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WEEKLY BULLETIN – October 18-19, 2025

الأحد الخامس بعد عيد الصليب – 5th Sunday after Holy Cross

DIVINE LITURGIES

Thursday, October 16, @ 6:00PM

Divine Liturgy Offered for a special intention followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Saturday, October 18, @ 4:00PM,

Liturgy is offered for our beloved seminarians: Hakam, Nadim, Mark, Richar and Anthony. May God bless them and protect them on their journey to priesthood.

Sunday, October 19, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of deceased members of Dahdah, Anderson and Zadi families. Requested by Salema and Barbara Dahdah. May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, October 25, @ 4:00PM,

Liturgy is offered in memory of BigAnt (Anthony Lauria). May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, October 26, @ 11:00AM,

liturgy is offered in memory of Maurice Al Shouli. Requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday Readings

Philippians 2:12-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

SANCTUARY CANDLE

This week's sanctuary candle burns for the safety and well-being of our seminarians.

Lord Jesus, Shepherd of souls, watch over those whom You have called to discern the sacred priesthood.

Bless and protect our seminarians as they journey toward Your altar. Fill their hearts with zeal for the Gospel, humility in service and a deep love for You and Your Church.

May they be strengthened by Your grace, guided by the light of the Holy Spirit and inspired by the example of Mary, Mother of Priests. Grant that they may one day serve Your people as holy and devoted priests. Amen.

Second collection

October 19, 2025

World Mission Sunday

91% propagation of faith

9% CNEWA

(Catholic Near East Welfare Association)

Saint Jude Novena

October 20 – 28, 2025

Topic: 7 Capital Sins

Join us every day at 6 pm

Except Saturday (4 pm)

Kids Party

Saturday, November 1

At the Church Hall.

Kids bring your parents.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Aubree Springer, Angela Preston, Margaret R., George Shemaly, Francis Donnelly, Stephanie Dejesse, Ed and Theresa Gussin, Barbara Impriano, Paige Moderski, Rita Fortina, Joann Fontana, Jay O'Donnell, Allison Auld, Carmen Sansweet, Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Devinney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skylia Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Ashley Iaconelli, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, 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, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 11-12, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,057.00
Online Giving	\$ 0.00

Other Collections

Coffee Hour	\$ 14.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Fuel	\$ 0.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ 0.00
Matching Grant	\$ 500.00
Donation	\$ 1,200.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 50.00

MATCHING GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND

Goal \$5,000.00

Collected	\$4,760.00
Remainder	\$ 240.00



Eparchial Dues 2026 Update

Assessment	\$9,400
Bishop's Lenten Appeal	\$3,500

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. DAVID

Every Thursday - At 10 am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8472749798?pwd=2IbuLdNgd2XVVMYk18QhTnScVcXdFGw.1>

Meeting ID: 847 2674 9798

Passcode: 166641

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2nd Collection

Sunday 10/19/2025

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Welfare Association)

October 2025

THU – Oct 16	Divine Liturgy and Eucharistic Adoration	
SAT – Oct 18		5th Sunday after Holy Cross
SUN – Oct 19	MYO setup table – Saint Jude	
MON - Oct 20	Saint Jude Novena – Day 1	
TUE – Oct 21	Saint Jude Novena – Day 2	
WED – Oct 22	Saint Jude Novena – Day 3	
THU – Oct 23	Saint Jude Novena – Day 4	
FRI – Oct 24	Saint Jude Novena – Day 5	
SAT – Oct 25	Saint Jude Novena – Day 6	Sunday of Christ the King
SUN – Oct 26	Saint Jude Novena – Day 7	
	Thanksgiving Food Drive Announcement	
MON – Oct 27	Saint Jude Novena – Day 8	
TUE – Oct 28	Saint Jude Novena – Day 9	
	Pasta Night	
MYO Eparchial Retreat: October 11-13, 2025 - October 10-12, 2026		
Saint Jude Novena: October 20-28, 2025		
Pasta Night October 28, 2025 following Divine Liturgy		
2nd Collection: Sunday, October 19, 2025: World Mission		

Saint Maron Church
Philadelphia, PA كنيسة مار مارون



Saint Jude Novena

October 20 - 28, 2025

Join Us every day at **6:00 PM** (Saturday 4:00 PM)

