



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship*

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Pentecost Season - زمن العنصرة



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WEEKLY BULLETIN



DAILY READINGS

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The Beatification of
Patriarch St. Stephen Douaihy
Bkerki, August 2, 2024

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LITURGIES INTENTIONS

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 Bou Chaaya, Ghada Nassar, their spouses & their families*

+ Saria Geha, *By Samih Geha & family*

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 10 (Eng.)

St. Lawrence

4:00 pm + Private Intention

Sunday, August 11

St. Clare

9:30 am + 1st Anniversary - Paul Khalife, *By his wife, Pamela, children & their families*

+ For the Forgotten Souls, *By Lili Bijjani*

11:00 am In Honor of Leonard Imad Nassar, *By his family*

Daily Liturgies

Monday, August 5 (Ar.)

Moses the Prophet/Acts 27:1-4,8a,14-15,22-26/Lk 12:54-59

9:00 am In Honor of Chaniel Abou-Ezzi, *By his family*

Tuesday, August 6 (Eng.)

The Transfiguration of our Lord

/2 Cor 3:7-17 / Mk 9:1-7

7:00 pm + Larry & Dora Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*

Wednesday, August 7 (Ar.)

St. Doumit / Acts 28:1-10 / Lk 13:6-9

9:00 am + Checrallah Bistany, *By his wife, Jeanne D'Arc, & family*

Thursday, August 8 (Eng.)

St. Dominic / Acts 28:11-15 / Lk 13:10-17

9:00 am In Honor of Abouna Elie Mikhael, *By his family*

Friday, August 9 -

NO LITURGY / OFFICE CLOSED

St. Matthias / Acts 28:16-22 / Lk 13:18-21

OBSERVANCES

- ◆ Feast of The Transfiguration of our Lord
— عيد تجلي الرب يسوع
Tuesday August 6, 2024 — Liturgy @ 7pm.
- ◆ As of August 1st, 2024, the parish office will be CLOSED on Fridays.

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Loving Memory of Saria Geha, *By Samih Geha & 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.

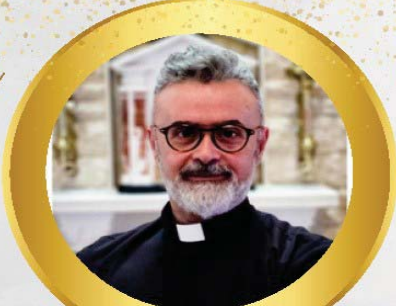
Thank You & Have Safe travel!

PLEASE NOTE

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

*Our Prayers Are
With You*

صلاتنا معك هذه الساعة




Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

Please join us for a Liturgy of thanksgiving and a reception to honor our Pastor on his new mission in Mexico and elevation to Chorbishop.

Join us to see him off with our love, prayers, and support!

SATURDAY ● DIVINE LITURGY
AUG 17 ● 4:00 PM

SUNDAY ● DIVINE LITURGY
AUG 18 ● 10:30AM
● RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



OFFICE HOURS:

M-TH 10:00 am-3:00 pm

FRI OFFICE CLOSED

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)

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

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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.



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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful

His Beatitude and Eminence, Patriarch Beshara Peter Rahi, has decided to grant the rank of Chorbishop to Father Elie Mikhael.

This follows the appointment by His Holiness Pope Francis of Father Elie as Apostolic Administrator of the vacant See of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in Mexico.

His ordination to Chorbishop will take place on Friday, August 9, 2024, at 6 PM at the Monastery of Saint John Maroun - the Episcopal See in Kfarhay - by Bishop Mounir Khairallah, as requested by the Patriarch.

Let us pray together for the new Chorbishop for his service in Mexico.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+Gregory John Mansour

GJM/ac



52ND 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 52ND 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

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-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.

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!



Buy your tickets Now
Scan the QR Code

RAFFLE BASKETS:

Join the Fun and Donate to Our Basket Raffles!

Unleash your creativity by picking a theme and putting together a fantastic basket for this year's Basket Raffles! Don't have the time or not sure where to start? We've got you covered!

We have a variety of ready-made baskets available that suit every budget. Whether you're looking for something simple or extravagant, there's a perfect option waiting for your donation.

Interested? Contact Dianne Dewan for a list of themes and prices:

Email: Didewang@gmail.com or Phone: (978) 273-0693

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 previous page for various sponsorship levels. Deadline to submit your sponsorship logo is Friday, August 23, 2024.

