



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



November 14-15, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH

NEW LITURGICAL SEASON

The Liturgical Year, also called Church Year, is an annual cycle of seasons and days observed in the Christian Churches in commemoration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and of His virtues as exhibited in the lives of the saints. Even though the liturgical year follows the same course of seasons, we must not see this as repetitive but rather as an opportunity to live anew the saving mysteries. In each liturgical year, we celebrate the entire life and paschal mystery of Jesus from birth to His crucifixion and resurrection awaiting His second coming. Each season has its own distinctive music, readings, prayers, rituals and colors.

The first season in the liturgical year is the Advent. Advent is all about being prepared for the birth and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Latin Church observes four weeks of Advent while the Advent season in the Maronite Church has six Sundays and it is called the season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord.

The Christmas cycle in the Maronite Church focuses on the humanity of Jesus Christ and it begins with the proclamation and celebration of the historical

encounter between God and man in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Sundays of the season of the Glorious Birth of the Lord in the Maronite Church are as follows:

- Announcement to Zechariah
- Announcement to the Virgin Mary
- Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth
- Birth of John the Baptist
- Revelation to Joseph
- Genealogy Sunday

And to complete the infancy narratives, the Maronite Church adds two celebrations: The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) and The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.

Christ's circumcision has a great symbolic value as it foreshadows the piercing of His side on the cross. As for The Finding in the Temple, also called Christ Among Doctors, we read from the Gospel of Luke (chapter 2) where Jesus is seen in the temple, recognizing His true Father and that prepares us for His baptism and public life thus takes us to the Feast of Epiphany (Denho).

I urge you this year to commit to at least one new spiritual practice (such as praying the rosary or the Liturgy of Hours, spending some time with the Blessed Sacrament,

attending Mass regularly...) that will help you deepen your spiritual life.

I pray through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary may God bless you and protect you from all harm. May we spend these holy days together in prayer and fixing our eyes on the appearance of Christ our Savior and longing for his deliverance.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi

**Divine Liturgies
will be in the
Church.**

**Seating is limited
to 50 people.**

**Please "SignUp"
before attending.**

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, November 14, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Philip), liturgy is offered for the soul of Antonio Lombardi requested Amalia Lombardi. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, November 15, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the Living and Deceased members of the Iocco, Koway, Scotti and Nelson families requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

Monday, November 16, @ 9:00AM, (Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist)

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 9:00AM, (Feast of St. Gregory the Wonderworker)

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 6:00PM, (Feast of St. Romanos and St. Rose) liturgy is offered as a 40-day memorial for Elaine Nader requested by Diane Nader. May her soul rest in peace.

Friday, November 20, 2020 @ 6:00PM, LITURGY followed by EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday, November 21, @ 6:00PM, (Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Debra and Frank Rummell requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 22, @ 11:00AM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Walter (Chip) Meixner requested by Diane Kiddy. May his soul rest in peace.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Eucharistic Adoration every Friday following the 6:00PM Divine Liturgy. Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, in order to fully appreciate all that our savior endured in His love for us.

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

This year, like every year, we will participate in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We included a list of the different items needed. Please bring the donations to the Church no later than **Sunday, November 15**. Your kindness and generosity have helped many families in the past, let us keep spreading the joy and love. God bless you all.

NANNY NEEDED

A young couple is looking for a Nanny / Baby sitter for their one-year old boy in the Philadelphia area. The schedule is Monday thru Friday 8AM – 5PM. For more information please contact Carmen at 617-390-6993.

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. Our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes/donations to the Church office. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2021 weekly envelopes are now available in the church hall. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. In this way we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR November 7-8, 2020

Collection	\$ 1,339.00
Coffee	\$ 13.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 65.00
Online Donations	\$ 360.00
Total:	\$ 1,777.00

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Ralph Passio, Theresa Green, Kevin Green, Joanne Simon-Turing, Diane McLaughlin, Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, Marie McCrea, Suzanne Haney, Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, Rose DeJesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.

