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Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah November 14th, 2021

Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah 9 am for the souls in purgatory 11:30 am for the souls in purgatory	St. Philip
NO DIVINE LITURGY Sts. Gurias, Samonas & Adib the Deacon	
10 am Divine Liturgy for Mark Nichik for the souls in purgatory St. Matthew the Evangelist	Req. by Christine Gookool
10 am Divine Liturgy for Bechara Abi Daher for Salma Dahdah Azizi St. Gregory the Wonderworker	Req. by Mr. &Mrs. Adib Houayek Req. by Mrs. Salma Vahdat
10 am Divine Liturgy for the souls in purgatory St. Romanos & St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	
10 am Divine Liturgy for the souls in purgatory Pope St. Pontian	
10 am Divine Liturgy for Ally Wu for the souls in purgatory St. Gregory of Decapolis	Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Maroun Mourad
Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary 9 am for Pierre Amine Gemayel 11:30 am for the souls in purgatory	Presentation of Mary in the Temple Req. by Robert Perillo
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October 2021 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: \$11,550.59
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$14,777.00 Total Ordinary Income: \$26,327.59

Ordinary Expenses

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Church, Hall & Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance.... Total Ordinary Expenses: \$15,711.96

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$10,615.63

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: Cathedral monthly building insurance: \$3,484.00 Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal: \$2,125.00

The Library is no longer renting the hall. The space was vacated at the end of October 2020.

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

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Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

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FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click <u>here</u> to sponsor a family and for additional information.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Last week the Gospel story of Consecration Sunday, the beginning of the liturgical year, took place at Caesarea Philippi, a city named after Herod Philip of the Jews, a son of Herod the Great, and Cesar Augustus of the Romans. After Herod the Great died in 4 BC, his kingdom was divided into four territories. Herod Philip became ruler of the land west of the lake of Tiberias and its capital was Caesarea Philippi alluding to the dual jurisdictions of the Romans and the Jews over it.

The Roman Pompey conquered the Promised Land in 63 BC. The Greeks had been there since Alexander the Great had invaded the Middle East in 330 BC. In Caesarea Philippi, a rich and fertile area with hills and rocky terrain at the foot of Mount Hermon, the Greeks built a pagan temple dedicated to Pan, a Greek god. The word pan in the Greek language means *all* and Pan was the god of the wild, shepherds, flocks, nature, wild mountains, rural music, fertility and the season of spring. The temple was a cave inside of which pagans believed there was a gate to the netherworld where fertility gods lived during the winter. The pagans committed unspeakable acts in honor of their deities to bring them back in the spring.

Jesus took his disciple to the rocky city of Caesarea Philippi with its a gate to the netherworld where pagan gods crossed back and forth. There he asked them about his identity and told them about the Church. When Simon Peter confessed before the other disciples that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God, the Lord replied that Peter was the rock upon which the Church would be established and the gates of the netherworld would not prevail against it. The geographical context of this passage from Matthew 16: 13-20 affirmed the transformation in the life not only of the Jews, but of the pagans as well. God the Father was initiating a new era by sending his Son Jesus Christ to save the whole world through his Church.

This Sunday we are starting the Season of the Birth of the Lord with the celebration of the Announcement to Zechariah which took place in the Temple of Jerusalem. So we are moving from the pagan temple of Caesarea Philippi to the Jewish Temple of Jerusalem. In the mind of pagans, the god Pan is a force and energy mostly in nature and animals representing natural power. The Jewish understanding of God was that he was one and created beautiful nature and all its powers. Nonetheless, while the Jews imprisoned God in the Temple of Jerusalem and made him accessible only to them, God wanted to be available to the world everywhere. The incarnation of Jesus Christ made God the Father's mission possible. In Luke 1: 1-25, the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah in his old age that he would have a son who was to be called John. We learn from the words of the Angel Gabriel about John's mission, that God was eager to receive his people back. "He [John] will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1: 16-17). In paganism, humans are primarily there to please their gods and in Judaism, to sacrifice for God, but Christianity sees God as a person who is trying to get his people's attention and attract them to him. And John's role is to convince the people that God is turning his heart to them as parents turn their hearts to their children and not the other way around, as in the pagan and Jewish religions. The Church planted all over the globe is the best sign that God has been eager to meet each and every one of us wherever we are in our journey of life.

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Registration for the Lebanese Election

Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections continues to November 20, 2021. One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter if one holds Lebanese citizenship and was born before March 30, 2001. Eligible voters will be able to register online <u>here</u> or in person at the Lebanese Embassy or New York Consulate General. For more information go here, here or here.

