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**The Most Reverend Gregory J. Mansour, Eparchial Bishop**  
**The Very Reverend Dominique Hanna, Rector**  
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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 at 10 am & 7:30 pm**  
**St. Sharbel the 22nd of 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.**

**Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)**

**The 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.**

# ***Feast of St. Maron/ Sunday of the Righteous & Just February 9, 2020***

**Sun. February 9**

**Feast of St. Maron/ Sunday of the Righteous & Just**

9:00 am Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury  
11:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners

Mon. February 10 NO LITURGY Sts. Simeon the Venerable & Anna the Prophetess

Tues. February 11 10 am Divine Liturgy Our Lady of Lourdes  
Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

Wed. February 12 10 am Divine Liturgy St. Meletius of Antioch  
Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

Thurs. February 13 10 am Divine Liturgy  
Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

Fri. February 14 10 am Divine Liturgy Sts. Cyril & Methodius  
Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

Sat. February 15 10 am Divine Liturgy  
Lina Obeid Req. Mrs. Lina Fakhoury

**Sun. February 16**

**Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

9:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners  
11:30 am 40 Day for Edward Gabriel Req. the Family

## **Financial Standing January 2020**

### **Ordinary Income**

Sundays & Holy Days Collections: **\$11,953.00**

Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Lower Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Bake Sale, Dues, Religious Education, flowers, ...: **\$6,227.00**

**Total Ordinary Income: \$18,180.00**

### **Ordinary Expense**

Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance (\$40,129.00 paid annually) and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance,...

**Total Ordinary Expense: \$58,987.46**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expense: -\$40,807.46**

**We also brought in some extraordinary income in the amount of: \$42,641.67** (which included Library Rent, Donations for specific projects, and the Capital Campaign)

**Thank you for your contribution  
in helping maintain the Church**

## **Sunday Readings**

**Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed.  
Please [email](#) the church if you are interested**

February 9, 2020 Feast of St. Maron  
Sunday of the Righteous & Just

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Gospel: John 12:23-30

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill  
11:30 am Sandra Suweidan-Nemeh - English  
11:30 am Edward Antonios - Arabic

February 16, 2020 Sun. of the Faithful Departed

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill  
11:30 am Denise Abou Chrouch - English  
11:30 am Bassem Diab - Arabic

February 23, 2020 Sunday of Entrance into Lent  
Miracle at Cana in Galilee

Reading: Romans 14:14-23

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill  
11:30 am Marise Frangie - English  
11:30 am Micha Nakhle - Arabic

March 1, 2020 Sunday Healing of the Leper

Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Mark 1:35-45

Lectors: 9:00 am Raymond Gill  
11:30 am Viviane Akl - English  
11:30 am Charly Ayoub - Arabic

## Dear Beloved Parishioners:

This Sunday we branch out from the liturgical cycle to celebrate a major feast in the Maronite Church. It is the feast of the founder and father of the Maronites. Wherever they are, whatever circumstances they live in, and whatever language they speak, the Maronites come together with friends to celebrate this happy occasion. It gives me great joy to wish all of you Happy Feast of St. Maron. From Mount Cyr in Syria Secunda in the Roman Empire in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Maron started a new way of being a hermit in the open air. Throughout the centuries until now in 2020, in different nations and lands, his heritage has proudly been maintained and kept alive in the Maronite Antiochene tradition.

I have often reflected on what has made the Maronite Church universal. Is it because the Maronites are a strong-willed people? We know well how stubborn we can be. Is it because we are people who take risks and are not afraid of the future because of our enterprising attitude and mindset? What makes the Maronites who we are today? Trust me, we might come up with a lot of answers and speculations. Some might be adequate and some less adequate. But never underestimate the fact that it is our strong ties to St. Maron that make us who we are today.

We have churches planted around the globe because Maron was a great spiritual farmer. Theodoret, a historian who knew about St. Maron from other hermits and monks who lived in the area, wrote a synopsis of his life. He said that Maron tilled the spiritual field with his prayers and ascetic life, and gardens of beautiful flowers sprang around him. Dying to his passions and desires like the grain of wheat in Sunday's Gospel, Maron brought forth much fruit. Every Maronite Church throughout the world is a garden and is the fruit of the labor of St. Maron.

