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"Enter the Church and repent ... for here is the physician, not the judge. Here one is not investigated, one receives remission of sins." (St. John Chrysostom)

May 28, 2017

The Fourth Day of the Feast of the Ascension

The Commemoration of the Holy Heiromartyr Eutyches, Bishop of Melitene

THE SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA

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HOLY MYSTERY OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the pastor at any time when this sacrament is needed;

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Anyone too infirm to attend our services may receive Communion in the home. Please advise the clergy whenever this sacrament is needed.

THE ORDER OF TODAY'S LITURGY

The Troparion of the Resurrection (6th Tone) Page 53

The Torparion of the Ascension (4th Tone):

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The Troparion of the Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea (8th Tone):

O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our Fathers as radiant stars on earth. You led us to the True Faith through them. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

The Troparion of the Dormition of the Theotokos (1st Tone): Page 16

Kondakion of The Ascension (6th Tone)

After fulfilling for us Your Plan of Redemption and joining the things of earth with those of heaven, You gloriously ascended, O Christ our God, without abandoning us, but remained with us forever, and proclaimed to those who love You: "Behold I am with you; no one has power against you!"

THE PROKIMENON:

**BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, GOD OF OUR FATHERS
AND YOUR NAME IS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND GLORIOUS FOREVER!**

*For You are just in all You have done to us,
and all Your works are true and Your ways right!*

Today's Readings: Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-36 and John 17: 1-13

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, 4:30 PM:

**For the repose of Gertrude Beadle (4th), Ned Kfoury (57th), Eassa Maloley (34th),
Michael Baroodly (56th), Matilda Ashooh (53rd), and Minnie Solomon (45th)**

Sunday, 11:00 AM:

**For the repose of Richard Thomas,
who passed to eternal life last Sunday**

**For the health and salvation of Maria Moser and Mary Lear,
by Bob and Robin Anderson**

Next Saturday, (June 3) 4:30 PM:

**For the repose of Alexander Azzi (43rd), John Ganem (29th),
Fifi Nassif (34th), Mitchell Nassif (24th), and Virginia Pichette (3rd)**

Next Sunday, (June 4) 10:00 AM

For the repose of Russell Pond (1 year Anniversary), by his family



Axios! Axios! Axios! Congratulations to Fr. Bryan McNeil, formerly a deacon at St. Joseph's Church in Lawrence, MA, who was ordained to the sacred priesthood on Saturday morning. May God grant him many years of a blessed and fruitful priestly ministry.

Mahrajan 2017: We're really cooking now!

On Tuesday, May 30, we are making: Beef Kabobs - and we really need your help!
-6:00 PM - church hall - Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to our Sub-Deacon Tom Moses, who has completed his seminary training and graduated from St. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary on Friday May 12. May God continue to direct his steps!

The Saturday of the Dead

The Church has set aside this coming Saturday (the Saturday before Pentecost) as a day to pray for all those who have passed from this life. We will pray for them at a celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church that morning for the names of your departed loved who will be remembered at the Liturgy. Come and beseech the Lord to bring all our departed relatives and friends to *"a place of light, a place of happiness, a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing."*



Our Sunday Liturgy summer schedule will begin next Sunday!

*Beginning next Sunday, and throughout the summer,
the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be offered at 10:00 AM.*

Saturday Kitchen: Meat and spinach pies will be available from the Saturday Kitchen next Saturday morning. Please call in your order in advance at 625-9966. Any help you can offer that morning is greatly appreciated.

There will be a second collect for the mortgage this weekend.

Attendance Last Week: Sat., 4:30 PM: 24 Sun. 11 AM: 127

Last Weekend's Collection: \$ 1,417.⁰⁰

The average Sunday envelope donation: \$34.⁰⁶

The balance remaining on our mortgage is: \$ 78,319.⁰⁵

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Wed., May 31	7:00 PM	Vespers
Sat., June 3	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy: Saturday of the Dead
Sat., June 3	4:30 PM	Divine Liturgy: Great and Holy Pentecost
Sun., June 4	9:15 AM	Orthros for Great and Holy Pentecost
Sun., June 4	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy: Great and Holy Pentecost
Sun., June 4	7:00 PM	Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost Sunday night



The First Ecumenical Council,

also known as the First Council of Nicaea took place in 325. Although persecution of Christians had ceased by this time, heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius was a priest of Alexandria who denied the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father. Arius mistakenly taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being.

