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3rd Sunday after Holy Cross

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب

For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth to the west,
so shall the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:27

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Daily Liturgies

3rd SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Saturday, September 28 (Eng.)

St. Chariton

4:00 pm + Richard Ferguson, *By his wife, Patricia, & son, Matthew*

Sunday, September 29

St. Romanos

9:30 am + John Purcell, *By his wife, Najla Azzi-Purcell*

11:00 am + 40 Day Anniversary - Fr. Joseph Abi-Saad, *By Mr. Camille and Mr. Gaby Abdelnour, & Family*

4th SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

Holy Rosary Sunday

Saturday, October 5 (Eng.)

St. Paul

4:00 pm + Michael & Irene Tarshi, and their sons, James & Steven, *By their Family*

Sunday, October 6

St. Thomas the Apostle

8:00 am + Private Intentions

9:30 am + Samira Monsour Howard, *By her son Thomas Monsour & family*

11:00 am For the living & deceased members of the Bou Mitri Family, *By Mr. & Mrs. Mounir Bou Mitri*

5:00 pm For the good health and well-being of our parish youth

Monday, September 30 (Ar.)

St. Gregory the Illuminator/Rev7:9-17 / Mt 24:32-44

9:00 am + Elham Azzi, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi*

Tuesday, October 1 (Eng.)

St. Therese of the Child Jesus/ Rev 10:1-11/ Lk 6:20-26

9:00 am + Private Intention

Wednesday, October 2 (Ar.)

Sts. Cyprian and Justina/ Rev 11:1-12 / Lk 5:33-39

9:00 am + Fr. Joseph Abi-Saad, *By Dr. & Mrs. George Abou-Ezzi*

Thursday, October 3 (Eng.)

St. Dionysius the Areopagite/ Rev 12:1-12 / Lk 21:34-38

9:00 am + Private Intention

9:30 am - Noon Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, October 4

OFFICE CLOSED

St. Francis of Assisi/ Gal 6:11-18 / Mt 11:25-30

7:00 pm Liturgy for the Sacred Heart of Jesus

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

**World Mission Sunday –
October 19 & 20, 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.



"Living as Citizens of Heaven: Our Mission in Christ"

Dear Parishioners,

We often focus on the Gospel during the Sunday liturgy and tend to overlook the Epistle. This week, I would like to share with you some thoughts on the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Philippians (3:17-21, 4:1). Paul speaks with deep concern about those who live as "enemies of the cross of Christ." This may seem like a harsh term, but Paul is not simply talking about those who actively oppose the Christian faith. Rather, he is referring to those whose lives are focused on earthly things—people whose priorities are shaped by self-indulgence, materialism, and the pursuit of immediate gratification. Paul warns us that these individuals "glory in their shame" and "their minds are set on earthly things." In other words, they place their trust in things that do not last, whether it's wealth, power, or physical pleasure. Their "god is the belly," meaning their desires and appetites control them, rather than the will of God. Paul grieves for them because their end is destruction, and their way of life leads away from Christ. But St. Paul also offers us a way forward. He reminds us that, as Christians, "our citizenship is in heaven." This means that our values, our hopes, and our actions should be guided by a higher purpose—by our relationship with Jesus Christ. Instead of being driven by temporary desires, we are called to focus on eternal things. How do we avoid becoming enemies of the cross? First, by recognizing that we are not defined by what we possess or achieve in this world. Our mission is to live as citizens of heaven, reflecting Christ's love and mercy in all that we do. This requires daily commitment to prayer, to serving others, and to growing in holiness. As St. John Vianney once said, "The saints did not all begin well, but they ended well." This reminds us that, no matter our past or the temptations we face, our focus must be on growing in faith and love. We can always turn back to Christ and recommit ourselves to following Him with full hearts. Our mission is clear: we are to witness to the truth of the Gospel, to be lights in the world. We do this not by withdrawing from the world, but by living in it with a heart set on God. We accomplish this mission by living out our faith with integrity, loving our neighbors, and standing firm in the Lord, as Paul urges. Let us reflect on how we can embody this mission more fully in our own lives, ensuring that our citizenship in heaven is evident through the choices we make and the love we show to others.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy

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:

Chorbishop Elie Mikhael

(305) 807-9087

Fr. Edgard -Neemtallah- Oneissy

(857)390-4838

pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,

& David Leard

Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour

CLERGY DAY OFF

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.

MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO

Next Meeting:

Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 5 - 7:00 pm

**October 25-27, 2024 - Eparchial Regional Retreat
Registration Closes September 30th**

www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/

Thank you to the generous **Grace Samaan at Keller Williams Realty, Inc.** for sponsoring the upcoming Regional MYO Eparchy Retreat, which will take place in Whiting, NJ. This sponsorship will help cover some of the transportation costs.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

Co-Chair: Colette Sadek & Gretta Merheb

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-4/

Apple Picking Trip

Sunday, October 6, 2024 @ 2-4 pm at Mann Orchards Riverside, please check your emails for details and permission slips.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Sessions:

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 @ 5 - 7 pm

Saturday, October 12 & 26 @ 5 - 7 pm

Please visit our website for the yearly calendar and to register your child for this year's classes. Registration Deadline is September 30th.