Was it easy for him? No, it was not easy. Spiritual struggles are the hardest. The Gospel of the Feast of St. Maron expresses this in Christ's words. It says, "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say? 'Father save me from this hour'? No, it was for this reason that I have come to this hour." My friends, Christ did not promise us an easy and peaceful journey, but he assured us of a definite safe arrival.

So how can we make the journey? The Maronites are like the people carrying the Olympic torch. I have always asked myself how they keep this torch lit all the time. Is there some sort of special chemical that they use? As you know they ignite the torch in Olympia, Greece, where the Olympic Games originated and they travel with it through countries and cities to get to the place where the Olympics are being held. The flame that St. Maron enkindled years and years ago is still being carried by his people in his churches today.

A few years ago, I was talking to a Maronite parishioner and, not knowing what a fanatical Maronite he was, I was jokingly asking him if he remembered St. Maron's feast day was coming up. He gave me a funny look and answered, "How could I forget my birthday?"



## Marriage Enrichment Evening

Married couples are invited on Saturday, February 22, 2020, to a marriage enrichment evening at the Cathedral starting with the Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm followed by dinner, a short talk & music. \$100 per couple. For registration please see Helen Zihenni & Darine Safi

## Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution. Please email [cathrectory@verizon.net](mailto:cathrectory@verizon.net) or call the rectory at 718-624-7228

## The 2020 Eparchial Annual Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken every Sunday during the Season of 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.

## Catholic Relief Services Lenten RICE BOWL

Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at the end of the Divine Liturgy. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. [Read more here.](#)

## Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the [Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay](#) Multimedia Contest through NAM. [Click here for guidelines](#) and information. Also you can see Adonis El-Asmar or Marian Ciaccia for more information. This year let us have more students take part in the contest.

## Free Online NFP Session

In order to make sure that couples gain proper understanding of Natural Family Planning, per the Statutes of the Eparchy (No. 71), a free online session is offered to learn an overview of NFP methods and the introductory session to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System presenting the theology and the scientific aspect of NFP. The following are the dates and times:

Saturday February 8, 2020 at 9:30 am

Tuesday March 10 at 7:30pm

Thursday April 30 at 7:30pm

Tuesday May 19 at 7:30pm

Monday June 8 at 7:30pm

To sign up for one of the sessions please contact Marise Frangie at 914-393-8907 or [sanctityof-life@live.com](mailto:sanctityof-life@live.com)

## Bulletin Advertisement

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email, please call the Cathedral at 718-624-7228 for more information.

## Project Roots

Bishop Gregory is asking to redouble the efforts to register American citizens of Lebanese descent who would like to regain their Lebanese citizenship. Parishioners are encouraged to register their births and marriages in Lebanon. Please check Project Root's [new website](#) and contact [Zahia Abi Habib](#) for more information



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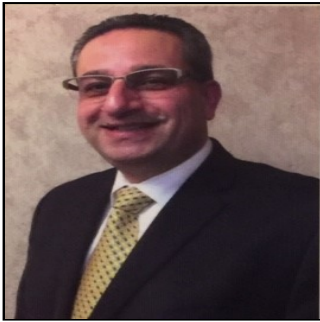
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## Annual St. Joseph Day Breakfast



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Held in the Parish Hall  
of the Cathedral

Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

Donation of \$15/adult  
&  
\$10/child under the age of 12

**RSVP: by Sunday, March 8, 2020**  
Samer Hadchiti, Edgard Abi Daher, George Elhaj & Roger Shammass

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## Marriage Enrichment Evening

Celebrate married life; renew your vows, listen to practical words, be challenged by Fr Dominique's Trivia questions and enjoy a candlelight dinner with Italian food and music by DJ Nayef Sawalha.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

Registration Deadline Feb 10, 2020  
Evening begins 6:30pm

For reservations:



Darine Safi  
347-336-5265  
darinesafi@hotmail.com

Helen Zihenni  
917-682-4689  
Helen.zihenni@me.com



Cost \$100  
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## Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral

(113 Remsen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201)

Facilitated by: Deacon George Pitula

Want to Take another step  
closer to Christ this Lent?

