

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Cathedral

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The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour — Eparchial Bishop

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 AM

Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Holy Day To Be Announced

St. Sharbel the 22nd of the each month

at 7:30 PM except on Saturday or Sunday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 AM Sunday

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday

and upon request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet with the Rector for instruction and then a time will be set for the Baptism and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six months in advance to set up instruction.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the Office of the Rector to become a member.

Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee

March 3rd, 2019

Sun. March 3

Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee

St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Katharine Drexel

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners

11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners

Mon. March 4

7:30 pm Divine Liturgy

ASH MONDAY LITURGY

Tues. March 5

10 am Divine Liturgy

Wed. March 6

10 am Divine Liturgy

Thurs. March 7

10 am Divine Liturgy

The 7 Young Men of Ephesus

Friday March 8

10 am Divine Liturgy

Satur. March 9

10 am Divine Liturgy

The Forty Martyrs

Sun. March 10

Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Katharine Drexel

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners

11:30 am 40 Day Liturgy for Jeannette Kadamani

Req. by the Family

Financial Standing February 2019

Ordinary Income

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,275.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages& Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, Christmas Tree: **\$30,643.00**

Total Ordinary Income: \$41,918.00

Ordinary Expense

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building and Medical Insurances, Leasing Equipments, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity ...

Total Ordinary Expense: \$70,430.00*

Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$28,552.00

*This includes \$38,738.00 for Building Insurance

We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$29,166.67 (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

Thus, we had to use much of extraordinary income for ordinary expense to make "ends meet." It is our hope that ALL extraordinary expense could be set aside for major improvements for the Cathedral. Thus, we need everyone's help.

**Thank you for your contribution
in helping maintaining the Church and
for planning different activities**

Sunday Readings

Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.

Please [email](#) the church to become one.

March 3, 2019 Sunday of Entrance into Lent

Reading: Romans 14: 14-23

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Anthony Elhowayek - English

11:30 am Bassam Ayoub - Arabic

March 10, 2019 Sunday of the Healing of the Leper

Reading: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English

11:30 am Bassem Diab - Arabic

March 17, 2019 The Healing Hemorrhaging Woman

Reading: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am Isabelle Hazar - English

11:30 am Charlie Ayoub - Arabic

March 24, 2019 Sunday of the Parable of Prodigal Son

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 5-13

Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill

11:30 am John Eladem - English

11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic

Dear Beloved Parishioners

Through the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (*Luke 16:19-31*) which we heard proclaimed last Sunday, we find a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life during this Season of Lent.

1. The other person is a gift

The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful. The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called *Lazarus*, a name full of promise, which literally means *God helps*. While practically invisible to the rich man, the poor man is not anonymous to Luke's community and the reader of today. He becomes a face and a gift whom God loves and cares for. This parable teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing the value of each human being. Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ.

2. Sin blinds us

The rich man feasted sumptuously every day and dressed in expensive robes. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and was in the habit of displaying it daily. The purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities and kings while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. In him, we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride. Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money may chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

3. The Word is a gift

The liturgy of starting Lent with ashes invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife where the two characters suddenly discover that they brought nothing into the world, and took nothing out of it. The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife and wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done on earth but never did. Then, the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them." Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore, which was *the failure to heed God's word*. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Have a Joyful Lent

Abouna Dominique

St. Joseph's Breakfast

The Knights of St. Maron will hold their annual St. Joseph Breakfast on Sunday March 17 after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. \$10 per person. For tickets please see Roger Shammass, Arthur Coussa, George El Hajj & Paul Faddoul

Abouna Dominique Out of Town

Fr. Dominique will be out of town from Friday March 1 to Sunday March 3 for a wedding in SC and from Friday March 29 to Tuesday April 2 for the Discernment Weekend in DC. Bishop Gregory will celebrate the first Sunday and Fr. Patrick Hough will celebrate the Maronite Liturgy on the second Sunday.

Ash Monday

The Liturgy of the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on the foreheads will be held on Monday, March 4th @ 7:30 pm.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, March 8th at 7:30pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten Supper.

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 can 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.