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

We are always looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested please email us at Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Meeting:

**Saturday, October 5, 2024,
11 am- 12:30 pm @ Church hall**

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

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Kick - Off Meeting:

Monday, October 7 @ 12 Noon

Please note that a fee of \$5 membership dues will be collected during this meeting. Thank you !



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

Thursday, October 17, 2024: Rosary @ 6:30pm followed by The liturgy & procession

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 October 15, 2024
@ 7pm, Church Hall**

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.
For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com



M-WINE

"We Serve Better Together"

Next event:
**Monday, October 21, 2024
6pm - 7:30pm @ church hall**

OBSERVANCES

Beginning on October 1st, 2024, we will resume back to our normal schedule for Liturgies and Eucharistic Adoration:

- ◆ Sunday Liturgies: 8 am (Ar) 9:30 am (Eng), & 11 am (Ar & Eng)
- ◆ Youth Liturgy: Every first Sunday of the month @ 5 pm
- ◆ Sacred Heart of Jesus Liturgy: Every First Friday of the month @ 7 pm
- ◆ Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday following the daily 9 am liturgy
- ◆ Columbus Day - No Liturgy- Office Closed Monday October 14, 2024
- ◆ Veterans Day - No Liturgy - Office Closed Monday November 11, 2024

SANCTUARY LAMPS



In Loving Memory of Richard Ferguson,
By his wife, Patricia, & his son, Matthew



In Loving Memory of Richard Ferguson,
By his sister, Patricia Ferguson

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:
www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of **Gerald P. Nassif** who passed away peacefully in Florida surrounded by his loving family. We express our deepest sympathies to his wife Ursula, his son Gerry, his daughter Robin Maggio, his grandchildren, his sister, his brother, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

May his soul rest in peace and

his memories be eternal.

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

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Dear Engaged Couples,

Congratulations on your decision to enter the beautiful sacrament of marriage!

As you prepare for this important step in your lives, I want to remind you of an essential guideline that is part of our Church's tradition.

According to Statute 63 of the Eparchy of Saint Maron (2019), those intending to marry must notify the pastor **at least 6 months before the planned wedding date**. This allows us ample time to schedule a meeting, begin the necessary preparation, and guide you through the spiritual and practical steps toward your special day.

If you intend to marry in 2025, I kindly ask you to contact me as soon as possible to discuss your wedding plans. Together, we will walk through this process to ensure that your marriage is celebrated with joy, reverence, and in full accordance with our faith.

May God bless you both as you prepare for this sacred journey!

In Christ,

Fr. Neemtallah (Edgard) Oneissy
Administrator

CONGRATULATIONS!

Baptized & Confirmed

Nora Leila Cordes

Daughter of Joseph & Sahar Cordes

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

MAHRAJAN VOLUNTEERS' EVENT

All our devoted and dedicated Mahrajan volunteers who consistently ensure our success as a Parish Family, are invited to an

Appreciation Dinner @ Church Hall
Saturday, October 19th, @ 7PM

APPLE PICKING TRIP

Hosted by The Knights of Mary Program Advisors



Date: Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Drop off time: 2:00 PM

Pick up time: 4:00 PM

Location: Mann Orchards Riverside Farm
445 Merrimack Street, Methuen MA

Instructions: Please join us for a fun fall event with the Knights of Mary program advisors, apple picking. Drop off and pickup times are listed above. We encourage you to dress your children appropriately. This is an outdoor event, we will **NOT** be responsible for lost items, so please **DO NOT** send your children with electronics or any valuable items.

The cost of the trip will be covered by our program.

Looking forward to you all joining us!




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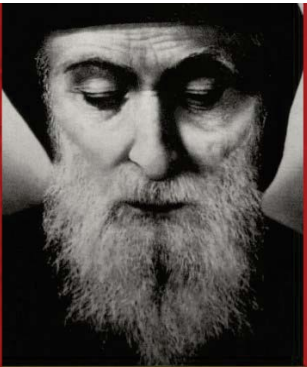
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For more information, contact the Order of Saint Sharbel President, Charlene Hiffa at info@orderstsharbel.org or call 718-237-9913 or consult your Parish Priest.
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