Thank you for your generous support and participation!

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS: We rely on your help, beloved parishioners, to volunteer your time and make this year's festival a grand success!

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Training Provided: We will ensure your readiness to contribute and engage.
- ◆ 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.



Sign-up Now
Scan the QR Code

Thank you for being a vital part of our community and contributing to the success of our 52nd Lebanese Mahrajan!

The Beatified Patriarch, Estefhan El Douaihy

Born in Ehden (North of Lebanon) on August 2, 1630, Estefan was named after St. Stephen, the first deacon and martyr whose feast day took place on the same day. He comes from pious parents Deacon Mikhael Duwayhi and Mariam and one brother Moussa. He lost his father at 3 years old. At age 5, he entered the Parochial School of St. Peter in North Ehden acquiring Arabic and Syriac languages and a solid Christian education. Aware of his intellectual capacities he distinguished himself with his prodigious and precocious intelligence.



Patriarch Gerges Omayra Duwayhi and his uncle Bishop Elias Duwayhi sent him to Rome in June 1641 at the age of 11. He joined the Maronite College of Rome where he astonished everyone with his superior intelligence, profound piety and outstanding personality. Father Sparsa testified: "I taught in many lands and in many universities, but I have not found the likes of Estefan, in the brightness of his mind and the purity of his life." He earned a Doctor of Philosophy and Theology degree. He was fluent in Arabic, Syriac, Latin, Italian, Greek, French, Turkish and Hebrew. Because of his intense studying, he became almost completely blind. Through the intercession of Mary Mother of God, he regained sight and never wear glasses.

In 1655, he brilliantly finished his education and his reputation spread throughout Europe. However, he refused all tempting offers from universities and Royal Courts. He chose to return to Lebanon on April 3, 1655, after visiting all the libraries and gathering precious documents about the Maronites. He was ordained priest on March 25, 1656, by Patriarch Youhanna at the Monastery of Sts. Sarkis and Bacchus in Ehden and was sent a year after to Aleppo (Syria) to help Bishop Andrew Agheejan working on the unity of Christians.

In 1658 he returned to the school he started at the Monastery of St. Yacoub Al Ahbach in Ehden and was named missionary of the congregation of the faith. That same year, he was sent by Patriarch Bshebhely to Jheeta, Kasrouan, Lebanon to teach and preach, and then to South Lebanon, to Saida, Bekah, Marjehyoun. Finally, he was appointed pastor of Ardee and the neighboring villages in North Lebanon. In 1662, at the request of Patriarch Bshebhely and the people, he returned to Aleppo (Syria), where he stayed for 6 years and was called "The Second Chrysostom."

In 1668, he returned to Lebanon after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with his mother and brother. Upon his return, he was surprised to learn he had been elected Bishop of Cyprus. He was ordained on July 8, 1668, by Patriarch Bshebhely. He entered the Diocese of Cyprus, establishing his residence in Nicosia and visiting all the Maronite cities of the Island, preaching, gathering documents, and organizing the diocese which had been vacant for thirty-four years. Providentially, on April 12, 1670, he went for a short visit to Lebanon. It was the day that Patriarch Gerges Bshebhely died. A few days after, he was elected Patriarch and was ordained on May 22, 1670 in Qannubine (the Patriarchal See at that time in the Holy Valley). Throughout his 34 years of patriarchate, he faced many trials and persecutions. His love for his Church and country was always the backbone of his ministry. He finished the liturgical books, organized the liturgical calendar, and structured the parishes and dioceses paying all the debts and preparing the Maronite Church to go forward with perseverance and strength. That is when he had been rightly named "The Father of The Maronite Church". He built 27 churches and many monasteries, ordained 14 bishops and many priests. He protected the Maronite Church from Latinization and gave her the proper and distinguished identity. He was instrumental in the foundation of the Lebanese Order and in the conversion to the Catholic Faith of the Melkite Patriarch Cyril and of the establishment of the first Syrian Catholic Patriarch. Always engaged in traveling because of the political unrest and social situation, he nevertheless wrote thirty extensive books on history and Church liturgy, not including his precious commentaries and his enormous correspondence to Popes, Kings, Cardinals, and leaders. Among his writing are: History of the Times; The origins of the Maronites; The Defense of the Orthodoxy of the Maronites; The Book of Ordinations; The Series of Maronite Patriarchs; The Lamp of the Sanctuary; The Book of Consecrations; The Book of Anaphoras; The Book of Rites and Benedictions; The Book of Syriac Tunes, and many others... He was a man of prayer. He liked to seclude himself in caves or in hidden places for prayer and meditation. In Qannubine, he had made an opening in his room so he could look freely at the Blessed Sacrament and the Icon of Mary in the church. He was very enduring and austere in his lifetime. According to his contemporary and biographer, Bishop Semaan Awad, later Patriarch from 1742 to 1756, "He never ate meat during his life, except when ordered by his medical advisor or his spiritual director and only for health reasons." And said: "He was like an eagle flying above all the birds and was among his peers like the sun among the stars." On May 3, 1704, Patriarch Estefan Duwayhi died at his See in the Holy Valley in Qannubine in the aroma of sanctity. Many miracles are attributed to him, both during his life and after his death. The cause of his Beatification was presented by the parish of Ehden and was accepted by Rome.

