



# *Sunday Of The Righteous And Just*

أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين



## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*You are welcomed & loved by St Anthony's Maronite Church Community  
We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service & stewardship*

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## LITURGIES INTENTIONS

### Daily Liturgies

### SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST

**Saturday, February 15** (Eng) *Sts. Faustinus & Jovita*

4:00 pm + Dan & Gloria Sarkis, *By their loving family*

**Sunday, February 16** *St. Theodore the Soldier*

8:00 am + Marie Badawy, *By her sister, Lili Bijjani*

+ Raymond Saab, *By his son Tony Saab, & family*

9:30 am + Raymonde, Neemtallah, & Elie Saad, *By their family*

11:00 am + 1st Anniversary - Daad Ramy Cherabie, *By her children, their spouses, & her grandchildren*

### SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**Saturday, February 22** (Eng)  
*Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter*

4:00 pm + Sam & May Khoury, *By Vivian Ota, Joseph, Mireille, & Steve Khoury, & their families*

**Sunday, February 23** *St. Polycarp*

8:00 am + Private Intention

9:30 am + Sister Alexandrine, *By her sister, Lili Bijjani*

11:00 am + 40 Day Anniversary—Therese Hbaiter Mourbas, *By her siblings, Kamil & Elia Hbaiter, Nadia Azzi, & Foutine Daher, & their families*

**Monday, February 17** (Ar) - **OFFICE CLOSED**

*St. Agapitus / Heb 12:1-13 / Mt 5:1-12*

### President's Day

**Tuesday, February 18** (Eng)

*Pope St. Leo the Great / Heb 12:14-17 / Mt 5:13-16*

9:00 am + Daad Ramy Cherabie, *By her children, their spouses, & her grandchildren*

+ Teresa Perkins, *By Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy*

**Wednesday, February 19** (Ar)

*The 500 Martyrs of Tyre / Heb 12:25-29 / Mt 5:17-20*

9:00 am + Private Intention

**Thursday, February 20** (Eng)

*St. James / Heb 13:1-8 / Mt 5:21-26*

9:00 am + Larry & Dora M. Pereira, *By Dora Pereira*

9:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, February 21** - **OFFICE CLOSED**

*St. Eustathius / Heb 13:9-16 / Mt 5:27-37*

### OBSERVANCES

- ◆ Presidents' Day - Monday, February 17, 2025 - *Office Closed*
- ◆ Ash Monday, March 3, 2025 - Liturgies & distribution of ashes (Eng & Ar) @ 9 am & 6 pm

### PLEASE NOTE

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



### Three Weeks of Commemorations Before Lent in the Maronite Church

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Lent, the Maronite Church dedicates the three weeks before Ash Monday to the commemoration of those who have gone before us in faith. These weeks are a time of reflection, gratitude, and prayer, reminding us of the journey we all share toward eternal life. Through these commemorations, we acknowledge the importance of those who have served, lived righteously, and remained faithful to God.

#### 1. The Commemoration of the Priests

The first week is dedicated to the priests, bishops, and all clergy who have served as shepherds of the Church. Through their ministry, they have been instruments of God's grace, preaching the Word, celebrating the sacraments, and guiding the faithful. We pray for those who have passed away, especially all the priests who served in Saint Anthony since it was established in 1901, asking God to reward them for their service and to keep watching over us from Heaven.

#### 2. The Commemoration of the Righteous and the Just

The second week honors all the righteous and just, those who have lived holy lives, following the will of God. This includes the saints, martyrs, and all those who have exemplified faith, love, and charity. The Gospel passage for this week is Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus speaks of the Final Judgment—separating the sheep from the goats based on acts of mercy and love. This passage calls us to examine our lives and ask: Are we serving Christ in the poor, the sick, the hungry, and the suffering? It is a reminder that holiness is not just about reciting prayers but also about how we love and serve others.

#### 3. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The final week before Lent is dedicated to all the faithful departed—our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. The Maronite Church consecrates a whole week to pray for the dead, asking for God's mercy so that they may share in the eternal joy of His Kingdom. We believe in the power of intercessory prayer for the departed, because love is infinite, and this connection will never finish, it transforms into a spiritual relationship through prayer, sacrifices, and the Eucharist. This commemoration reminds us of our mortality and encourages us to live each day in preparation for eternal life, and on day we will meet with our loved ones and live eternally in Heaven.

As Saint John Paul II said: "Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." May these weeks be a time of prayer, reflection, and gratitude, preparing our hearts to embark on the Lenten journey as "Pilgrims of Hope" toward Easter.