A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the

East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine became convinced that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicaea. Only five bishops from the West were present; Pope St. Sylvester I of Rome did not attend, and was represented by two of his priests.

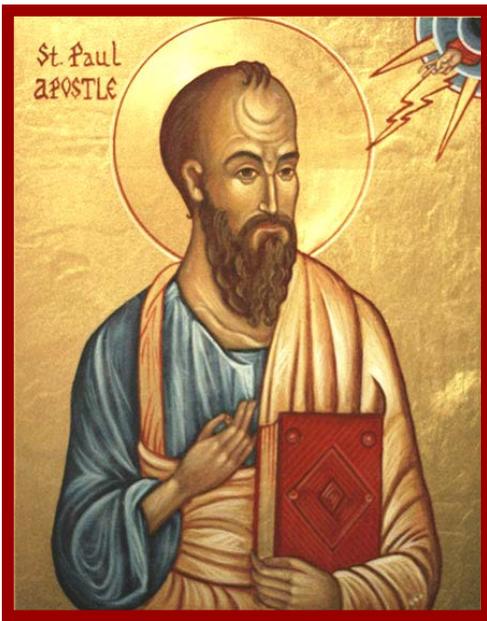
The emperor Constantine presided over the sessions of the Council. In his speech, responding to the welcome by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, he said, "God has helped me cast down the impious might of the persecutors, but more distressful for me than any blood spilled in battle is for a soldier, is the internal strife in the Church of God, for it is more ruinous."

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius (who would later become St. Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria) conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan's knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept the Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. St. Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text of the Symbol of Faith the word "consubstantial," which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325).

-Edited from an article at www.oca.org



“To Caesar You Shall Go”

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, which our Church reads publicly from Pascha to Pentecost, climaxes with the trial of St Paul and his journey to Rome where he would ultimately be beheaded. The story of his conflict with the Jewish leadership, his arrest and the various hearings which followed is told in Acts, chapters 20 to 28.

After what has come to be known as his third missionary journey, St Paul resolved to return to Jerusalem for the pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Paul traveled south and landed at the port of Caesarea, the Roman military center in the region. St Paul’s reputation was well known among the Jews of Jerusalem. His doctrine that Gentiles who became Christians did not need to be circumcised was particularly offensive in their circles. To devalue circumcision and the Jewish dietary laws was “*to forsake Moses*” (Acts 21:21) and undermine

the very basis of Judaism.

Knowing the animosity of the Jewish leaders, who considered Paul an apostate, St. James and the elders of the Christian community in Jerusalem devised a plan to keep Paul safe. They urged him to “...do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the Law” (Acts 21:23, 24).

St Paul complied, but “Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, ‘Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the Law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.’” (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple” (Acts 21:27-29). St Paul was seized and had to be rescued by the commander of the local garrison.

What followed was a series of hearings which would determine St Paul’s fate, fulfilling Agabus’ prophecy concerning him. As Christ had been tried before the Sanhedrin (the religious leaders), King Herod (the Jewish ruler) and Pontius Pilate (the Roman Procurator), Paul’s trial followed a similar route. He first was tried by the high priests and their council, the Sanhedrin, as recorded in Acts 22. Paul was then taken to the current Roman governor, Antonius Felix by the Jewish authorities to validate their judgment against Him. Once it was clear that Paul was a Roman citizen, however, he was taken from the Sanhedrin by the Romans. He was not subject to their jurisdiction.