This year's Reflections: **The Seven Capital Sins**

Day	Prayer	Topic	Intention
Monday October 20, 2025	Evening Prayer	Introduction	Safety and Well-being of the parishioners
Tuesday October 21, 2025	Divine Liturgy (M)	Pride	All Priests who served this Church
Wednesday October 22, 2025	Evening Prayer	Greed (Avarice)	Missionaries
Thursday October 23, 2025	Divine Liturgy (L)	Lust	Foster Children and Foster Parents
Friday October 24, 2025	Evening Prayer	Envy	Our Youth: CCD, MYO and MYA
Saturday October 25, 2025	Divine Liturgy (M)	Gluttony	IMO Anthony Lauria (BigAnt)
Sunday October 26, 2025	Evening Prayer	Wrath (Anger)	Our beloved elderly especially the home bound
Monday October 27, 2025	Divine Liturgy (L)	Sloth (Acedia)	Safety & well-being of domestic violence survivors
Tuesday October 28, 2025	Divine Liturgy (M) (Healing Mass)	Summary	In Memory Of: Michael, Chubby and Chucky Simon

(M): Maronite (L): Latin

Detach here and return to the office.

SAINT JUDE PETITION FORM

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Intention: _____

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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary

Building Renovation Project

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary is in need of several renovations. The total cost is \$300,000.00. Donations can be made either by visiting <http://www.stmaron.org/seminary> or by check payable to: "The Eparchy of Saint Maron"

Support the Seminarians

Here are some ways we can support the seminarians on their journey towards priesthood:

1. Financial Support

a. Making a Donation to the Seminary

Make Check Payable to:

"Our Lady of Lebanon Seminary"

b. Supporting the second collection

(Catholic University of America & Maronite Seminary)

We have collected last Sunday \$105.

c. Join the order of Saint Sharbel

Enroll online: www.orderstsharbel.org

Contact the office:

www.office@saintmaron.org

2. Spiritual Support

a. Remember them in your prayers

(Liturgy intention, rosary...)

b. Light a candle for them

c. Pray for Vocations

3. Moral and Emotional Support

a. Writing letters and cards of encouragement

b. Remember them on their birthdays and feast days

c. Adopt a seminarian

Meet the seminarians



The Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn cordially invites you to the

Ordination to the Order of Deacons

of

Subdeacon Jakob Wyder

and the

Ordination to the Minor Order of Subdeacons

of

Mark Farah

through the imposition of hands by

His Excellency Bishop Gregory Mansour



Saint Anthony of the Desert Maronite Church
300 North Eastern Avenue
Fall River, Massachusetts
10:00 AM Sunday, November 16th
Please RSVP to office@saotd-fr.org by November 9th

أعطنا يا ربنا كهنة قديسين
Grant us, O Lord, holy priests

Lord Jesus, Shepherd of souls,
bless and protect all seminarians;
Fill their hearts with zeal,
humility and love, so that they
may faithfully follow Your call
and one day serve Your Church
as holy and devoted priests.
Amen.

IMPORTANT UPDTAE

2025

Bishop's Lenten Appeal \$3,500
Assessment \$8,400

2026

Bishop's Lenten Appeal \$3,500
Assessment \$9,400



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September 23, 2025

No. 454-2-25

Reverend Andrawos (Fadi) El Tabchi
Saint Maron Church
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Dear Reverend Tabchi:

Each year after going over the Annual Financial Report, the Eparchial Compliance Officer Anthony Budway, with Bishop Gregory and myself, reassess the Annual Assessment and the Bishop's Appeal.

In determining the new assessment, each Parish/Mission's Net Profit or Loss as recorded on its 2025 Profit and Loss Statement as well as the Cash and Cash Equivalents as reported on its Balance Sheet, was considered.

In addition, the following factors were taken into consideration: 1) Missions need to be given special consideration. 2) Parishes with major projects which have been approved by the Bishop, or those that have large mortgages with relatively little savings in the bank, were given special consideration.

In light of the above, the 2026 Eparchial Assessment for Saint Maron Church will be **\$9400.00**. As usual, this amount will be broken up into ten payments for which the Chancery will email you an invoice from February to November.

The 2026 Bishop's Appeal assessment for our parish will be **\$3,500.00**. This appeal is to be made during Lent and the total amount is due at the Chancery after Easter.

In Christ I remain,

Monsignor James A. Root
Vicar General

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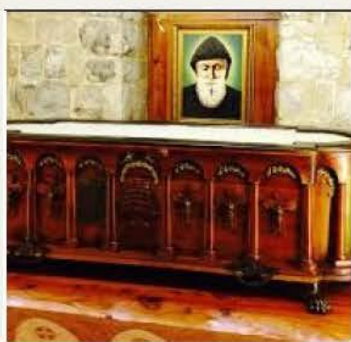
Pilgrimage to Lebanon at the Occasion of Pope Leo XIV's visit with Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