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** 8am(Ar) 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](mailto:pastor@stanthonylawrence.org)

#### MEET OUR DEACONS:

*Nadim Daou, James T. Demers,  
& David Leard*

*Sub-Deacon: Antoine Nammour*

#### CLERGY DAY OFF

*Fr. Neemtallah: Fridays*

#### 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.



**Purpose:**

Form a Men of Saint Joseph (MSJ) group at Saint Anthony's church taking the earthly father of Jesus as a guide and intercessor, and create the opportunity to pray, share our experience and grow in faith together on our journey to eternal life promised to us by Jesus the crucified.

**Monthly Meeting Schedule**

Third Saturday of every month @ 8 am at Saint Anthony Maronite Church Hall.

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



Thursday, February 20, 2025:

Rosary @ 6:30pm

Followed by 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](mailto:communications@familyofsaintsharbel.org)

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



*"In Service To One,  
In Service To All"*

Next meeting:

**Tuesday March 11, 2025**

**@ 7 pm, Church Hall**

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: [KOFc16204@gmail.com](mailto:KOFc16204@gmail.com)

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**




In Loving Memory of Daad Ramy Cherabie, *By her children & their spouses.*



In Loving Memory of Teta Daad Ramy Cherabie, *By her grandchildren.*

Book your Sanctuary lamp Online:

[www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/sanctuary-lamp/)

 **M-WINE**

**"We Serve Better Together"**

Next Meeting:  
**Monday, March 10, 2025**  
**7pm @ Church hall**

**KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR**

Next Meeting:  
**Saturday, March 1st, 2025,**  
**11 am– 12:30 pm @ Church hall**

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

**KNIGHTS OF MARY**

Next Session:  
**Saturday, March 15 & 29, 2025 @ 5 - 7 pm**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/)

**MARONITE YOUTH ORGANIZATION-MYO**

Next Meeting:  
**Sunday, February 16, 2025 @ 6 - 7:30 pm**  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/myo/)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Next Sessions:  
**Saturday, February 22, 2025 @ 5 - 7 pm**  
*Please visit our website for the yearly calendar*  
[www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/](http://www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar-classes-and-events/)

**MARCH 1** DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM



# ANNUAL PARISH HAFLI LET'S TRAVEL THE WORLD



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY:  
**GEORGE KOUZ**  
CARIBBEAN DANCE BY:  
**RAMON SALOMON**

## WHERE?

ST. ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH  
145 Amesbury St, Lawrence MA

## CONTACT?

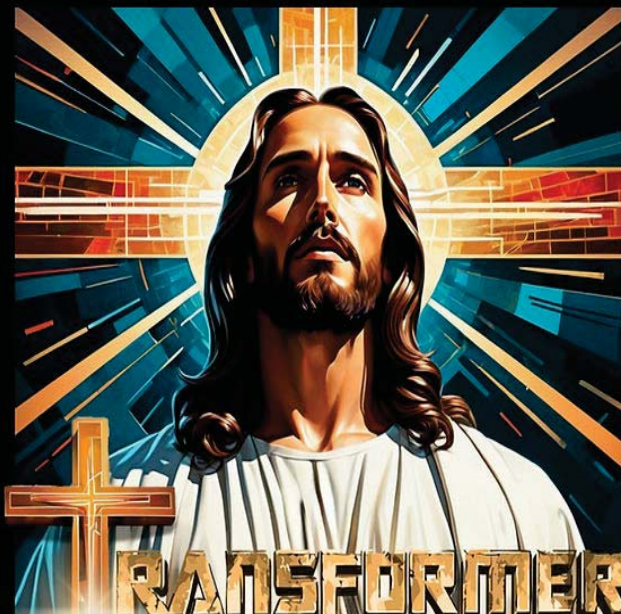
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## TICKET?


**\$100**





**TRANSFORMER**

**RISE AGAIN**  
LENTEN DAY RETREAT

**NEW ENGLAND**  **MID-ATLANTIC**

ST. ANTHONY DANBURY, CT      OLL CATHEDRAL BROOKLYN, NY

**03. 29. 2025**      **04. 05. 2025**  
SATURDAY      SATURDAY

For Grades 7-12      Cost Per Person \$40

register @ myoeparchystmaron.org



**NORTHERN REGIONAL 2025**  
FINDING STRENGTH IN SURRENDER

**APRIL 5 - LAWRENCE, MA**

**Saturday April 5**

- 9:30 AM Check-In
- 10:00 AM Prayer
- 10:15 AM Icebreaker
- 10:45 AM Talk #1
- 11:30 AM Breakout
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:15 PM Talk #2
- 2:00 PM Breakout
- 2:40 PM Adoration and Confession
- 4:00 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM Break
- 8:00 PM Dinner at Beirut

