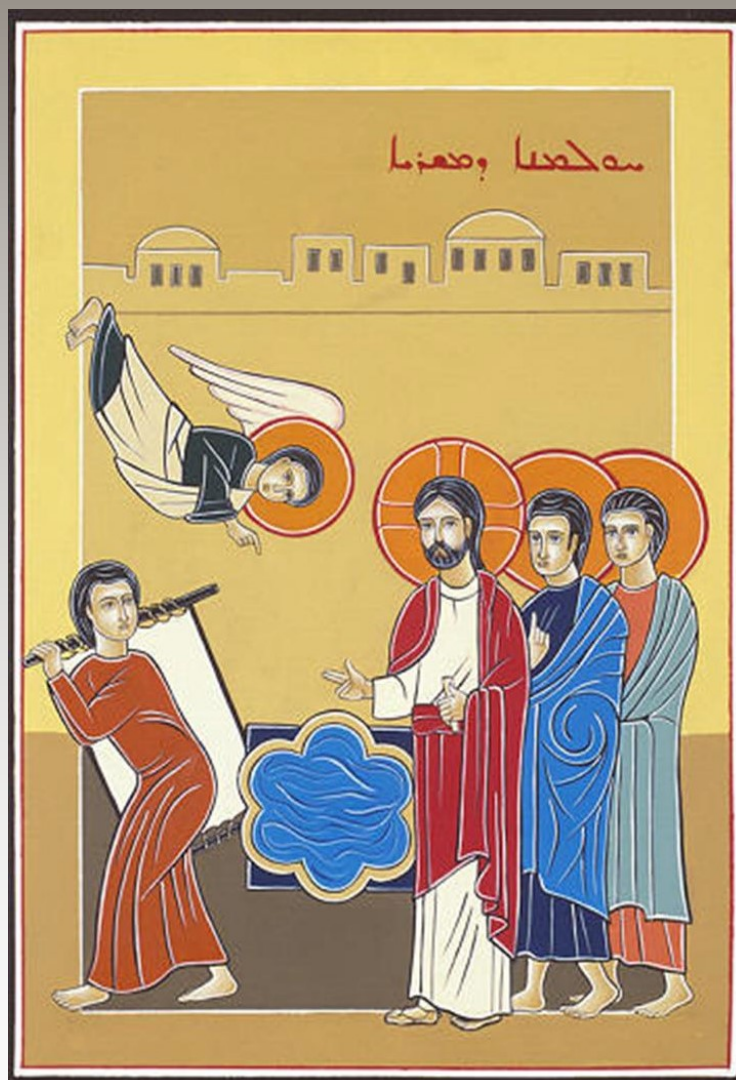


SUNDAY OF THE HEALING

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OF THE PARALYTIC

# Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

## March 10th, 2024

<b>Sun., Mar. 10</b>	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic / St. Auxentius</b> <b>9 am for Lisa del Puerto</b> <b>11:30 am in Thanksgiving for God's Graces</b> <b>by Julie Aguilera</b> <b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Chehade Arnaout</b>
Mon., Mar. 11	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Sphronius, Bishop of Jerusalem
Tues., Mar. 12	NO DIVINE LITURGY Pope St. Gregory the Great
Wed., Mar. 13	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Theophanes the Chronicler
Thurs., Mar. 14	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Euphrasia
Fri., Mar. 15	NO DIVINE LITURGY St. Benedict, Founder of the Monastic Life in the West
Sat., Mar. 16	10 am Divine Liturgy The First Council of Constantinople
<b>Sun., Mar. 17</b>	<b>Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man / St. Patrick</b> <b>9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners</b> <b>11:30 am for Joseph Saikaly</b> <b>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Wadih Saikaly</b>

### 2023 Financial Standing

#### Ordinary Income

- ◆ Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$221,549.55**
  - ◆ Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers ....**\$342,583.61**
- Total Ordinary Income: \$564,133.16**

#### Ordinary Expenses

- ◆ Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....**\$399,584.08**
- Total Ordinary Expenses: \$399,584.08**

**Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: \$164,549.08**

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**Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:**  
**The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.**

**The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 8% in 2024, so we pay \$49,313.00 . The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,109.41**

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

### HELP LEBANON!



#### BY CHECK:

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.

#### ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking [here](#).

#### 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 [here](#) to sponsor a family.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at 7:30 pm, we pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service is followed by a Lenten supper.

### Confraternity Meeting

The Confraternity will meet this Sunday in the Chapel after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

### Annual Clergy Retreat

Fr. Dominique and Fr. Chuck will be out of town from Monday, March 11th, to Friday, March 15th. They will be participating in the annual clergy retreat with all the priests of the Eparchy. Please keep them in your prayers. The daily Divine Liturgy that week is canceled.

### Pre-order Maamoul

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will do a baking session a week or two before Easter, so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

### 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. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

### Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single 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. Please register [here](#) and see Fr. Chuck for more information.

### The 2024 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 \$2,322 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

### Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Edgard Abi Daher, William Abou Chrouh, Roger Shammass and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

### 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.

### 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.

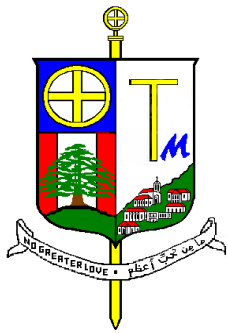
### Arab Bankers Association of North America Fellowship Award

Fellowships are open to all for students pursuing graduate studies in business at an American university. Applications will be taken annually for 5 fellowships to be granted annually for \$15,000 each year for two consecutive years for a total of \$30,000. Please apply [here](#) by April 2nd, 2024.

### St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

The Grand Opening of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024! The Center is located in the former Epiphany Center and was recently acquired by and is operated under the direction of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. The Cathedral contributed \$5000 to acquire the Center. Doctor Anne Borik serves as Director and Subdeacon Vincent Michael as Assistant Director. To register online for the Dedication and Open House, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person), please visit [www.saintsharbelcenter.org](http://www.saintsharbelcenter.org). For more information please email: [info@saintsharbelcenter.org](mailto:info@saintsharbelcenter.org)





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Lent 2024

Prot. No. 015 S / 24

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you believe in Jesus Christ, sacrifice always has meaning. It leads to something, just as the Cross led to the Resurrection. Life is not about being comfortable but about answering God's call to us. Our response makes our lives "worth living," as Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to say.

During this season of sacrifice, please consider making a sacrificial gift for this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon) who can be helped by our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Eparchy can be part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:



Eparchy of Saint  
Maron of Brooklyn

PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING  
**Lent**



**Seminarians:** We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. **40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.**

**Ministries:** Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**

**Retired Priests:** The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful well. We help them with a modest pension each month. **20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.**

**Help for Lebanon and the Middle East:** The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. **10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.**

**Endowment:** The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal> for more information.

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.

## FOM THE BISHOP OFFICE ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER

5 March 2024

Prot. No. 058/1/24  
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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful,

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis opened the **Year of Prayer** in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Holy Father's intention is to have us look closely at how we relate to the Church, to the family, and to the world, according to the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and then apply this practically to our own life of prayer.

As you know, Pope Saint Paul VI beatified Saint Sharbel at the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, along with a missionary priest martyr, Jacques Berthieu, who served in Madagascar, Africa. What an honor for us as Maronites, to have shared in this spotlight, and what a message the Saintly Pontiff gave to the world (and to us!) that prayer, silence, sacrifice, and a missionary spirit are the ways forward to the renewal of the Church, the family, and the world!

In the Apostolic Letter by which Sharbel was declared blessed, we read this:

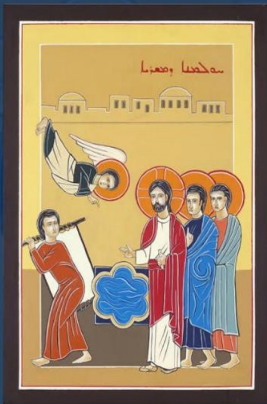
"We should mention that we recently decreed the same honors (Beatification) for Jacques Berthieu, who won the prize by struggling in the action of life as though in a spiritual combat. Now, a monk, removed from all human association and given over to contemplation of divine things in solitude, is extolled. Both lives are commended by the Church.... Sharbel who represented anew the life, distinguished by the sanctity of the ancient hermits, kept his mind unperturbed... so that from the happiness of his soul would flow the cheerfulness of his countenance."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this Year of Prayer, let us use this opportunity, in the same spirit that animated Pope Saint Paul VI at the end of the Second Vatican Council when he pointed to Saint Sharbel as a model of prayer and devotion, so that we may keep our "minds unperturbed" and thus from the "happiness of our soul" God will cause to "flow the cheerfulness of our countenance."