Saturday, March 7th, 2020  
9 AM — 5 PM

- Explore the spiritual aspects of Lent -

Take time from your busy schedule to return to our loving God!

- Divine Liturgy
- Talks
- Q & A
- Lunch
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confessions



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**RSVP: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020**

Subdeacon Adonis El-Azmar at (917) 855-3075 (call / text); email: adoniselazmar@gmail.com



Save the Date  
Thursday, October 1, 2020

Join us for the

Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner for  
The Eparchy of Saint Maron

At The Water Club, New York

Details to follow



# Order of Saint Sharbel Matching Grant

## CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY ISSUES GRANT CHALLENGE TO MARONITE EPARCHIES IN 2020!

Good news: Catholic Extension Society recently announced that it will make a \$25,000 grant to our Eparchy in 2020 for our Seminarian Endowments – if certain conditions are met!

Each Eparchy can earn the \$25,000 grant if they enroll at least 15 new Perpetual Members in the Order of Saint Sharbel by December 31. Membership dues and donations must be received by December 31, 2020 to qualify.

This is not the first time that the Eparchies have received matching grants from Catholic Extension. Similar grants were made in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016 after the Order of Saint Sharbel met similar challenges. The Eparchies were selected after a competitive application process each time.

Order of Saint Sharbel President Jim Abdo of Minneapolis immediately put out a call to Members of the Order to invite their friends, family members and fellow parishioners to join or to recruit new Members or to make a gift of Membership, saying, “We do not want to waste this great opportunity!”

Perpetual Membership in the Order requires a donation of \$5,000. The payment can be made in one lump sum, or in four quarterly installments over the course of a year. Information on enrolling in the Order can be found on the Order of St. Sharbel’s website, [www.orderstsharbel.org](http://www.orderstsharbel.org), or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order ([jabdo@abdobooks.com](mailto:jabdo@abdobooks.com))
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn ([mchiffa@bellsouth.net](mailto:mchiffa@bellsouth.net))
- John Kurey, Stewardship Director, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon (718-237-9913 / 314-231-1021; or [saintmaron@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmaron@yahoo.com) / [maroniteswest@yahoo.com](mailto:maroniteswest@yahoo.com)).

## JOIN THE ORDER OF SAINT SHARBEL

TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF MARONITE SEMINARIANS  
AND HELP BUILD THE FUTURE OF THE MARONITE CHURCH

