



## دوافع شهيد

ونحن نحتفل بعيد النيروز نتذكر آلاف الشهداء الذين ضحوا بحياتهم حباً في الرب ونتساءل ما هي الأسباب التي دفعتهم لإحتمال هذه الآلام المبرحة؟ لعلنا نتعلم منهم ولعل أهم هذه الأسباب هي حياة الفضيلة التي كانوا يحبونها، ومن أهم تلك الفضائل التي ساعدتهم على الإستشهاد ما يلي :

**+ المحبة :** لا يمكن أن يضحي إنسان بحياته من أجل الرب إن لم يكن يحبه من كل القلب ومن كل الفكر ومن كل الإرادة. بل ويحبه أكثر من كل شيء ومن كل شخص، فحينما تملك محبة الله على القلب لا يستطيع الإنسان أن يرى أي شيء يساويها حتى ولو خسر كل شيء "لَكِنْ مَا كَانَ لِي رَيْحًا، فَهَذَا قَدْ حَسِبْتُهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ خَسَارَةً. بَلْ إِنِّي أَحْسِبُ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَيُّضًا خَسَارَةً مِنْ أَجْلِ فَضْلِ مَعْرِفَةِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّي، الَّذِي مِنْ أَجْلِهِ خَسِرْتُ كُلَّ الْأَشْيَاءِ، وَأَنَا أَحْسِبُهَا نَفَايَةَ لِكَيْ أَزِيحَ الْمَسِيحَ، وَأَوْجِدَ فِيهِ، وَلَيْسَ لِي بَرِّي الَّذِي مِنَ النَّامُوسِ، بَلِ الَّذِي بِإِيمَانِ الْمَسِيحِ، الْبَرِّ الَّذِي مِنَ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ." (في 9:3-7)  
لذلك رأينا الشهداء يضحون بحياتهم غير متأثرين بعواطفهم نحو الأهل والأقارب وتوسلاتهم فالرب هو كل شيء عندهم. أحبوا الرب أكثر من حبهم للوالدين والأزواج والأبناء.

**+ الطهارة :** لا يمكن أن يستشهد إنسان إلا إذا كان طاهراً مستقيماً، فالخاطئ مكبل بالقيود والأغلال ويحتاج إلى أن يتحرر أولاً ثم يفكر في حياته ومماته، أما الطاهر فهو إنسان قوى إستطاع أن يخضع جسده ويستعبده ويجعل الروح هي القائد له. ومحاولات الشيطان وأعدائه من الآباطرة الرومان لإخضاع الشهداء في الخطية لإسقاطهم في عبادة الأوثان كثيرة ولكنها كانت تنتهي بالفشل؛ فهذه قصة شاب أرادوه أن يسجد للأصنام ولما رفض أرادوا إسقاطه في الخطية فأدخلوه في حجرة بها سرير ووضعوه عليه وربطوه فيه بالحبال وأدخلوا إليه إنسانة شريرة ولما لم يجد حلاً ومهرباً أخرج لسانه وقطعه فإنقطع وإنفجر دمه فإنزعت الشريعة وهربت خائفة مما رأت ونجا بدمه من السقوط، وهكذا شابة طاهرة أراد الوالي الروماني إسقاطها في الخطية فقالت له إنها إختارت زيتاً إذا دهنت به الرقبة لا يسير فيها السيف.. هل تود أن تجربيه؟ فأنت تحتاجه كجندى فقال لها جربيه أنت أولاً فدهنت رقبتها فضرب عنقها فإنفصلت رأسها عن جسدها واحتفظت بطهارتها وهي شهيدة أفضل من بقائها حية وهي خاطئة ...

بركة أبائنا الشهداء العظماء تكون معنا آمين.

عشية عيد النيروز الأربعاء 11 سبتمبر 6:30 - 7:30 م	قداس عيد النيروز الخميس 12 سبتمبر 7:30 - 10:00 ص	عيد تدشين كنيسة مارمينا هومديل الأول بيد قداسة البابا تواضروس الثاني الأحد 22 سبتمبر قداسين كالمعتاد	عشية عيد الصليب الجمعة 27 سبتمبر 6:30 - 7:30 م	قداس ودورة عيد الصليب السبت 28 سبتمبر 7:00 - 11:00 ص
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### القداسات :

الأحد : 6:00 - 8:30 ص  
الأربعاء : 8:45 - 11:15 ص  
الجمعة : 7:30 - 10:00 ص  
السبت : 7:30 - 10:00 ص

### الاجتماعات :

الثلاثاء  
7:30 - 8:30 م إجتماع الصلاة  
الإسبوعي  
الأربعاء  
7:00 - 8:30 م درس الألقان  
7:00 - 8:30 م إجتماع السيدات  
الجمعة  
6:30 - 8:15 م درس الكتاب  
بالإنجليزية للأطفال  
7:00 - 8:00 م درس الكتاب  
بالعربية  
8:00 - 9:30 م إجتماع الشباب  
بالإنجليزية  
8:00 - 9:30 م إجتماع الرجال  
السبت  
4:30 - 5:00 م تسبحة عشية  
5:00 - 5:30 م عشية  
5:30 - 7:00 م مدارس الأحد  
5:30 - 7:00 م درس الكتاب  
بالعربية  
7:00 - 9:00 م تسبحة نصف  
الليل

إجتماع أسرة القديس يوسف النجار  
للمسنين السبت 7 سبتمبر بعد  
القداس الإلهي.

