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H O S A N N A
S U N D A Y

***Hosanna Sunday
April 13th, 2025***

Sun., Apr. 13

**Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) / St. Zosimas
9 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral
11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral**

PASSION WEEK

Mon. of Passion Week, Apr. 14

7:30 pm Divine Liturgy
St. Hermenegild the King

Tues. of Passion Week, Apr. 15

7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Coming to the Harbor
Pope St. Soter

Wed. of Passion Week, Apr. 16

7:30 pm Liturgy and Rite of the Lamp (Blessing & Imposition of Oil)
For Ikbal Nassar by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl
St. Bernadette Soubirous

Thursday of the Mysteries, Apr. 17

7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Rite of the Washing of the Feet
Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Midnight
Pope St. Agapitus

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, Apr. 18

10 am Liturgy of the Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice
7:30 pm Liturgy of the Adoration of the Cross
St. Thais the Penitent

Great Saturday of the Light, Apr. 19

11 am Prayer of Forgiveness
St. Timon the Deacon
12 Midnight Glorious Resurrection Liturgy and the Rite of Peace

Sunday, Apr. 20

**Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection and the Rite of Peace / St. Nathanael the Hermit
11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners**

***BRIGHT WEEK
SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION***

Mon., April 21

NO LITURGY
St. Anselm

Tues., April 22

10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Theodore of Sykeon

Wed., April 23

10 am Divine Liturgy
St. George

Thurs., April 24

10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Saba the Commander

Fri., April 25

10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Mark the Evangelist

Sat., April 26

10 am Divine Liturgy
Pope St. Anacletus

Sun., April 27

**New Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday / St. Simon, Brother of the Lord
9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners
11: 30 am for Michel Merhej by the Merhej Family**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday Candles

Decorated candles are available for \$25 after the liturgy on Sunday. The MYO will have a table in the hall. Quantities are limited.

Pre-order Maamoul

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will be doing a baking session before Easter so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

The 2025 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$5,254 so far.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 7th, at 7:30 pm, we are praying the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the MCF, the children of the Cathedral are invited to participate in the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Weather permitting, it will take place inside the Cathedral's fence on Remsen St. Do not forget to bring your baskets.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights of St. Maron are selling raffle tickets for a drawing on Sunday, April 20th.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.) Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals may be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th, and St. Joseph on March 19th.

Vocation Team Initiatives

The Vocation Team is starting a new initiative to foster and promote a culture of vocations in our parishes—a vocation form that Bishop Gregory would like everyone to consider completing. Please click on the [link](#) and consider submitting a name of one or two young people, whom the Vocation Team can pray for, and possibly accompany in their vocation journey. The Vocation Team and Bishop Gregory will intentionally pray for those whose names are submitted, and if given permission, we will follow up with them to see how we can support them in their ongoing discernment. Please click [here](#) for our vocation prayer card and icon to aid our young people, families, and parishes to come together as the Body of Christ to pray for vocations.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. John Paul II

Join us on an 11-day/9-night pilgrimage to Eastern Europe *In The Footsteps of St. John Paul II* from October 06–16, 2025, including Prague, Wroclaw, Krakow, Wieliczka Salt Mines, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Brno & Vienna. \$4,298 per person/double occupancy, including airfare from New York. Please call Marleine 1-917-608-2996 or Tony 1-917-206-3995.

Salaam Club Scholarship

The Salaam Club of New York is offering scholarships for high school graduates and college freshmen. Please click [here](#) for the application.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathrectory@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations.

See Fr. Chuck for more information. To register, please click [here](#).

Easter Flower Donations

Mrs. Marian Ciaccia
Antoine & Nahla Atallah
Joe & Mary Ann Elhilow
Emile & Brenda Ayli
Michael & Thomas Boulos
Mrs. Salma Vahdat
Mr. & Mrs. Chaouki El Adem

In memory of the Sahadi & Ciaccia families
In memory of Wajiha Kaba
In memory of Abe & Loraine Elhilow & Philip & Ann Phillips
In memory of Elias & Salimeh Ayli & Norma, Lambert & Vera Yueh
In memory of Lynne Boulos
In memory of the Besheer & Azizi families
In memory of Ibrahim, George, Margo & Rymon Allaham & Hanah
El Adem

Mr. & Mrs. Adib El Howayek
John & Nayda Kahaly
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabour
The Merhej Family
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chawki

In honor of their family
In memory of Joseph, Mary, Jeanette, Charles & Joey Kahaly
In memory of Elie Sarkis
In memory of Michel Merhej
In memory of Saideh Baho Chawki

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.