November 25 to December 5, 2025

Some Itinerary Locations Include



Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine
Harissa



Tomb of St. Sharbel
Annaya



Forest of the
Cedars of God



Jeita Grotto



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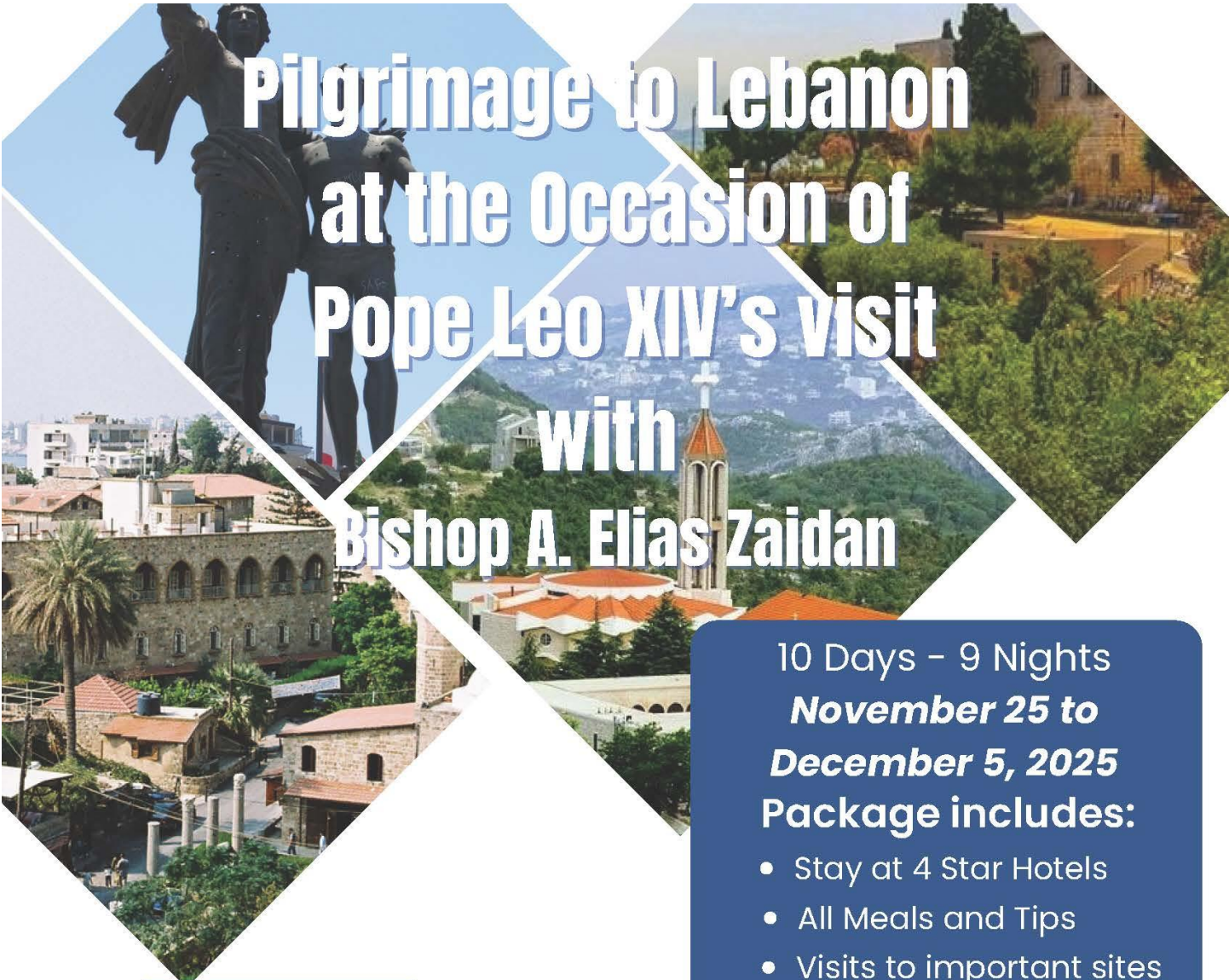
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Pilgrimage to Lebanon at the Occasion of Pope Leo XIV's visit with Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

REQUIREMENTS

- \$1,000 Deposit Required Per Person or registration/space cannot be guaranteed
- Departure from the U.S. on November 25 to arrive in Lebanon by November 26
- **Full Pilgrimage amount due by November 1, 2025**

TO RESERVE

Call: Ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamileh Koury: 818-626-9193
Email: info@eparchy.org

10 Days – 9 Nights
**November 25 to
December 5, 2025**
Package includes:

- Stay at 4 Star Hotels
- All Meals and Tips
- Visits to important sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Transportation between sites
- Entrance Fees

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Round Trip need to be booked separately.

