

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost: Martha and Mary

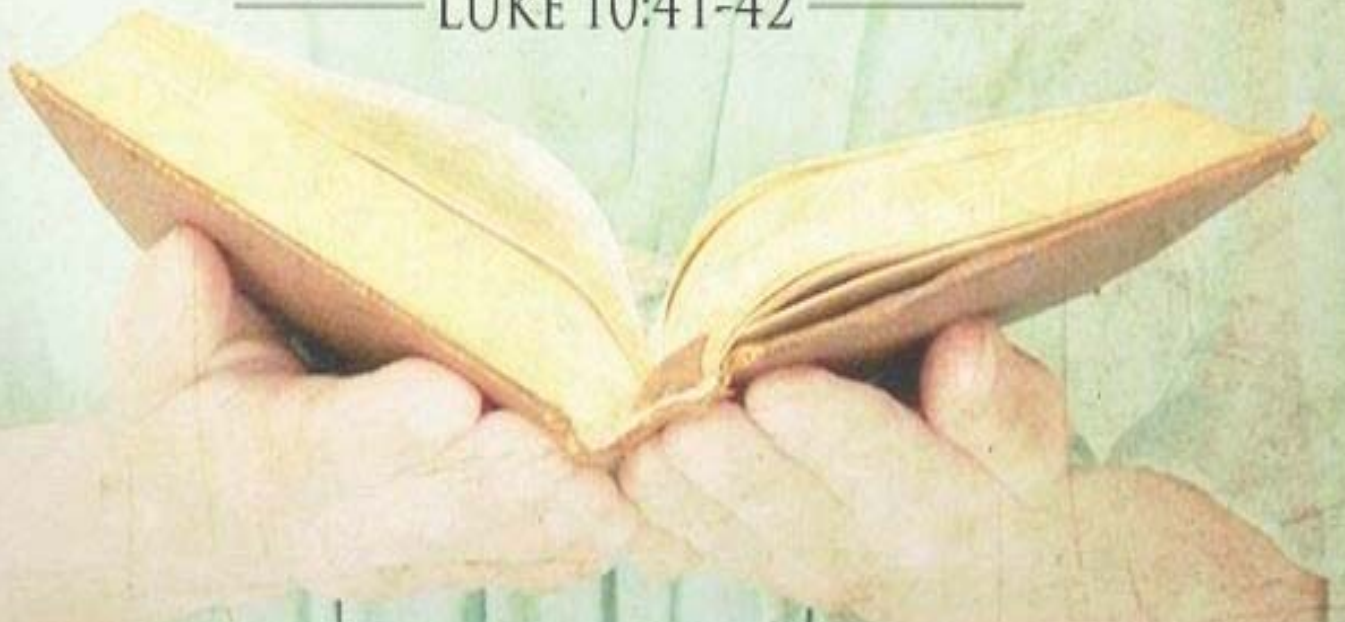
الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة: مرتا ومريم

"MARTHA, MARTHA,"

THE LORD ANSWERED, "YOU ARE
WORRIED AND UPSET ABOUT MANY THINGS,
BUT ONLY ONE THING IS NEEDED.

MARY HAS CHOSEN WHAT IS BETTER, AND IT
WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER."

— LUKE 10:41-42 —



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

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 6 (Eng)

St. Michael the Archangel

4:00 pm +Carol Hatem.

Sunday, September 7

St. Sozon

9:30 am +Father Naji Kiwan, *By Deacon & Mrs. David Leard*

11:00 am 40 Day Anniversary +Georgette Abou Samra Hayek, Also for her husband & son, +Elia & Joseph Abou Maila Hayek, *By their son, Jacques Hayek & daughter, Samira Hayek & their families*

Season of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 13 (Eng)

St. Christopher

4:00 pm +Zazie Khoder, *By the Ganem & Hatem Families*

Sunday, September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30 am +Robert J. & Evon Danus, *By the Rembis Family*

11:00 am +President Bachir Gemayel and the Deceased Members of the Lebanese Forces, *By the Lebanese Forces Methuen Chapter*

PLEASE NOTE

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

Daily Liturgies

Monday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Cor 4:1-6 / Lk 8:16-21

