



“I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.”



فَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ أَنَّكُمْ تَبْحَثَانِ
عَنْ يَسُوعَ الَّذِي صُلبَ.
إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ هُنَا، فَقَدْ قَامَ، كَمَا قَالَ

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sun. April 12, *Sunday of the Great Resurrection*

✠ 11:30 am For the intentions of the parishioners.

Sun. April 19, *NEW Sunday,*

✠ 10:00am

✠ 11:30 am For the Martyrs of Lebanon by the Lebanese Centre of Bashir Gemayel

✠ For Akram Sukkar by his daughter Anwar Hermiz.

WEEKDAY MASSES: @ 6:00 pm Sat. @ 5:00 pm

Sat. Apr. 18 One Year Memorial for Basil Algudady by his wife Niam & family.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

April 5 \$2133.00

SICKNESS: We pray for the sick in our Parish. God grant them a speedy recovery. Persons unable to attend Mass, please contact your pastor for Holy Communion.

THANK YOU: Our appreciation to all who helped in making Holy Week a memorable occasion! May the Lord repay you all a hundredfold! *Also to all who gave Easter gifts/envelopes to the priests. Thanks and God Bless!*



Easter Flowers...

Abdallah Aphram Laure Aphram

Albert Farah Marie Farah

Therese Azar Azar family

*Joe & Mariam Andary, Doumith & Wassile Azar
Steve & Genevieve Andary*

Carom Boutros & Aphram Gray Helwe Boutros

Milia & Boutros Daher Joe & Marie Sleiman

Paul Sleiman Joe & Marie Sleiman

Nazha Antoun & Najeb Brisse Joe & Marie Sleiman

Charlotte Hindi Joe & Nadia Hindi

Assad & Martha Emon Rose Emon

Youssef & Toni Metlej Antoinette Ramia

*Ibrahim Nabhan Azar & deceased of Nabhan
and Azar families Rita & Alan Farah*

Deceased of Youssef & Sleiman families

George & Marie Youssef & family

Akram Sukkar Anwar Hermiz

Deceased of the Qare family

Meditation

“Christ is risen! Do not be afraid. You will see him.”

The angel’s words must have had a staggering effect on the women who had come to Jesus’ tomb. Think how disillusioned they would have been after Jesus’ crucifixion. He had given them great hope and inspired them to expect God to act in dramatic ways. But then he suffered a miserable, humiliating death. How bewildered and afraid these women must have been! True, Jesus did promise that he would rise again, but the idea was just too big for any of them to comprehend.

What could have been more astonishing for the women than to discover that Jesus truly had risen, exactly as he promised? God proved that what he promises, he fulfills. Rather than a being cause for apprehension or fear, his word is always the basis for confident faith and hope.

Two thousand years later, we too face challenges to faith. Jesus has already risen and poured out his Spirit. We have become God’s sons and daughters. Yet these realities can seem too big for us to believe. The world advises us to set our sights on lesser, more mundane realities: to seek security wherever possible, and however temporary, in the midst of life’s uncertainties.

We can choose to stand with the women. We can be empowered by God’s word as they were. His promises are real and can provide us great assurance. We can put our faith in the marvelous thing that God has done—the resurrection of his Son. He has promised to draw all people to himself (John 12:32) and to give his Spirit to all those who ask (Luke 11:9,13). Do you feel far from God today? Do you have a pressing need? Ask and you will receive! What God has promised, he is able to perform!

