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## Maronite Catholic Church



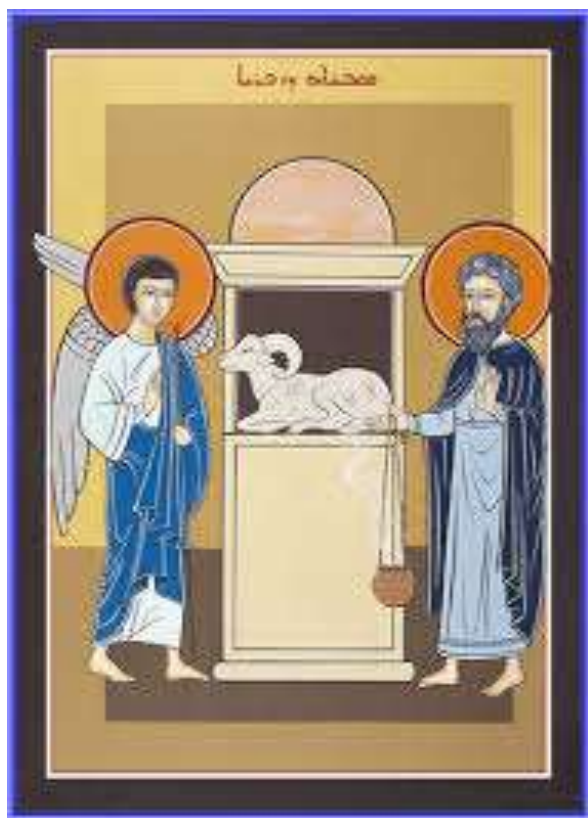
November 13-14, 2021

# Announcement to Zechariah

## Prayer of the Faithful

Sunday Morning

### THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIA



*Lord, have mercy on us and save us.*

*O Most High,  
the seraphim unceasingly praise you in the  
heights.*

*When you willed to descend to earth,  
you commanded the head of the celestial powers  
to announce to the priest Zechariah the  
conception of John.*

*Confirm us in the true faith  
so that we may proclaim your marvelous  
announcement;*

*let us profess your awaited salvation  
and strive for the cause of truth.*

*Then with your angels and men,  
we shall glorify you, your Father and you Holy  
Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.*

## Readings

**First Reading:**

Romans 4:13-25

**Gospel Reading:**

Luke 1:1-25

## Our Mission Statement

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, to celebrate together as a united family of faith, and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

**Sunday,  
November 14, 2021**  
Maronite Patriarchal  
Charities

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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 13, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered in memory of Antonio Lambardi requested by Amalia Lambardi. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, November 14, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered for All Veterans requested by Terri Koway. May God bless them.

**Saturday, November 20, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered the souls of Debbie and Frank Rummel requested by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, November 21, @ 11:00AM,** liturgy is offered the living and deceased members of the Iocco, Koway, Scotti, and Nelson families requested by Terry Koway. May their souls rest in peace.

## SECOND COLLECTION

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn we will have a **Second Collection this Sunday, November 14, 2021 for then Maronite Patriarchal Charities.** All the proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our Patriarch for his charitable works. Thank you for your generosity.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle is burning for **the elderly of our Church.**

If you would like to offer the sanctuary candle in memory of your loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Church Office.

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

## SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to Denise Eddis, Theresa Barry, Anna Marie Grande, Jimmy Eddis, Frankie Piacentini and Jojo Piacentini who worked very hard and dedicated their time to the St. Jude Novena. Thank you for the tremendous amount of work you've put in. We appreciate your continuous support to St. Maron Church. God bless you!

## 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR

**November 6-7, 2021**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,104.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>
<b>Online</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,381.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,950.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>- \$ 2,569.00</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Henry George, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Elaine Jones, Mia Andrilla, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Tina Grassia, Elissar Ayoub, Ralph Passio, 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, Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, 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, and Angel Salerno. 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 intention.



# IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS



## **Be Merciful as Your Father is Merciful**

We are not only to receive the mercy of God, but to use it by being merciful to others through our actions, our words, and our prayers; in other words, we are to practice the Corporal and Spiritual Works (Acts) of Mercy.

The Lord wants us to do these works of mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no use without works.