MYO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The MYO will once again sponsor their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

The goal this year is to donate enough items to feed several families with a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

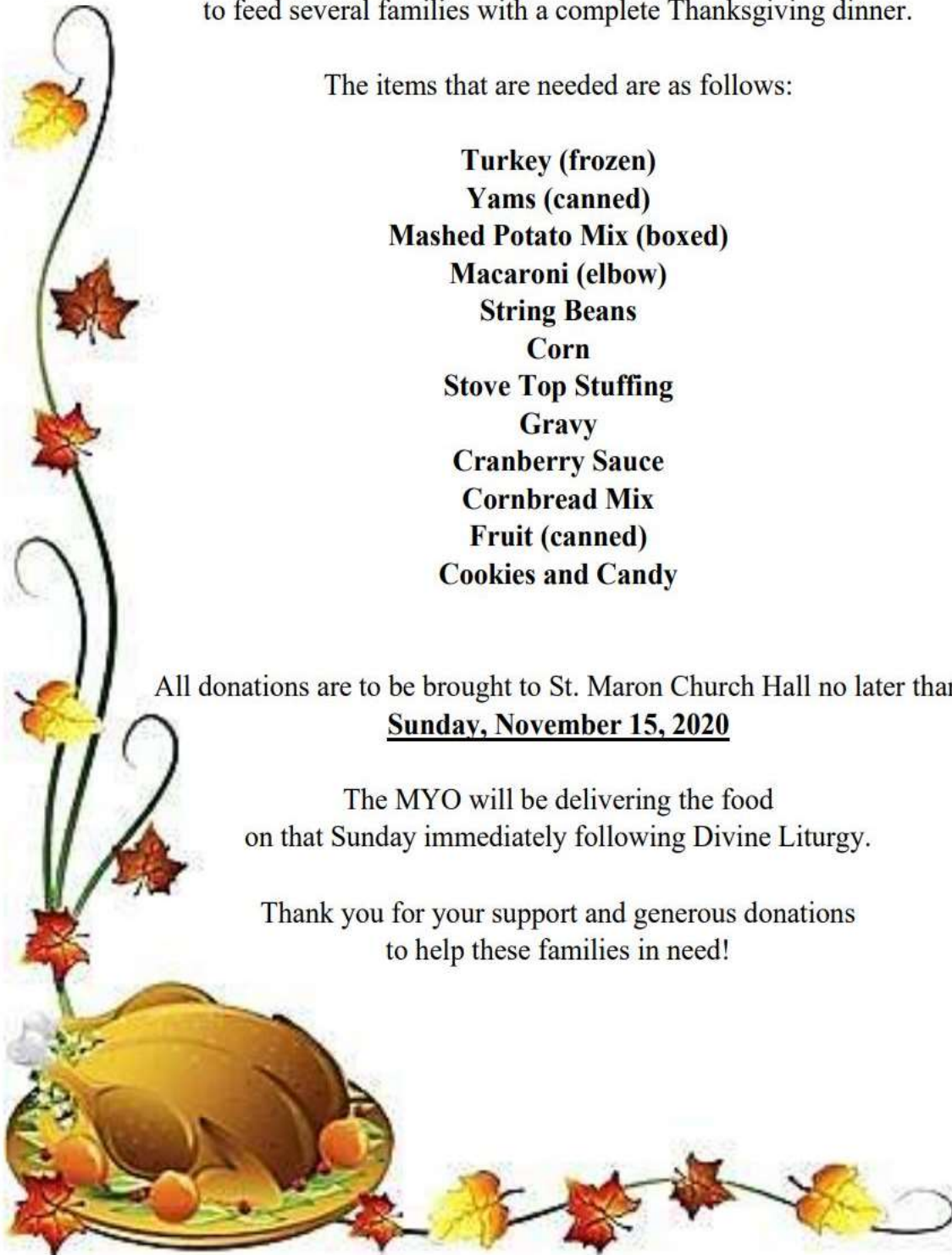
The items that are needed are as follows:

Turkey (frozen)
Yams (canned)
Mashed Potato Mix (boxed)
Macaroni (elbow)
String Beans
Corn
Stove Top Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Cornbread Mix
Fruit (canned)
Cookies and Candy

All donations are to be brought to St. Maron Church Hall no later than
Sunday, November 15, 2020

The MYO will be delivering the food on that Sunday immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Thank you for your support and generous donations to help these families in need!



ITALIAN FOOD TAKE OUT

As part of our Fundraiser, we have been planning Lebanese Take Out events. I would like to

take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the success of the last Chicken Shawarma Take Out.