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



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.

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OUR LADY OF LEBANON CATHEDRAL

LEBANESE FESTIVAL 2025

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF LEBANESE CULTURE!

| Authentic Lebanese Food | Delicious Desserts | DJ & Dabke
Performances | Bar & Hookah |

Sat, June 14th
12pm-10pm

Fri, June 13th
12pm-10pm

Sun, June 15th
11am-5pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!

113 REMSEN STREET
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Lebanese
Festival
Volunteers



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TO VOLUNTEER

DABKE PERFORMANCE GROUP

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TO SIGN UP AND
VIEW ALL
DETAILS!



For all ages!

- Younger Kids (Ages 6-11)
- MYO (Ages 12-17)
- MYA (Ages 18+)



Proudly Announces
2025 Scholarship Program

High School Graduate Scholarships

MYO – John A. Solomon
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Massabki Brothers
One for High School Seniors \$2000

Naomi & Paul Kassouf
Two for High School Seniors \$2000

Abouna Sharbel
Three for High School Seniors \$1000

Undergraduate Scholarships

Chagoury Family Undergraduate
One for College Student \$2000

Thomas and Jennie Ayoub
One for College Student \$2000

Graduate & Professional Scholarship

Chagoury Family Graduate
One for Graduate Student \$2000

Study Abroad in Lebanon Opportunities

Notre Dame University-Louaize
Up to 10 scholarships for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

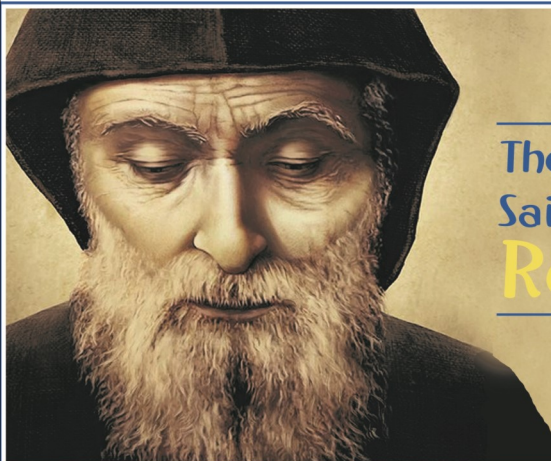
The Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Up to 12 scholarships for Summer 2025 Semester

For more information and application visit namaronites.org or e-mail namsscholarships@gmail.com



APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2025

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.

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Maronite Enrichment Days 2025

St. Ephrem

The Man and the Myth

April

30

The Stories We Tell
10:00-11:30 am

We do terrible things to the saints. Instead of modeling ourselves on them, we recreate them in our own image. This session opens with an overview of how the Ephrem of history has been systematically erased and replaced by a caricature of someone who never existed. The reasons for this are as troubling as they are destructive.

Ephrem's World
1:30-3:00 pm

Recovering the Ephrem of history begins by letting him speak for himself, from his own time and place. How did the circumstances of Ephrem's life shape him? How did Ephrem become Ephrem?



Joseph P. Amar, PhD

May

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The Work of Your Helper
10:00-11:30 am

How did Ephrem understand himself? He informs us that he has the anointing of heaven, that he speaks for God, that the power that animates and enlivens scripture flows into him, and through him, into his own time. But there are skeletons in his closet: Ephrem carries a dark secret from his past.

Why Ephrem Matters
1:00-2:30 pm

Ephrem's vision offers a path that is simple but hard. It is not the path of orthodoxy (right doctrine) or orthopraxy (right morality) but of orthopathy (authentic spirituality), which is nothing less than an embrace of ROZO.