In addition to the above MYA events, the Lawrence Parish will be hosting

**Friday April 4**  
TBD Stations of the Cross

**Sunday April 6**  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy






\*Schedule is subject to change

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



**Flourish**  
WOMEN'S RETREAT

Parish of Saint Maron of Brooklyn


**Friday & Saturday**  
**April 25 & 26, 2025**  
Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

**"Who is Mary? Facets of the Feminine Genius"**



Join us for the First Annual Flourish Women's Retreat hosted by the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center! Our keynote speaker this year, Johnnette Benkovic Williams (host of "Women of Grace" on EWTN), will unpack for us our unique role as chosen women who we are as chosen women of the Most High God, and teach us how to employ the gifts of our femininity in the way Our Blessed Mother Mary modeled for us.

For more information, the detailed retreat schedule and to register, scan the QR code or go to [www.SaintSharbelCenter.org](http://www.SaintSharbelCenter.org) under "Programs" and then "Retreats/Workshops".



The cost for the retreat is \$135.

Accommodations are not included. Contact Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the retreat. Deadline to reserve a room is March 26, 2025.



To register and reserve your spot, go to **SaintSharbelCenter.org**  
820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216  
info@SaintSharbelCenter.org

**Come & See**  
MARONITE SERVANTS OF CHRIST THE LIGHT  
~2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE~

*Prayer & Supper*

Join the sisters for Maronite Evening Prayer (Ramsho) and Supper at our Mother of the Light Convent, 856 Tucker Rd Dartmouth from 4 to 7pm:

- Sunday February 23
- Sunday May 18

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGES 18 TO 39) AND SEEKING TO DISCERN THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.




*Discernment Retreat Weekend*

Join us for a "Come & See" Discernment Retreat Weekend at our Convent:

- June 6-8, 2025
- September 5-7, 2025

The retreats offer an opportunity to listen to the Lord, rest in His Love, and spend time with Sisters on the journey of discernment of a call to religious life.

OPEN TO YOUNG ADULT WOMEN WHO ARE SINGLE (AGES 18 TO 39) AND SEEKING TO DISCERN THEIR VOCATION WITH THE MARONITE SERVANTS.



*Monthly Discernment Group*

If you are seeking to learn more about prayer and exploring God's call for your life and fellowship with the sisters and other women discerning their call please contact Vocation Director, Sr. Therese Maria Touma.

TO REACH OUT OR RSVP CONTACT:  
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WEBSITE: [MARONITESERVANTS.ORG](http://MARONITESERVANTS.ORG)



**AMERICAN LEBANESE AWARENESS ASSOCIATION**

All qualified **High School Seniors and College Undergraduates** students are invited to apply for the **ALAA Scholarships**.

All applicants are encouraged to use the electronic application. Deadline is March 1st, 2025.

Students can access this information at : [americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org](http://americanlebaneseawarenessassociation.org)

Or on ALAA Facebook page.

**MARONITE HISTORY**  
**SAVE THE DATES!**

Online Workshops at 8pm:

Feb. 6- St. Maron & the Maronite Liturgy (Fr. Dominique Hanna)

Feb. 13- Maronite Music & Melodies (Fr. Neemtallah Oneissy)

Feb. 20 - Maronites & the Holy See (Chorbishop John Faris)

**VIA ZOOM**

Hosted by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light in conjunction with the St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center.

To register and/or to learn more visit:  
maroniteservants.org  
saintsharbelcenter.org

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 15- 4 pm - Pat Fergusson

Sunday, February 16 -

- 8:00 am - Hitaf Nammour
- 9:30 am - David Brousseau
- 11:00 am - (Eng) Carla Bouchrouche  
(Ar) Mounira Daher

**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 22- 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, February 23 -

- 8:00 am - Roula Nassar
- 9:30 am - Brady Barry
- 11:00 am - (Eng) Elias Azzi  
(Ar) Mouna Hbaiter

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS**

**02/09/2025**

Candles	\$70.11
Feast of the Presentation Candles	\$298.00
Sunday Collection	\$1,019.00
St. Maron's Feast Collection	\$667.00
Utilities, Fuel, & Electricity	\$215.00

**Total \$ 2,269.11**

*Thank you for your generous support to our parish. 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!*