9:00 am Private Intention

Tuesday, September 9

Sts Joachim & Anne - Parents of the Virgin Mary

1 Jn 4:7-21 / Lk 15:8-10

9:00 am +Souls in Purgatory, *By Dora Pereira*

Wednesday, September 10

St. Pulcheria the Queen

1 Jn 5:1-12 / Lk 16:1-8

9:00 am Private Intention

Thursday, September 11

St. Theodora of Alexandria

1 Jn 5:13-21 / Lk 16:9-12

9:00 am Private Intention

Friday, September 12 - OFFICE CLOSED

St. Cornelius

2 Jn 1-13 / Lk 16:13-17

NO LITURGY

THIS WEEKEND EPARCHIAL 2ND COLLECTION

Catholic University of America &

Maronite Seminary – September 7, 2025

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

08/31/2025

Candles	\$147.75
Sunday Collection	\$2,913.00
Utilities, Fuel & Electricity	\$120.00
Donations	\$1,235.00
Sanctuary Lamps	\$50.00
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	\$4,465.75

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



Dear Parishioners and friends,

With hearts full of gratitude, I would like to thank you for the success of our Mahrajan 2025. This year's celebration truly revealed the spirit of family and love that defines our parish. Together, we shared not only our culture, but also our faith and values in a way that touched every soul present.

On Friday evening, we dedicated the bell and began the new tradition of ringing it to announce the opening of our Mahrajan. We passed the torch to the new generation, and we released white balloons in memory of our beloved departed—those who worked before us and whose legacy we continue. These moments carried deep meaning and reminded us that our Mahrajan is more than a festival; it is a living testimony of faith, hope, and community.

Behind the scenes, we witnessed volunteers—tired, yet tireless—working nonstop. Their smiles and generous hearts filled the atmosphere with love and care. While the Mahrajan indeed helps raise important funds, its real income lies in the memories created, the friendships strengthened, and the family we continue to build together. This is the priceless treasure that makes our celebration truly special.

On behalf of Abouna George and myself, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Mahrajan Committee, all our volunteers, sponsors, and every guest who joined us. Each of you played an essential role in making this cultural and spiritual event meaningful beyond measure.

Happy Mahrajan 2025, and may the blessings of the Lord continue to guide our parish family.

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE & KNIGHTS OF MARY REGISTRATION

Religious education will hold an open house this weekend after the 4:00 liturgy from 5:00-6:00.

Knights of Mary will have a table in the foyer for those that want to register for the coming year. We hope to see you there!

SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE!!

CCD:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

Knights of Mary:

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



Jr MYO & MYO Registration is Now Open!

Grades 7 to 12 scan the QR code to register for Jr MYO & MYO 2025-2026 Season Now!



Save the Date!

**Sunday Sept 14th
5-7pm**

**Jr MYO & MYO
Registration
Kick Off Event in the
Church Hall.**



St. Anthony's Church "Jr MYO & MYO"
Calendar of Events
2025-2026



SAVE THE DATE

Team Fantastically Fantastic
Annual St. Jude Walk
Saturday, September 20th



Since 2019, St. Anthony Maronite Church has been a proud supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This partnership has been a true blessing, as St. Jude relies entirely on donations and never charges families for the care their children receive.

My son Mark is a cancer survivor. He was just 23 months old when he was first diagnosed, and thanks to St. Jude's exceptional care and the power of prayer, he is now 17 years old and in remission.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing prayers and support from the priests and parishioners of St. Anthony Church. Your prayers have lifted us up, and the life-saving treatments from St. Jude have brought us hope.

I feel truly blessed to be part of such a loving and generous community.