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the prisoners
- Comfort / Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Teach / instruct the ignorant
- Pray for the living & dead
- Correct sinners
- Counsel those in doubt
- Console the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive wrongs willingly

### **The seven Capital Sins**

- Lust (excessive sexual appetites)
- Gluttony (over-indulgence)
- Greed (avarice)
- Sloth (laziness/idleness)
- Wrath (anger)
- Envy (jealousy)
- Pride (vanity)

### **The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel
- Fortitude
- Knowledge
- Piety
- Fear of the Lord

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

**Our MYO will deliver the donated food on Sunday, November 14 after Liturgy**



### **SECOND COLLECTION**

**Maronite Patriarchal Charities**  
**Sunday, November 14, 2021**



### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

**Names will be on the tree on Sunday, November 21**

**Our MYO will wrap the gifts on December 10**



### **CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

**Sunday, December 19**



### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

**From December 15 to December 24 @ 7:00PM**



### **NOVENA WITH BISHOP GREGORY**

**Wednesday, December 22 @ 7:00PM**

**Followed by a dinner hosted by our MYA**



SAINT MARON CHURCH

# Christmas Party



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021**  
After Divine Liturgy

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BY OUR

**CCD & MYO  
CHILDREN**



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from a  
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SAINT MARON CHURCH



DIVINE LITURGY &  
CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Celebrated by  
His Excellency Most Rev.  
Bishop Gregory Mansour



Wednesday, December 22  
7:00 PM

followed by  
Dinner in the Church Hall  
hosted by our MYA



## **2022 LEBANESE ELECTION**

**It is so very important that those outside Lebanon register to vote,  
Your voice could strengthen the country at this difficult time.**

Registration for the 2022 Lebanese Elections will take place  
**from October 1, 2021 to November 20, 2021**

One is eligible to register as a non-resident voter  
if one holds the Lebanese citizenship and was born before March 30, 2001

**Eligible voters will be able to register online at**  
**<https://diasporavote.mfa.gov.lb/>**

Voters may also register in person at  
the Lebanese Embassy or at the New York Consulate General.

For more information visit:

**<http://www.lebanonembassyus.org/2021/09/28/registration-for-the-2022-elections/>**

Or

**<http://www.nylebcons.org>**



# MYO ... ARE YOU READY!

The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Regional MYO Retreat will be on April 22-24, 2022  
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Save the Date!

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*presents*



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For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but  
rather of power and love and self-control. [2 Tim 1:7]



# 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## Registration is still Open!

We are excited to announce that the 2021-2022 registrations for our youth programs are now open!

We will be running three programs this year:

**Sunday CCD, Junior MYO and MYO!**

All registrations will be done online using the links below.

*All programs kick-off in September.*

This year, all our programs will be using a **Grade-system**, not **Age**, to align with the Eparchial standards.

We can't wait to have all our youth back!



[Click here to register your child for CCD](#)

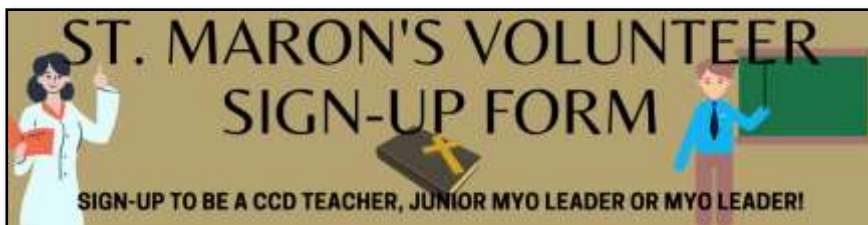


[Click here to register your child for JrMYO](#)



[Click here to register your child for MYO](#)

We are also looking for dedicated parishioners that would volunteer to be a **CCD Teacher, Junior MYO Leader, or MYO Leader!**



[Click here to Sign-Up](#)

We thank you for your continued commitment to **YOUR** parish community.  
United we stand. We are Saint Maron's.

# GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE AT A BETTER FUTURE

Bank to School is a fundraising initiative to help support children across Lebanon to get back to school; in partnership with arcenciel we have an on-the-ground team that identifies the children who need the most help and support. At the heart of the Bank to School mission is inclusion and equal opportunities for all. To help ensure full transparency and accountability, the raised funds are directly paid to the schools.

We aim to double our donations for the 2021-2022 academic school year, i.e. more than 50,000\$ to financially support more than 1,000 students. We are counting on your generous donations to secure the schooling of our Lebanese youths.