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SAINT SHARBEL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER PRESENTS



Flourish

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday & Saturday
April 25 & 26, 2025

Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center, Pittsburgh, PA

"Who is Mary? Facets of the Feminine Genius"



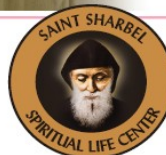
Join us for the First Annual Flourish Women's Retreat hosted by the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center! Our keynote speaker this year, Johnette Benkovic Williams (host of "Women of Grace" on EWTN), will unpack for us our unique role as chosen women, who we are as chosen women of the Most High God, and 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 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
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NAM 2025 CONVENTION

FAITH IGNITED - HOPE RENEWED
60 YEARS ROOTED IN MARONITE TRADITION
July 3-6, 2025
Raleigh - NC

Hosted by Saint Sharbel Church
Hilton Hotel, Raleigh North Hills



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60TH CONVENTION ANNIVERSARY



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60th NAM Convention Key Functions and Highlights

Faith Ignited – Hope Renewed 60 Years Rooted in Maronite Tradition

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

St Sharbel Neighborhood (All Ages)

Enjoy the beautiful Falls of Neuse Dam, tucked between lush forests and the serene waters of Falls Lake. then continue to visit St. Sharbel church.

Guided Umstead Park Walk (All Ages)

For nature lovers, immerse yourself in the beauty of Umstead Park on a guided walk through lush forests and peaceful trails.

Raleigh Highlights (All Ages)

Tour The Cathedral of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus & Explore Raleigh famous Sunflower fields.

The Museum Of Natural Sciences (Youth & Kids)

The largest in the Southeast, with Dinosaurs, fossils, butterfly conservatory, storm simulators, and scientists in action.

After-Party Karaoke: Be the Star of NAM!

Enjoy Lebanese oldies, favorite hits, and on-demand songs every night! Send us your requests, grab the mic, and join the fun for an unforgettable sing-along experience after the party!

Trolley Pub (MYA)

An MYA favorite, the Raleigh Trolley Pub is a fun, pedal-powered bar crawl through the city's best spots! Bring your friends, enjoy drinks, and explore downtown in a unique, lively way. (Fri 3-5 PM)

Theology On TAP (MYA)

Have a drink and dive deep into an exciting discussion about our faith with our incredible Bishop Elias Zaidan and Bishop Gregory Mansour!

Escape Room (MYA & MYO)

Available all convention long—grab friends, book a slot, and test your skills in this thrilling experience.

Dance, Mobility & Wellness (All Ages)

Stay active with dance, fitness, and expert mobility guidance for all ages. There's something for everyone to keep moving and feeling great!

Midnight Bite: Late-Night Cravings, Covered!

Keep the night going with delicious bites available for order after party hours. Whether you're craving a snack or a full meal, enjoy a late-night treat before calling it a night!

Fun, Food & Friendship With Father Boutros (MYA)

Catch up with old friends, make new ones, and enjoy dinner with heartfelt conversations.

Dinner & Icebreakers (All Ages)

By age groups, where we'll get to know each other and our fellow convention-goers. The perfect way to make connections.

MYO Lounge: Connect & Play

A space for MYO to enjoy games, creating friendships that will last beyond the convention.

Kids Zone (age 5 to 12)

Enjoy a mix of indoor and outdoor games, fun activities. A perfect space for kids to play, explore, and create unforgettable memories!

Board Games Lobby

Join friends or participate in a tournament with a wide array of cards, backgammon, and board games available at any time.

Opening Our Hearts: A Night of Adoration & Hymns

Starting our weekend with Adoration and sacred time of prayer, reflection, and confession. Continue the evening with uplifting hymns and prayers, bringing everyone together in song through our beloved sacred chants.



Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope (All Ages)

We're blessed to have our NAM Convention in a Jubilee Year, so let's make the journey leading up to it a pilgrimage of ignited faith and renewal of hope. As we prepare, we'll reflect on the lives of saints like Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the Massabki Brothers, and Carlo Acutis, showing that holiness is for everyone. We'll collect images and stories to celebrate 60 years of heritage, setting the path for a future of holiness.

Stay tuned to our emails and social media for updates!

WORKSHOPS

AI-Powered Growth

Discover how to start and scale your business using modern tools, especially AI. Explore beginner-friendly AI concepts, interactive projects, and ethical strategies to leverage AI while staying true to your Christian vocation.