Family of St Sharbel & Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality



Monthly Liturgy will resume in the Fall

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

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sunday	14-Sep-2025	Registration (Kick Off) Event	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	28-Sep-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Friday – Sunday	October 11 -13, 2025	Eparchial Regional Retreat (NY) *Registration closes Sept 23*	Depart 9:00am Return 7:00pm
Sunday	26-Oct-2025	Halloween Party	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	09-Nov-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	16-Nov-2025	MYO Regional Friendsgiving	2:00 – 6:00pm
Friday	21-Nov-2025	Community Service	Stay Tuned
Sunday	30-Nov-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Saturday	06-Dec-2025	Church Community Service	Stay Tuned
Sunday	14-Dec-2025	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	28-Dec-2025	Christmas Party	5:00 – 7:00pm
Sunday	11-Jan-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	25-Jan-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	08-Feb-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Friday – Saturday	February 13 – February 14 2026	Lenten Lock-In Retreat	Stay Tuned
Sunday	22-Feb-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	01-Mar-2026	Regular Session	5:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	15-Mar-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	12-Apr-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Saturday	26-Apr-2026	Regular Session	6:00 – 7:30pm
Sunday	17-May-2026	End of Year Event (Location TBD)	Stay Tuned

Calendar is Subject to Change

Please refer to Weekly Bulletin or WhatsApp for latest updates

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Be a Knight of the Altar- Register online:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

-St. Anthony Council 16204

"In Service To One,

In Service To All"

Next meeting:

Tuesday Sept. 9, 2025 @ 7 pm, Church Hall

Men 18 yrs. and older are encouraged to attend.

For information email: KOFc16204@gmail.com



BE PART OF OUR MINISTRIES

Religious Education

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form/

Maronite Youth Organization –MYO

www.stanthonylawrence.org/registration-form-2/

Maronite Young Adults –MYA

Please email the Parish to add your name to the

MYA Group: rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Knights of Mary –KOM

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

Knights of the Altars

www.stanthonylawrence.org/application/

In addition our Parish takes pride and invites you to be part of the other ministries such as:

- **Daughters of St Anthony**
- **Our Lady of Lebanon Sodality**
- **Sunshine Committee**
- **M-Wine**
- **Bereavement Ministry**
- **Ushers**
- **Men's Ministry**

MAHRAJAN RAFFLE WINNERS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this year's raffle. Your participation helps make our Mahrajan a success year after year. Congratulations to all our lucky winners! We are grateful for your continued support and generosity, and we hope you enjoy your prizes!

CASH PRIZES

1st \$1,000 - Jihad Rizkallah

2nd \$750 - Dennis Vieira

3rd \$500 - Jessica Hall

4th \$250 - Mary Daher

Lake House - Donna Kattar

Yacht - Esabelle Ata

BASKET WINNERS

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Kelsey Khoury | 29 - Nina Saade |
| 2 - Jomira Daher | 30 - Janice Gosseline |
| 3 - Karen Ramey | 31 - Jomira Daher |
| 4 - Lili Bejjani | 32 - Julia Staube |
| 5 - Ray Dobry | 33 - Bodie Khalife |
| 6 - Jake Ata | 34 - Samuel Bahou |
| 7 - Peter Casian | 35 - John McCarthy |
| 8 - Grace Chahraban | 36 - Emile Dagher |
| 9 - Karen Ramey | 37 - Darine Maroun |
| 10 - James Demers | 38 - Richard Aziz, Jr |
| 11 - Alyce Merlino | 39 - Najat Hashem |
| 12 - Theresa Kamari | 40 - Brandon Laporte |
| 13 - Jill Lenotte | 41 - Veronica Cherabie |
| 14 - Cindy Carey | 42 - Heather Naser |
| 15 - Josiane Asmar | 43 - Vanessa Boulos |
| 16 - Heather Naser | 44 - Julia Staube |
| 17 - Grace Chahraban | 45 - Vanessa Boulos |
| 18 - Matt Tarness | 46 - Anna Correa |
| 19 - Jennifer Harmoning | 47 - Heather Naser |
| 20 - Jeanine Abouraad | 48 - Steven Khorey |
| 21 - Cerri Pierre | 49 - Linda Peters |
| 22 - Joy Sadek | 50 - Kelsey Khoury |
| 23 - Jennifer Harmoning | 51 - Daniel Sullivan |
| 24 - Darcy Kattar | 52 - Brittany Eideh |
| 25 - Melanie Homsey | 53 - Lara Geha |
| 26 - Marlene Chaya | 54 - Lili Bejjani |
| 27 - Desiree Dupuis | 55 - John El-Helou |
| 28 - Elie Najjar | |

Raffle Basket Winners: Please contact the parish office to arrange pickup of your basket *no later than Saturday, September 20th*. If we do not hear from you by then, your winnings will be forfeited. Thank you!

Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Raffles . Dancing .

Friday, September 12, 2025
5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025
12:00PM - 11:00PM



Mitchel Kaltsounas
With Bashir El- Khoury Band



Tarek Abdelhak



Money Raffles Prizes
\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200
Drawing
Saturday, September 13, 2025
10:30PM

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

MYA CONFERENCE 2025

SEPTEMBER 19 - 21 - PHILLY, PA

Friday September 19

3:00 PM	Guest Check-In
4:00 PM	Welcome Event
5:00 PM	Divine Liturgy
6:15 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Speaker Introduction
8:00 PM	Workshop
9:00 PM	Evening Social Outing

Saturday September 20

9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Talk #1 with Fr. Mark
11:30 AM	Breakout Session
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Talk #2 with Fr. Mark + Q&A
1:45 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Adoration + Confession
3:30 PM	Break
7:30 PM	Cocktail Hour
8:00 PM	Dinner & Hafti

Sunday September 21

10:30 AM	Rosary
11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy at St. Maron
12:30 PM	Parish Luncheon

St. Maron Church
1013 Ellsworth Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Sonesta Rittenhouse Square
1800 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Schedule is subject to change

Register using this QR code!



Questions?
Contact mya.eparchystmaron@gmail.com
Hotel block info can be found at
myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online

This is a Church sponsored event. Please be mindful to dress modestly for all liturgical events and activities. Register now at myaeparchystmaron.org/book-online



Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

**NEW ENGLAND
MID-ATLANTIC EAST
MID-ATLANTIC WEST**

EPARCHIAL RETREAT

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND
OCTOBER 11-13



2025

Save
THE
Date

**REGISTRATION
OPENS JULY 31**

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

**MARIST
BROTHER'S CENTER**

 **ESOPUS, NY**

ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

15 CHAPEL ST. DOVER, NH
(AT CHAPEL AND MECHANIC, BEHIND JANETOS PLAZA)

Office: 603-740-4287

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Facebook: [StGeorgeMaroniteCatholicChurchDover](https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgeMaroniteCatholicChurchDover)

Email: stgeorgedover@outlook.com



12pm to 5 pm
In the Parking Lot
Behind the Church
15 Chapel St. Dover, NH
Free Dover Sunday Parking

Lebanese Food and Desserts

Lebanese Music

Face Painting & Games for Kids

50/50 Raffle

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
SUNDAY 12-5 PM**

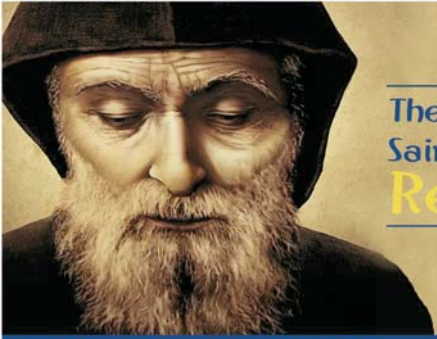
ST. GEORGE MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

5TH ANNUAL LEBANESE FAIR

Hosted by the Saint George Parish Families. Saint George Maronite Catholic Church was established by the dedication of Lebanese immigrants. Celebrate the Culture and Food!

Cash, Checks and Venmo Only

SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



The Order of Saint Sharbel Retreat

"Jubilee Year: Facing All Challenges with Hope"

a weekend for the members & guests of The Order

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2025

Registration \$165 includes meals and all materials

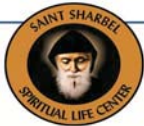
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

For those traveling in need of hotel accommodations, contact the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Pittsburgh West-Greentree at 412-922-7070 to reserve one of the rooms blocked off for the retreat.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

- Talks by Bishop Gregory Mansour
- Talk by Fr. Boniface Hicks
- Talk by Dr. Anne Borik
- Daily Divine Liturgy
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confession
- Spiritual Direction
- Time for silent prayer and spiritual reading

For more information about The Order of Saint Sharbel, go to www.orderstsharbel.org.