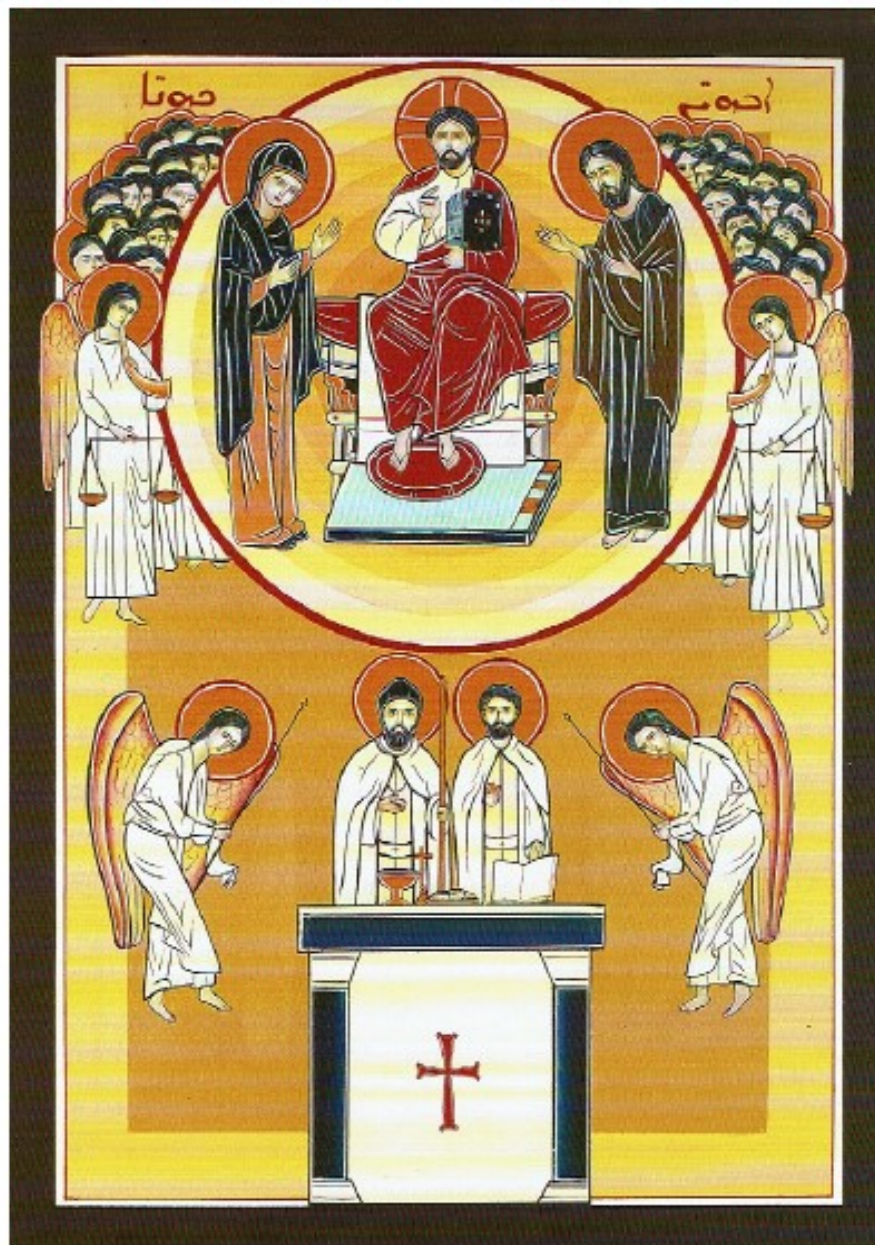
*Meet this year’s Seminarists for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn*





**“Come, follow me, and I will make you  
fishers of men.” (Mat. 4:19)**

**Men's Discernment Weekend—March 27th—29th**



*For more information please contact us:*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter into the season of preparation through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, I ask you to recall all the ways in which God has blessed you. As you reflect on that, I also ask you to consider supporting the Eparchy of Saint Maron with a donation to our 2020 Lenten Appeal, to further the Eparchy's mission of service to God's faithful people.

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

- **Seminarians:** We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future priests, and we want them to get the best education and formation possible. We need your help to invest in their education and formation. 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 Seminarians.**
- **Ministries:** Our ministries to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, help people at the most critical times in their lives. Please help ensure that the Eparchy can help those in need when they need help the most. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**
- **Retired Priests:** Collectively, the 15 retired priests of the Eparchy served the faithful for over 500 years. Now, we help them with a modest pension of \$2,000 per month. **20% of your contribution will go to support Retired Priests.**
- **Helping in Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy assists Lebanon and the Middle East in multiple 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 and providing 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 resources in the future. It also provides a "rainy day fund" if needed in the future. **10% 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, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

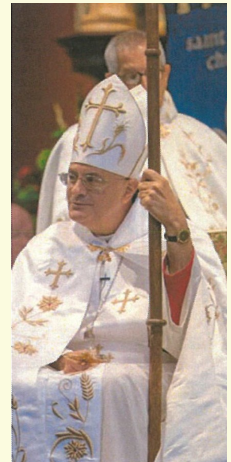
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

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.



## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Feast of St. Maron

#### عيد مار مارون

##### The Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-17

You have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

##### The Gospel according to Saint John 12:23-30

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.'

