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إنجيل القديس يوحنا 21

قَالَ يَسُوعُ لِسِمْعَانَ بُطْرُسَ: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا يُحِبُّنِي هَؤُلَاءِ؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْغَ حُمْلَانِي». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَانِيَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». قَالَ لَهُ: «نَعَمْ يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْغَ نِعَاجِي!». قَالَ لَهُ مَرَّةً ثَالِثَةً: «يَا سِمْعَانُ بْنُ يُونَا، أَتُحِبُّنِي؟». فَحَزَنَ بُطْرُسُ، لِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ قَالَ لَهُ ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ: أَتُحِبُّنِي؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ: «يَا رَبِّ، أَنْتَ تَعْلَمُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، وَأَنْتَ تَعْرِفُ أَنِّي أُحِبُّكَ». قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: «إِرْغَ خِرَافِي! أَلَحَقَّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: حِينَ كُنْتَ شَابًّا، كُنْتَ تَشُدُّ جِزَامَكَ بِيَدَيْكَ وَتَسِيرُ إِلَى حَيْثُ تُرِيدُ. وَلَكِنْ حِينَ تَشِيخُ، سَتَبْسُطُ يَدَيْكَ وَآخَرُ يَشُدُّ لَكَ جِزَامَكَ، وَيَذْهَبُ بِكَ إِلَى حَيْثُ لَا تُرِيدُ». قَالَ يَسُوعُ ذَلِكَ مُشِيرًا إِلَى الْمِثْنَةِ الَّتِي سَيَمَجِّدُ بِهَا بُطْرُسُ اللَّهَ. ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُ: «إِثْبَعْنِي!».

Gospel of John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

Do You Love Me? Really?

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” Wouldn’t we be grieved if our beloved Jesus asked this three times? After all, we don’t want to consider that he may doubt our love.

And yet, let us think of our own lives for a moment. Have there been times when we turned away from Jesus? In our sinfulness have we denied Jesus? Have we placed worldly things ahead of him? Have we at times focused our lives on sex, power or money instead of our relationship with God? Are we always deeply aware of all that God has done for us? No? Then perhaps Jesus may be moved to ask us more than once “do you love me?”

Hundreds or thousands of times in our lives. How many times has he had to ask me “do you love me?” Perhaps, as with Peter, our Lord wished us to replace every denial, every sin, with a statement of love for him. “And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

Jesus asks for Peter to answer the question. But Jesus clearly asks Peter not just for words, but also for action. Feed my lambs and tend my sheep. Love is fulfilled by action. Love without action is dead. If we want to know what “love” means, we don’t have to pick up a dictionary. Just read the story of Jesus and Peter. Love is forgiveness. Love is reconciliation. Love is renewal. And through Christ, all of us – undeserving as we are – can be forgiven and restored.

REMEMBER IT

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”
Peter said, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

John 21:16

Deacon's Corner

The disciples decided to go fishing. And after fishing all night, a voice called out from the shore; "did you catch anything?" When the answer was "no", the voice told them to cast the nets on the right side of the boat (a course correction) and immediately the net was full of fish. So many that the large catch almost sank their boat. And they then realized it was the Lord sitting in their midst. It was the Lord who filled their net with 153 large fish.

And this brings us to see how often do we need to make a "course correction"? How often do we know that we are NOT on the right "course" where Jesus wants us to be? If you are like me, this happens quite often. As it did for me on numerous occasions while travelling in my boat, a "course correction" was required with more "course corrections" in my spiritual journey throughout my life. So I urge each and every one of us to listen to the Word of God and don't be hesitant or afraid to make a "course correction" in your life. For by doing this, your life will be much happier and you will feel more content about your own spiritual journey.

Mass Intentions for Next Sunday May 01, 2016

9:30 Mass: Lucille and Victor Wertz – Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Marie Louise Caleel (Req. by Annette Caleel)

11:30 Mass: Antoon Naffah-Antoinette & Georgette Khoury –
Joseph and Olga Mattar (Req. by Mr. & Mrs Pierre & Ann Naffah)

Mass Celebration



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Sunday Readings



Reading: Ephesians 4:1-13
Holy Gospel: John 21: 15-19

Mass Intentions



9:30 AM

40 days Memorial for Stasia Abraham
(Req. by the Shaker Family)

11:30 AM

Lucille and Victor Wertz – Tammer and Mary Caleel –
Marie Louise Caleel (Req. by Annette Caleel)

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	Lillian Hanna	Diana Garcia Moyado (English)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Sami Daou, Maroun Lebbos, Sami Tabet, Marc Cortbawi

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)**.

✳ Christian Formation Study and Discussion

St John the Baptist Melkite church is hosting a talk and discussion on Tuesday April 24 at 7:30 PM. The speaker is father Pierre El Khoury and the theme is about the East–West Schism: The Split and separation between Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. Looking forward to see you.

✳ Lebanese Festival

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will host the Lebanese Festival September 9 through September 11, 2016. The three-day festival features live entertainment and includes activities for children and extensive homemade food offerings. This Lebanese Festival is a major parish fundraiser. As such, we need a coordinated community effort to be successful. We ask our fellow community members to get involved. Volunteers are needed and are welcome on all committees. Your support through monetary donations, volunteering your time, spreading the word and festival attendance will contribute to the greater good of Our Lady of Lebanon Church. To get involved or donate, contact the office at Our Lady of Lebanon Church. Donations can be made directly to Our Lady of Lebanon.

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 17, 2016: \$ 2,485.00

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