Read more: <https://patriarchdouaihy.com>



FREE ADMISSION

All are invited to come and join us
Festivities will go on come rain or shine!
Under the tents or in the open air!

Lebanese Mahrajan Food Festival

St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River, MA

Fri, Aug 9th ~ 5pm to 10pm
Sat, Aug 10th ~ Noon to 11pm
Sun, Aug 11th ~ 11am to 5pm

Authentic Lebanese Food and Pastry

MITCHELL KALTSUNAS AND ENSEMBLE
Fri. 6pm-10pm
Sat. 6pm-10pm
Sun. 12noon-4pm

Hookah

Bounce House & Inflated Basketball

DJ, GEORGE AYOUB
Fri. 5pm-6pm
Sat. 5pm-6pm
10pm-11pm
Sun. 11am-12noon
4pm-5pm

THROWBACK
Sat. 1pm-3pm

Alcoholic Beverages

Dancing and so much more!

Facebook: St Anthony of the Desert Maronite Catholic Church
Website: <https://saotd-f.org/>
Phone: 508-678-7633

FREE PARKING

BIRTHDAY WISHES

August 3 : Robert Chahine, Diana Geha, Marissa Prezzano, Zakia Russo, Jad Wehbe

August 4 : Chaniel Abou-Ezzi, Elie Ata, Robert Haykal, Tucker Kannan, Judah Ramey, Austin Roy, Carla Yeremian,

August 5 : Michel Asmar, Anthony Awad, Sophia Benti

August 6 : Laura Chamoun, Michelle Daccache, Noura Daher, Lea El-Hachem, Rabih Imad, Patrick Ramey

August 7 : Juliette Ata, Adam Avedisian, Elias Bourouphael, Joseph Gebeili, Nathaly Huntsman, Adeline Kuehne, Maliha Mouawad, Leonard Nassar, Ryan Savastano

August 8 : Reagan Bistany, Vincent Mouawad, Joshua Nicholson, Madelyn Pelletier, Vincent Puglisi, Christine Ryan

August 9 : Mary Abdou, John Azzi, Michael Azzi, Sylvie Faris, Talia Joumaa, Valentina Maroun, David Perrone, Sara Poirier

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

August 4: Marcel & Eliane Saade, Timothy & Elanor Shea

August 5: Sam & Alyssa Hajj, Gaby & Rama Ramy

August 6: Anthony & Joud Abou-Ezzi, Ralph & Carine El-Hayek, Jercin & Nathalie Ephrem, Jimmy & Morgan Georges, Robert & Anabelle Owaida

August 7: Pierre & Ann Maroun

August 8: Rony & Dalia Fakhry

August 9: Joseph & Alexandria Akiki, George & Felicia Azzi, Tanos & Jeanette El-Helou, Andre & Ashley Switala

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

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: KOC16204@gmail.com

"A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

Begins August 15 at 6:00pm with Holy Day Mass

Concludes August 17 at 9:00am with Saturday Morning Mass



METHUEN CATHOLIC
THE PARISHES OF ST. LUCY & ST. MONICA

40 HOUR DEVOTION

Thursday, August 15 - Saturday, August 17
Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church
212 Lawrence St. | Methuen, MA

Please contact Maureen 978-683-0589 or email at twigs7mcs@gmail.com
Sign up as a family or Partner with a friend

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost: The Canaanite Women

Book of Ruth 1:15-19a

So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!' When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, 'Is this Naomi?'