- THE WORD AMONG US

**A Most Blessed and Happy Easter
to you and your families!**

**Christ is Risen!
Truly He is Risen!**

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Sunday Readings

١ قور ١٥/١٢-٢٦

1Corinthians 15:12-26

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

إِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ يُبَشِّرُ بِهِ أَنَّهُ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، فَكَيْفَ يَقُولُ بَعْضُ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ؟ فَإِنْ كَانَ لَا قِيَامَةَ لِلْأَمْوَاتِ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَتَبَشِيرُنَا فَارِغٌ، وَفَارِغٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَنَكُونُ نَحْنُ شُهُودٌ زُورٍ عَلَى اللَّهِ، لِأَنَّنا شَهِدْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَهُوَ مَا أَقَامَهُ، إِنْ صَحَّ أَنْ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَقُومُونَ. فَإِنْ كَانَ الْأَمْوَاتِ لَا يَقُومُونَ، فَالْمَسِيحُ أَيْضًا لَمْ يَقُمْ! وَإِنْ كَانَ الْمَسِيحُ لَمْ يَقُمْ، فَباطِلٌ إِيْمَانُكُمْ، وَتَكُونُونَ بَعْدُ فِي خَطَايَاكُمْ. إِذَا فَالَّذِينَ رَقَدُوا فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ هَلَكُوا. إِنْ كُنَّا نَرْجُو الْمَسِيحَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ وَحَسَبُ، فَنَحْنُ أَشَقَى النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ! وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ بَأَكْوَرَهُ الرَّاقِدِينَ. فَيَمَا أَنَّ الْمَوْتَ كَانَ بِوَأَسِطَةِ إِنْسَانٍ، فَيَوَأَسِطَةُ إِنْسَانٍ أَيْضًا تَكُونُ قِيَامَةَ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَكَمَا أَنَّهُ فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، كَذَلِكَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيَحْيَا الْجَمِيعُ، كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ فِي رُتْبَتِهِ: الْمَسِيحُ أَوَّلًا، لِأَنَّهُ الْبَأَكْوَرَةُ، ثُمَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، عِنْدَ مَجِيئِهِ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ تَكُونُ النَّهْيَةُ، حِينَ يُسَلِّمُ الْمَسِيحُ الْمُلْكَ إِلَى اللَّهِ الْآبِ، بَعْدَ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدْ أَبْطَلَ كُلَّ رِئَاسَةٍ وَكُلَّ سُلْطَانٍ وَقُوَّةٍ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا بَدَّ لِلْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ، إِلَى أَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. وَآخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ.

متى ١٠-١/٢٨

Matthew 28:1-10

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Hail!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

لَمَّا انْقَضَى السَّبْتُ وَطَلَعَ فَجْرُ الْأَحَدِ، جَاءَتْ مَرْيَمُ الْمَجْدَلِيَّةُ وَمَرْيَمُ الْأُخْرَى تُعَابِنَانَ الْقَبْرِ، وَإِذَا زَلْزَلَةٌ عَظِيمَةٌ حَدَثَتْ، لِأَنَّ مَلَكَ الرَّبِّ نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَدَنَا فَدَحْرَجَ الْحَجَرَ، وَجَلَسَ عَلَيْهِ. وَكَانَ مَنْظَرُهُ كَالْبَرْقِ، وَلِبَاسُهُ أَبْيَضَ كَالثَلْجِ. فَارْتَعَدَ الْحِرَّاسُ خَوْفًا مِنْهُ، وَصَارُوا كَالْأَمْوَاتِ. فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكَ وَقَالَ لِلْمَرَاتَيْنِ: "أَنْتُمَا، لَا تَخَافَا! أَنَا أَعْلَمُ أَنْتُمَا تَطْلُبَانِ يَسُوعَ الْمَصْتُوبَ. فَهُوَ لَيْسَ هُنَا، لِأَنَّهُ قَامَ مِثْلَمَا قَالَ. تَعَالَيَا وَانظُرَا الْمَكَانَ الَّذِي كَانَ مَوْضُوعًا فِيهِ. وَادْهَبَا حَالًا إِلَى ثَلَامِيذِهِ وَقُولَا لَهُمْ: إِنَّهُ قَدْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ! وَهَا هُوَ يَسُوفُكُمْ إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُنَاكَ تَرَوْنَهُ. هَا أَنَا قَدْ قُلْتُ لَكُمْ." فَعَادَرَتَا الْقَبْرَ مُسْرِعَتَيْنِ، وَهُمَا فِي خَوْفٍ وَفَرَحٍ عَظِيمٍ، تَرْكُضَانِ حَامِلَتَيْنِ الْبُشْرَى إِلَى الثَّلَامِيذِ، فَإِذَا يَسُوعُ يُلَاقِيهِمَا وَيَقُولُ: "السَّلَامُ لَكُمْ!" فَتَقَدَّمَتَا وَأَمْسَكْتَا بِقَدَمَيْهِ سَاجِدَتَيْنِ لَهُ. حِينَئِذٍ قَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: "لَا تَخَافَا! إِذْهَبَا وَبَشِّرَا إِخْوَتِي لِيَذْهَبُوا إِلَى الْجَلِيلِ، وَهُنَاكَ يَرَوْنِي."

Next Sunday

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21 John 20:26-31