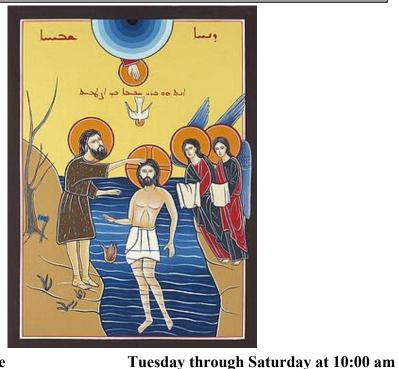
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**Divine Liturgy Schedule** 

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

First Friday of the month at 10:40 until noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

**Hospital and Sick Calls** 

**New Parishioners** 

10:15 am to 10:45 am Sunday 11:00 am to 11:45 am First Friday and upon request.

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

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

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

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

# Sunday of the Faithful Departed February 16, 2020

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Mon. February 17	NO LITURGY	
Tues. February 18	10 am Divine Liturgy	Pope St. Leo the Great
Wed. February 19	10 am Divine Liturgy	The 500 Martyrs of Tyre
Thurs. February 20	10 am Divine Liturgy	St. James, the Hermit of Cyrrhus
Fri. February 21	10 am Divine Liturgy Blessing on Damon Smith	St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch Req. The Leon Family
Sat. February 22	10 am Divine Liturgy	Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch
Sun. February 23	Sunday of the Entrance into9:00 amMaryann Perun11:30 amIntentions of the Part	Lent/ Miracle at Cana in Galilee Req. the Leon Family ishioners

# **Marriage and Homosexuality**

There is no relationship on earth that can more perfectly mirror the relationship between the three persons of the Holy Trinity than the relationship between husband and wife. That's why the Church holds sacred the marital bond between husband and wife. If you are struggling with same sex attraction, know that you are loved infinitely regardless of your sexual orientation and you can seek support and help through groups like Courage. For more information, check our Family and Sanctity of Life website

For more information about our ministry Check <u>here and watch the video.</u>

## Sunday Readings

#### Lectors and Ushers (age 16 and up) are needed. Please <u>email</u> the church if you are interested

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February 23, 2020	Sun. of the Entrance into Lent Miracle at Cana in Galilee
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#### **Dear Beloved Parishioners:**

These are my remarks at the St. Maron Luncheon last Sunday on the Feast of St. Maron:

Sayyedna, the Family of Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral, Happy Feast Day, and thank you for joining us in celebrating the Feast of St. Maron.

I want to begin my remarks this afternoon reiterating the last paragraph of my column in the bulletin.

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?"

Definitely, the person was not talking about the day his mother gave birth to him. In a very smart way he clarified to me that his existence or being depends on St. Maron. His life is intrinsically linked to that of St. Maron. He would not be who he was today if it were not for St. Maron. As beautiful as this sounds, this person was mistaken. He was not totally wrong, but mistaken. Why? I read a story a few months ago that may come in handy for us today.

One day, on the plains of Africa, a young buffalo named Walter approached his dad and asked him if there was anything that he should be afraid of.

"Only lions my son," his dad responded.

"Oh yes, I've heard about lions. If I ever see one, I'll turn and run as fast as I can," said Walter.

"No, that's the worst thing you can do," said the large male. "Why? They are scary and will try to kill me."

The dad smiled and explained, "Walter, if you run away, the lions will chase you and catch you. And when they do, they will jump on your unprotected back and bring you down." "So what should I do?" asked Walter.

"If you ever see a lion, stand your ground to show him that you're not afraid. If he doesn't move away, show him your sharp horns and stomp the ground with your hooves. If that doesn't work, move slowly towards him. If that doesn't work, charge him and hit him with everything you've got!"

"That's crazy, I'll be too scared to do that. What if he attacks me back?" said the startled young buffalo.

"Look around, Walter. What do you see?"