Letter to the Ephesians 3,1-13

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 15, 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

MY RELIGION IS

LOVE

MY LANGUAGE IS

KINDNESS

AND MY SUCCESS
IS EARNED THROUGH

GENEROSITY

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the **American Lebanese Awareness Association** for their recent generous donation and support to the LOL Bible Camp. Their act of kindness is vital for continuing our important work and mission. We cannot succeed without the generosity of supporters like you. *Thank you!*

THIRD & FINAL BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE

Maria Nammour & Marjo Salillari

Joelle Ramey & Andrew Cunha

الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة: إيمان المرأة الكنعانية

سفر راعوث 1: 15-19

قَالَتْ نُعْمِي لِرَاعُوثَ: «هَذِهِ سِلْفُتُكَ قَدْ رَجَعَتْ إِلَى شَعْبِهَا وَآلِهَتِهَا. فَأَرْجِعِي أَنْتِ عَلَى أَثَرِ سِلْفُتِكَ». فَقَالَتْ رَاعُوثُ: «لَا تُلْحِي عَلَيَّ أَنْ أَتْرُكَكَ وَأَرْجِعَ عَنكَ، فَإِنِّي حَيْثُمَا ذَهَبْتُ أَذْهَبُ وَحَيْثُمَا بَيْتٌ أَبِيْتُ، شَعْبُكَ شَعْبِي وَالْإِلَهَاتُ إِلَهِي وَحَيْثُمَا تَمُوتِي أَمُتُ وَهُنَاكَ أُدْفَنُ. لِيَصْنَعَ الرَّبُّ بِي هَكَذَا وَلِيَزِدْ هَكَذَا إِنَّ فَرْقَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنِكَ غَيْرُ الْمَوْتِ». فَلَمَّا رَأَتْهَا مُصِرَّةً عَلَى الذَّهَابِ مَعَهَا كَفَّتْ عَنِ مُحَادَثَتِهَا بِالْأَمْرِ. وَذَهَبَتَا كِلْتَاهُمَا حَتَّى وَصَلَتَا إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ. وَذَهَبَتَا كِلْتَاهُمَا حَتَّى وَصَلَتَا إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ. وَكَانَ عِنْدَ وَصُولِهِمَا إِلَى بَيْتِ لَحْمٍ أَنَّ الْمَدِينَةَ كُلَّهَا تَحَرَّكَتْ بِسَبَبِهِمَا، وَقَالَتِ النِّسَاءُ: «أَهْذِهِ نُعْمِي؟»

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 3: 1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأَمَمُ... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بِوَحْيِ أُطْلَعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيحَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تُدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقِدِّيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأَمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرَ الْقِدِّيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبْتُ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأَمَمَ بِغِنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَفْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكِي تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَوَّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضْعَفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضِّيقاتِ الَّتِي أُعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

إنجيل القديس متى 21: 15-28

إِنْصَرَفَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاحِي صُورَ وَصَيْدَا، وَإِذَا بِأَمْرَةٍ كَنْعَانِيَّةٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ النِّوَاحِي خَرَجَتْ تَصْرُخُ وَتَقُولُ: «إِرْحَمْنِي، يَا رَبِّ، يَا أَبْنَ دَاوُدَ! إِنَّ ابْنَتِي بِهَا شَيْطَانٌ يُعَذِّبُهَا جِدًّا». فَلَمْ يُجِبْهَا بِكَلِمَةٍ. وَدَنَا تَلَامِيذُهُ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَوَسَّلُونَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلِينَ: «إِصْرِفْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا تَصْرُخُ فِي إِثْرِنَا!». فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «لَمْ أُرْسَلْ إِلَّا إِلَى الْخِرَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلِ». «أَمَّا هِيَ فَآتَتْ وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ وَقَالَتْ: «سَاعِدْنِي، يَا رَبِّ!». فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «لَا يَحْسُنُ أَنْ يُؤَخَذَ خُبْرُ الْبَنِينَ، وَيُلْقَى إِلَى جِرَاءِ الْكِلَابِ!». «فَقَالَتْ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ! وَجِرَاءِ الْكِلَابِ أَيْضًا تَأْكُلُ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الْمُسَاقِطِ عَنِ مَائِدَةِ أَرْبَابِهَا». «حِينَئِذٍ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «أَيُّهَا الْمَرْأَةُ، عَظِيمٌ إِيْمَانُكَ! فَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ كَمَا تُرِيدِينَ. «وَمِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ شَفِيَتْ ابْنَتُهَا.

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