For more information on our initiative, visit our website  
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# **Saint Maron**

## **Maronite Catholic Church**



**November 13-14, 2021**

### **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 إِخْوَتِي، الْوَعْدُ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ أَوْ لِنَسْلِهِ بِأَنْ يَكُونَ وَارِثًا لِلْعَالَمِ، لَمْ يَكُنْ بِوَاسِطَةِ الشَّرِيعَةِ، بَلْ بِالْبِرِّ الَّذِي نَالَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَوْ كَانَ أَهْلُ الشَّرِيعَةِ هُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ، لَأُبْطِلَ الْإِيمَانُ، وَأُلْغِيَ الْوَعْدُ؛ لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ تُسَبِّبُ غَضَبَ اللَّهِ؛ وَحَيْثُ لَا شَرِيعَةَ، فَلَا تَعْدِي لِلشَّرِيعَةِ. لِذَلِكَ فَأَهْلُ الْإِيمَانِ هُمُ الْوَارِثُونَ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ الْوَرِاثَةُ هِبَةً مِنَ اللَّهِ. وَهَكَذَا تَحَقَّقَ الْوَعْدُ لِكُلِّ نَسْلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، لَا لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّرِيعَةِ فَحَسَبَ، بَلْ أَيْضًا لِلنَّسْلِ الَّذِي هُوَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْإِيمَانِ، إِيْمَانِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، الَّذِي هُوَ أَبُّ لَنَا أَجْمَعِينَ؛ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «إِنِّي جَعَلْتُكَ أَبَا لَأُمَمٍ كَثِيرَةٍ». فَإِبْرَاهِيمُ الَّذِي آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ هُوَ أَبُّ لَنَا أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي يُخَيِّ الأَمْوَاتِ، وَيَدْعُو غَيْرَ الْمَوْجُودِ إِلَى الْوُجُودِ. وَقَدْ آمَنَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَاجِيًا عَلَى غَيْرِ رَجَاءٍ، بِأَنَّهُ سَيَصِيرُ أَبًا لَأُمَمٍ كَثِيرَةٍ، كَمَا قِيلَ لَهُ: «هَكَذَا يَكُونُ نَسْلُكَ». وَلَمْ يَضْعُفْ بِإِيْمَانِهِ، بَرَّغْمَ أَنَّهُ رَأَى، وَهُوَ أَبْنُ نَحْوِ مِئَةِ سَنَةٍ، أَنَّ جَسَدَهُ مَائِتٌ، وَأَنَّ حَشَا سَارَةَ قَدْ مَاتَتْ. وَبِنَاءً عَلَى وَعْدِ اللَّهِ، مَا شَكَّ وَلَا تَرَدَّدَ، بَلْ تَقَوَّى بِالْإِيمَانِ، وَمَجَّدَ اللَّهَ. وَأَيَّقَنَ مِلءَ الْيَقِينِ أَنَّ اللَّهَ قَادِرٌ أَنْ يُنْجِزَ مَا وَعَدَ بِهِ. فَلِذَلِكَ حُسِبَ لَهُ إِيْمَانُهُ بَرًّا. وَلَمْ يُكْتَبْ مِنْ أَجْلِهِ وَحْدَهُ أَنَّهُ «حُسِبَ لَهُ بَرًّا»، بَلْ كُتِبَ أَيْضًا مِنْ أَجْلِنَا، نَحْنُ الَّذِينَ سَيُحْسَبُ لَنَا بَرًّا، لِأَنَّنَا نُؤْمِنُ بِالَّذِي أَقَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، الَّذِي أُسْلِمَ مِنْ أَجْلِ زِلَاتِنَا، وَأُقِيمَ مِنْ أَجْلِ تَبْرِيرِنَا. **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 أَخَذُوا يُرَتِّبُونَ رِوَايَةَ لِلْأَحْدَاثِ الَّتِي تَمَّتْ عِنْدَنَا، كَمَا سَلَّمَهَا إِلَيْنَا مَنْ كَانُوا مِنْذُ الْبَدْءِ شُهُودَ عَيَانٍ لِلْكَلِمَةِ، ثُمَّ صَارُوا خُدَّامًا لَهَا، رَأَيْتُ أَنَا أَيْضًا، أَيُّهَا