Citizenship in the Roman Empire

While full Roman citizenship was restricted to those born in Rome and its environs, people from associated states were granted a form of Roman citizenship, without some of the rights which

full citizens enjoyed. Judaea, however was a conquered province with none of those rights. Although a Jew, St. Paul had been born in Tarsus, a city of Cilicia, in Asia Minor, and the citizens of Tarsus were eligible for Roman citizenship.

When St Paul revealed that he was a Roman citizen, the Sanhedrin knew that they could not touch him. It was illegal to whip or torture Roman citizens who could only be put to death for treason, and never by crucifixion, a punishment for slaves and subject peoples.

As a result, some Jewish activists, with the blessing of the chief priests and elders, planned to kidnap Paul and kill him. When the Roman military commander in Jerusalem learned of the plot, *“he called for two centurions, saying, ‘Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night; and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him safely to Felix the governor’”* (Acts 23:23, 24).

Acts continues describing St. Paul’s time in custody under Felix and his journey to Rome to be tried before Caesar. During the journey the ship carrying St Paul is shipwrecked off the coast of Malta. After three months on that island, St Paul continues his journey to Rome, meeting with Christians along the way, showing how the Church had spread into Europe even before the death of the last apostles. Acts ends with Paul in Rome, telling us that *“Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him”* (Acts 28:30, 31).

A New Identity in the Making

In addressing Felix St Paul used the original term to describe the Christian faith among its Jewish adherents. This term, *“the Way”* suggests that the earliest Jewish-Christians did not consider that they had abandoned Judaism. Rather, their Way was simply a recognition that the prophecies in the Torah, the Psalms, and the other Scriptures had been fulfilled. They saw themselves as observing a “completed Judaism,” to use a modern term, not a different religion.

Contemporary authors often point out that “the Way” suggests a way of life, not a new set of beliefs. The followers of “the Way” had the same Scriptures as other Jews, worshipped in the temple and celebrated God’s promise of a Messiah. The difference between them was that the followers of Jesus believed that He was the Messiah. The uniqueness of their Way was that Greeks as well as Jews were welcome in their company if they accepted Jesus as Lord.

As we read in Acts 11, it was among the “Greeks,” the Gentiles in Antioch, that the term *“Christian”* was first used. Many commentators hold that *Christian* was originally a term of derision. It contrasted these followers of Jesus with the Caesarians, who patriotically worshipped the Roman emperor. It was certainly used in that way by King Agrippa, who told St Paul sarcastically, *“You almost persuade me to become a Christian!”* (Acts 26:28)

The third ancient term for believers in Acts is found in chapter 24. Paul is brought before the Roman procurator and is accused by the Jewish spokesman Catullus of being *“a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes”* (24:5). Paul and his company were called *Nazarenes* because they followed Jesus of Nazareth. While “Christian” became the common name for Christ’s followers in the Greco-Roman world, the Aramaic/Semitic world generally preferred the term Nazarene (*Nasrani*). Thus the members of the Syriac Churches of India are called *Mar Thoma Nasrani*, because they trace their identity to the mission of St Thomas the Apostle who brought the Gospel to their nation.

Mahrajan 2017 News!

It is time to begin food preparation for Mahrajan 2017! We need help in the kitchen for food preparation on the evenings that follow, 6:00 PM start time for each evening.

If you grow or gather grape leaves, please help us keep our costs down by donating them to the Mahrajan. Grape leaves will be needed for the July 11 food prep session, so please wash and pack them in your freezer as they become available. We need about 3,000 grape leaves so keep us in mind as the season approaches.

May 30	Beef Kabobs	July 11	Grape Leaves
June 6	Chicken Kabobs	TBA	Meat and Spinach Pies
June 13	Ghrybe & Nut Maamoul		

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 – NOON TO 11:00 PM

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This course offers students an intensive survey of Attic Greek grammar and vocabulary over three weeks, covering approximately two semesters worth of material. Additionally, students will begin translating short passages of Greek text.

The course is designed to be an introduction for students interested in the Classics who would like to move more quickly to begin translation courses, or as a resource for teachers of Classical languages such as Latin who would like to begin teaching Greek as well.