- September 28:** Dawn Aboelsaad, Elijah Kayrouz, Antoine Nader, Matthew Saab, Mikaela Strobel
- September 29:** Ramona Bou-Mitri, Pascal Constantine, Laura Dahbour, Tania Mazraani, Charbel Salloum, Nina Santos, Manuel Santos, Denis Vieira
- September 30:** Youssef Acevedo, Therese Chahine, Mason Sawyer
- October 1:** Luna Abi-Moussa, Ibrahim Ata, Christopher Bou Saada, Neal Hassan, Tanous Hatem, Jason Martino, Antoinette Sader, Alyce Sader, Christa-Maria Salame, Fadi Saroufim
- October 2:** Alexander Collins, Afif El Rahi, Patrick Gerges, Damari Leonardo, Dionair Leonardo, Radwan Maroun
- October 3:** Elizabeth Bistany, Ghazy Daher, Sanette Saade, Eliane Saade
- October 4:** Robert Issa, Connor Juralewicz, Selim Matta, Raghida Ramey, Adiel Rodriguez, Eliana Sfeir

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- September 28:** Alan & Karen Pelletier
- September 29:** Anthony & Cristina Chedid, William & Jennifer Kannan
- September 30:** Lutfi & Mouna Kassarji
- October 1:** Rabih & Maya Bou-Chaaya, Ryan & Nicole Jacobs
- October 2:** Raymond & Claudia Saysouk
- October 3:** Carlos & Christiane Daher, Stephen & Erica Maroon, Glenn & Lisa Prezzano,
- October 4:** Neal & Vatina Hassan

Third Sunday of The Cross: False Messiahs and Coming of the Son of Man

Book of Daniel 7: 9-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand, thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

First Letter to the Philippians 3: 17-21. 4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 24: 23-31

If anyone says to you, "Look! Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Take note, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, "Look! He is in the wilderness", do not go out. If they say, "Look! He is in the inner rooms", do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. 'Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 28 - 4 pm - Patricia Ferguson

Sunday, September 29 -

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 5 - 4 pm - Susan Kalil

Sunday, October 6 -

8:00 am - Huguette Sfeir

9:30 am - Michael Faris

11:00 am - (Eng) Mary Saab

(Ar) George Saab

الأحد الثالث بعد عيد الصليب: المسحاء الدجالون وعودة ابن الإنسان

سفر دانيال 7: 9-14

وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ نُصِبَتْ عُرُوشٌ فَجَلَسَ قَدِيمُ الْأَيَّامِ، وَكَانَ لِبَاسِهِ أَبْيَضُ كَالثَّلْجِ وَشَعْرُ رَأْسِهِ كَالصُّوفِ النَّقِيِّ وَعَرْشُهُ لَهَيْبَ نَارٍ وَعَجَلَاتُهُ نَارًا مُضْطَرِمَةً. وَمِنْ أَمَامِهِ يَجْرِي وَيَخْرُجُ نَهْرٌ مِنْ نَارٍ وَتَخْدِمُهُ أُلُوفٌ أُلُوفٍ وَتَقِفُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ رِبَوَاتٌ رِبَوَاتٍ. فَجَلَسَ أَهْلُ الْقَضَاءِ وَفَتَحَتْ أَسْفَارُ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ بِسَبَبِ صَوْتِ الْأَقْوَالِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَا الْقَرْنُ. وَبَيْنَمَا كُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ إِذْ قُتِلَ الْحَيَوَانُ وَأُبِيدَ جِسْمُهُ وَجُعِلَ وُقُودًا لِلنَّارِ. أَمَّا بَاقِي الْحَيَوَانَاتِ، فَأَزِيلَ سُلْطَانُهَا. لَكِنَّا أُتَيْتُ طُولَ حَيَاةٍ إِلَى زَمَانٍ وَوَقْتٍ. وَكُنْتُ أَنْظُرُ فِي رُؤْيَايَ لَيْلًا فَإِذَا بِمِثْلِ ابْنِ إِنْسَانٍ آتٍ عَلَى غَمَامِ السَّمَاءِ فَبَلَغَ إِلَى قَدِيمِ الْأَيَّامِ وَقَرَّبَ إِلَى أَمَامِهِ. وَأُوتِيَ سُلْطَانًا وَمَجْدًا وَمَلَكًا فَجَمِيعُ الشُّعُوبِ وَالْأُمَمِ وَالْأَلْسِنَةِ يَعْبُدُونَهُ وَسُلْطَانُهُ سُلْطَانٌ أَبَدِيٌّ لَا يَزُولُ وَمَلِكُهُ لَا يَنْقَرِضُ.