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- February 15:** Danny Abourjeili, Marie Clement, Linda Gabriel, Samira Khalife, Michael Lalo, Miles Maroon, Molly Rizk, Wajdi Spiridon
- February 16:** Rita Akl, Mark Bejjani, Elizabeth Ganem, Mason Jesionowski, Diane Smith, Michael Tarshi
- February 17:** Kathleen Gabriel, Noah Hassan, Pierre Maroun, Leah Rizkallah, Eleanor Shea
- February 18:** Joy Andoun, Louann Bistany, Lisa Germanos, John Hurton IV
- February 19:** Christopher Azzi, Rebecca Azzi, Larry Bejjani, Gabriel Bourouphael, Nora Cordes, Elias Daaboul, Carlos Daher, Charbel Daher, Tuffic Hatem, George Kazanjian, Mikayla Plouffe, Mariana Sadek
- February 20:** George Azzi, Adrian Eid, Krista Maroun
- February 21:** Slaiman Antar, Joseph Maroun, Bianca Raad

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- February 18:** Shadi & Josiane Asmar  
Etienne & Amara Khalife
- February 20:** Joshua & Alaina Pelletier

## Sunday of the Righteous and the Just

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*Book of Wisdom 5:1, 3-6, 8,15-16*

Then shall the righteous one with great assurance confront his oppressors who set at nought his labors. They shall say among themselves, rueful and groaning through anguish of spirit: "This is the one whom once we held as a laughingstock and as a type for mockery, fools that we were! His life we accounted madness, and death dishonored. See how he is accounted among the heavenly beings; how his lot is with the holy ones! We, then, have strayed from the way of truth, and the light of righteousness did not shine for us, and the sun did not rise for us. What did our pride avail us? What have wealth and its boastfulness afforded us? But the righteous live forever, and in the LORD is their recompense, and the thought of them is with the Most High. Therefore shall they receive the splendid crown, the beautiful diadem, from the hand of the LORD, For he will shelter them with his right hand, and protect them with his arm.

*Letter to the Hebrews 12:18-24*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

*Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 25:31-46*

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'



## أحد الأبرار والصدّيقين

سفر الحكمة 5: 1, 3-6, 8, 15-16

حينئذٍ يقومُ البارُّ بِجُرْأَةٍ عَظِيمَةٍ فِي وُجُوهِ الَّذِينَ ضَايَقُوهُ وَاحْتَقَرُوا أَنْعَابَهُ. فَيَقُولُ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ نَادِمِينَ وَنَائِحِينَ مِنْ ضَيْقِ صُدُورِهِمْ: «هُوَذَا الَّذِي كُنَّا حِينًا نَجْعَلُهُ ضُحْكَةً وَمَوْضِعَ تَهَكُّمٍ نَحْنُ الْأَغْيَاءُ! لَقَدْ حَسَبْنَا حَيَاتَهُ جُنُونًا وَأَجْرَتَهُ عَارًا. فَكَيْفَ أَصْبَحَ فِي عِدَادِ بَنِي اللَّهِ وَصَارَ نَصِيْبُهُ مَعَ الْقَدِيسِينَ؟ لَقَدْ ضَلَلْنَا عَنْ طَرِيقِ الْحَقِّ وَلَمْ يُضِيْ لَنَا نُورُ الْبِرِّ. فَمَاذَا نَفْعَتْنَا الْكِبْرِيَاءُ؟ وَمَاذَا أَفَادَنَا الْغِنَى الَّذِي كُنَّا نَفْتَخِرُ بِهِ؟ أَمَّا الْأَبْرَارُ فَسِيحْيُونَ لِلْأَبَدِ وَعِنْدَ الرَّبِّ ثَوَابُهُمْ وَأَلْهُم عِنَايَةً مِنْ لَدُنِ الْعَلِيِّ. فَلِذَلِكَ سَيَنَالُونَ إِكْلِيلَ الْبَهَاءِ وَتَاجَ الْجَمَالِ مِنْ يَدِ الرَّبِّ لِأَنَّهُ بِيَمِينِهِ يَحْمِيهِمْ وَبِيَدِ رِجْلِهِ يَسْتُرُهُمْ.

