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**PROPER OF THE
SEASON**

+
**BEGINNING
OF
THE
LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**

+

SEASON OF ADVENT

**FIRST SUNDAY IN
ADVENT
(Purple)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
(*Rom. 13: 11-14*)**

Brethren: And that, knowing the season, that it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep. For now our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is passed And the day is at hand. Let us, therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting

and drunkenness, not in chambering and impurities, not in contention and envy. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ: and make not provision for the flesh in its concupiscences.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL TO THE ROMANS
*Romans 15:4-13***

Brethren: For what things soever were written were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind, one towards another, according to Jesus Christ: That with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore, receive one another, as Christ also hath received you, unto the honour of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was min-

ister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: But that the Gentiles are to glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles and will sing to thy name. And again he saith: rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people. And again: praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles: and magnify him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and he that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**+THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL TO THE
PHILIPPIANS
*Philipp 4:4-7***

Brethern: Rejoice in the

Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**EMBER WEDNESDAY OF
ADVENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIA**

(Isaia 2:2-5) And in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be prepared on the top of mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go, and say: Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall come forth

from Sion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge the Gentiles, and rebuke many people: and they shall turn their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into sickles: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they be exercised any more to war. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIA
(*Isaia 7:10-15*)**

And the Lord spoke again to Achaz, saying: Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God, either unto the depth of hell, or unto the height above. And Achaz said: I will not ask, and I will not tempt the Lord. And he said: Hear ye therefore, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to be grievous to men, that you are grievous to my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Be-

hold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel. He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

**EMBER FRIDAY OF
ADVENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIA
(*Isaia 11:1-5*)**

Thus saith the Lord God: And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord, He shall not judge according to the sight of the eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of the ears. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and shall reprove with equity

the meek of the earth: and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. And justice shall be the girdle of his loins: and faith the girdle of his reins.

**EMBER SATURDAY IN
ADVENT
(Long Form)**

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
(Is. 19:20-22)**

It shall be for a sign, and for a testimony to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt. For they shall cry to the Lord because of the oppressor, and he shall send them a Saviour and a defender to deliver them. And the Lord shall be known by Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day, and shall worship him with sacrifices and offerings: and they shall make vows to the Lord, and perform them. And the Lord shall strike Egypt with a scourge, and shall heal it, and they shall

return to the Lord, and he shall be pacified towards them, and heal them.

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
(Is. 35:1-7)**

The land that was desolate and impassable shall be glad, and the wilderness shall rejoice, and shall flourish like the lily. It shall bud forth and blossom, and shall rejoice with joy and praise: the glory of Libanus is given to it: the beauty of Carmel, and Saron, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the beauty of our God. Strengthen ye the feeble hands, and confirm the weak knees. Say to the fainthearted: Take courage, and fear not: behold your God will bring the revenge of recompense: God himself will come and will save you. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall be free: for waters are

broken out in the desert, and streams in the wilderness. And that which was dry land, shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. In the dens where dragons dwelt before, shall rise up the verdure of the reed and the bulrush.

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
(Is. 40:9-11)**

Get thee up upon a high mountain, thou that bringest good tidings to Sion: lift up thy voice with strength, thou that bringest good tidings to Jerusalem: lift it up, fear not. Say to the cities of Juda: Behold your God: Behold the Lord God shall come with strength, and his arm shall rule: Behold his reward is with him and his work is before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather together the lambs with his arm, and shall take them up in his bosom, and he himself shall carry them that are with young.

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
(Is. 45:1-8)**

Thus saith the Lord to my anointed Cyrus, whose right hand I have taken hold of, to subdue nations before his face, and to turn the backs of kings, and to open the doors before him, and the gates shall not be shut. I will go before thee, and will humble the great ones of the earth: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and will burst the bars of iron. And I will give thee hidden treasures, and the concealed riches of secret places: that thou mayest know that I am the Lord who call thee by thy name, the God of Israel. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have made a likeness of thee, and thou hast not known me. I am the Lord, and there is none else: there is no God besides me: I girded thee, and thou hast not known me: That they

may know who are from the rising of the sun, and they who are from the west, that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is none else: I form the light, and create darkness, I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord that do all these things. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened, and bud forth a saviour: and let justice spring up together: I the Lord have created him.

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET DANIEL
(*Dan. 3:47-51*)**

And the flame mounted up above the furnace nine and forth cubits: And it broke forth, and burnt such of the Chaldeans as it found near the furnace. But the angel of the Lord went down with Azarias and his companions into the furnace: and he drove the flame of the fire out of the furnace, And made the midst of the furnace like the blowing of a wind bringing dew, and the

fire touched them not at all, nor troubled them, nor did them any harm. Then these three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God, in the furnace, saying:

**A READING FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS
(*2 Thess. 2:1-8*)**

And we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and of our gathering together unto him: That you be not easily moved from your sense nor be terrified, neither by spirit nor by word nor by epistle. as sent from us, as if the day of the Lord were at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for unless there come a revolt first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition Who opposeth and is lifted up above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself as if he

were God. Remember you not that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now you know what withholdeth, that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity already worketh: only that he who now holdeth do hold, until he be taken out of the way. And then that wicked one shall be revealed: whom the Lord Jesus shall kill with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

**EMBER SATURDAY IN
ADVENT
(Short Form)**

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PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF**

**BLESSED PAUL TO THE
CORINTHIANS
(1Cor:4:1-5)**

Brethern: Let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day. But neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything. Yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore, judge not before the time: until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts. And then shall every man have praise from God.

**CHRISTMAS EVE
(DECEMBER 24TH)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF
BLESSED PAUL THE APOS-**

**EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS
(Rom. 1:1-6)**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God. Which he had promised before, by his prophets, in the holy scriptures, Concerning his Son, who was made to him of the seed of David, according to the flesh, Who was predestinated the Son of God in power, according to the spirit of sanctification, by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead: By whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith, in all nations, for his name: Among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ.

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**CHRISTMAS
MIDNIGHT
25 DECEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL TO THE TITUS
*Titus 2:11-15***

For the grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men: Instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world, Looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and might cleanse to himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works. These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**CHRISTMAS
DAWN**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED**

**PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TI-
TUS
*Titus 3:4-7***

But when the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour appeared: Not by the works of justice which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the laver of regeneration and renovation of the Holy Ghost. Whom he hath poured forth upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: That, being justified by his grace, we may be heirs according to hope of life everlasting.

**CHRISTMAS
DAYTIME**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS
*Heb. 1:1-12***

God, who, at sundry times and in divers manners, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all, In these days, hath spoken to us by his Son,

whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the world. Who being the brightness of his glory and the figure of his substance and upholding all things by the word of his power, making purification of sins, sitteth on the right hand of the majesty on high: Being made so much better than the angels as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels hath he said at any time: Thou art my Son, to-day have I begotten thee? And again: I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith: And let all the angels of God adore him. And to the angels indeed he saith: He that maketh his angels spirits and his ministers a flame of fire. But to the Son: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of justice is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy

God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. And: Thou in the beginning, O Lord, didst found the earth: and the works of thy hands are the heavens. They shall perish: but thou shalt continue: and they shall all grow old as a garment. And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art the selfsame: and thy years shall not fail.

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS**

Gal 4:1-7

As long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father. So we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the full-

ness of the time was come, God sent his Son, made of a woman, made under the law: That he might redeem them who were under the law: that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore, now he is not a servant, but a son. And if a son, an heir also through God.