الشَّرِيفُ تِيُوفِيلُ، أَنْ أَكْتُبَهَا لَكَ بِحَسَبِ تَرْتِيبِهَا، بَعْدَمَا تَتَبَّعْتُهَا كُلَّهَا، مِنْذُ بَدَايَتِهَا، تَتَّبَعًا دَقِيقًا، لِكَيْ تَتَيَقَّنَ صِحَّةَ الْكَلَامِ الَّذِي وَعِظْتَ بِهِ. كَانَ فِي أَيَّامِ هِيرُودُسَ، مَلِكِ الْيَهُودِيَّةِ، كَاهِنٌ أَسْمُهُ زَكَرِيَّا، مِنْ فِرْقَةِ أَبِيَّا، لَهُ أَمْرَأَةٌ مِنْ بَنَاتِ هَارُونَ أَسْمُهَا إِيصَابَات. وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا بَارَيْنِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، سَالِكَيْنِ فِي جَمِيعِ وَصَايَا الرَّبِّ وَأَحْكَامِهِ بِلا لَوْم. وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمَا وَلَدٌ، لِأَنَّ إِيصَابَاتَ كَانَتْ عَاقِرًا، وَكَانَا كِلَاهُمَا قَدْ طَعَنَّا فِي أَيَّامِهِمَا. وَفِيمَا كَانَ زَكَرِيَّا يَقُومُ بِالْخِدْمَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِيَّةِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ نَوْبَةِ فِرْقَتِهِ، أَصَابَتْهُ الْفُرْعَةُ، بِحَسَبِ عَادَةِ الْكَهْنُوتِ، لِيَدْخُلَ مَقْدَسَ هَيْكَلِ الرَّبِّ وَيُحْرِقَ الْبَخُورَ. وَكَانَ كُلُّ جُمْهُورِ الشَّعْبِ يُصَلِّي فِي الْخَارِجِ، فِي أَثْنَاءِ إِحْرَاقِ الْبَخُورِ. وَتَرَاءَى مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّبِّ لِرَكَرِيَّا وَقَفًا مِنْ عَن يَمِينِ مَذْبَحِ الْبَخُورِ، فَأَضْطَرَبَ زَكَرِيَّا حِينَ رَأَاهُ، وَاسْتَوَلَى عَلَيْهِ الْخَوْفُ. فَقَالَ لَهُ الْمَلَاكُ: "لَا تَخَفْ، يَا زَكَرِيَّا، فَقَدْ اسْتَجِيبَتْ طَلِبَتُكَ، وَأَمْرَاتُكَ إِيصَابَاتُ سَتَلِدُ لَكَ أَبْنَاءً، فَسَمِّهِ يُوَحَنَّا. وَيَكُونُ لَكَ فَرْحٌ وَأَبْتِهَاجٌ، وَيَفْرَحُ بِمَوْلَدِهِ كَثِيرُونَ، لِأَنَّهُ سَيَكُونُ عَظِيمًا فِي نَظَرِ الرَّبِّ، لَا يَشْرَبُ خَمْرًا وَلَا مُسْكِرًا، وَيَمْتَلِئُ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَهُوَ بَعْدُ فِي حَشَا أُمِّهِ. وَيَرُدُّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَى الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِمْ. وَيَسِيرُ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ بِرُوحٍ إِبْلِيًّا وَقُوَّتِهِ، لِيَرُدَّ قُلُوبَ الْآبَاءِ إِلَى الْأَبْنَاءِ، وَالْعُصَاةِ إِلَى حِكْمَةِ الْأَنْبَرَارِ، فَيَهَيِّئَ لِلرَّبِّ شَعْبًا مُعَدًّا خَيْرَ إِعْدَادٍ". فَقَالَ زَكَرِيَّا لِلْمَلَاكُ: "بِمَاذَا أَعْرِفُ هَذَا؟ فَإِنِّي أَنَا شَيْخٌ، وَأَمْرَاتِي قَدْ طَعَنَتْ فِي أَيَّامِهَا!". فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَاكُ 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 مَقْدَسِ الْهَيْكَلِ. وَلَمَّا خَرَجَ زَكَرِيَّا، لَمْ يَكُنْ قَادِرًا أَنْ يُكَلِّمَهُمْ، فَأَدْرَكُوا أَنَّهُ رَأَى رُؤْيَا فِي الْمَقْدَسِ، وَكَانَ يُشِيرُ إِلَيْهِمْ بِالْإِشَارَةِ، وَبَقِيَ أَبْكَمَ. وَلَمَّا تَمَّتْ أَيَّامُ خِدْمَتِهِ، مَضَى إِلَى بَيْتِهِ. وَبَعْدَ تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ، حَمَلَتْ أَمْرَأَتُهُ إِيصَابَاتُ، 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.