Estate Planning Presentation

Sponsored by the Confraternity, Attorney Joe Elhilow will give a presentation on estate planning on November 21 in the hall after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. All are welcome.

MYO Virtual Christmas Event

The National Maronite Youth Organization will be hosting an hour-long evening prayer virtually for the Christmas season. Theme: Behold! / Date: Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 8 pm / Open to all youth ages 12-18 / Where: Live on Instagram @maroniteyouth

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

New Year's Gathering

A few families from the Cathedral will be gathering to celebrate New Year's Eve in the Church hall. If you would like to join them, please see Charly & Jihane Ayoub. More information to follow.

Salaam Club of NY 75th Anniversary Celebration

Please join the Salaam Club of New York to celebrate their 75th Anniversary on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Legacy Castle, Wayne, NJ. Hope to see you there. Remem-ber all Journal advertisements are FULLY deductible.

Sloan Kettering Toy Drive A Christmas Toy Drive for the children (newborn and up) of Sloan Kettering Cancer Center will be in effect until December 17. All toys must be brand new and unwrapped, not used, no stuffed animals, no clothes. A big box has been placed in the Cathedral to the far right of the Altar for your convenience.

Pilgrimage:

A 10-day/8-night trip to Greece including a 3 -day cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey, visiting Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini. Meteora, Veria, Vergina, Salonica, and Philippi. Departing September 25, 2022 - \$3,498 per person/double occupancy from New York, including fuel surcharge and port taxes. if they register with \$500 by July 29th and save \$100. For more information please call Mar-leine Aflak at 1-917-608-2996 or Tony Tannousis at 1-718-987-3900



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Meet this year's Seminarians for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

















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Sunday December 5, 2021 8PM EST, 7PM CST, SPM PST

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WONDERING IF THE LORD IS CALLING YOU TO THE MARONITE PRIESTHOOD?

AN EVENT FOR MEN DISCERNING PRIESTHOOD AGED 18-40 TO 'COME AND SEE.' JOIN OTHER DISCERNING MEN, CURRENT SEMINARIANS, AND PRIESTS FOR A WEEKEND OF FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER & DISCUSSION OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE PROVIDED

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COME & SEE

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4.19)

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Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Sunday of the Announcement to Zechariah Letter to the Romans 4: 13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore, his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our iustification.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke 1:1-25

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed. In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God. living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.' Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.⁵