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MYO Youth Leader Workshop 2025

Mid-Atlantic Region
Saturday, November 15, 2025
10AM – 6PM

at
St. Maron Church
Philadelphia, PA

Registration is open:

[https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/
events-1](https://www.myoeparchystmaron.org/events-1)



**Sunday
11/09/2025
5-9PM**

**Ballroom at the Ben Dinner,
Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle,
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First Reading

Philippians 2:12-18

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you and in the same way you also must be glad and rejoice with me.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّي

يا إخوتي، إعملوا لِحِلاصِكُمْ بِخَوْفٍ وَرِعْدَةٍ، كَمَا أَطَعْتُمْ دَائِمًا، لَا فِي حُضُورِي فَحَسْبَ، بَلْ بِالْأُخْرَى وَبِالْأَكْثَرِ الْآنَ فِي غِيَابِي. فَاللَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يَجْعَلُكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ وَتَعْمَلُونَ بِحَسَبِ مَرْضَاتِهِ. إِفْعَلُوا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ بِغَيْرِ تَذَمُّرٍ وَجِدَالٍ، لِكَيْ تَصِيرُوا بُسْطَاءَ لَا لَوْمَ عَلَيْكُمْ، وَأَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا عَيْبَ فِيكُمْ، وَسَطَ جِيلٍ مُعَوَّجٍ وَمُنْحَرِفٍ، تُضَيُّونَ فِيهِ كَالنُّيُورَاتِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، مُتَمَسِّكِينَ بِكَلِمَةِ الْحَيَاةِ، لِأَفْتِخَارِي فِي يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، بِأَنِّي مَا سَعَيْتُ وَلَا تَعَبْتُ بَاطِلًا. لَوْ أَنَّ دَمِي يُرَاقُ عَلَى ذَبِيحَةِ إِيمَانِكُمْ وَخِدْمَتِهِ، لَكُنْتُ أَفْرَحُ وَأَبْتَهِجُ مَعَكُمْ جَمِيعًا. فَأَفْرَحُوا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا وَأَبْتَهِجُوا مَعِي. والتسبيح لله دائماً.

16th Annual Benefit Dinner

Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn



Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Metropolitan Club
One East 60th Street, New York City

For more info and to Register:

www.stmaron.org/eparchial-benefit

Gospel Reading

Saint Matthew 25:1-13

The Apostle Writes:

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ مَتَّى

قال الربُّ يسوع: «يُشَبِّهُ مَلَكُوثُ السَّمَاوَاتِ عَشَرَ عَذَارَى أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَخَرَجْنَ إِلَى لِقَاءِ الْعَرِيسِ، خَمْسٌ مِنْهُنَّ جَاهِلَاتٌ، وَخَمْسٌ حَكِيمَاتٌ. فَالْجَاهِلَاتُ أَخَذْنَ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ وَلَمْ يَأْخُذْنَ مَعَهُنَّ زَيْتًا. أَمَّا الْحَكِيمَاتُ فَأَخَذْنَ زَيْتًا فِي أَنْيَةٍ مَعَ مَصَابِيحِهِنَّ. وَأَبْطَأَ الْعَرِيسُ فَتَنَعَسْنَ جَمِيعُهُنَّ، وَرَقَدْنَ. وَفِي مُنْتَصَفِ اللَّيْلِ، صَارَتِ الصَّيْحَةُ: هُوَذَا الْعَرِيسُ! أُخْرِجُوا إِلَى لِقَائِهِ! حِينَئِذٍ قَامَتِ أُولَئِكَ الْعَذَارَى كُلُّهُنَّ، وَزَيَّنَّ مَصَابِيحَهُنَّ. فَقَالَتِ الْجَاهِلَاتُ لِلْحَكِيمَاتِ: أَعْطِينَا مِنْ زَيْتِكُنَّ، لِأَنَّ مَصَابِيحَنَا تَنْطَفِئُ. فَأَجَابَتِ الْحَكِيمَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: قَدْ لَا يَكْفِينَا وَيَكْفِيكُنَّ. إِذْهَبْنَ بِالْأُخْرَى إِلَى الْبَاعَةِ وَابْتَغْنَ لَكُنَّ. وَلَمَّا ذَهَبْنَ لِيَبْتَغْنَ، جَاءَ الْعَرِيسُ، وَدَخَلَتِ الْمُسْتَعِدَّاتُ إِلَى الْعُرْسِ، وَأَغْلَقَ الْبَابَ. وَأَخِيرًا جَاءَتِ الْعَذَارَى الْبَاقِيَاتُ وَقُلْنَ: يَا رَبُّ، يَا رَبُّ، افْتَحْ لَنَا! فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُنَّ، إِنِّي لَا أَعْرِفُكُنَّ! إِسْهَرُوا إِذَا، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ الْيَوْمَ وَلَا السَّاعَةَ.

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