+ Gregory

PS: Please see the link below for some of the offerings of our new Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center on prayer and life of the holiness. <https://saintsharbelcenter.org/>

### Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



Dive deeper into the Maronite Gospels for the Sundays of Great Lent presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and guest contributors.

We welcome you to join us live as we highlight spiritual lessons from each Gospel. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their insights as well. Thursdays at 8:00pm EST

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HEMORRHAGING WOMAN

FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE  
PRODIGAL SON

MARCH 7: HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

MARCH 14: HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

MARCH 21: HOSANNA SUNDAY

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*On*

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*Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral*

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*Luncheon to follow in Church Hall*





# MARONITE ENRICHMENT DAYS

AT THE MARONITE SEMINARY  
7164 ALASKA AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20012

## 2024

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10



LECTURE 1  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
LETTERS TRAVELING INTO SYRIAC



MARONITE SEMINARY CHAMBER CHOIR  
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM



LECTURE 2  
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  
DISILLUSIONED IN CONSTANTINOPLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 11



LECTURE 3  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
THE HOLY PLACE IN THE DESERT



LECTURE 4  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM  
A NEW SYRIAC LIBRARY FOR THE LEARNED SOLITARY

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## A Three Part Zoom Series

### 1- Contraception: A Couple's Friend or Foe?

Tuesday March 12, 2024 @ 8pm EST

Opening prayer by Chorbishop Sharbel Maroun

Speaker: Professor Janet Smith, PhD

### 2- Charting your Cycle: Benefits For Your Life, Fertility & Marriage

Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 8pm EST

Opening prayer by Bishop Gregory Mansour

Speakers: - Anne CJ Olek RN, MSN, FNP, CFPC, CFCE

- Melissa Tablada, LMFT, FCP

### 3- NaProTechnology: A Restorative Approach to Women's Health and Fertility

Tuesday March 26, 2024 @ 8pm EST

Opening prayer by Chorbishop Don J. Sawyer

Speaker: Angela Maupin Kristan, MD, CFCMC



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## Sunday Readings

### قراءات الأحد

#### Fifth Sunday Lent: Sunday of the Man who was Paralyzed

##### First Letter to Timothy 5:24-6: 5

The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgement, while the sins of others follow them there. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