Our next event will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2020,**

and this time it will be **ITALIAN FOOD TAKE OUT.** Please find all the details in the flyer below.

God bless you all,
Fr. Andrawos

Saint Maron Church ITALIAN FOOD

Thursday, December 3, 2020
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Take Out

MAIN MENU

GARDEN SALAD	\$5.00
<i>(served with Italian dressing)</i>	
ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP	\$8.00
<i>(1 lb. soup)</i>	
MEATBALL & BAKED ZITI PLATTER	\$20.00
<i>(6 pcs. Meatball, Baked Ziti, Bread & Butter)</i>	
CHICKEN PARMESAN PLATTER	\$20.00
<i>(4 pcs. Chicken, Spaghetti, Bread & Butter)</i>	

ADD-ONS

MEATBALL <i>(3 pcs.)</i>	\$8.00
CHICKEN PARMESAN <i>(2 pcs.)</i>	\$8.00
BAKED ZITI	\$5.00
SPAGHETTI	\$5.00

DESSERT

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<i>(makes 12 pcs.)</i>	
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DIVINE LITURGY DURING THE YELLOW PHASE

Philadelphia will postpone the transition to the green phase of reopening until early August. Therefore, we will keep the same precautions of the YELLOW PHASE to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please read carefully the following requirements. If we don't comply with these requirements, we will lose the privilege of being able to celebrate Divine Liturgy with your presence.

Similar to the CDC Guidelines for houses of worship, the guidance from commonwealth of Pennsylvania makes some exceptions for houses of worship:

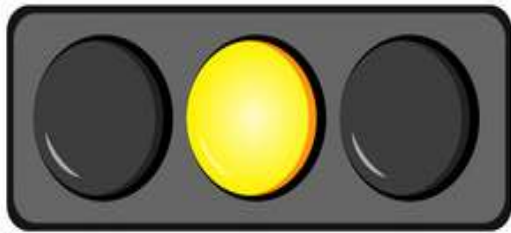
“Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of congregate worship are specifically excluded from the limitations established by this Guidance (cf. the June 1, 2020 document found on the website of the Pennsylvania Department of Health) these instructions are strongly encouraged to institute social distancing and other mitigation measures like masking at their gathering.”

- The faithful continue to be dispensed by Bishop Gregory from the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
- Those who are sick or compromised due to health conditions are still asked not to come to church.
- We will continue to Live Stream Divine Liturgies on Facebook and YouTube.
- Divine Liturgies will be celebrated in the **Church** with a limited number of attendees. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, houses of worship may be occupied up to 50% during the yellow phase. Therefore, we will

be able to accommodate **50 parishioners** at each Liturgy.

- Parishioners wishing to attend Divine Liturgy will be able to **SIGN UP** through the parish website: www.saintmaron.org or through the link the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548A9A822A3FD0-stmaron>. For those who don't have access to the internet you can call the church office and we will assist you to sign up.
- **EVERYONE** (except those 2 years of age and younger) attending is to **WEAR A FACE MASK** throughout the celebration of Divine Liturgy. The face covering or mask should be only removed for the reception of Holy Communion. The faithful may remove their face covering or mask only after they have left the church.
- **SIX FEET** distance between individuals is the norm for social distancing.
- Social distancing should be observed between members of different households.
- Members of the same household (such as families) do not need to observe social distancing among themselves and may sit together as normal.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- Doors will be kept open before and after Liturgy.
- There will be **NO SOCIAL HOUR** after Divine Liturgy and no coffee will be offered.
- Gatherings of parishioners are not to take place before or after Divine Liturgy for any reason. As people arrive to the church hall, they are to go immediately to their place.
- Only the single bathroom at the entrance of the hall will be open; this is a unisex bathroom. All others will be closed.

- All areas of the church will be sanitized routinely, according to the guidelines for sanitation provided by the CDC for houses of worship.
- Hand sanitizers will be available at the entrance of the church. We encourage everybody to bring their own hand sanitizer and wipes, as they are very difficult to find in the stores.
- Priests and deacons are not expected to wear masks or gloves.
- **Distribution of Holy Communion:** To avoid a real risk of infection with COVID-19 for the priest and the parishioners, Holy Communion will be distributed in the **HAND** at this time.
- While receiving Holy Communion we ask you to keep a space of 6 feet distance between each other by standing on the marks indicated on the floor.
- Holy Communion is not to be distributed wearing gloves.
- Choir members will maintain physical distance and follow all safety measures throughout Divine Liturgy.
- Liturgical Books will not be available, we will use a TV in the Church to post the service and everybody will be able to pray with us.
- The Church Bulletin will not be printed, we will continue to email it and post it on Facebook.
- The procession with the Gifts during the Offertory is omitted.
- The sign of the peace will be without contact throughout the church.
- The collection baskets will be placed at the entrance of the Church where parishioners can place their offerings before or after Liturgy.



