULE

Mother Marla, along with the Sisters of The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light have the following planned schedule during their visit at Saint Anthony's:

- ◆ *Bible camp - July 31st to August 2nd*
- ◆ *M-Wine - Spiritual Meeting in the Church Hall Friday, August 2nd from 7-9PM*
- ◆ *Meeting with Junior MYO - Saturday August 3rd from 12 -2 PM*

Stay tuned and save the dates!

CHURCH WAKE SERVICE / CALLING HOURS

After much consideration, regarding the Wake/Calling hours in Church, we will no longer be scheduling wake one day followed by funeral liturgy the next. Moving forward, Wake/calling hours will be allowed ONLY directly followed by Funeral Liturgy, same day. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

TREE OF LIFE

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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

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

or **Visit:** stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Cemetery Guidelines

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/.

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
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
Tree to be planted: *Kousa Dogwood*

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost: Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Book of Ezekiel 18,1.21-23,27-28

The word of the LORD came to me: But if the wicked turn away from all their sins that they have committed and keep all my statutes and do what is lawful and right, they shall surely live; they shall not die. None of the transgressions that they have committed shall be remembered against them; for the righteousness that they have done they shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and not rather that they should turn from their ways and live? Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

Letter to the Ephesians 2,17-22

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 19, 1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 27 - 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, July 28 -

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Elias P. Azzi

(Ar) Claude Homsey

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 3 - 4 pm - Anthony Ata

Sunday, August 4 -

9:30 am - Brady Barry

11:00 am - (Eng) Mansour Chaya

(Ar) Maribelle Spiridon

ENERGY COLLECTION

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

الأحد الحادي عشر من زمن العنصرة: توبة زكا العشار

سفر حزقيال 18: 1-21، 23-27-28

وَكَانَتْ إِلَيَّ كَلِمَةُ الرَّبِّ قَائِلًا: «الشِّرِيرُ، إِذَا رَجَعَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ خَطَايَاهُ الَّتِي فَعَلَهَا، وَحَفِظَ جَمِيعَ فَرَائِضِي، وَأَجْرَى الْحَقَّ وَالْبِرَّ، فَإِنَّهُ يَحْيَا حَيَاةً وَلَا يَمُوتُ. جَمِيعَ مَعَاصِيهِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا لَا تُذَكَّرُ لَهُ، وَبِإِيرِهِ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ يَحْيَا. أَلَعَلَّ هَوَايَ فِي مَوْتِ الشِّرِيرِ؟ يَقُولُ السَّيِّدُ الرَّبُّ. أَلَيْسَ فِي أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَنْ طُرُقِهِ فَيَحْيَا؟ وَإِذَا رَجَعَ الشِّرِيرُ عَنْ شَرِّهِ الَّذِي صَنَعَهُ وَأَجْرَى الْحَقَّ وَالْبِرَّ، فَإِنَّهُ يُحْيِي نَفْسَهُ. إِنَّهُ قَدْ رَأَى وَتَابَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ مَعَاصِيهِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا، لِذَلِكَ يَحْيَا حَيَاةً وَلَا يَمُوتُ.»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 2: 17-22

يَا إِخْوَتِي، لَمَّا جَاءَ الْمَسِيحُ بِشَرِّكُمْ بِالسَّلَامِ أَنْتُمْ الْبَعِيدِينَ، وَبَشَّرَ بِالسَّلَامِ الْقَرِيبِينَ، لِأَنَّنا بِهِ نِلْنَا نَحْنُ الْإِثْنَيْنِ فِي رُوحِ وَاحِدِ الْوُصُولِ إِلَى الْآبِ. إِذَا فَلَسْتُمْ بَعْدَ غُرْبَاءَ وَلَا نُزْلَاءَ، بَلْ أَنْتُمْ أَهْلُ مَدِينَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَأَهْلُ بَيْتِ اللَّهِ، بُنِيْتُمْ عَلَى أَسَاسِ الرُّسُلِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَالْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ نَفْسُهُ هُوَ حَجَرُ الزَّائِيَةِ. فِيهِ يَتَمَاسَكُ الْبِنَاءُ كُلُّهُ، فَيَرْتَفِعُ هَيْكَلًا مُقَدَّسًا فِي الرَّبِّ، وَفِيهِ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تُبْنَوْنَ مَعًا مَسْكِنًا لِلَّهِ فِي الرُّوحِ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 19: 1-10

دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ أَرِيحَا وَبَدَأَ يَجْتَازُهَا، وَإِذَا رَجُلٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَّا، كَانَ رَئِيسًا لِلْعَشَّارِينَ وَغَنِيًّا. وَكَانَ يَسْعَى لِيَرَى مَنْ هُوَ يَسُوعُ، فَلَمْ يَقْدِرْ بِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَصِيرَ الْقَامَةِ. فَتَقَدَّمَ مُسْرِعًا وَتَسَلَّقَ جُمَيْرَةً لِكَيْ يَرَاهُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يَمُرَّ بِهَا. وَلَمَّا وَصَلَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى الْمَكَانِ، رَفَعَ نَظْرَهُ إِلَيْهِ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا زَكَّا، أَسْرِعْ وَأَنْزِلْ، فَعَلَيَّ أَنْ أَقِيمَ الْيَوْمَ فِي بَيْتِكَ.» فَاسْرِعَ وَنَزَلَ وَاسْتَقْبَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ مَسْرُورًا. وَرَأَى الْجَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَدَمَّرُونَ قَائِلِينَ: «دَخَلَ لِيَبِيتَ عِنْدَ رَجُلٍ خَاطِي.» «أَمَّا زَكَّا فَوَقَفَ وَقَالَ لِلرَّبِّ: «يَا رَبِّ، هَا أَنَا أُعْطِي نِصْفَ مُقْتَنِيَاتِي لِلْفُقَرَاءِ، وَإِنْ كُنْتُ قَدْ ظَلَمْتُ أَحَدًا بِشَيْءٍ، فَإِنِّي أَرُدُّ لَهُ أَرْبَعَةَ أضعَافٍ.» فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «الْيَوْمَ صَارَ الْخَلَاصُ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ، لِأَنَّ هَذَا الرَّجُلَ هُوَ أَيْضًا ابْنٌ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ. فَإِنَّ ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ جَاءَ لِيَبْحَثَ عَنِ الضَّالِّينَ وَيُخَلِّصَهُ.»



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