Faithful Success

Achieve career and entrepreneurial success while staying true to your faith and values. Learn how to thrive in this world with purpose, integrity, and abundance—keeping your heart set on heaven.

The Sanctity of Life and Marriage

We are created in God's image, and every stage of life, from conception to death, is sacred. This session explores the divine value of life and the importance of marriage in the Church, where vows are not only sacred but reflect our commitment to God's love and plan.

The Commission For Lebanon

A workshop focussing on the Church's stance regarding current events in Lebanon.

Understanding The Maronite Liturgy

We will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Maronite Liturgy—exploring what happens during the celebration and why each part is important.

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ Gilbert

Enjoy a great mix of Arabic and American hit songs the whole weekend as we dance the nights away!

Friday Hafli

Charbel Bassil & USA Special

Friday Night Hafli - Dress in your best traditional Lebanese outfit, dance and dabble to the voice of Lebanese Singer Charbel Bassil! We'll honor American Independence Day with a special celebration, featuring vibrant sound and light displays!

Saturday Gala Dinner

Lebanese Star Hisham El Hajj

An unforgettable evening with Star Hisham El Hajj, as he fills the night with his captivating music and lively performances. Enjoy a night of elegance, celebration, and entertainment at this exclusive event!

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Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

Hosanna Sunday

Letter to the Philippians 1: 1-13

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

The Gospel according to Saint John 12: 12-22

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

أحد الشعانين

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي 1: 1-13

يا إخوتي، من بولس وطيموثاؤس، عِبْدِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، إِلَى جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِينَ فِي فِيلِيبِّي، مَعَ الْأَسَاقِفَةِ وَالشَّمَامِسَةِ : الْغِنْمَةُ لَكُمْ، وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ!

أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي، كُلَّمَا ذَكَرْتُكُمْ، ضَارِعًا بِفَرَحٍ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ فِي كُلِّ صَلَاتِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِمُشَارَكَتِكُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ مِنْذُ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ إِلَى الْآنِ. وَإِنِّي لَوَاقِعٌ أَنَّ الَّذِي بَدَأَ فِيكُمْ هَذَا الْعَمَلَ الصَّالِحَ سَيَكْمِلُهُ حَتَّى يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.

فَإِنَّهُ مِنَ الْعَدْلِ أَنْ يَكُونَ لِي هَذَا الشُّعُورُ نَحْوَكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنِّي أَحْمِلُكُمْ فِي قَلْبِي، أَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا شُرَكَائِي فِي نِعْمَتِي، سَوَاءً فِي قُبُودِي أَوْ فِي دِفَاعِي عَنِ الْإِنْجِيلِ وَتَنْبِيئِهِ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاهِدٌ لِي كَمَا أَتَشَوَّقُ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا فِي أَحْشَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَهَذِهِ صَلَاتِي أَنْ تَرْدَادَ مَحَبَّتِكُمْ أَكْثَرَ فَأَكْثَرَ فِي كُلِّ فَهْمٍ وَمَعْرِفَةٍ، لِنَمَيِّزُوا مَا هُوَ الْأَفْضَلُ، فَتَكُونُوا أَنْقِيَاءَ وَبَغِيرَ عِثَارٍ إِلَى يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ،

مُمْتَلِئِينَ مِنْ ثَمَرِ الْبِرِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْجَاهِهِ. أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّ مَا حَدَّثَ لِي قَدْ آدَى بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى نَجَاحِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، حَتَّى إِنْ قُبُودِي مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ صَارَتْ مَشْهُورَةً فِي دَارِ الْوِلَايَةِ كُلِّهَا، وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ آخَرَ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12: 12-22

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ،

حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: «هُوَ شَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلِ.» وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعَ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونِ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ أَبْنِ أَتَانِ.»

وَمَا فَهَمُ تِلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ.

وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ.

مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لَاقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: «انْظُرُوا: إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَنْفَعُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ.»

وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هَوْلَاءُ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَلَّوْهُ قَائِلِينَ:

«يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ.» فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاؤُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاؤُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ.

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