SAINT STEPHEN

First Martyr
26 DECEMBER

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

And Stephen, full of grace and fortitude, did great wonders and signs among the people. Now there arose some, of that which is called the synagogue of the Libertines and of the Cyrenians and of the Alexandrians and of them that were of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the

wisdom and the spirit that spoke. Now hearing these things, they were cut to the heart: and they gnashed with their teeth at him. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looking up steadfastly to heaven, saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And he said: Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. And they, crying out with a loud voice, stopped their ears and with one accord ran violently upon him. And casting him forth without the city. they stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, invoking and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice, saying: Lord, lay not his sin to their charge: And when he had said this, he fell asleep in the Lord. And Saul was consenting to his death.

**SAINT JOHN
APOSTLE AND
EVANGELIST
27 DECEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM
ECCLESIASTICUS
(15:1-6)**

15:1. He that feareth God, will do good: and he that possesseth justice, shall lay hold on her, 15:2. And she will meet him as an honourable mother, and will receive him as a wife married of a virgin. 15:3. With the bread of life and understanding, she shall feed him, and give him the water of wholesome wisdom to drink: and she shall be made strong in him, and he shall not be moved. 15:4. And she shall hold him fast, and he shall not be confounded: and she shall exalt him among his neighbours. 15:5. And in the midst of the church she shall open his mouth, and shall fill him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and shall clothe him with a robe of glory. 15:6. She shall

heap upon him a treasure of joy and gladness, and shall cause him to inherit an everlasting name.

**HOLY INNOCENTS
MARTYRS
28 DECEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM THE
APOCALYPSE OF SAINT
JOHN
*John 14:1-5***

14:1. And I beheld: and lo a Lamb stood upon mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty-four thousand, having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads. 14:2. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the noise of many waters and as the voice of great thunder. And the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers, harping on their harps. 14:3. And they sung as it were a new canticle, before the throne and before the four living creatures and the ancients: and no man could say the canticle, but those hundred forty-four

thousand who were purchased from the earth. 14:4. These are they who were not defiled with women: for they are virgins. These follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 14:5. And in their mouth there was found no lie: for they are without spot before the throne of God.

**SIXTH DAY
WITHIN OCTAVE OF
CHRISTMAS
30 DECEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TI-
TUS
*Titus 3:4-7***

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poured forth upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: That, being justified by his grace, we may be heirs according to hope of life everlasting.

**SAINT SYLVESTER
POPE CONFESSOR
31 DECEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF
ST. PETER
*(1 Peter 5:1-4; 10-11)***

5:1. The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech who am myself also an ancient and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: 5:2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake but voluntarily: 5:3. Neither as lording it over the clergy but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. 5:4. And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you

shall receive a never fading crown of glory. 5:10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you and confirm you and establish you. 5:11. To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

**OCTAVE OF
CHRISTMAS
FEAST OF THE
CIRCUMCISION
1 JANUARY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL
TO TITUS
(Titus 2:11-15)**

2:11. For the grace of God our Saviour hath appeared to all men: 2:12. Instructing us, that, denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we should live soberly and justly and godly in this world, 2:13. Looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. 2:14. Who gave

himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and might cleanse to himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works. 2:15. These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**HOLY NAME OF JESUS
SUNDAY BETWEEN
2 AND 5 JANUARY
(White - If no Sunday occurs it is celebrated on
January 2)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
(Acts 4:8-12)**

4:8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said to them: Ye princes of the people and ancients, hear. 4:9. If we this day are examined concerning the good deed done to the infirm man, by what means he hath been made whole: 4:10. Be it known to you all and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God

hath raised from the dead, even by him, this man standeth here before you, whole. 4:11. This is the stone which was rejected by you the builders, which is become the head of the corner. 4:12. Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.

**OCTAVE-DAY OF SAINT
STEPHEN
2 JANUARY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
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*Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59***

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things, they were cut to the heart: and they gnashed with their teeth at him. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looking up steadfastly to heaven, saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And he said: Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. And they, crying out with a loud voice, stopped their ears and with one accord ran violently upon him. And casting him forth without the city, they stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, invoking and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice, saying: Lord, lay not his sin to their charge: And when he had said this, he fell asleep in the Lord. And Saul was consenting to his death.

**OCTAVE-DAY OF SAINT
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3 JANUARY

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erlasting name.

**SAINT TELESOPHUS
POPE MARTYR
5 JANUARY
(AND VIGIL OF THE
EPIPHANY)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS
*Gal 4:1-7***

As long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father. So we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent his Son, made of a woman, made under the law: That he might redeem them who were under the law: that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. There-

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**THE
EPIPHANY
(THEOPHANY)
OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST
6 JANUARY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIAS
*Is. 60:1-6***

60:1. Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. 60:2. For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 60:3. And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. 60:4. Lift up thy eyes round about, and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. 60:5. Then shalt thou see, and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be

converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee. 60:6. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Madian and Epha: all they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense: and shewing forth praise to the Lord.

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF EPIPHANY**

**THE PRESENTATION OF
JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY
FAMILY**

**(FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE TO THE
COLOSSIANS
*Col. 3:12-17***

3:12. Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: 3:13. Bearing with one another

and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another. Even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. 3:14. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. 3:15. And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. 3:16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. 3:17. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
13 JANUARY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
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*Is. 60:1-6***

60:1. Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the

Lord is risen upon thee. 60:2. For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 60:3. And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. 60:4. Lift up thy eyes round about, and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. 60:5. Then shalt thou see, and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee. 60:6. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Madian and Epha: all they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense: and shewing forth praise to the Lord.

**SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom 12:6-16***

12:6. And having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us, either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; 12:7. Or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth, in doctrine; 12:8. He that exhorteth, in exhorting; he that giveth, with simplicity; he that ruleth, with carefulness; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 12:9. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good, 12:10. Loving one another with the charity of brotherhood: with honour preventing one another. 12:11. In carefulness not slothful. In spirit fervent. Serving the Lord. 12:12. Rejoicing in hope. Patient in tribulation. Instant in prayer. 12:13. Communicating to the necessities of the saints. Pursuing hospitality. 12:14.

Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. 12:15. Rejoice with them that rejoice: weep with them that weep. 12:16. Being of one mind one towards another. Not minding high things, but consenting to the humble. Be not wise in your own conceits.

**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom 12:16-21***

12:16. Being of one mind one towards another. Not minding high things, but consenting to the humble. Be not wise in your own conceits. 12:17. To no man rendering evil for evil. Providing good things, not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of all men. 12:18. If it be possible, as much as is in you, have peace with all men. 12:19. Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved; but give

place unto wrath, for it is written: Revenge is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. 12:20. But if the enemy be hungry, give him to eat; if he thirst, give him to drink. For, doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. 12:21. Be not overcome by evil: but overcome evil by good.

**FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 13:8-10***

13:8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another. For he that loveth his neighbour hath fulfilled the law. 13:9. For: Thou shalt not commit adultery: Thou shalt not kill: Thou shalt not steal: Thou shalt not bear false witness: Thou shalt not covet. And if there be any other commandment, it is comprised in this word: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

13:10. The love of our neighbour worketh no evil. Love therefore is the fulfilling of the law.

**FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE COLOSSIANS
*Col. 3:12-17***

3:12. Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: **3:13.** Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another. Even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. **3:14.** But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. **3:15.** And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. **3:16.** Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom, teaching and ad-

monishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. **3:17.** All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS
*1 Thes 1:2-10***

1:2. Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all: making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing, **1:3.** Being mindful of the work of your faith and labour and charity: and of the enduring of the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father. **1:4.** Knowing, brethren, beloved of God, your election: **1:5.** For our gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power

also: and in the Holy Ghost and in much fulness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. 1:6. And you became followers of us and of the Lord: receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 1:7. So that you were made a pattern to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia. 1:8. For from you was spread abroad the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and in Achaia but also in every place: your faith which is towards God, is gone forth, so that we need not to speak any thing. 1:9. For they themselves relate of us, what manner of entering in we had unto you: and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. 1:10. And to wait for his Son from heaven (whom he raised up from the dead), Jesus, who hath delivered us from the wrath to come.