WELCOME BACK!

Hopefully soon we will turn to the Green Phase

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First Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

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 justification.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخوتي، الوعد لإبراهيم أو لنسله بأن يكون وارثاً للعالم، لم يكن بواسطة الشريعة، بل بالبر الذي ناله بالإيمان. فلو كان أهل الشريعة هم الورثين، لأبطل الإيمان، وألغى الوعد؛ لأن الشريعة تسبب غضب الله؛ وحيث لا شريعة، فلا تعدي للشريعة. لذلك فأهل الإيمان هم الورثون، لكي تكون الورثة هبة من الله. وهكذا تحقق الوعد لكل نسل إبراهيم، لا للنسل الذي هو من أهل الشريعة فحسب، بل أيضاً للنسل الذي هو من أهل الإيمان، إيمان إبراهيم، الذي هو أب لنا أجمعين؛ كما هو مكتوب: «إني جعلتك أباً للأمم كثيرة». فأبراهيم الذي آمن بالله هو أب لنا أمام الله، الذي يحيي الأموات، ويدعو غير الموجود إلى الوجود. وقد آمن إبراهيم راجياً على غير رجاء، بأنه سيصير أباً للأمم كثيرة، كما قيل له: «هكذا يكون نسلك». ولم يضعف بإيمانه، برغم أنه رأى، وهو ابن نحو مئة سنة، أن جسده مائت، وأن حشاً سارة قد ماتت. وبناءً على وعد الله، ما شك ولا تردّد، بل تقوى بالإيمان، ومجدد الله. وأيقن ملء اليقين أن الله قادر أن ينجز ما وعد به. فلذلك حسب له إيمانه برًا. ولم يكتب من أجله وحده أنه «حسب له برًا»، بل كتبت أيضاً من أجلنا، نحن الذين سيحسب لنا برًا، لأننا نؤمن بالذي أقام من بين الأموات يسوع ربنا، الذي أسلم من أجل زلاتنا، وأقيم من أجل تبريرنا. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 1:1-25

The Apostle Writes:

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.'