This three-week course runs from Monday, July 24 through Friday, August 11, 2017. The cost is \$450 for commuter students and \$750 for residential students (room and board included). To register and view the course syllabus visit www.NortheastCatholic.edu. For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or call 603.456.2656.

St. Augustin Cemetery Mass

The 96th annual outdoor Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated outside the Chapel of the Old Saint Augustin Cemetery on South Beech Street on Monday, **May 29th at 9 AM**. Bring your folding chairs. In the event of rain Mass will be held at St. Augustin Church. All are welcome! Flowers may be placed on the graves from Thursday, May 25 until Monday, June 5.

Please remember to pray for the health and protection of Genevieve Allen, Donna Andruskiewicz, Olivia Aragon, Elizabeth Ashooh, Elsie Ashooh, Al Auclair, Alice Auclair, Erin Baroody, Michael Baroody, Anthony Blando, Helena Burkush, Fr. Michael Carl, Danielle Caron, Michael Cavanaugh, Meghan Connors, Sarah Cullen, Theresa Cullen, Janet Drake, Sher Farrow, Julie Fregeau, Mary Fregeau, Peter Fregeau, Christine Freitas, John Gallagher, Marguerite Ganem, Loretto Gauvin, Bonnie Gomez, Gail Fisher, Laurice Haddad, Nick Haddad, Lucille Harper, Laura Jorba, Virginia Kearney, Shirley Lanoue, Susan Latvis, Mary Lear, Diana Lebel, Peggy Leclear, Fr. Theophan Leonarczyk, Sadie Grace McCallum, Miriam McCallum, Ramona Matias, Susan Merrill, Maria Moser, Joanne Nader, Alfred Nasr, Afef Nasr, Raymond Nehme, Samira Nehme, Blaise Notter, Steve Notter, Steven O'Leary, Denis O'Keefe, Ellen Osgood, Josephine Paquette, Sheila Quinn, Deborah Roberts, Adam Rubin, Fr. Andre St. Germain, Kara Salvas, Denise Sherburne, Tarrant Smith, Catherine Waldron, George Webber, Martha Webber, and Iris Angelina Velasquez.

If you are visiting our church, our parish family is delighted to welcome you here! Please give us the chance to get to know you by joining us for some coffee, pastry, and conversation in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to know more about the Melkite Catholic Church, check out the brochure entitled **"Welcome to this Holy House,"** located on the table in the back of the church.



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Today's Readings:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, (20:28) "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops, to herd the Church of God which He has redeemed through His own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them.

"Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, Who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all His blessed ones.

"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You, yourselves, know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things, I have shown you that by working in this way you should help the weak, and remember that the Lord Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

الرسالة (أعمال الرسل 20 : 17-18 و 27-36)

في تلك الأيام. كان بولس قد عزم أن يتجاوز أفسس في البحر، لئلا يعرض له أن يبطئ في آسية. لأنه كان يعجل حتى يكون في أورشليم يوم العنصرة إن أمكنه. فمن ميليتس بعث إلى أفسس فاستدعى كهنة الكنيسة. فلما وصلوا إليه قال لهم: أحذروا لأنفسكم ولجميع القطيع الذي أقامكم فيه الروح القدس أساقفة. لترعوا كنيسة الله التي اقتناها بدمه الخاص. فإني أعلم هذا إنه بعد فراقى سيدخل بينكم ذئاب خاطفة لا تشفق على القطيع، ومنكم أنفسكم. سيقوم رجال يتكلمون بأقوال فاسدة. ليجتذبوا التلاميذ وراءهم، فاسهروا إذن وتذكروا أنني مدة ثلاث سنين لم أكف ليلاً ونهاراً عن أن أنصح كل واحد بالدُموع. والآن يا إخوة. أستودعكم الله وكلمة نعمته القادرة أن تبنيكم وتوثيكم ميراثاً مع جميع المقدسين. إني لم أشته من أحد فضة أو ذهباً أو ثوباً، بل أنتم تعلمون أن هاتين اليدين كانتا تخدمان حاجاتي وحاجات الذين كانوا معي، في كل شيء بيئت لكم كيف ينبغي أن تتعب للنساء الضعفاء. وأن نتذكر كلام الرب يسوع حيث قال: إن العطاء أعظم غبطة من الأخذ. ولما قال هذا جثا على ركبتيه وصلى مع جميعهم.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist (17:1-13)

At that time Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him, He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given Me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify Me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given Me is from You; because the words that You have given Me, I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send Me.