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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS *1 Cor. 9:24-27; 10:1-5*

9:24. Know you not that they that run in the race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the prize. So run that you may obtain. 9:25. And every one that striveth for the mastery refraineth himself from all things. And they indeed that they may receive a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible one. 9:26. I therefore so run, not as at an uncertainty: I so fight, not as one beating the air. 9:27. But I chastise my body and bring it into subjection: lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway. 10:1. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud: and all passed through the sea. 10:2. And all in Moses were baptized, in the cloud and in the sea: 10:3. And

did all eat the same spiritual food: 10:4. And all drank the same spiritual drink: (And they drank of the spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ.) 10:5. But with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the desert.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

2 Cor 11: 19-33; 12:1-9

11:19. For you gladly suffer the foolish: whereas yourselves are wise. 11:20. For you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take from you, if a man be lifted up, if a man strike you on the face. 11:21. I seek according to dishonour, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also. 11:22. They are Hebrews: so am I. They are Israelites: so am I. They are

the seed of Abraham: so am I. 11:23. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise): I am more; in many more labours, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. 11:24. Of the Jews five times did I receive forty stripes save one. 11:25. Thrice was I beaten with rods: once I was stoned: thrice I suffered shipwreck: a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea. 11:26. In journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren: 11:27. In labour and painfulness, in much watchings, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness: 11:28. Besides those things which are without: my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. 11:29. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? 11:30. If I

must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my infirmity. 11:31. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lie not. 11:32. At Damascus, the governor of the nation under Aretas the king, guarded the city of the Damascenes, to apprehend me. 11:33. And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall: and so escaped his hands. 12:1. If I must glory (it is not expedient indeed) but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 12:2. I know a man in Christ: above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not, or out of the body, I know not: God knoweth), such a one caught up to the third heaven. 12:3. And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I know not: God knoweth): 12:4. That he was caught up into paradise and heard secret words which it is not granted to man to utter. 12:5. For such an one I will

glory: but for myself I will glory nothing but in my infirmities. 12:6. For though I should have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish: for I will say the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth in me, or any thing he heareth from me. 12:7. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me. 12:8. For which thing, thrice I besought the Lord that it might depart from me. 12:9. And he said to me: My grace is sufficient for thee: for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

1 Cor 13:1-13

13:1. If I speak with the

tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 13:2. And if I should have prophecy and should know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 13:3. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 13:4. Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not, dealeth not perversely, is not puffed up, 13:5. Is not ambitious, seeketh not her own, is not provoked to anger, thinketh no evil: 13:6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth: 13:7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 13:8. Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void or tongues shall cease or knowledge shall be destroyed. 13:9. For we know

in part: and we prophesy in part. 13:10. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. 13:11. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But, when I became a man, I put away the things of a child. 13:12. We see now through a glass in a dark manner: but then face to face. Now I know in part: but then I shall know even as I am known. 13:13. And now there remain faith, hope, and charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

**A LESSON FROM JOEL
THE PROPHET
*Joel 2:12-19***

2:12. Now, therefore, saith the Lord. Be converted to me with all your heart, in fasting, and in weeping, and mourning. **2:13.** And rend your hearts, and not your garments and turn to the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, patient and rich in mercy, and ready to repent of the evil. **2:14.** Who knoweth but he will return, and forgive, and leave a blessing behind him, sacrifice and libation to the Lord your God? **2:15.** Blow the trumpet in Sion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, **2:16.** Gather together the people, sanctify the church, assemble the ancients, gather together the little ones, and them that suck at the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth from his bed, and the bride out of her bridal chamber. **2:17.** Between the porch and the altar the priests,

the Lord's ministers, shall weep, and shall say: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people: and give not thy inheritance to reproach, that the heathens should rule over them. Why should they say among the nations: Where is their God? **2:18.** The Lord hath been zealous for his land, and hath spared his people. **2:19** And the Lord answered, and said to his people: Behold I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and you shall be filled with them: and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

FIRST THURSDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
*Is. 38:1-6***

38:1. In those days Ezechias was sick even to death, and Isaias the son of Amos the prophet came unto him, and said to him: Thus saith the Lord: Take order with thy house, for thou shalt die, and not live. **38:2.** And Ezechias turned

his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, 38:3. And said: I beseech thee, O Lord, remember how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Ezechias wept with great weeping. 38:4. And the word of the Lord came to Isaias, saying: 38:5. Go and say to Ezechias: Thus saith the Lord the God of David thy father: I have heard thy prayer, and I have seen thy tears: behold I will add to thy days fifteen years: 38:6. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of the Assyrians, and I will protect it.

FIRST FRIDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM ISAIAS THE PROPHET

Is. 58:1-9

58:1. Cry, cease not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their wicked doings, and the house of Jacob their sins. 58:2. For they seek me from

day to day, and desire to know my ways, as a nation that hath done justice, and hath not forsaken the judgment of their God: they ask of me the judgments of justice: they are willing to approach to God. 58:3. Why have we fasted, and thou hast not regarded: have we humbled our souls, and thou hast not taken notice? Behold in the day of your fast your own will is found, and you exact of all your debtors. 58:4. Behold you fast for debates and strife, and strike with the fist wickedly. Do not fast as you have done until this day, to make your cry to be heard on high. 58:5. Is this such a fast as I have chosen: for a man to afflict his soul for a day? is this it, to wind his head about like a circle, and to spread sackcloth and ashes? wilt thou call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? 58:6. Is not this rather the fast that I have chosen? loose the bands of wickedness, undo the bundles that oppress, let them that are broken go free, and

break asunder every burden. 58:7. Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the needy and the harbourless into thy house: when thou shalt see one naked, cover him, and despise not thy own flesh. 58:8. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall speedily arise, and thy justice shall go before thy face, and the glory of the Lord shall gather thee up. 58:9. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall hear: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou wilt take away the chain out of the midst of thee, and cease to stretch out the finger, and to speak that which profiteth not.

FIRST SATURDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM ISAIAS

THE PROPHET

Is. 58:9-14

58:9. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall hear: thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou wilt take away the chain out of

the midst of thee, and cease to stretch out the finger, and to speak that which profiteth not. 58:10. When thou shalt pour out thy soul to the hungry, and shalt satisfy the afflicted soul, then shall thy light rise up in darkness, and thy darkness shall be as the noon-day. 58:11. And the Lord will give thee rest continually, and will fill thy soul with brightness, and deliver thy bones, and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a fountain of water whose waters shall not fail. 58:12. And the places that have been desolate for ages shall be built in thee: thou shalt raise up the foundation of generation and generation: and thou shalt be called the repairer of the fences, turning the paths into rest. 58:13. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy own will in my holy day, and call the sabbath delightful, and the holy of the Lord glorious, and glorify him, while thou dost not thy own ways, and thy own will is not

found, to speak a word: 58:14. Then shalt thou be delighted in the Lord, and I will lift thee up above the high places of the earth, and will feed thee with the inheritance of Jacob thy father. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS *2 Cor 6:1-10*

6:1. And we helping do exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. 6:2. For he saith: In an accepted time have I heard thee and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold, now is the acceptable time: behold, now is the day of salvation. 6:3. Giving no offence to any man, that our ministry be not blamed. 6:4. But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses,

6:5. In stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6:6. In chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, 6:7. In the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: 6:8. By honour and dishonour: by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true: as unknown and yet known: 6:9. As dying and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: 6:10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

SECOND MONDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM EZECHIEL THE PROPHET *Ez. 34:11-16*

34:11. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold I myself will seek my sheep, and will visit them. 34:12. As the shepherd visiteth his flock in the day when he shall be

in the midst of his sheep that were scattered, so will I visit my sheep, and will deliver them out of all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 34:13. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and will gather them out of the countries, and will bring them to their own land: and I will feed them in the mountains of Israel, by the rivers, and in all the habitations of the land. 34:14. I will feed them in the most fruitful pastures, and their pastures shall be in the high mountains of Israel: there shall they rest on the green grass, and be fed in fat pastures upon the mountains of Israel. 34:15. I will feed my sheep: and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. 34:16. I will seek that which was lost: and that which was driven away, I will bring again: and I will bind up that which was broken, and I will strengthen that which was weak, and that which was fat and strong I will preserve, and I

will feed them in judgment.