##### The Gospel according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

#### الأحد الخامس من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء المخلع

##### رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى تيموثاوس 5:24-6: 5

يا إخوتي، مِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ تَكُونُ خَطَايَاهُمْ وَاضِحَةً قَبْلَ الْحُكْمِ فِيهَا، وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَا تَكُونُ وَاضِحَةً إِلَّا بَعْدَهُ. كَذَلِكَ فَإِنَّ الْأَعْمَالَ الصَّالِحَةَ هِيَ أَيْضًا وَاضِحَةٌ، وَالَّتِي هِيَ غَيْرُ وَاضِحَةٍ فَلَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ تَبْقَى خَفِيَّةً. عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ تَحْتَ نِيرِ الْعُبُودِيَّةِ أَنْ يَحْسُبُوا أَسْيَادَهُمْ أَهْلًا لِكُلِّ كَرَامَةٍ، لِئَلَّا يُجَدَّفَ عَلَى أَسْمِ اللَّهِ وَتُعْلِمِهِ. أَمَّا الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ أَسْيَادٌ مُؤْمِنُونَ فَلَا يَسْتَنْهِيُوهُمْ بِهِمْ، لِأَنَّهُمْ إِخْوَةٌ، بَلْ بِالْأَحْرَى فَلْيَخْدُمُوهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْمُسْتَفِيدِينَ مِنْ خِدْمَتِهِمُ الطَّيِّبَةَ هُمْ مُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَجْبَاءُ، ذَلِكَ مَا يَجِبُ أَنْ تُعْلَمَهُ وَتُعْطَى بِهِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ أَحَدٌ يُعَلِّمُ تَعْلِيمًا مَخَالِفًا، وَلَا يَتَمَسَّكُ بِالْكَلَامِ الصَّحِيحِ، كَلَامِ رَبِّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، وَبِالتَّعْلِيمِ الْمُوَافِقِ لِلنَّقْوَى، فَهُوَ إِنْسَانٌ أَعْمَنَهُ الْكِبَرِيَاءُ، لَا يَفْهَمُ شَيْئًا، بَلْ مُصَابٌ بِمَرَضِ الْمَجَادَلَاتِ وَالْمُخَاحَاكَاتِ، الَّتِي يَنْشَأُ عَنْهَا الْحَسَدُ وَالْخِصَامُ وَالتَّجْدِيفُ وَسُوءُ الظَّنِّ، وَالْمُشَاجَرَاتُ بَيْنَ أَنْاسٍ فَاسِدِي الْعَقْلِ، زَائِفِينَ عَنِ الْحَقِّ، يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّ النَّقْوَى وَسِيلَةٌ لِلرَّبْحِ.

##### إنجيل القديس مرقس 12:1-2

عَادَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى كَفَرْنَاحُومَ. وَسَمِعَ النَّاسُ أَنَّهُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. فَتَجَمَّعَ عَدَدٌ كَبِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ حَتَّى غَصَّ بِهِمُ الْمَكَانُ، وَلَمْ يَبْقَ مَوْضِعٌ لِأَحَدٍ وَلَا عِنْدَ الْبَابِ. وَكَانَ يُخَاطِبُهُمْ بِكَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ. فَاتَّوَهَّ بِمُخَلِّعٍ يَحْمِلُهُ أَرْبَعَةُ رِجَالٍ. وَبِسَبَبِ الْجَمْعِ لَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا الْوُصُولَ بِهِ إِلَى يَسُوعَ، فَكَشَفُوا السَّقْفَ فَوْقَ يَسُوعَ، وَنَبَشَوْهُ، وَدَلُّوا الْفَرَّاشَ الَّذِي كَانَ الْمَخْلَعُ مَطْرُوحًا عَلَيْهِ. وَرَأَى يَسُوعُ إِيمَانَهُمْ، فَقَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ: «يَا ابْنِي، مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ.» وَكَانَ بَعْضُ الْكَتَبَةِ جَالِسِينَ هُنَاكَ يُفَكِّرُونَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ: لِمَاذَا يَتَكَلَّمُ هَذَا الرَّجُلُ هَكَذَا؟ إِنَّهُ يُجَدِّفُ! مَنْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ؟ وَفِي الْحَالِ عَرَفَ يَسُوعُ بِرُوحِهِ أَنَّهُمْ يُفَكِّرُونَ هَكَذَا فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لِمَاذَا تُفَكِّرُونَ بِهَذَا فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ؟ مَا هُوَ الْأَسْهَلُ؟ أَنْ يُقَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ: مَغْفُورَةٌ لَكَ خَطَايَاكَ؟ أَمْ أَنْ يُقَالَ: قُمْ وَاحْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ وَامْشِ؟ وَلِكَيْ تَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ لَابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ سُلْطَانًا أَنْ يَغْفِرَ الْخَطَايَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ.» قَالَ لِلْمَخْلَعِ: لَكَ أَقُولُ: قُمْ، احْمِلْ فِرَاشَكَ، وَأَذْهَبْ إِلَى بَيْتِكَ! فَقَامَ فِي الْحَالِ وَحَمَلَ فِرَاشَهُ، وَخَرَجَ أَمَامَ الْجَمِيعِ، حَتَّى دَهَشُوا كُلُّهُمْ وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «مَا رَأَيْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا الْبَيْتَةِ!»



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