Walter looked around at the rest of his herd. There were about 200 massive beasts all with sharp horns and huge shoulders.

"If ever you're afraid, know that we are here. If you panic and run from your fears, we can't save you, but if you face them, we'll be right behind you."

The young buffalo breathed deeply and nodded. "Thanks dad, I think I understand

My Friends, the feast of St. Maron is the birthday not only of an individual standing alone, but of a community fighting the temptation of division together. Even though St. Maron was a hermit, he breathed community into those who followed his spirituality and came after him. The communal aspect that is seen in all our monasteries in Lebanon and throughout the world testifies to this.

May the ties and bond of the members of our Cathedral be like the ties and bonds of monks in monasteries and nuns in convents. May we continue to grow in holiness together like the disciples of St. Maron to honor and praise the Lord Jesus. Happy Feast and thank you.

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#### 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. <u>Read more here</u>.

#### **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

#### Palm Sunday Children's Participation

Parents who would like their children to participate in this year's Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy, please contact Leila Vogl.

#### Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay

Students grades K to 12 are encouraged to participate in the <u>Vocations Awareness Poster-Essay</u> Multimedia Contest through NAM. <u>Click here for guidelines</u> 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 Fertility*Care* 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 <u>sanctityof-life@live.com</u>

#### **Bulletin Advertisement**

Business owners who would like to advertise their businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 600 households via email. For more information <u>click</u> <u>here</u> and call the rectory at 718-624-7228

#### **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 <u>new website</u> and contact <u>Zahia Abi Habib</u> for more information

# Kindly patronize the following with all your needs





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

Donation \$30

All are Welcome!

<u>RSVP</u>: No later than Sunday March 1, 2020

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



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Breakfast Sponsored by the

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Held in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral

<u>Sunday, March 15, 2020</u> Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

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

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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 <u>received</u> 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, <u>www.orderstsharbel.org</u>, or obtained by contacting any of the following people:

- James Abdo, President of the Order (jabdo@abdobooks.com)
- Charlene Hiffa, Vice President, Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn (<u>mchiffa@bellsouth.net</u>)
- 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 <u>saintmaron@yahoo.com</u> / <u>maroniteswest@yahoo.com</u>).

# 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 Seminarians for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



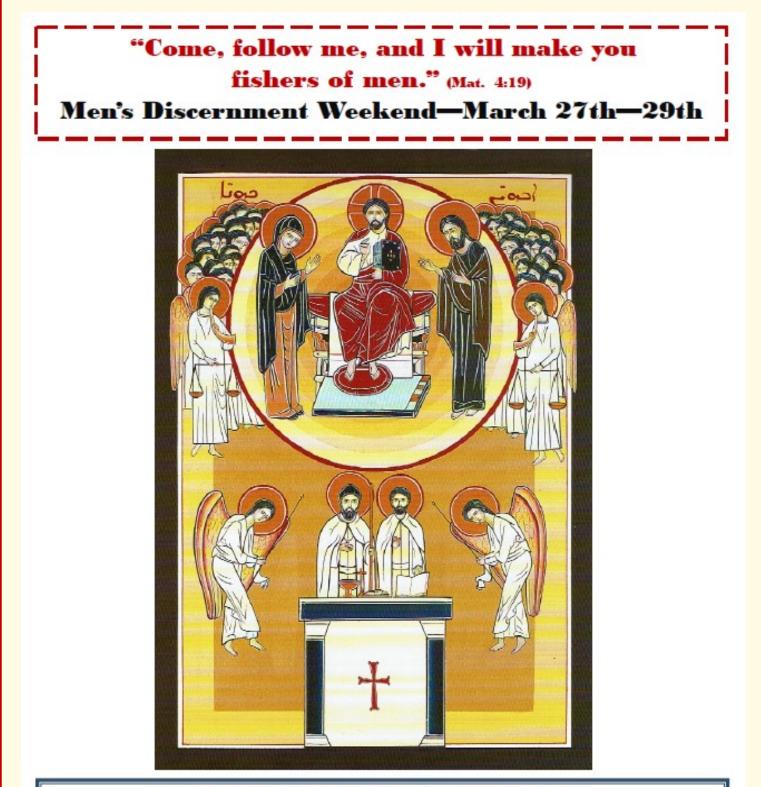












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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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:

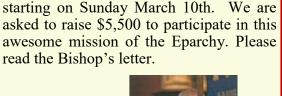
- Seminarians: We currently have five men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future P priests, and we want them to get the best education and formation possible. We need your help to invest in their education and formation. Each seminarian costs about \$45,000 per year, in the form 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.

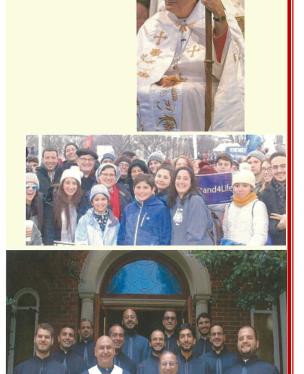
I pray that you will open your heart once again and consider giving a gift. Your participation in this Annual Appeal makes a positive difference in the lives of so many people, both inside the Eparchy, and outside of it in the Middle East. Any gift you make will help.

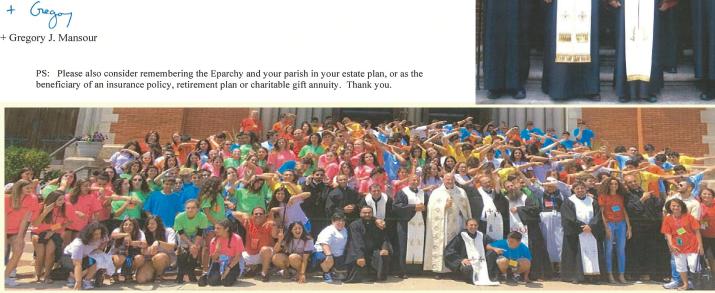
Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity. I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Greg







# Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

#### **Sunday of the Faithful Departed**

#### The First Letter to the Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief: for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 16:.31-19

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

أحد الموتى المؤمنين

الرسالة الأولى إلى أهل تسالونيقي 5: 1-11 يا إخوَتِي، أَمَّا الأَزْمِنَةُ والأَوقَات، أَيُّهَا الإخْوَة، فلا حَاجَةَ بِكُم أَنْ يُكْتَبَ إلَيْكُم في شَأْنِهَا؛ لأَنَّكُم تَعْلَمُونَ جَيّدًا أَنَّ يَوْمَ الرَّبِّ يأْتي كَالسَّارِق لَيْلاً. فحِينَ يَقُولُون: سَلامٌ وأَمْنٌ! حِينَئِذِ يَدْهَمُهُمُ الهَلاكُ دَهْمَ الْمَحَاضِ لِلحُبْلى، ولا يُفْلَتُون امَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَة لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذَلِكَ اليَومُ أَمَّا أَنْتُم، أَيُّها الإخْوَة، فَلَسْتُم في ظُلْمَة لِيُفَاجِئَكُم ذَلِكَ اليَومُ إلَّناءَ اللَّبل ولا أَبْنَاءَ النُور، وأَبْنَاءُ النَّهَار؛ ولَسْنَا النَّمَا وَاللَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّلُكِ يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَنْنَاءَ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ النَّاس، بَلْ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهَار، وأَنْنَاء النَّاس، بَلْ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهار، وَأَنْوَل النَّاس، بَلْ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ النَّهَار، والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ والَّذِينَ يَسْكَرُونَ فَفي اللَّبل يَسْكَرُون. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَبْنَاءَ والَّذِينَ يَتَعْمُونَ النَّذِينَ يَوْلَونَ النَّهُ عُلَيْ يَعْمَونَ والمَحَبَّة، ووَاضِعِينَ وَمُوذَيْ وَالمَحَبَّة، ووَالْنَوْلَ والمَحَبَّه، ووَ