**SECOND TUESDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
*Is. 55:6-11***

55:6. Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found: call upon him, while he is near. 55:7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unjust man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God: for he is bountiful to forgive. 55:8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 55:9. For as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are my ways exalted above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts. 55:10. And as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return no more thither, but soak the earth, and water it, and make it to spring, and give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 55:11.

So shall my word be, which shall go forth from my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall do whatsoever I please, and shall prosper in the things for which I sent it.

**SECOND WEDNESDAY IN
LENT (EMBER WEDNESDAY
OF LENT)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF EXODUS
*Ex. 24:12-18***

24:12. And the Lord said to Moses: Come up to me into the mount, and be there; and I will give thee tables of stone, and the law, and the commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. 24:13. Moses rose up, and his minister Josue: and Moses going up into the mount of God, 24:14. Said to the ancients: Wait ye here till we return to you. You have Aaron and Hur with you: if any question shall arise, you shall refer it to them. 24:15. And when Moses was gone up, a cloud covered

the mount. 24:16. And the glory of the Lord dwelt upon Sinai, covering it with a cloud six days: and the seventh day he called him out of the midst of the cloud. 24:17. And the sight of the glory of the Lord, was like a burning fire upon the top of the mount, in the eyes of the children of Israel. 24:18. And Moses entering into the midst of the cloud, went up into the mountain: And he was there forty days and forty nights.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF KINGS
*3 Kings 19:3-8***

19:3. Then Elias was afraid, and rising up, he went whithersoever he had a mind: and he came to Bersabee of Juda, and left his servant there, 19:4. And he went forward, one day's journey into the desert. And when he was there, and sat under a juniper tree, he requested for his soul that he might die, and said: It is enough for me, Lord; take away my soul: for I am no

better than my fathers. 19:5. And he cast himself down, and slept in the shadow of the juniper tree: and behold an angel of the Lord touched him, and said to him: Arise and eat. 19:6. He looked, and behold there was at his head a hearth cake, and a vessel of water: and he ate and drank, and he fell asleep again. 19:7. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said to him: Arise, eat: for thou hast yet a great way to go. 19:8. And he arose, and ate and drank, and walked in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights, unto the mount of God, Horeb.

**SECOND THURSDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM
EZECHIEL THE PROPHET
*Ezech 18:1-9***

18:1. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying: What is the meaning? 18:2. That you use among you

this parable as a proverb in the land of Israel, saying: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the children are set on edge. 18:3. As I live, saith the Lord God, this parable shall be no more to you a proverb in Israel. 18:4. Behold all souls are mine: as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, the same shall die. 18:5. And if a man be just, and do judgment and justice, 18:6. And hath not eaten upon the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel: and hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, nor come near to a menstruous woman: 18:7. And hath not wronged any man: but hath restored the pledge to the debtor, hath taken nothing away by violence: hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment: 18:8. Hath not lent upon usury, nor taken any increase: hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, and hath executed true judg-

ment between man and man: 18:9. Hath walked in my commandments, and kept my judgments, to do truth: he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

**SECOND FRIDAY IN LENT
(EMBER FRIDAY IN LENT)**

**A LESSON FROM
EZECHIEL THE PROPHET
*Ez. 18:20-28***

18:20. The soul that sinneth, the same shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, and the father shall not bear the iniquity of the son: the justice of the just shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. 18:21. But if the wicked do penance for all his sins which he hath committed, and keep all my commandments, and do judgment, and justice, living he shall live, and shall not die. 18:22. I will not remember all his iniquities that he hath done: in his justice which he hath

wrought, he shall live. 18:23. Is it my will that a sinner should die, saith the Lord God, and not that he should be converted from his ways, and live? 18:24. But if the just man turn himself away from his justice, and do iniquity according to all the abominations which the wicked man useth to work, shall he live? all his justices which he hath done, shall not be remembered: in the prevarication, by which he hath prevaricated, and in his sin, which he hath committed, in them he shall die. 18:25. And you have said: The way of the Lord is not right. Hear ye, therefore, O house of Israel: Is it my way that is not right, and are not rather your ways perverse? 18:26. For when the just turneth himself away from his justice, and comitteth iniquity, he shall die therein: in the injustice that he hath wrought he shall die. 18:27. And when the wicked turneth himself away from his wickedness, which he hath wrought, and

doeth judgment, and justice: he shall save his soul alive. 18:28. Because he considereth and turneth away himself from all his iniquities which he hath wrought, he shall surely live, and not die.

**SECOND SATURDAY IN
LENT (EMBER SATURDAY
IN LENT)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY
*Deut. 26:12-19***

26:12. When thou hast made an end of tithing all thy fruits, in the third year of tithes thou shalt give it to the Levite, and to the stranger, and to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled: 26:13. And thou shalt speak thus in the sight of the Lord thy God: I have taken that which was sanctified out of my house, and I have given it to the Levite, and to the stranger, and to the fatherless, and to the widow, as thou hast commanded me: I

have not transgressed thy commandments nor forgotten thy precepts. 26:14. I have not eaten of them in my mourning, nor separated them for any uncleanness, nor spent any thing of them in funerals. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God, and have done all things as thou hast commanded me. 26:15. Look from thy sanctuary, and thy high habitation of heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou didst swear to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey. 26:16. This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these commandments and judgments: and to keep and fulfil them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. 26:17. Thou hast chosen the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways and keep his ceremonies, and precepts, and judgments, and obey his command. 26:18. And the Lord hath chosen thee this day, to be his peculiar people, as

he hath spoken to thee, and to keep all his commandments: 26:19. And to make thee higher than all nations which he hath created, to his own praise, and name, and glory: that thou mayst be a holy people of the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY
*Deut. 11:22-25***

11:22. For if you keep the commandments which I command you, and do them, to love the Lord your God, and walk in all his ways, cleaving unto him, 11:23. The Lord will destroy all these nations before your face, and you shall possess them, which are greater and stronger than you. 11:24. Every place, that your foot shall tread upon, shall be yours. From the desert, and from Libanus, from the great river Euphrates unto the western sea shall be your borders. 11:25. None shall stand against you: the Lord your God shall lay the dread and fear of you upon

all the land that you shall tread upon, as he hath spoken to you.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF MACHABEES
*2 Mach. 1:23-27***

1:23. And all the priests made prayer, while the sacrifice was consuming, Jonathan beginning, and the rest answering. 1:24. And the prayer of Nehemias was after this manner: O Lord God, Creator of all things, dreadful and strong, just and merciful, who alone art the good king, 1:25. Who alone art gracious, who alone art just, and almighty, and eternal, who deliverest Israel from all evil, who didst choose the fathers, and didst sanctify them: 1:26. Receive the sacrifice for all thy people Israel, and preserve thy own portion, and sanctify it. 1:27. Gather together our scattered people, deliver them that are slaves to the Gentiles, and look upon them that are despised and abhorred: that the Gentiles

may know that thou art our God.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF ECCLESIASTICUS
*Ecclus. 36:1-10***