أحد بشار ة زكرياً

اللهُ القدّيس بولس إلى أبهل رومة 4:13-25 يا إخوَتى، الْوَعْدُ لِإِبْرَاهَيمَ أَوْ لِنَسْلِهِ بِأَنْ يَكُونَ وَإِرِثًا للعَالَم، فلَه بُواسِطَةِ الشُّبِّرِيعَةُ، بَلْ بَالبِرَ الَّذِي نَالَهُ بِالإِيُّمَان. أَهْلُ ٱلشَّرِيَعَةِ هُمَّ الوَارِثِيَنِ، لَأَبْطِلَ ٱلإِيْمَانِ، وُأَنْغِيَ ا أَهْنَى أَنْشَرِيعَةُ تُسَبَّبُ عَضَبُ اللهُ؛ وُحَيْثُ لا شَرَيعَة، عُد؛ لأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةِ. لِذَلِكَ فَأَهْلُ إِلاِيمَانِ هُمُ الوَارِ ثُونٍ، لِكَي تَعَتِيَ لِلشِّرِيعَةِ. لَيْ أَنْتُهُ مِنَّ اللهِ. وَهَكَذَأَ تَحَقَّقَ الْوَعُدُ لَكُلْ نَسْلُ تكون الورائية هبة من الله. وهذا محقق الوحد عن تس إبْرَاهيم، لا اللَّسْنَلِ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَحَسَّب، بَلَ أَيْضًا لِلَّسْلُ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الإَيْمَان، إِيْمَان إِيْرَاهيم، الَّذِي هُوَ أَبَّ لَنَا أَجْمَعِين؛ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوب: »إِنِّي جَعَلْتُكَ أَبًا لاَمْمَ كَثِيرَة .«فَإِبْرَاهِيمُ الَّذِي آَمَنَ بِاللَّهِ هُوَ أَبَّ لَنَا أَمَامَ الله، الَّذِي و. ««ابرا هِيم الذي أهل بالله هو آب لنا أهام الله، الذي يا الأموات، ويَدْعُو عَبْرَ المَوَّ حُود إلى الوُجُود. وقَدْ آمَنَ هُم بالله هم الله المواد. وقَدْ آمَنَ هُمْ رَاحِيًا عَلَى عَبْرِ رَجَاء، بِأَنَّهُ سَيَصِيرُ أَبًا لأَمَم كَثْيَرَة، فَبَيْ الله عُمْ مَا الله عَلَى عَلَى مَا مُ الله عَمْ مَا مُ الله عَلَى عَبْرِ أَسَالُكُ مُ سَيَصِيرُ أَبًا لأَمَم كَثْيَرَة، فقي قُلْ عَلَى عَلَى عَلى عَبْرِ أَسَالُكُ مُ سَنَعَمَ مُ الله عَلَى عَلَى عَلى عَبْرِ أَسَالُ الله الله سَيَصِيرُ أَبًا لأَمَم كَثْيَرَة، فقي قُلْلُهُ مَا الله عَلى عَلى عَبْرِ أَسَالُكُ مُ سَيَصِيرُ أَبًا لأَمَم كَثْيَرَة، فقي قُلْ عَلى قُلْلُهُ مَا عَلَى عَلَى عَلَى مَعْنَا مُ الله الله عَلَى عَلَى عَلَى عَلَى عَلَى أَسَالُكَ مُ الله الم قُلْمُ أَنَّهُ رَأَى مَنْ وَهُوَ أَبْنُ نَحْقٍ مِنَةً سَنَاتَهُ، أَنَّ جَسَدُهُ مَا إِيمالُهُ عَلَى إِنَّهُ الله المُعَالَي أَنَّهُ مَا إِنَّا عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّهُ عَلَى إِنَّا اللهُ مَا عَلَى إِنْ عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّا اللهُ عَم عَلَى أَنَّهُ مَا إِنَّا اللهُ إِنَّا عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى إِنَّا إِلَى إِنَهُ مِنْ أَمَنَ عَلَي اللهُ إِنَّا اللهُ إِنَّا مَا إِنَّا عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى إِنَا عَامَ عَلَى إِنَّا عَلَى إِنَا إِنَّا عَلَى إِنَهُ مُنْ أَنَهُ مَا أَنَهُ مَا إِنْ أَنَا اللهُ مَا أَنَهُ مَا إِنَّهُ مَا إِنْ عَلَى إِنْعُمَا الَهُ مُنَا اللهُ مَا إِنْ عَلَى إِنْ أَنَا أَنْ أَنْ أَنْ أَنْ ثْنَا سَبَارَةَ قُدْ مَاتٌ. وبِنَّاءً عَلى وَعْدِ اللهُ، مَا شَكَّ وَلا بَلْ تَقَوَّى بِالإِيْمَانُ، وَمُجَدَ ٱلله. وأَيْقَنَ مِلْءَ اليَقِينَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يُنْجِزُ مَٰاً وَعَدَ بِهِ . فَلِذَلِكَ حُسِبَ لَهُ إِمْمَانُهُ بِرًا. إِيكَتَبُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ وَحَدِهُ أَنَّهُ يَحْسِبَ لَهُ بِزَارِ، بِيَلْ كُتِب لَيْضًا مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، بَجَرٍ وَحَدَّهُ اللَّهِ يَحْسَبُ لَهُ بِرَارَهُ بِلَ كَتَبَ أَيْضًا مِنْ أَجْلَنَا، نَحْنُ اللَّذِينَ سَيَحْسَبُ لَنَا بِرًا، لأَنَّهُ نُوَمَنُ بِالَّذِي أَقَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، أَلَدَي أُسْئِمَ مِنْ أَجْلِ زَلاَتِنَا، وأَقْيَمَ مِنْ أَجْلِ تَبْرِيرِنَا.

