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Emmaus Sunday

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إنجيل القديس لوقا 24

فَقَالَ لَهُمَا يَسُوعُ: «يَا عَدِيمِي الْفَهْمِ، وَبَطِينِي الْقَلْبِ فِي الْإِيمَانِ بِكُلِّ مَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ! أَمَا كَانَ يَجِبُ عَلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَنْ يُعَانِيَ تِلْكَ الْأَلَامَ، ثُمَّ يَدْخُلَ فِي مَجْدِهِ؟». وَفَسَّرَ لَهُمَا مَا يَتَعَلَّقُ بِهِ فِي كُلِّ الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، مُبْتَدِئًا بِمُوسَى وَجَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ. وَأَقْتَرَبَا مِنَ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَا ذَاهِبِينَ إِلَيْهَا، فَتَظَاهَرَ يَسُوعُ بِأَنَّهُ ذَاهِبٌ إِلَى مَكَانٍ أُبْعَدَ. فَتَمَسَّكَ بِهِ قَائِلِينَ: «أَمْكُثْ مَعَنَا، فَقَدْ حَانَ الْمَسَاءُ، وَمَالَ النَّهَارُ». فَدَخَلَ لِيَمْكُثَ مَعَهُمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ مُتَّكِنًا مَعَهُمَا، أَخَذَ الْخُبْزَ، وَبَارَكَ، وَكَسَرَ، وَنَاوَلَهُمَا. فَأَنْفَتَحَتْ أَعْيُنُهُمَا، وَعَرَفَاهُ، فَإِذَا هُوَ قَدْ تَوَارَى عَنْهُمَا.

Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

And Jesus said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.

Let's Go for a Walk

Easter has come, the stone has been rolled away, the work of salvation finished! Now it is time to receive marching orders, now is the time for us to assume the mission. In all the readings of this season we have some aspect of empowerment for mission; the Holy Spirit is given, the Word is sent, and the disciples have been imbued with miraculous power. Why? So that they might go forth into the world with the message of salvation even as Jesus went forth into the world; “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.”

The story is told of an imaginary conversation that took place between St. Michael and Jesus after his ascension into heaven. St. Michael asked, “Jesus, now that you have returned to heaven what are your plans for reaching the world with the Good News?” Jesus replied, “I’ve given the task to my disciples.” St. Michael, knowing that the disciples were “unlearned and ignorant” people, asked, “What is your back-up plan if they fail?” Jesus replied, “I have no back-up plan!”

And so it is, Jesus fully entrusted the task of world evangelization to us, his Church. When Jesus appeared to the Church he gave them peace, he gave them purpose, and he gave them power — and he gave them a mission. We believe and have just recently celebrated that we too were there at the cross, fully included in the saving work of Christ. It is essential that we understand that we were also there, fully included in the commission which Christ gave to his followers.

The Christian faith is, above all, conversion to Jesus Christ, full devotion to his person and sincere decision to walk in his footsteps. True liberation consist in opening oneself to the love of Christ. In him, and only in him, are we set free from alienation and from slavery to sin and death.

REMEMBER IT

“He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him”

Luke 24: 30-31

Deacon's Corner

And Jesus said; "Peace be with you". Jesus made this statement every time he appears to the disciples after His Resurrection. The disciples were afraid. They were afraid as they watched their Leader, Jesus Christ, be humiliated, spat upon, crowned with thorns, scourged at the pillar and then crucified upon the Cross until He died. The disciples scattered when this happened and were afraid this could happen to them. So Jesus had to bring some assurance to them that they would be OK.

We know by the Gospel read at the Sunday past that Thomas was reluctant to believe that Jesus was alive: "until I put my hand in His wounds, I will not believe".

I believe we are all "doubting Thomas" at some point in our lives. And yet, this doubt of Thomas did not drive Jesus from Him, Jesus used this time to strengthen Thomas' belief in Him. This miracle turned Thomas' doubt into faith. And so it should be with us also. This is where the strength of our faith comes into play. Sometimes this is hard, it is a challenge, a task that might seem impossible based on the doubts that we have. But always remember that God is with us at all times. He never gives us more than He knows we can handle. So let us take heart in knowing that our "doubts" can always be the basis to strengthen our faith.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday April 17, 2016

9:30 Mass: For Joseph Allen (Req. by the Allen Family)

11:30 Mass: For Joseph Allen (Req. by the Allen Family)

Mass Celebration



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Sunday Readings



Reading: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
Holy Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Mass Intentions



9:30 AM

The Deceased of the Shaker Family
(Req. by the Breit Family)

11:30 AM

Mansour Hanna Al-Akouri
(Req. by the AKouri Family)

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan, Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Yasmina Mulcahey, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Nabil Zahra	Mona Akouri (English) Dr. Nadia Haddad (Arabic)
Ushers	Robert Antoon Frank Kermend	Ed Kneip, Nakhoul Nehra, Naji Abiad, Stephen George

Announcements

✳ Mother's Day Celebration

The ladies of Our Lady of Lebanon parish are cordially invited to a Mother's Day Celebration on **Saturday May 7th at 7 pm** in the Shaker Hall. We promise an enjoyable evening including dinner, music, and many other perks. We only ask for one thing, your creativity in decorating the tables: we are looking for 10 volunteers who will each take on the decoration of a table: bring a centerpiece of your choice and come see how it will all come together in a beautiful evening filled with fun and laughter! For more information or to sign up for the centerpieces, please contact **Mirna Abboud (847-219-3082)**.

P.S: The evening will be attended to by a group of gentlemen, so for anyone who would like to help, please contact **Henry Abboud (847-219-3028)**.

Let us remember

and pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of April

† Joseph Shaker Sr.	† Joseph Basil	† Mary Ann Sirbeck
† Joseph Allen	† Julia A. Saad	† Atena Hanna
† Minnie Bohakel	† Dr. Issam Kaddourah	† Gurken Israelian
† Charles Jage	† Jack Markwell	† Anice Anthony Shababy
		† John Deeham

COLLECTION

Sunday April 03, 2016: \$ 2,639.00.00

May our gracious Lord bless each of you a hundredfold
for your love and care and generosity.