36:1. Have mercy upon us, O God of all, and behold us, and shew us the light of thy mercies: **36:2.** And send thy fear upon the nations, that have not sought after thee: that they may know that there is no God beside thee, and that they may shew forth thy wonders. **36:3.** Lift up thy hand over the strange nations, that they may see thy power. **36:4.** For as thou hast been sanctified in us in their sight, so thou shalt be magnified among them in our presence, **36:5.** That they may know thee, as we also have known thee, that there is no God beside thee, O Lord. **36:6.** Renew thy signs, and work new miracles. **36:7.** Glorify thy hand, and thy right arm. **36:8.** Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath. **36:9.** Take away the adversary,

and crush the enemy. **36:10.** Hasten the time, and remember the end, that they may declare thy wonderful works.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF DAN
*Dan. 3:47-51***

3:47. And the flame mounted up above the furnace nine and forth cubits: **3:48.** And it broke forth, and burnt such of the Chaldeans as it found near the furnace. **3:49.** But the angel of the Lord went down with Azarias and his companions into the furnace: and he drove the flame of the fire out of the furnace, **3:50.** And made the midst of the furnace like the blowing of a wind bringing dew, and the fire touched them not at all, nor troubled them, nor did them any harm. **3:51.** Then these three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God, in the furnace, saying:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED**

**PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS**

1 Thes. 5:14-23

5:14. And we beseech you, brethren, rebuke the unquiet: comfort the feeble minded: support the weak: be patient towards all men. **5:15.** See that none render evil for evil to any man: but ever follow that which is good towards each other and towards all men. **5:16.** Always rejoice. **5:17.** Pray without ceasing. **5:18.** In all things give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all. **5:19.** Extinguish not the spirit. **5:20.** Despise not prophecies. **5:21.** But prove all things: hold fast that which is good. **5:22.** From all appearance of evil refrain yourselves. **5:23.** And may the God of peace himself sanctify you in all things: that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS**

1 Thes. 4:1-7

4:1. For the rest therefore, brethren, pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus that, as you have received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. **4:2.** For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. **4:3.** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: That you should abstain from fornication: **4:4.** That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour, **4:5.** Not in the passion of lust, like the Gentiles that know not God: **4:6.** And that no man overreach nor circumvent his brother in business: because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before and have testified. **4:7.** For God hath not called us unto

uncleanness, but unto sanctification.

THIRD MONDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM DANIEL
THE PROPHET
*Dan. 9:15-19***

9:15. And now, O Lord, our God, who hast brought forth thy people out of the land of Egypt, with a strong hand, and hast made thee a name as at this day: we have sinned, we have committed iniquity, **9:16.** O Lord, against all thy justice: let thy wrath and thy indignation be turned away, I beseech thee, from thy city, Jerusalem, and from thy holy mountain. For by reason of our sins, and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem, and thy people, are a reproach to all that are round about us. **9:17.** Now, therefore, O our God, hear the supplication of thy servant, and his prayers: and shew thy face upon thy sanctuary, which is desolate, for thy own sake. **9:18.** Incline, O my God, thy

ear, and hear: open thy eyes, and see our desolation, and the city upon which thy name is called: for it is not for our justifications that we present our prayers before thy face, but for the multitude of thy tender mercies. **9:19.** O Lord, hear: O Lord, be appeased: hearken, and do: delay not, for thy own sake, O my God: because thy name is invocated upon thy city, and upon thy people.

THIRD TUESDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF KINGS
*3 Kings 1:8-16***

17:8. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying: **17:9.** Arise, and go to Sarephta of the Sidonians, and dwell there: for I have commanded a widow woman there to feed thee. **17:10.** He arose, and went to Sarephta. And when he was come to the gate of the city, he saw the widow woman gathering sticks, and he called her, and said to her:

Give me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 17:11. And when she was going to fetch it, he called after her, saying: Bring me also, I beseech thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand. 17:12. And she answered: As the Lord thy God liveth, I have no bread, but only a handful of meal in a pot, and a little oil in a cruise: behold I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it, for me and my son, that we may eat it and die. 17:13. And Elias said to her: Fear not; but go, and do as thou hast said but first make for me of the same meal a little hearth cake, and bring it to me, and after make for thyself and thy son. 17:14. For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: The pot of meal shall not waste, nor the cruise of oil be diminished, until the day wherein the Lord will give rain upon the face of the earth. 17:15. She went, and did according to the word of Elias: and he ate, and she, and her house: and from that day 17:16. The pot of

meal wasted not, and the cruise of oil was not diminished according to the word of the Lord, which he spoke in the hand of Elias.

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER *Esther 13:8-11; 15-17*

13:8. But Mardochai besought the Lord, remembering all his works, 13:9. And said: O Lord, Lord, almighty king, for all things are in thy power, and there is none that can resist thy will, if thou determine to save Israel. 13:10. Thou hast made heaven and earth and all things that are under the cope of heaven. 13:11. Thou art Lord of all, and there is none that can resist thy majesty. 13:15. And now, O Lord, O king, O God of Abraham, have mercy on thy people, because our enemies resolve to destroy us, and extinguish thy inheritance. 13:16. Despise not thy por-

tion, which thou hast redeemed for thyself out of Egypt. 13:17. Hear my supplication, and be merciful to thy lot and inheritance, and turn our mourning into joy, that we may live and praise thy name, O Lord, and shut not the mouths of them that sing to thee.

THIRD THURSDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET
*Jer. 17:5-10***

17:5. Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 17:6. For he shall be like tamaric in the desert, and he shall not see when good shall come: but he shall dwell in dryness in the desert in a salt land, and not inhabited. 17:7. Blessed be the man that trusteth in the Lord, and the Lord shall be his confidence. 17:8. And he shall be as a tree that is planted by the waters, that spreadeth

out its roots towards moisture: and it shall not fear when the heat cometh. And the leaf thereof shall be green, and in the time of drought it shall not be solicitous, neither shall it cease at any time to bring forth fruit. 17:9. The heart is perverse above all things, and unsearchable, who can know it? 17:10. I am the Lord who search the heart, and prove the reins: who give to every one according to his way, and according to the fruit of his devices.

THIRD FRIDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF GENESIS
*Gen. 37:6-22***

(In those days Joseph spoke to his brethren:) 37:6. And he said to them: Hear my dream which I dreamed. 37:7. I thought we were binding sheaves in the field: and my sheaf arose as it were, and stood, and your sheaves standing about bowed down before my sheaf. 37:8. His brethren

answered: Shalt thou be our king? or shall we be subject to thy dominion? Therefore this matter of his dreams and words ministered nourishment to their envy and hatred. 37:9. He dreamed also another dream, which he told his brethren, saying: I saw in a dream, as it were the sun, and the moon, and eleven stars worshipping me. 37:10. And when he had told this to his father, and brethren, his father rebuked him and said: What meaneth this dream that thou hast dreamed? shall I and thy mother, and thy brethren worship thee upon the earth? 37:11. His brethren therefore envied him: but his father considered the thing with himself. 37:12. And when his brethren abode in Sechem, feeding their father's flocks, 37:13. Israel said to him: Thy brethren feed the sheep in Sichem: come, I will send thee to them. And when he answered: 37:14. I am ready: he said to him: Go, and see if all things be well with thy brethren, and the

cattle: and bring me word again what is doing. So being sent from the vale of Hebron, he came to Sichem: 37:15. And a man found him there wandering in the field, and asked what he sought. 37:16. But he answered: I seek my brethren, tell me where they feed the flocks. 37:17. And the man said to him: They are departed from this place: for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothain. And Joseph went forward after his brethren, and found them in Dothain. 37:18. And when they saw him afar off, before he came nigh them, they thought to kill him: 37:19. And said one to another: Behold the dreamer cometh. 37:20. Come, let us kill him, and cast him into some old pit: and we will say: Some evil beast hath devoured him: and then it shall appear what his dreams avail him: 37:21. And Ruben hearing this, endeavoured to deliver him out of their hands, and said: 37:22. Do not take away his life, nor shed his blood: but cast him into

this pit, that is in the wilderness, and keep your hands harmless: now he said this, being desirous to deliver him out of their hands and to restore him to his father.