Bishop's Appeal 2019

A second collection will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent Starting on Sunday March 10th. This Collection is for the Eparchial Charities Appeal which is divided between priests' retirement fund, Seminarians, Religious Education and Charity in Middle East. Our goal is to raise \$5,500.00. We thank you for your generosity and financial support.

Women's Retreat

The Ladies of the Cathedral are invited to join a regional retreat at St. John Paul II Parish in Sleepy Hollow on Saturday March 30. Anyone wishing to stay over the night before can reserve a room at the Tarrytown Doubletree. Please call Viviane @ 917-825-3777 for more info.

Featuring a CD from the collection in the Social Hall



Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today

Fr. Mike Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today with humor, clarity, and theological truth.

Housekeeping

The Just Wee Two Daycare that was renting our lower hall decided not to renew their contract because of a decrease in their enrollment. They left by the end of August. If you know any daycare interested in the same space, please call the Church at 718-624-7228

Recommendation of the Finance Council

The Finance Council met last week and recommended that parishioners set the Church up for automatic bill pay. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out-of-town.



Maronite Regional Lenten Retreat



Sponsored by the National Apostolate of Maronites- New England Region

Hosted by

Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

613 Main Street, Torrington, Connecticut 06790

Saturday March 23, 2019

Donation per adult: \$ 30 (NAM Members discount \$5=\$25)

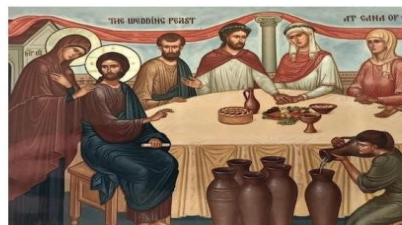
Donation per Young Adult: \$ 20

Children 12 and under are welcome gratis.

Those wishing to stay overnight must call ahead to Saint Maron Church as there are a limited number of accommodations available at the Shrine of Lourdes Retreat Center in nearby Litchfield. For more information, contact either the

NAM Office, 914-964-3070, info@namnews.org, or
Saint Maron Church, 860-489-6015, stmaronchurch@yahoo.com

Second Annual Ladies Day of Recollection



Saturday March 30, 2019

9:30am to 4:00pm

Donation **\$25**

Registration Deadline **March 15**

**St. John Paul II at
Immaculate Conception Church**

199 North Broadway

Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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Include **Ladies Day of Recollection** on the envelope.
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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women,

We are called to love our neighbor. But we may find ourselves asking, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—will help us answer that question. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can make a difference. **That's why again this year, I'm inviting your parish to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.**

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our Eparchy with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. This year's CRS Rice Bowl provides a unique opportunity to connect with Pope Francis and the Church through stories, videos and lesson plans, we can include refugees in our Lenten prayers and remember families who have been through so much as we fast from food and other activities.

I again would like all our parishes and missions to participate in this Lenten program. **Please provide each family in your community with the attached 2019 CRS Rice Bowl Maronite Lenten Calendar.** If you did not receive CRS Rice Bowls last Lent, please visit crsricebowl.org to order one for each family. Please include "St. Maron" after the name of your parish or mission when ordering, so we can better track our Eparchy's participation. Additional CRS Rice Bowl resources also are available on the webpage, including:

- Lenten devotions & prayers
- Lesson plans, videos & activity sheets for Catholic school teachers & religious educators
- Ideas for community gatherings & simple Lenten meal events
- A Lenten app that delivers prayers & resources directly to your mobile device

I have asked CRS to send a mid-Lent mailing to all participating communities in our Eparchy with a CRS-addressed envelope to send in your Lenten alms. Please contact our CRS Diocesan Director, Deacon Joseph Chebli, at (908) 578-3690 / josephchebli@gmail.com or our CRS Relationship Manager, Mary Beth Iduh, at (410) 951-7514 / MaryBeth.Iduh@crs.org with any questions about how to incorporate CRS Rice Bowl into the life of your parish this Lent.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we will do our part to responding to Christ's call to build a culture of love.

Yours in Christ,

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+ Gregory John Mansour
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn
Chairman, CRS Board of Directors

Men's Discernment Retreat



Our Lady of Lebanon
Maronite Seminary
March 29 - 31, 2019

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Eparchy's Annual Lenten Appeal



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Lent 2019

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During our short time on this earth, we prepare ourselves for the day when we shall stand before God to make an account of how we have spent our lives. In the meantime, we serve with love. The Church, founded by Christ, is the prime vehicle of this love, and of our service, and this is the sole purpose of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn.