To register, go to "Programs" on our website.
SaintSharbelCenter.org
 820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216
info@SaintSharbelCenter.org

BIRTHDAY WISHES

September 6: Lori Corey, Olivia Reed

September 7: Cynthia Ayoub, Violette Hawwa, Adriana Ndaira, Eleanor Tarness

September 8: Sahar Cordes, Taline El Hachem, Charbel Sadek, Michael Sader, Charbel Zaarour

September 9: Myrna Abou-Ezzi, Eleanor Gharios, Amelia Gharios, Luka Hayek, Linda Khoury, Ethan Rheault, Pauline Rizk

September 10: Anthony Abi-Nader, Lola Abou Khalil, Taylor Roy, Rita Zaarour

September 11: Alexa Bassil II, Youssef Bechara, Elias Chaya, Tony Harb, Carla Khoder, Hudson Steinberg, Pierre Younes

September 12: Gretchen Akiki, Amanda Belko, Diane Dewan, Heaven Kareh, Fadi Khoury, Irah Rodriguez, Ashley Switala, Joseph Zaarour

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

September 6: Tony & Viviane Tannoury, Nicholas & Meghan Twing

September 7: Joseph & Roula Nassar, Edward & Stacy Zraket

September 8: Brian & Linda Khoury

September 9: Paul & Jacqueline Bou Jabbour, Abdo & Amanda Iskandar

September 10: Charbel & Rona Dagher, Juliano & Mireille Joumaa, Elie & Lina Merheb

September 11: Robert & Doreen Hamman

September 12: Mitri & Molly Nader

TREE OF LIFE

BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3" X 6" = \$150 / 4" X 8" = \$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

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost: Martha and Mary

Book of Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

First Letter to the Thessalonians 2: 1-13

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 6- 4 pm - Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, September 7

9:30 am - David Brousseau

11:00 am - (Eng) Anthony Merheb

(Ar) Sassine Merheb

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13 4 pm - Meghan Twing

Sunday, August 31

9:30 am - Angela Dahbour

11:00 am - (Eng) Rebecca Merheb

(Ar) Gretta Merheb

الأحد الرابع عشر من زمن العنصرة: مرتا ومريم

سفر تثنية الاشتراع 6: 4-9

إِسْمَعْ يَا إِسْرَائِيلُ: «إِنَّ الرَّبَّ إِلَهُنَا هُوَ رَبٌّ وَاحِدٌ. فَاحْبِبِ الرَّبَّ إِلَهَكَ بِكُلِّ قَلْبِكَ وَكُلِّ نَفْسِكَ وَكُلِّ قُوَّتِكَ. وَلَتَكُنْ هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَاتُ الَّتِي أَنَا أَمُرُكَ بِهَا الْيَوْمَ فِي قَلْبِكَ. وَرَدِّدْهَا عَلَى بَنِيكَ وَكَلِّمُهُمْ بِهَا، إِذَا جَلَسْتَ فِي بَيْتِكَ وَإِذَا مَشَيْتَ فِي الطَّرِيقِ وَإِذَا نِمْتَ وَقُمْتَ. وَأَعْقِدْهَا عَلَامَةً عَلَى يَدِكَ وَلَتَكُنْ عَصَائِبَ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْكَ. وَاكْتُبْهَا عَلَى دَعَائِمِ أَبْوَابِ بَيْتِكَ.

رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 2 : 1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّ دُخُولَنَا إِلَيْكُمْ لَمْ يَكُنْ بَاطِلًا. وَلَكِنْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، بَعْدَ أَنْ تَأَلَّمْنَا وَشَتَمْنَا فِي فِيلِيبِّي، تَجَرَّأْنَا بِالْهَذَا أَنْ نُكَلِّمَكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، فِي جِهَادٍ كَثِيرٍ. وَلَمْ يَكُنْ وَغْظًا عَنْ ضَلَالٍ، وَلَا عَنْ نَجَاسَةٍ، وَلَا بِمَكْرٍ، بَلْ كَمَا اخْتَبَرْنَا اللَّهُ فَأَمَنَّا عَلَى الْإِنْجِيلِ، هَكَذَا نَتَكَلَّمُ، لَا إِرْضَاءً لِلنَّاسِ بَلْ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي يَخْتَبِرُ قُلُوبَنَا. فَإِنَّا وَلَا مَرَّةً أَتَيْنَاكُمْ بِكَلِمَةٍ تَمْلُقُ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، وَلَا بِدِفَاعٍ طَمَعٍ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ، وَلَا طَلَبْنَا مَجْدًا مِنْ بَشَرٍ، لَا مِنْكُمْ وَلَا مِنْ غَيْرِكُمْ، مَعَ أَنَّنَا قَادِرُونَ أَنْ نَكُونَ ذَوِي وَقَارٍ، كَرُسُلٍ لِلْمَسِيحِ، لَكِنَّا صِرْنَا بَيْنَكُمْ ذَوِي لُطْفٍ، كَمُرْضِعٍ تَحْتَضِنُ أَوْلَادَهَا. وَهَكَذَا فَإِنَّا مِنْ شِدَّةِ الْحَنِينِ إِلَيْكُمْ، نَرْتَضِي أَنْ نُعْطِيَكُمْ لَا إِنْجِيلَ اللَّهِ وَحَسْبُ، بَلْ أَنْفُسَنَا أَيْضًا، لِأَنَّكُمْ صِرْتُمْ لَنَا أَحِبَّاءَ. وَإِنَّكُمْ تَتَذَكَّرُونَ، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، تَعَبَنَا وَكَدَّنَا: فَلَقَدْ بَشَرْنَاكُمْ بِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَنَحْنُ نَعْمَلُ لَيْلَ نَهَارٍ، لِنَلَّا نُثْقَلَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْكُمْ. أَنْتُمْ شُهُودٌ، وَاللَّهُ شَهِيدٌ، كَيْفَ كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ، أَنْتُمْ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فِي نِقَاوَةٍ وَبِرٍّ وَبِغَيْرِ لَوْمٍ، نُعَامِلُ كُلًّا مِنْكُمْ، كَمَا تَعْلَمُونَ، مُعَامَلَةً الْأَبِ لِأَوْلَادِهِ. وَكُنَّا نُنَاشِدُكُمْ، وَنُشَجِّعُكُمْ، وَنُحَنِّتُكُمْ عَلَى أَنْ تَسْلُكُوا مَسَلَكًا يَلِيقُ بِاللَّهِ، الَّذِي يَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِهِ وَمَجْدِهِ. لِذَلِكَ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا نَشْكُرُ اللَّهَ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَمَّا تَلَقَّيْتُمْ كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي سَمِعْتُمُوهَا مِنَّا، قَبِلْتُمُوهَا لَا بِأَنَّهَا كَلِمَةُ بَشَرٍ، بَلْ بِأَنَّهَا حَقًّا كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ. وَإِنَّهَا لَفَاعِلَةٌ فِيكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 10: 38-42

فِيمَا (كَانَ يَسُوعُ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ) سَائِرِينَ، دَخَلَ يَسُوعُ إِحْدَى الْفَرَى، فَاسْتَقْبَلَتْهُ فِي بَيْتِهَا أَمْرَأَةٌ اسْمُهَا مَرْتَا. وَكَانَ لِمَرْتَا أُخْتُ تُدْعَى مَرِيمَ. فَجَلَسَتْ عِنْدَ قَدَمَيِ الرَّبِّ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْتَا فَكَانَتْ مِنْهُمْ كَثْرَةً الْخِدْمَةِ، فَجَاءَتْ وَقَالَتْ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَمَّا تُبَالِي بِأَنَّ أُخْتِي تَرَكَتْنِي أَخْدُمُ وَحْدِي؟ فَقُلْ لَهَا أَنْ تُسَاعِدَنِي!». «فَأَجَابَ الرَّبُّ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «مَرْتَا، مَرْتَا، إِنَّكَ تَهْتَمِينَ بِأُمُورٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، وَتَضْطَرِّبِينَ! إِنَّمَا الْمَطْلُوبُ وَاحِدٌ! فَمَرِيمُ اخْتَارَتْ النَّصِيبَ الْأَفْضَلَ، وَلَنْ يُنْزَعَ مِنْهَا.»



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