THIRD SATURDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF GENESIS
*Gen. 27:6-40***

In those days Rebecca spoke: 27:6. She said to her son Jacob: I heard thy father talking with Esau, thy brother, and saying to him: 27:7. Bring me of thy hunting, and make me meats that I may eat, and bless thee in the sight of the Lord, before I die. 27:8. Now therefore, my son, follow my counsel: 27:9. And go thy way to the flock, bring me two kids of the best, that I may make of them meat for thy father, such as he gladly eateth. 27:10. Which when thou hast brought in, and he hath eaten, he may bless thee before he die. 27:11. And he

answered her: Thou knowest that Esau, my brother, is a hairy man, and I am smooth: 27:12. If my father should feel me, and perceive it, I fear lest he will think I would have mocked him, and I shall bring upon me a curse instead of a blessing. 27:13. And his mother said to him: Upon me be this curse, my son: only hear thou my voice, and go, fetch me the things which I have said. 27:14. He went, and brought, and gave them to his mother. She dressed meats, such as she knew his father liked. 27:15. And she put on him very good garments of Esau, which she had at home with her: 27:16. And the little skins of the kids she put about his hands, and covered the bare of his neck. 27:17. And she gave him the savoury meat, and delivered him bread that she had baked. 27:18. Which when he had carried in, he said: My father? But he answered: I hear. Who art thou, my son? 27:19. And Jacob said: I am Esau, thy firstborn: I

have done as thou didst command me: arise, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. 27:20. And Isaac said to his son: How couldst thou find it so quickly, my son? He answered: It was the will of God, that what I sought came quickly in my way: 27:21. And Isaac said: Come hither, that I may feel thee, my son, and may prove whether thou be my son Esau, or no. 27:22. He came near to his father, and when he had felt him, Isaac said: The voice indeed is the voice of Jacob; but the hands, are the hands of Esau. 27:23. And he knew him not, because his hairy hands made him like to the elder. Then blessing him, 27:24. He said: Art thou my son Esau? He answered: I am. 27:25. Then he said: Bring me the meats of thy hunting, my son, that my soul may bless thee. And when they were brought, and he had eaten, he offered him wine also, which after he had drunk, 27:26. He said to him: Come near me, and give me a kiss, my son. 27:27. He came near, and kissed him. And immediately as he smelled the fragrant smell of his garments, blessing him, he said: Behold, the smell of my son is as the smell of a plentiful field, which the Lord hath blessed. 27:28. God give thee of the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, abundance of corn and wine. 27:29. And let peoples serve thee, and tribes worship thee: be thou lord of thy brethren, and let thy mother's children bow down before thee. Cursed be he that curseth thee: and let him that blesseth thee be filled with blessings. 27:30. Isaac had scarce ended his words, when, Jacob being now gone out abroad, Esau came, 27:31. And brought in to his father meats, made of what he had taken in hunting, saying: Arise, my father, and eat of thy son's venison; that thy soul may bless me. 27:32. And Isaac said to him: Why! who art thou? He answered: I am thy firstborn son,

Esau. 27:33. Isaac was struck with fear, and astonished exceedingly; and wondering beyond what can be believed, said: Who is he then that even now brought me venison that he had taken, and I ate of all before thou camest? and I have blessed him, and he shall be blessed. **27:34.** Esau having heard his father's words, roared out with a great cry; and, being in a consternation, said: Bless me also, my father. **27:35.** And he said: Thy brother came deceitfully and got thy blessing. **27:36.** But he said again: Rightly is his name called Jacob; for he hath supplanted me lo this second time: My birthright he took away before, and now this second time he hath stolen away my blessing. And again he said to his father: Hast thou not reserved me also a blessing? **27:37.** Isaac answered: I have appointed him thy lord, and have made all his brethren his servants: I have established him with corn and wine, and after this, what shall I do

more for thee, my son? **27:38.** And Esau said to him: Hast thou only one blessing, father? I beseech thee bless me also. And when he wept with a loud cry, **27:39.** Isaac being moved, said to him: In the fat of the earth, and in the dew of heaven from above, **27:40.** Shall thy blessing be. Thou shalt live by the sword, and shalt serve thy brother: and the time shall come, when thou shalt shake off and loose his yoke from thy neck.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS**

Ephes. 5:1-9

Brethern 5:1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as most dear children: **5:2.** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. **5:3.** But fornication

and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: 5:4. Or obscenity or foolish talking or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. 5:5. For know you this and understand: That no fornicator or unclean or covetous person (which is a serving of idols) hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 5:6. Let no man deceive you with vain words. For because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. 5:7. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. 5:8. For you were heretofore darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light. 5:9. For the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth:

FOURTH MONDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS *4 Kings 5:1-15*

In those days 5:1. Naaman, general of the army, of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable: for by him the Lord gave deliverance to Syria: and he was a valiant man, and rich, but a leper. 5:2. Now there had gone out robbers from Syria, and had led away captive out of the land of Israel, a little maid, and she waited upon Naaman's wife. 5:3. And she said to her mistress: I wish my master had been with the prophet that is in Samaria: he would certainly have healed him of the leprosy which he hath. 5:4. Then Naaman went in to his lord, and told him, saying: Thus and thus said the girl from the land of Israel. 5:5. And the king of Syria said to him: Go; and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment; 5:6. And brought the letter to the king of Israel, in these words: When thou shalt re-

ceive this letter, know that I have sent to thee Naaman, my servant, that thou mayst heal him of his leprosy. 5:7. And when the king of Israel had read the letter, he rent his garments, and said: Am I God, to be able to kill and give life, that this man hath sent to me to heal a man of his leprosy? mark, and see how he seeketh occasions against me. 5:8. And when Eliseus, the man of God, had heard this, to wit, that the king of Israel had rent his garments, he sent to him, saying: Why hast thou rent thy garments? let him come to me, and let him know that there is a prophet in Israel. 5:9. So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Eliseus: 5:10. And Eliseus sent a messenger to him, saying: Go, and wash seven times in the Jordan, and thy flesh shall recover health, and thou shalt be clean. 5:11. Naaman was angry, and went away, saying: I thought he would have

come out to me, and standing, would have invoked the name of the Lord his God, and touched with his hand the place of the leprosy, and healed me. 5:12. Are not the Abana, and the Pharphar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel, that I may wash in them, and be made clean? So as he turned, and was going away with indignation, 5:13. His servants came to him, and said to him: Father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, surely thou shouldst have done it: how much rather what he now hath said to thee: Wash, and thou shalt be clean? 5:14. Then he went down, and washed in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored, like the flesh of a little child: and he was made clean. 5:15. And returning to the man of God, with all his train, he came, and stood before him, and said: In truth, I know there is no other God, in all the earth, but only in Israel.

**FOURTH TUESDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF KINGS
*4 Kings 4:1-7***

4:1. Now a certain woman of the wives of the prophets, cried to Eliseus, saying: Thy servant, my husband, is dead, and thou knowest that thy servant was one that feared God, and behold the creditor is come to take away my two sons to serve him. **4:2.** And Eliseus said to her: What wilt thou have me do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou in thy house? And she answered: I, thy handmaid, have nothing in my house but a little oil, to anoint me. **4:3.** And he said to her: Go, borrow of all thy neighbours empty vessels, not a few. **4:4.** And go in, and shut thy door, when thou art within, and thy sons: and pour out thereof into all those vessels: and when they are full, take them away. **4:5.** So the woman went, and shut the

door upon her, and upon her sons: they brought her the vessels, and she poured in. **4:6.** And when the vessels were full, she said to her son: Bring me yet a vessel. And he answered: I have no more. And the oil stood. **4:7.** And she came, and told the man of God. And he said: Go, sell the oil, and pay thy creditor: and thou and thy sons live of the rest.

**FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF EXODUS
*Ex. 20:12-24***

Thus saith the Lord God, **20:12.** Honour thy father and thy mother, that thou mayst be longlived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee. **20:13.** Thou shalt not kill. **20:14.** Thou shalt not commit adultery. **20:15.** Thou shalt not steal. **20:16.** Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. **20:17.** Thou shalt not covet thy neigh-

bour's house; neither shalt thou desire his wife, nor his servant, nor his handmaid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his. 20:18. And all the people saw the voices and the flames, and the sound of the trumpet, and the mount smoking; and being terrified and struck with fear, they stood afar off, 20:19. Saying to Moses: Speak thou to us, and we will hear: let not the Lord speak to us, lest we die. 20:20. And Moses said to the people: Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that the dread of him might be in you, and you should not sin. 20:21. And the people stood afar off. But Moses went to the dark cloud wherein God was. 20:22. And the Lord said to Moses: Thus shalt thou say to the children of Israel: You have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven. 20:23. You shall not make gods of silver, nor shall you make to yourselves gods of gold. 20:24. You shall make an altar of earth unto me, and you

shall offer upon it your holocausts and peace offerings, your sheep and oxen, in every place where the memory of my name shall be: I will come to thee, and will bless thee.

**FOURTH THURSDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET**

Jer. 7:1-7

7:1. The word that came to Jeremias from the Lord, saying: 7:2. Stand in the gate of the house of the Lord, and proclaim there this word, and say: Hear ye the word of the Lord, all ye men of Juda, that enter in at these gates, to adore the Lord. 7:3. Thus saith the Lord of hosts the God of Israel: Make your ways and your doings good: and I will dwell with you in this place. 7:4. Trust not in lying words, saying: The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, it is the temple of the Lord. 7:5. For if you will order well your ways,

and your doings: if you will execute judgment between a man and his neighbour, 7:6. If you oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, and walk not after strange gods to your own hurt, 7:7. I will dwell with you in this place: in the land, which I gave to your fathers from the beginning and for evermore.

FOURTH FRIDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS (Numbers 20:1-13)

20:1. And the children of Israel, and all the multitude came into the desert of Sin, in the first month: and the people abode in Cades. And Mary died there, and was buried in the same place. 20:2. And the people wanting water, came together against Moses and Aaron: 20:3. And making a sedition, they said: Would God we had perished among our brethren before the Lord.

20:4. Why have you brought out the church of the Lord into the wilderness, that both we and our cattle should die? 20:5. Why have you made us come up out of Egypt, and have brought us into this wretched place which cannot be sowed, nor bringeth forth figs, nor vines, nor pomegranates, neither is there any water to drink? 20:6. And Moses and Aaron leaving the multitude, went into the tabernacle of the covenant, and fell flat upon the ground, and cried to the Lord, and said. O Lord God, hear the cry of this people, and open to them thy treasure, a fountain of living water, that being satisfied, they may cease to murmur. And the glory of the Lord appeared over them. 20:7. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 20:8. Take the rod, and assemble the people together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak to the rock before them, and it shall yield waters. And when thou hast brought forth water out of

the rock, all the multitude and their cattle shall drink. 20:9. Moses therefore took the rod, which was before the Lord, as he had commanded him, 20:10. And having gathered together the multitude before the rock, he said to them: Hear, ye rebellious and incredulous: Can we bring you forth water out of this rock? 20:11. And when Moses had lifted up his hand, and struck the rock twice with the rod, there came forth water in great abundance, so that the people and their cattle drank, 20:12. And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron: Because you have not believed me, to sanctify me before the children of Israel, you shall not bring these people into the land, which I will give them. 20:13. This is the Water of contradiction, where the children of Israel strove with words against the Lord, and he was sanctified in them.

**FOURTH SATURDAY IN
LENT**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF DANIEL THE
PROPHET**

Dan. 13:1-62

13:1. Now there was a man that dwelt in Babylon, and his name was Joakim: 13:2. And he took a wife, whose name was Susanna, the daughter of Helcias, a very beautiful woman, and one that feared God. 13:3. For her parents being just, had instructed their daughter according to the law of Moses. 13:4. Now Joakim was very rich, and had an orchard near his house: and the Jews resorted to him, because he was the most honourable of them all. 13:5. And there were two of the ancients of the people appointed judges that year, of whom the Lord said: That iniquity came out from Babylon, from the ancient judges, that seemed to govern the people. 13:6. These men frequented the house of Joakim, and all that had any matters of judgment came to them. 13:7. And

when the people departed away at noon, Susanna went in, and walked in her husband's orchard. 13:8. And the old men saw her going in every day, and walking: and they were inflamed with lust towards her: 13:9. And they perverted their own mind, and turned away their eyes, that they might not look unto heaven, nor remember just judgments. 13:10. So they were both wounded with the love of her, yet they did not make known their grief one to the other. 13:11. For they were ashamed to declare to one another their lust, being desirous to have to do with her: 13:12. And they watched carefully every day to see her. And one said to the other: 13:13. Let us now go home, for it is dinner time. So going out, they departed one from another. 13:14. And turning back again, they came both to the same place: and asking one another the cause, they acknowledged their lust: and then they agreed together upon a time, when they might find her alone. 13:15. And it fell out, as they watched a fit day, she went in on a time, as yesterday and the day before, with two maids only, and was desirous to wash herself in the orchard: for it was hot weather. 13:16. And there was nobody there, but the two old men that had hid themselves, and were beholding her. 13:17. So she said to the maids: Bring me oil, and washing balls, and shut the doors of the orchard, that I may wash me. 13:18. And they did as she bade them: and they shut the doors of the orchard, and went out by a back door to fetch what she had commanded them, and they knew not that the elders were hid within. 13:19. Now when the maids were gone forth, the two elders arose, and ran to her, and said: 13:20. Behold the doors of the orchard are shut, and nobody seeth us, and we are in love with thee: wherefore consent to us, and lie with us. 13:21. But if thou wilt not, we will

bear witness against thee, that a young man was with thee, and therefore thou didst send away thy maids from thee. 13:22. Susanna sighed, and said: I am straitened on every side: for if I do this thing, it is death to me: and if I do it not, I shall not escape your hands. 13:23. But it is better for me to fall into your hands without doing it, than to sin in the sight of the Lord. 13:24. With that Susanna cried out with a loud voice: and the elders also cried out against her. 13:25. And one of them ran to the door of the orchard, and opened it. 13:26. So when the servants of the house heard the cry in the orchard, they rushed in by the back door, to see what was the matter. 13:27. But after the old men had spoken, the servants were greatly ashamed: for never had there been any such word said of Susanna. And on the next day, 13:28. When the people were come to Joakim, her husband, the two elders also came full of wicked device against Su-

sanna, to put her to death. 13:29. And they said before the people: Send to Susanna, daughter of Helcias, the wife of Joakim. And presently they sent. 13:30. And she came with her parents, and children and all her kindred. 13:31. Now Susanna was exceeding delicate, and beautiful to behold. 13:32. But those wicked men commanded that her face should be uncovered, (for she was covered) that so at least they might be satisfied with her beauty. 13:33. Therefore her friends, and all her acquaintance wept. 13:34. But the two elders rising up in the midst of the people, laid their hands upon her head. 13:35. And she weeping, looked up to heaven, for her heart had confidence in the Lord. 13:36. And the elders said: As we walked in the orchard alone, this woman came in with two maids, and shut the doors of the orchard, and sent away the maids from her. 13:37. Then a young man that was there hid came to