I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours; and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given Me, I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have My joy made full in themselves."

انجيل احد الآباء القديسين - يوحنا 17: 1-13

في ذلك الزمان، رَفَعَ يَسُوعُ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَقَالَ: أَيُّهَا الْآبُ، قَدْ أَتَتِ السَّاعَةُ. مَجِّدْ أَبْنُكَ لِيُجَدِّدَكَ أَبْنُكَ أَيْضًا. كَمَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ السُّلْطَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ بَشَرٍ، لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ كُلَّ مَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ لِي: الْحَيَاةَ الْآبَدِيَّةَ. وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْآبَدِيَّةُ، أَنْ يَعْرِفُوكَ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهَ الْحَقِيقِيَّ وَحَدَّكَ، وَالَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَهُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ. أَنَا قَدْ مَجَّدْتُكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ، وَأَتَمَّمْتُ الْعَمَلَ الَّذِي أَعْطَيْتَنِي لِأَعْمَلُهُ. وَالْآنَ مَجِّدْنِي أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْآبُ عِنْدَكَ، بِالْمَجْدِ الَّذِي كَانَ لِي عِنْدَكَ مِنْ قَبْلِ كَوْنِ الْعَالَمِ. قَدْ أَعْلَنْتُ اسْمَكَ لِلنَّاسِ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي مِنَ الْعَالَمِ، هُمْ كَانُوا لَكَ، وَأَنْتَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي، وَقَدْ حَفِظُوا كَلَامَكَ. وَالْآنَ عَلِّمُوا أَنْ كُلَّ مَا أَعْطَيْتَهُ لِي هُوَ مِنْكَ. لِأَنَّ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي أَعْطَيْتَهُ لِي قَدْ أَعْطَيْتَهُ لَهُمْ، وَهُمْ قَبِلُوا وَعَلِّمُوا حَقًّا أَنِّي مِنْكَ خَرَجْتُ، وَأَمَنُوا أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ أَرْسَلْتَنِي. أَنَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْ أَجْلِهِمْ، لَا أَسْأَلُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْعَالَمِ، بَلْ مِنْ أَجْلِ الَّذِينَ اعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي لِأَنَّهُمْ لَكَ. وَكُلُّ مَا هُوَ لِي هُوَ لَكَ، وَمَا لَكَ هُوَ لِي، وَأَنَا قَدْ تَمَجَّدْتُ فِيهِمْ. وَلَسْتُ أَنَا بَعْدُ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَهُوَ لَمْ يَمْضِ فِي الْعَالَمِ، وَأَنَا آتِي إِلَيْكَ. أَيُّهَا الْآبُ الْقُدُّوسُ، احْفَظْ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي. لِيَكُونُوا وَاحِدًا كَمَا نَحْنُ. حِينَ كُنْتُ مَعَهُمْ فِي الْعَالَمِ، كُنْتُ أَحْفَظُهُمْ بِاسْمِكَ. إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ لِي قَدْ حَفِظْتَهُمْ، وَلَمْ يَهْلِكْ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا ابْنُ الْهَلَاكِ، لِتَيْمُّ الْكِتَابِ. وَالْآنَ فَإِنِّي آتِي إِلَيْكَ، وَأَنَا أَتَكَلَّمُ بِهَذَا فِي الْعَالَمِ، لِيَكُونَ لَهُمْ فَرْحٌ كَامِلًا فِيهِمْ.