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي 3: 17-21: 4

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِفْتَدُوا بِي، وَأَنْظَرُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَسْأَلُونَ عَلَى مِثَالِنَا. فَكَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُ أَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ مِرَارًا، وَأَكَلِّمُكُمْ عَنْهُمْ الْآنَ بَاكِيًا، يَسْأَلُونَ كَأَعْدَاءٍ لِصَلِيبِ الْمَسِيحِ، أَوْلِيَاكَ الَّذِينَ عَاقَبْتُهُمْ الْهَلَاكِ، أَوْلِيَاكَ الَّذِينَ إِلَهُهُمْ بَطْنُهُمْ، وَمَجْدُهُمْ فِي عَارِهِمْ، وَفِي أُمُورِ الْأَرْضِ هُمُّهُمْ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ فَمَدِينَتُنَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَمِنْهَا نَنْتَظِرُ الرَّبَّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ مُخْلِصًا. وَهُوَ سَيُغَيِّرُ جَسَدَ هَوَانِنَا، فَيَجْعَلُهُ عَلَى صُورَةِ جَسَدِ مَجْدِهِ، وَفَقًّا لِعَمَلِ قُدْرَتِهِ، الَّتِي بِهَا يُخْضِعُ لِنَفْسِهِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ. إِذَا، يَا إِخْوَتِي، الَّذِينَ أُحِبُّهُمْ وَأَسْتَأْفِقُ إِلَيْهِمْ، وَأَنْتُمْ فَرَحِي وَإِكْلِيلِي، أُثْبِتُوا هَكَذَا فِي الرَّبِّ، أَيُّهَا الْأَحْبَاءُ.

إنجيل القديس متى 1: 24-14

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «إِنْ قَالَ لَكُمْ أَحَدٌ: هُوَذَا الْمَسِيحُ هُنَا أَوْ هُنَاكَ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَسَوْفَ يَقُومُ مُسْحَاءً كَذِبَةً وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةً، وَيَأْتُونَ بِآيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةٍ وَخَوَارِقَ، لِيُضِلُّوا الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ، لَوْ قَدَرُوا. هَا إِنِّي قَدْ أَنْبَأْتُكُمْ! فَإِنْ قَالُوا لَكُمْ: هَا هُوَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ! فَلَا تَخْرُجُوا، أَوْ: هَا هُوَ فِي دَاخِلِ الْبَيْتِ! فَلَا تُصَدِّقُوا. فَكَمَا أَنَّ الْبَرْقَ يُومِضُ مِنَ الْمَشَارِقِ، وَيَسْطَعُ حَتَّى الْمَغَارِبِ، هَكَذَا يَكُونُ مَجِيءُ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. حَيْثُ تَكُونُ الْجِنَّةُ هُنَاكَ تَجْتَمِعُ النَّسُورُ. وَحَالًا بَعْدَ ضَيْقِ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، أَلْسَمُسُ تُظْلِمُ، وَالْقَمَرُ لَا يُعْطِي ضَوْءَهُ، وَالنُّجُومُ تَتَسَاقَطُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَقُوَّاتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ تَتَزَعَّرُ. وَحِينَئِذٍ تَظْهَرُ فِي السَّمَاءِ عَلَامَةٌ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ، فَتَنْتَجِبُ قَبَائِلُ الْأَرْضِ كُلُّهَا، وَتَرَى ابْنَ الْإِنْسَانِ آتِيًا عَلَى سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ بِقُدْرَةٍ وَمَجْدٍ عَظِيمٍ. وَيُرْسِلُ مَلَائِكَتَهُ يَنْفُخُونَ فِي بُوقٍ عَظِيمٍ، فَيَجْمَعُونَ مُخْتَارِيهِ مِنَ الرِّيَّاحِ الْأَرْبَعِ، مِنْ أَقَاصِي السَّمَاوَاتِ إِلَى أَقَاصِيهَا.

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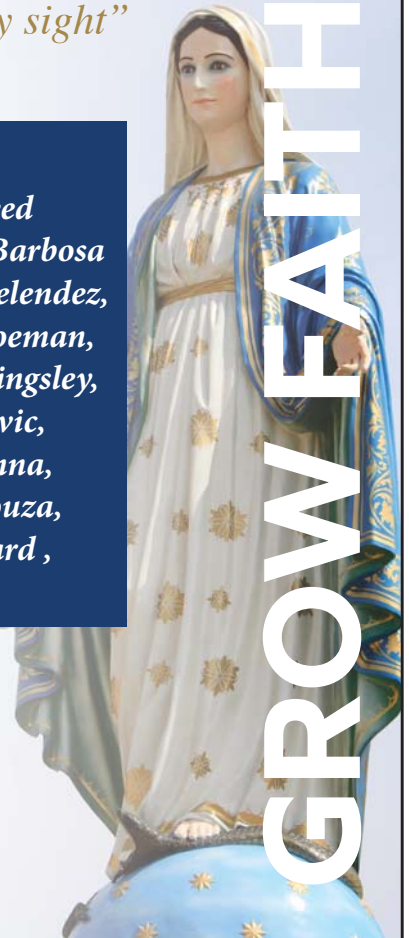
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