الرسالة إلى العبرانيين 12: 18-24

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنَّكُمْ لَمْ تَقْتَرِبُوا إِلَى جَبَلِ مَلْمُوسٍ، وَنَارٍ مُتَّقَدَةٍ، وَضَبَابٍ وَظَلَامٍ وَزَوْبَعَةٍ، وَهَتَافِ بُوقٍ، وَصَوْتِ كَلِمَاتٍ طَلَبَ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوهَا أَلَّا يُزَادُوا مِنْهَا كَلِمَةً؛ لِأَنَّهُمْ لَمْ يُطِيقُوا تَحْمُلَ هَذَا الْأَمْرِ: «لَوْ أَنَّ بَهِيمَةً مَسَّتِ الْجَبَلَ تَزَجَمُ!». «وَكَانَ الْمَنْظَرُ رَهِيْبًا حَتَّى إِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ: «إِنِّي خَائِفٌ وَمُرْتَعِدٌ!». «بَلِ افْتَرَبْتُمْ إِلَى جَبَلِ صِهْيُونِ، وَإِلَى مَدِينَةِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، أَوْرَشَلِيمَ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، وَإِلَى عَشْرَاتِ الْأُلُوفِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَإِلَى عِيدِ حَافِلِ، وَإِلَى كَنِيسَةِ الْأَبْكَارِ الْمَكْتُوبِينَ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، وَإِلَى اللَّهِ دَيَّانِ الْجَمِيعِ، وَإِلَى أَرْوَاحِ الْأَبْرَارِ الَّذِينَ بَلَّغُوا الْكَمَالَ، وَإِلَى وَسِيطِ الْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، يَسُوعِ، وَإِلَى دَمِ رَشِّ يَنْطِقُ بِكَلَامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْ دَمِ هَابِيلِ!

إنجيل القديس متى 25: 31-46

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: «مَتَى جَاءَ أَبْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي مَجْدِهِ، وَجَمِيعُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مَعَهُ، يَجْلِسُ عَلَى عَرْشِ مَجْدِهِ. وَتُجْمَعُ لَدَيْهِ جَمِيعُ الْأُمَمِ، فَيُمَيِّزُ بَعْضَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ، كَمَا يُمَيِّزُ الرَّاعِي الْخِرَافَ مِنَ الْجِدَاءِ. وَيُقِيمُ الْخِرَافَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَالْجِدَاءَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ. حِينئذٍ يَقُولُ الْمَلِكُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ يَمِينِهِ: تَعَالَوْا، يَا مُبَارَكِي أَبِي، رَثُوا الْمَلَكُوتَ الْمُعَدَّ لَكُمْ مُنْذُ إِنْشَاءِ الْعَالَمِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَأَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَسَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا فَرَزَمْتُمُونِي، وَمَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْتُمُونِي إِلَى. حِينئذٍ يُجِيبُهُ الْأَبْرَارُ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا فَأَطْعَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عَطَشَانًا فَسَقَيْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ غَرِيبًا فَأَوْثَمْنَاكَ، أَوْ عُرْيَانًا فَكَسَوْنَاكَ؟ وَمَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا فَأَتَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ؟ فَيُجِيبُ الْمَلِكُ وَيَقُولُ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا عَمَلْتُمُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ إِخْوَتِي هُوَ لِأَيِّ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي عَمَلْتُمُوهُ! ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ عَنْ شِمَالِهِ: اذْهَبُوا عَنِّي، يَا مَلَاعِينِ، إِلَى النَّارِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الْمُعَدَّةِ لِإِبْلِيسَ وَجُنُودِهِ؛ لِأَنِّي جُعْتُ فَمَا أَطْعَمْتُمُونِي، وَعَطَشْتُ فَمَا سَقَيْتُمُونِي، وَكُنْتُ غَرِيبًا فَمَا أَوْثَمْتُمُونِي، وَعُرْيَانًا فَمَا كَسَوْتُمُونِي، وَمَرِيضًا وَمَحْبُوسًا فَمَا رَزَمْتُمُونِي! حِينئذٍ يُجِيبُهُ هُوَ لِأَيِّ الصِّغَارِ قَائِلِينَ: يَا رَبِّ، مَتَى رَأَيْنَاكَ جَائِعًا أَوْ عَطَشَانًا أَوْ غَرِيبًا أَوْ مَرِيضًا أَوْ مَحْبُوسًا وَمَا خَدَمْنَاكَ؟ حِينئذٍ يُجِيبُهُمْ قَائِلًا: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: كُلُّ مَا لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ لِأَحَدٍ هُوَ لِأَيِّ الصِّغَارِ، فَلِي لَمْ تَعْمَلُوهُ. وَيَذْهَبُ هُوَ لِأَيِّ الصِّغَارِ إِلَى الْعَذَابِ الْأَبَدِيِّ، وَالْأَبْرَارُ إِلَى الْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.»

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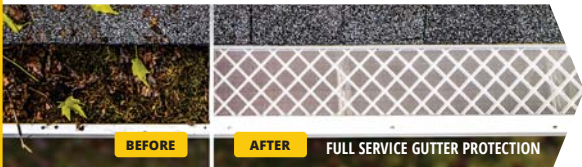
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