### الإعترافات :

الجمعة والسبت مساءً  
وعقب القداسات  
الإسبوعية.



## **The Motives of Martyrs**



*As we get closer to celebrate the Coptic New Year (**Feast of Nayrouz**) in which we commemorate the lives of thousands of martyrs who gave up their lives because of their love of the Lord. We may wonder why those martyrs would go through all the suffering? I hope to take this opportunity to learn from them about the virtues that led them to become martyrs. The most important of those virtues include:*

**+ Love:** No one would sacrifice their life for the Lord if they did not have the will or fill their hearts and minds with love towards Him. Actually, not only to love Him but rather to love Him more than anything or anyone. When your heart is filled with God's love, there is nothing that would be as equivalent to it, not a person or anything. "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ (Philippians 3:7-9). Therefore, we heard of many martyrs who put their lives on the line for Christ without being affected by their family or relatives. In fact, during their martyrdom, they would pray to the Lord who means everything to them. They showed that they love the Lord more than their parents, spouses, and children.

**+ Wisdom:** Our fathers the martyrs were never reckless with their actions but rather, they acted with wisdom. They set these Bible verses as a guide "the end of a thing is better than its beginning" (Ecclesiastes 7:8) and "the day of death than the day of one's birth" (Ecclesiastes 7:1), "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on "yes", says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors and their works follow them" (Revelation 14:13). As you may have noticed from these verses, wisdom is to love death more than life as it is written "and as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Is it truly wise to run away from death that will already happen at some point to every single person? If death will take away everything you had or owned in this world, would it be wise to focus during your whole life to collect money? Or would it be considered wise to follow the commandment that says "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him"

(1 John 2:15,17). Isn't it wise to acknowledge that since I will at some point die anyway, why not die for the Lord because of my love for Him? If we are going to lose the world and everything in it anyway at some point, then let's lose it for the Lord with our will. Let us listen to the Solomon the wise King who experienced everything anyone would want to ever experience but then said, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity" (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

**+ Purity:** There is no way for anyone to become a martyr without purity. The sinner is tied with chains and is not even free to even think about his life and death. On the other hand, the pure person is filled with strength to discipline their bodies and bring it into subjection. By doing so, the spirit takes the lead directing one's path away from Satan. Roman emperors tried tempting many of the martyrs so that they may fall into sinful lusts and to worship pagan idols but they always failed. One of those martyrs was a young man who they wanted to have him worship idols but when he refused, they tried to have him lust and fall in adultery with a woman. They brought him into a room and tied him down on a bed then had an evil woman enter that room. When he realized that there was no way of escaping, he bit off his tongue, and cut it. His blood was scattered all over so she ran away in disbelief from what she witnessed. Also, another martyr was a young pure girl that a Roman ruler wanted to sin with her. In order for her to escape this situation, and remain pure, she asked if he heard of the oil that if he put around his neck his head would not be separated if he was to be beheaded? She asked if he would try it. He asked her to try it first. She put that oil around her neck and when he beheaded her, the head was separated from her body. She preferred to die a martyr rather than living life as a sinner....

*May the blessings of the martyrs be with all of us. Amen!*

### **Weekly Divine Liturgies**

**Sunday:** 6:00 – 8:30 AM  
: 8:30 – 11:30 AM  
**Wed.** : 8:45 – 11:15 AM  
**Friday** : 7:30 – 10:00 AM  
**Sat.** : 7:30 – 10:00 AM

### **Weekly Meetings**

#### **Tuesday**

**7:30 - 8:30 PM Weekly Prayer**

#### **Wednesday**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM Hymns class**

**7:00 - 8:30 PM Women's Meeting**

#### **Friday**

**6:30 - 8:00 PM children Bible study**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible study (Arabic)**

**8:00 - 9:30 PM H.S. Youth Meeting**

**8:30 - 10:00 PM Young adult fellowship meeting**

**8:00 - 9:30 PM Men's Meeting**

#### **Saturday**

**4:30 - 5:00 PM Vesper Praises**

**5:00 - 5:30 PM Raising of Incense**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM Sunday school**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM Bible study (Arabic)**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM Midnight Praises**

**The Vespers for Coptic New Year**  
**Wed, Sep 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Liturgy for Nayrouz**  
**Thu, Sep 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 - 10:30 AM**

**The First Anniversary of the Consecration of St. Mina Church, Holmdel by the hands of H.H Pope Tawadros II**  
**Sun, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**normal liturgical hours**

**Vespers of the Feast of The Cross**  
**Fri, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Feast of the Cross Liturgy**  
**Sat, Sep 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Fellowship of St. Joseph the Elder Saturday, Sep 7<sup>th</sup> after the Liturgy.**

### **CONFESSIONS :**

**Friday & Saturday Evening & after weekly Liturgies.**

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