Today, I write to ask you to help your Eparchy fulfill her divine mission with love. We have a blessed opportunity to share our gifts so that the Eparchy can continue to serve the faithful throughout its entire 16-state area.

Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal will support:

- ✓ **Our Seminarians** are our future. We need your help so that we can invest in their education and formation. We currently have six. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form of tuition, books, room, board, health insurance and other costs. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarian Expenses.**
- ✓ **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy have served the faithful for over 500 years. We help them with a modest pension of \$1,900 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support our Retired Priests.**
- ✓ **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and Syria in countless ways, for example: by applying for grants to American foundations and donors, advocating for the persecuted Christians of the Middle East with the U.S. government, and channeling direct financial assistance. **10% of your contribution will go to support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**
- ✓ **Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund provides a source of income each year for the needs of the Eparchy and ensures that the Eparchy will have solid resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" in case of disaster. **30% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people throughout the Eparchy, from Maine to Florida, and in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a holy Lent and a blessed Easter.

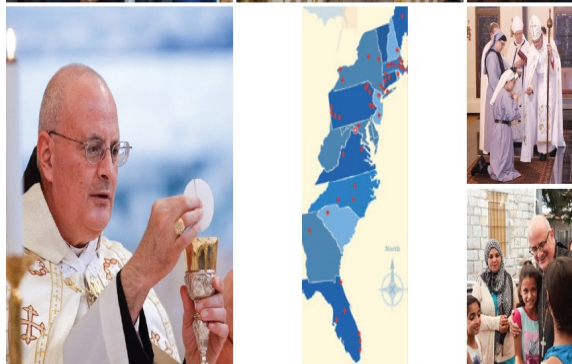
Gratefully yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+ Gregory J. Mansour

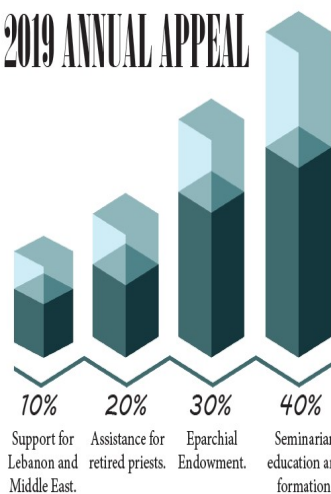
PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

A Second Collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of the Great Lent starting on Sunday March 10th. We are asked to raise \$5,500 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Please read the Bishop's letter and his work throughout. We have raised \$330 so far.



EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON OF BROOKLYN

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL



Sunday Readings

قراءات الأحد

First Sunday of Great Lent: Cana Sunday

The Letter to the Romans 14:14-23.

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification.

Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for you to make others fall by what you eat; it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. The faith that you have, have as your own conviction before God. Blessed are those who have no reason to condemn themselves because of what they approve. But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat, because they do not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

The Gospel according to Saint John 2: 1-11.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

احد مدخل الصوم الكبير : احد اية عرس قانا

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 14:14-23

يَا إِخْوَتِي، إِنِّي عَالِمٌ وَوَاثِقٌ، فِي الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ لَا شَيْءَ نَجِسٌ فِي ذَاتِهِ، إِلَّا لِمَنْ يَحْسِبُهُ نَجِسًا، فَلَهُ يَكُونُ نَجِسًا. فَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ تُخْزِنُ أَخَاكَ، فَلَا تَكُنْ سَالِكًا فِي الْمَحَبَّةِ. فَلَا تُهْلِكْ بِطَعَامِكَ ذَلِكَ الَّذِي مَاتَ الْمَسِيحُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ! إِذَا فَلَا تَسْمَحُوا بِأَنْ يَصِيرَ الْخَيْرُ فِيكُمْ سَبَبًا لِلتَّجْدِيفِ. فَلَيْسَ مَلَكُوتُ اللَّهِ أَكْلًا وَشَرْبًا، بَلْ بَرٌّ وَسَلَامٌ وَفَرَحٌ فِي الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ.