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى طيموثاوس 3:10-17  
يا إخواني، لَقَدْ تَبِعْتَ تَعْلِيمِي، وَسِيرَتِي، وَقَصْدِي، وَإِيمَانِي، وَأَنَاتِي، وَمَحَبَّتِي، وَثَبَاتِي، وَأَصْطِهَاذَاتِي، وَالْأَمِي، كَالَّتِي أَصَابْتَنِي فِي أَنْطَاكِيَّةَ وَإِيقُونِيَّةَ وَلِسْتَرَةَ، وَأَيَّ أَصْطِهَاذَاتٍ أَحْتَمَلْتُ! وَمِنْ جَمِيعِهَا نَجَّانِي الرَّبُّ!  
فَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يَحْيُوا بِالنَّقْوَى فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ يُضْطَهُدُونَ.  
أَمَّا النَّاسُ الْأَشْرَارُ وَالْمُشْعَوِذُونَ فَإِنَّهُمْ يَتَمَادُونَ فِي الشَّرِّ، مُضِلِّينَ الْآخَرِينَ وَهُمْ أَنْفُسُهُمْ مُضِلُّونَ.  
أَمَّا أَنْتَ فَأَنْبِئْ عَلَى مَا تَعَلَّمْتَهُ وَأَبْقَنْتَهُ، عَارِفًا مِمَّنْ تَعَلَّمْتَهُ، وَأَنَّكَ مِنْذُ الطُّفُولَةِ تَعْرِفُ الْكُتُبَ الْمُقَدَّسَةَ الْقَادِرَةَ أَنْ تُصَيِّرَكَ حَكِيمًا فِي سَبِيلِ الْخَلَاصِ بِالْإِيمَانِ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ.  
فَالْكِتَابُ كُلُّهُ إِنَّمَا اللَّهُ أَلْهَمَهُ، وَهُوَ مُفِيدٌ لِلتَّعْلِيمِ، وَالتَّوْبِيخِ، وَالتَّقْوِيمِ، وَالتَّأْدِيبِ فِي الْبِرِّ، لِيَكُونَ رَجُلٌ اللَّهِ كَامِلًا، مُعَدًّا لِكُلِّ عَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ.

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قال الرب يسوع: «لَقَدْ حَانَتْ السَّاعَةُ لِكَي يُمَجَّدَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ. الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ حَبَّةَ الْخُبْزَةِ، إِنْ لَمْ تَقَعْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَتَمُتْ، تَبْقَى وَاحِدَةً. وَإِنْ مَاتَتْ تَأْتِي بِنَمْرٍ كَثِيرٍ. مَنْ يُحِبُّ نَفْسَهُ يَفْقِدُهَا، وَمَنْ يُبْغِضُهَا فِي هَذَا الْعَالَمِ يَحْفَظُهَا لِحَيَاةٍ أَبَدِيَّةٍ.  
مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي فَلْيَتْبَعْنِي. وَحَيْثُ أَكُونُ أَنَا، فَهَنَّاكَ يَكُونُ أَيْضًا خَادِمِي. مَنْ يَخْدُمُنِي يُكْرِمُهُ الْآبُ.  
نَفْسِي الْآنَ مُضْطَرَبَّةٌ، فَمَاذَا أَقُولُ؟ يَا أَبَتِ، نَجِّنِي مِنْ هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ؟ وَلَكِنْ مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا بَلَغْتُ إِلَى هَذِهِ السَّاعَةِ!  
يَا أَبَتِ، مَجِّدْ أَسْمَكَ.» «فَجَاءَ صَوْتُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَقُولُ: «قَدْ مَجَّدْتُ، وَسَأَمَجِّدُ.»  
وَسَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْحَاضِرُ فَقَالُوا: «إِنَّهُ رَعْدٌ.» وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّ مَلَكًَا خَاطَبَهُ.»  
أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: «مَا كَانَ هَذَا الصَّوْتُ مِنْ أَجْلِي، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ.»