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لُوقَا

بِمَا أَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ أَحَدُوا يُرْتَبُونَ رِوَايَةَ لِأَحْدَاثِ الَّتِي تَمَّتْ عِنْدَنَا، كَمَا سَلَمَهَا إِلَيْنَا مَنْ كَانُوا مُنْذُ الْبَدْءِ شُهُودَ عِيَانٍ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، ثُمَّ صَارُوا خُدَامًا لَهَا، رَأَيْتُ أَنَا أَيْضًا، أَيُّهَا الشَّرِيفُ تِيُوفِيلُ، أَنَّ أَكْتُبَهَا لَكَ بِحَسَبِ تَرْتِيبِهَا، بَعْدَمَا تَتَبَعْتُهَا كُلَّهَا، مُنْذُ بَدَايَتِهَا، تَتَبَعًا دَقِيقًا، لِكِي تَتَيَقَّنَ صِحَّةَ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي وَعِظْتَ بِهِ. كَانَ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودُسَ، مَلِكِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ، كَاهِنٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَرِيَّا، مِنْ فِرْقَةِ أَبِيَا، لَهُ أَمْرَأَةٌ مِنْ بَنَاتِ هَارُونَ أَسْمُهَا الْيَصَابَاتُ. وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا بَارَيْنِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، سَالِكَيْنِ فِي جَمِيعِ وَصَايَا الرَّبِّ وَأَحْكَامِهِ بِلَا لُومٍ. وَمَا كَانَ لُهُمَا وُلْدٌ، لِأَنَّ الْيَصَابَاتُ كَانَتْ عَاقِرًا، وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا قَدْ طَعَنَّا فِي أَيَّامِهِمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ زَكَرِيَّا يَتَقَوَّمُ بِالْخِدْمَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِيَّةِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ نَوْبَةِ فِرْقَتِهِ، أَصَابَتْهُ الْفُرْعَةُ، بِحَسَبِ عَادَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِ، لِيَدْخُلَ مَقْدِسَ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ وَيُحْرِقَ الْبَخُورَ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ جُمُهورِ الشَّعْبِ يُصَلِّي فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ إِحْرَاقِ الْبَخُورِ. وَتَرَاءَى مَلَكَ الرَّبِّ لِزَكَرِيَّا وَاقِفًا مِنْ عَن يَمِينِ مَذْبَحِ الْبَخُورِ، فَأَضْطَرَبَ زَكَرِيَّا حِينَ رَأَاهُ، وَأَسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِ الْخَوْفُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْمَلَكَ: "لَا تَخَفْ، يَا زَكَرِيَّا، فَقَدْ اسْتَجِيبَتْ طَلِبَتُكَ، وَأَمْرَاتُكَ الْيَصَابَاتُ سَتَلِدُ لَكَ أَبْنَاءً، فَسَمِّهِ يُوحَنَّا. وَيَكُونُ لَكَ فَرْحٌ وَأَبْتِهَاجٌ، وَيَفْرَحُ بِمَوْلِدِهِ كَثِيرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ عَظِيمًا فِي نَظَرِ الرَّبِّ، لَا يَشْرَبُ خَمْرًا وَلَا مُسْكَرًا، وَيَمْتَلِئُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدْسِ وَهُوَ بَعْدُ فِي حَشَا أُمِّهِ. وَيَرُدُّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِمْ. وَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ بِرُوحِ إِبْلِيَّا وَقُوَّتِهِ، لِيَرُدَّ قُلُوبَ الْآبَاءِ إِلَى الْأَبْنَاءِ، وَالْعُصَاةِ إِلَى حِكْمَةِ الْأَبْرَارِ، فَيَهَيِّئَ لِلرَّبِّ شَعْبًا مُعَدًّا خَيْرَ إِعْدَادٍ". فَقَالَ زَكَرِيَّا لِلْمَلَكَ: "بِمَاذَا أَعْرِفُ هَذَا؟ فَإِنِّي أَنَا شَيْخٌ، وَأَمْرَاتِي قَدْ طَعَنَتْ فِي أَيَّامِهَا!". فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: "أَنَا هُوَ جِبْرَائِيلُ الْوَاقِفُ فِي حَضْرَةِ اللَّهِ، وَقَدْ أُرْسِلْتُ لِأَكْلِمَكَ وَأُبَشِّرَكَ بِهَذَا. وَهَا أَنْتَ تَكُونُ صَامِتًا، لَا تَقْدِرُ أَنْ تَتَكَلَّمَ، حَتَّى الْيَوْمِ الَّذِي يَحْدُثُ فِيهِ ذَلِكَ، لِأَنَّكَ لَمْ تُؤْمِنْ بِكَلَامِي الَّذِي سَيَتِمُّ فِي أَوَانِهِ". وَكَانَ الشَّعْبُ يَنْتَظِرُ زَكَرِيَّا، وَيَتَعَجَّبُ مِنْ إِبْطَائِهِ فِي مَقْدِسِ الْهَيْكَلِ. وَلَمَّا خَرَجَ زَكَرِيَّا، لَمْ يَكُنْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُمْ، فَأَدْرَكُوا أَنَّهُ رَأَى رُؤْيَا فِي الْمَقْدِسِ، وَكَانَ يُشِيرُ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْإِشَارَةِ، وَبَقِيَ أَبْكَمًا. وَلَمَّا تَمَّتْ أَيَّامُ خِدْمَتِهِ، مَضَى إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. وَبَعْدَ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، حَمَلَتْ أَمْرَاتُهُ الْيَصَابَاتُ، وَكَتَمَتْ أَمْرَهَا خَمْسَةَ أَشْهُرٍ، وَهِيَ تَقُولُ: هَكَذَا صَنَعَ الرَّبُّ إِلَيَّ، فِي الْأَيَّامِ الَّتِي نَظَرَ إِلَيَّ فِيهَا، لِيُزِيلَ الْعَارَ عَنِّي مِنْ بَيْنِ النَّاسِ! حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.