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قَالَ الربُّ يَسوع: »كَانَ رَجُلٌ غَنِيٌّ يَلْبَسُ الأُرْجُوانَ وَالكَتَّانَ النَّاعِم، وَيَتَنَعَّمُ كُلَّ يَوْم بِأَفْخَر الوَلائِم. وكانَ رَجُلٌ مِسْكِينٌ ٱسْمُهُ لَعَازَ رُ مَطْرُ و حًا عِنْدَ بَابِهِ، تَكْسُوهُ القُرُ وح. وَكِانَ يَشْتَهِي أَنْ يَشْبَعَ مِنَ الْقُتَاتِ الْمُتَسَاقِطِ مِنْ مَائِدَةٍ الْغَنِيّ، غَيْرَ أَنَّ الكِلابَ كَانَتْ تَأْتِي فَتَلْحَسُ قُرُوحَهُ. وَمَاتَ المِسْكِينُ فَحَمَلَتُهُ ٱلْمَلائِكَةُ إلى حِضَن إِبْرَاهِيمَ. ثُمَّ مَاتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَدُفِنٍ. وَرَفَعَ الْغَنِيُّ عَيْنَيْه، وَهُوَ في الْجَحِيم يُقَاسِي الْعَذَاب، فَرَأَى إِبْرَ أَهِيمَ مِنْ بَعِيدٍ، وَلَعَازَرَ في حِضْنِهِ. فَنَادَى وِقَالَ: يا أَبَتِ إِبْرَاهِيم، إِرْحَمْنِي وَأَرْسِّلْ لَعَازَرَ لِيَبُلّ طَرَفَ إِصْبَعِهِ بِمَاءٍ وَلُبُبِّرَدَ لِسَانِي، لأَنِّلَى مُتَوَجِّعُ في هَذَا اللَّهِيبِ. فَقَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ: يَا ٱبْنِي، تَذَكَّرُ أَنَّكَ نِلْتَ خَيْرَ اتِكَ في حَيَّاتِكَ، وَلَعَازَ أَنْ نَالَ الْبَلَايَا. وَالآنَ هُوَ يَتَعَزَّى هُنَا، وَأَنْتَ تَتَوَجُع. وَمَعَ هَذَا كُلِّهِ، فَإِنَّ بَيْنَنا وَبَيْنَكُم هُوَّةً عَظِيمَةً ثَابِتَة، حَتَّى إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ أَنَّ يَجْتَازُوا مِنْ هُنا إِلَيْكُم لا يَسْتَطْيِعُون، ولا مِنْ هُناكَ أَنْ يَعْبُرُوا إِلَيْنا. فَقَالَ الْغَنِيّ: أَسْأَلْكَ إِذًا، بِا أَبَتَ، أَنْ تُرْسِلَ لَعَازَرَ إِلَى بَيْتِ أَبِي، فَإِنَّ لَي خَمْسَةَ إِخْوِة، لِيَشْهَدَ لَهُم، كَي لا يَأْتُوا هُمْ أَيْضًا إِلَى مَكَانِ العَذَابِ هذا. فقَالَ إبْرَاهِيم: عِنْدَهُم مُوسَى وَالأَنْبِياء، فَلْيَسْمَعُوا لَهُم. فَقَال: لا، يَا أَبَتِ إِبْرَ إِهِيم، ولِكِنْ إِذَا مَضَى إِلَيْهِم وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الأَمْوَاتِ يَتُوبُونِ. فقالَ لَهُ إِبْرَاهِيم: إِنْ كَانُوا لا يَسْمَعُونَ لِمُوسَى وَالأَنْبِيَاءِ، فَإِنَّهُم، وَلَو قَامَ وَاجِدٌ منَ الأَمْوَ ات، لَنْ بَقْتَنِعُو إِ«١