إنجيل القدّيس لوقًا 1:1-25 بِمَا أَنَّ كثيرينَ أَخُدُوا يُرَبَّبُونَ رِوَايةً لِلأَحْدَاثِ ٱلَّتِرِ عُدْنَا، كَمَا سَلَمَها إلَيْنَا مَنْ كَانُوا مُنْدُ البَدْء شُهُو ، ثُمَّ صَارُوا خُذَّامًا لَهَا، رَأَيْتُ أَنا أَيْضًا، أ ل، أَنْ أَكْتُبَها لَكَ بِحَسَبٍ تَرْتِيبِهَا، بَعْدَما تَتَ يل، أن أسبع المنبع المسبح المرابع الله المرابع المرابع المرابع الله المرابع المرابع الله المرابع المرابع الله المرابع الله المرابع الله المرابع الله المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع الله المرابع الله المرابع الله المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع المرابع الم نَّ بَهِ. كَانَ فِي أَيَّامِ هَيْرُودُس، مَلِكِ النَّهُودَيَّةُ، كَان زَكَرِيَا، مِنْ فِرْقَةٍ أَبِيَّا، لهُ أَمْرَأَةٌ مِنَ بَنَاتِ هَارُونَ المُحْدَيْ أَمَامَ اللهُ، سَالَ عَلَيْهُمَا بَارَّيْنَ أَمَامَ اللهُ، سَا وُصَّايَا الرَّبِّ وأَحْكَامِه بلا أَوْم. وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمَا لَابَاتَ كَانُتُ عَاقرًا، وِكَانَا كَلاهُمَا قَدْ طَعَنَا . وفِيمَا كَانَ زَكَرَيًّا يَقُومُ بِالْخِدْمَة الْكَهَنُو تَبَّةً أَمَ هما. وقيما كان ركزيا يقوم بالجدمة الكهوبية أمام في أَنْشَاءٍ نَوْيَةِ فَرْقَتَهِ، أَصَابَتُهُ القُرْعَة، بِحَسَبَ عَادَة جُمُهُور الشَّعْبِ يُصَلِّي فَي الخَارِج، في أَنْثَاء إحْرَاق ور. وَتَرَاءَى مَلاكُ الرَّبَ لَزَكَرِيَّا وَاقَفًا مِنْ عَنْ يَمِينَ م البَخُور، فأَضْطَرَبَ زَكَرِيَّا جِينَ رَآه، وأَسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِ فٌ. فقَالَ لهُ المَلاكُ: »لَا تَخَفُ، يَا زَكَرِيًا، فُقَدٍ طِلْبَتُكَ، وَٱمْرَأَتُكَ إِلِيصَابَاتُ سَتَلَدُ لَكَ ٱبْنَّا، فَسَمَّه بُوَ حَنًّا لك، وامراتك اليصابات سَتَلَد لك ابنا، فسَمَه يُوحَنًا. ونُ لَكَ فَرَحَ وَلَبْتِهَاج، ويَقْرَحُ بِمَوْلِدٍه كَثِيرُون، لأَنَّهُ لُونُ عَظِيمًا في نَظر الرَّبَ، لا يَتْنَرَبُ حَمَرًا ولا مُسْكِرًا، يَنَ مِنْ بَنِي إِسَرَائِيلَ إلى الرَّبَ الههم. ويَسَيرُ أَمَامَ يَرُوح إلِيكَ وقُوَتَه، لَيْرُدَ قُلُوبَ اللَّهَاء إلى الأَنْنَاء، مُمَاةَ إلى حَكْمَة الأَبْرَا، فَيُهَتِيَ الرَّبَ شَعْنَا مُعَدًّا خَيْرَ له دِهْقَانَ رَبِّي مَنْ المَا المَ اعْدَاد مِدْفَقَالَ زَكَرِيًّا لِلْمَلَاكَ: »َبِمَأَذًا أَعْرُفُ هِذَا؟ فاتِّي أَنَّا) ؟ ؟ مَعْرَضُهُمْ عَنْهُمْ مُعْمَانُهُمْ مَعْمَانُ مَعْمَانُ مَعْمَانُ مَعْمَانُ مُعْمَانُ مُعْمَانُ وَاللَّهُ »أَنَا هُوَ وَإِسْتَبَرِكَ بِهَذًا. وهَا إَنْتَ تَكُونُ صَامِتًا، لا تَقْدِلُ أَنْ ، حَتَّى الَيَوْمِ الَّذِي يَحْدُثُ فِيهِ ذَلِكَ، لأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُ ي الَّذِي سَنِيَتِمُ في أَوَانِهِ .«وَكَانَ الشُّعْبُ يَنْتَظَرُ زَرْ بُ مِنْ إِبْطَّائِهِ في مَقْدِسَ الْهَيْكَلِ. ولَعَجَبَ مِنْ إيطابِهُ فِي مَعَدَسَ الهَجَلَ. ولَمَا خَرَجَ زَكَرِيَّا، لَمْ يَكُنْ قَابِرا أَنْ يُكْلَمَهُم، فَأَدْرَكُوا أَنَّهُ أَيْكُم و لَمَا نَمَّتْ أَيَّامُ حُدْمَتِه، مَصَى إلَيْ بَيْتَهُ. وبَعْدَ تَلْكُ الأَيَّام، حَمَلَتِ ٱمْزَائَهُ إلَيصَابَات، وكَتَمَتْ أَمْرَهَا حَمْسَةً أَشْهُر، وهِيَ تَقُولُ: هَكَدًا صَنْعَ الرَّبُّ إلَيَّ فِي الأَيَّامِ الَّتَقِ نَظَرَ إلَيَّ فِيهَا، لِيْزِيلَ العَارَ عَلِي مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ.