فَمَنْ يَخْدُمُ الْمَسِيحَ هَكَذَا فَهُوَ مَرْضِيٌّ لَدَى اللَّهِ، وَمَقْبُولٌ لَدَى النَّاسِ.

فَلْنَسْمَعْ إِذَا إِلَى مَا هُوَ لِلسَّلَامِ، وَمَا هُوَ لِلنَّبِيَّانِ بَعْضًا بَعْضًا. فَلَا تَنْقُضْ عَمَلَ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَجْلِ الطَّعَامِ؛ لِأَنَّ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ طَاهِرٌ، وَلَكِنَّهُ يَنْقَلِبُ شَرًّا عَلَى الْإِنْسَانِ الَّذِي يَأْكُلُ وَيَكُونُ سَبَبٌ عَثْرَةً لِأَخِيهِ. فَخَيْرٌ لَكَ أَنْ لَا تَأْكُلَ لَحْمًا، وَلَا تَشْرَبَ خَمْرًا، وَلَا تَتَنَاوَلَ شَيْئًا يَكُونُ سَبَبٌ عَثْرَةً لِأَخِيكَ.

وَأَحْتَفِظْ بِرَأْيِكَ لِنَفْسِكَ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ. وَطُوبَى لِمَنْ لَا يَدِينُ نَفْسَهُ فِي مَا يُقَرَّرُهُ!

أَمَّا الْمُرْتَابُ فِي قَرَارِهِ، فَإِنْ أَكَلَ يُدَانَ، لِأَنَّ عَمَلَهُ غَيْرُ صَادِرٍ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ. وَكُلُّ عَمَلٍ لَا يَصْدُرُ عَنْ يَقِينٍ وَإِيمَانٍ فَهُوَ خَطِيئَةٌ.

إنجيل القديس يوحنا 2: 1-11

فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ، كَانَ عُرْسٌ فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَكَانَتْ أُمُّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ.

وَدُعِيَ أَيْضًا يَسُوعُ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ.

وَنَفَذَ الْخَمْرَ، فَقَالَتْ لِيَسُوعَ أُمُّهُ: «لَيْسَ لَدَيْهِمْ خَمْرٌ.»

فَقَالَ لَهَا يَسُوعُ: «مَا لِي وَلَكَ، يَا أَمْرَأَةً؟ لَمْ تَأْتِ سَاعَتِي بَعْدَ.»

فَقَالَتْ أُمُّهُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «مَهْمَا يَقُلْ لَكُمْ فَافْعَلُوهُ.»

وَكَانَ هُنَاكَ سِتَّةُ أَجْرَانِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، مُعَدَّةٌ لِنُطْهِيرِ الْيَهُودِ، يَسَعُ كُلُّ مِئْهَاتٍ مِنْ ثَمَانِينَ إِلَى مِئَةٍ وَعِشْرِينَ لَيْتْرًا،

فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِلْخَدَمِ: «إِمْلَأُوا الْأَجْرَانَ مَاءً.» فَامْلَأُوا هِيَ إِلَى فَوْقِ.

قَالَ لَهُمْ: «اسْتَقُوا الْآنَ، وَقَدِّمُوا لِرَبِّيسِ الْوَلِيمَةِ.» فَفَدَّمُوا.

وَذَاقَ الرَّبِّيسُ الْمَاءَ، الَّذِي صَارَ خَمْرًا - وَكَانَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ

هُوَ، وَالْخَدَمُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَقَوْ يَعْلَمُونَ - فَدَعَا إِلَيْهِ الْعَرِيسُ

وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كُلُّ إِنْسَانٍ يُقَدِّمُ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ أَوَّلًا، حَتَّى إِذَا سَكَّرَ

الْمَدْعُونُونَ، قَدَّمَ الْأَفْقَلُ جُودَةً، أَمَا أَنْتَ فَقَدْ أَبْقَيْتَ الْخَمْرَ الْجَيِّدَ إِلَى

الْآنَ.»

تِلْكَ كَانَتْ أُولَى آيَاتِ يَسُوعَ، صَنَعَهَا فِي قَانَا الْجَلِيلِ، فَأَظْهَرَ

مَجْدَهُ، وَأَمَنَ بِهِ تِلَامِيذُهُ.