her, and lay with her. 13:38. But we that were in a corner of the orchard, seeing this wickedness, ran up to them, and we saw them lie together. 13:39. And him indeed we could not take, because he was stronger than us, and opening the doors, he leaped out: 13:40. But having taken this woman, we asked who the young man was, but she would not tell us: of this thing we are witnesses. 13:41. The multitude believed them, as being the elders, and the judges of the people, and they condemned her to death. 13:42. Then Susanna cried out with a loud voice, and said: O eternal God, who knowest hidden things, who knowest all things before they come to pass, 13:43. Thou knowest that they have borne false witness against me: and behold I must die, whereas I have done none of these things, which these men have maliciously forged against me. 13:44. And the Lord heard her voice. 13:45. And when she was led to be put to

death, the Lord raised up the holy spirit of a young boy, whose name was Daniel: 13:46. And he cried out with a loud voice: I am clear from the blood of this woman. 13:47. Then all the people turning themselves towards him, said: What meaneth this word that thou hast spoken? 13:48. But he standing in the midst of them, said: Are ye so foolish, ye children of Israel, that without examination or knowledge of the truth, you have condemned a daughter of Israel? 13:49. Return to judgment, for they have borne false witness against her. 13:50. So all the people turned again in haste, and the old men said to him: Come, and sit thou down among us, and shew it us: seeing God hath given thee the honour of old age. 13:51. And Daniel said to the people: Separate these two far from one another, and I will examine them. 13:52. So when they were put asunder one from the other, he called one of them, and said to him: O

thou that art grown old in evil days, now are thy sins come out, which thou hast committed before: 13:53. In judging unjust judgments, oppressing the innocent, and letting the guilty to go free, whereas the Lord saith: The innocent and the just thou shalt not kill. 13:54. Now then if thou sawest her, tell me under what tree thou sawest them conversing together: He said: Under a mastic tree. 13:55. And Daniel said: Well hast thou lied against thy own head: for behold the angel of God having recieved the sentence of him, shall cut thee in two. 13:56. And having put him aside, he commanded that the other should come, and he said to him: O thou seed of Chanaan, and not of Juda, beauty hath deceived tee, and lust hath perverted thy heart: 13:57. Thus did you do to the daughters of Israel, and they for fear conversed with you: but a daughter of Juda would not abide your wickedness. 13:58. Now, therefore, tell

me, under what tree didst thou take them conversing together. And he answered: Under a holm tree. 13:59. And Daniel said to him: Well hast thou also lied against thy own head: for the angel of the Lord waiteth with a sword to cut thee in two, and to destroy you. 13:60. With that all the assembly cried out with a loud voice, and they blessed God, who saveth them that trust in him. 13:61. And they rose up against the two elders, (for Daniel had convicted them of false witness by their own mouth) and they did to them as they had maliciously dealt against their neighbour, 13:62. To fulfil the law of Moses: and they put them to death, and innocent blood was saved in that day.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS
*Gal. 4:22-31***

4:22. For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman and the other by a free woman. **4:23.** But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh: but he of the free woman was by promise. **4:24.** Which things are said by an allegory. For these are the two testaments. The one from Mount Sina, engendering unto bondage, which is Agar. **4:25.** For Sina is a mountain in Arabia, which hath affinity to that Jerusalem which now is: and is in bondage with her children. **4:26.** But that Jerusalem which is above is free: which is our mother. **4:27.** For it is written: Rejoice, thou barren, that bearest not: break forth and cry thou that travailest not: for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband. **4:28.** Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. **4:29.** But as then he that was born according to the flesh persecuted him that was after

the spirit: so also it is now. **4:30.** But what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. **4:31.** So then, brethren, we are not the children of the bondwoman but of the free: by the freedom wherewith Christ has made us free.

FIFTH MONDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS *3 Kings 3:16-28*

3:16. Then there came two women that were harlots, to the king, and stood before him. **3:17.** And one of them said: I beseech thee, my lord, I and this woman dwelt in one house, and I was delivered of a child with her in the chamber. **3:18.** And the third day after I was delivered, she also was delivered; and we were together, and no other person with us in the house; only we two. **3:19.** And this woman's child died in the night: for

in her sleep she overlaid him. 3:20. And rising in the dead time of the night, she took my child from my side, while I, thy handmaid, was asleep, and laid it in her bosom: and laid her dead child in my bosom. 3:21. And when I arose in the morning, to give my child suck, behold it was dead: but considering him more diligently, when it was clear day, I found that it was not mine which I bore. 3:22. And the other woman answered: It is not so as thou sayst, but thy child is dead, and mine is alive. On the contrary, she said; Thou liest: for my child liveth, and thy child is dead. And in this manner they strove before the king. 3:23. Then said the king: The one saith, My child is alive, and thy child is dead. And the other answereth: Nay; but thy child is dead, and mine liveth. 3:24. The king therefore said: Bring me a sword. And when they had brought a sword before the king, 3:25. Divide, said he, the living child in two, and give

half to the one and half to the other. 3:26. But the woman, whose child was alive, said to the king; (for her bowels were moved upon her child) I beseech thee, my lord, give her the child alive, and do not kill it. But the other said: Let it be neither mine nor thine; but divide it. 3:27. The king answered, and said: Give the living child to this woman, and let it not be killed; for she is the mother thereof. 3:28. And all Israel heard the judgment which the king had judged, and they feared the king, seeing that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

FIFTH TUESDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Ex. 32:7-14

32:7. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Go, get thee down: thy people, which thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, hath sinned. 32:8. They have quickly strayed from the

way which thou didst shew them: and they have made to themselves a molten calf, and have adored it, and sacrificing victims to it, have said: These are thy gods, O Israel, that have brought thee out of the land of Egypt. 32:9. And again the Lord said to Moses: I see that this people is stiff-necked: 32:10. Let me alone, that my wrath may be kindled against them, and that I may destroy them, and I will make of thee a great nation. 32:11. But Moses besought the Lord his God, saying: Why, O Lord, is thy indignation enkindled against thy people, whom thou hast brought out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and with a mighty hand? 32:12. Let not the Egyptians say, I beseech thee: He craftily brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains, and destroy them from the earth: let thy anger cease, and be appeased upon the wickedness of thy people. 32:13. Remember Abraham, Isaac,

and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou sworeest by thy own self, saying: I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven: and this whole land that I have spoken of, I will give to your seed, and you shall possess it for ever: 32:14. And the Lord was appeased from doing the evil which he had spoken against his people.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM EZECHIEL THE PROPHET *Ezech. 36:23-28*

36:23. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the Gentiles, which you have profaned in the midst of them: that the Gentiles may know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord of hosts, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. 36:24. For I will take you from among the Gentiles, and will gather you together out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own

land. 36:25. And I will pour upon you clean water, and you shall be cleansed from all your filthiness, and I will cleanse you from all your idols. 36:26. And I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. 36:27. And I will put my spirit in the midst of you: and I will cause you to walk in my commandments, and to keep my judgments, and do them. 36:28. And you shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**A LESSON THE PROPHECY
OF ISAIAS
*Is. 1:16-19***

1:16. Wash yourselves, be clean, take away the evil of your devices from my eyes, cease to do perversely, 1:17. Learn to do well: seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge for the fatherless, defend the widow.

1:18. And then come, and accuse me, saith the Lord: if your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow: and if they be red as crimson, they shall be white as wool. 1:19. If you be willing, and will hearken to me, you shall eat the good things of the land.

FIFTH THURSDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF KINGS
*4 Kings 4:25-38***

4:25. So she (*the Sunamite woman*) went forward, and came to the man of God (*Eliseus*), to mount Carmel: and when the man of God saw her coming towards, he said to Giezi, his servant: Behold that Sunamitess. 4:26. Go, therefore, to meet her, and say to her: Is all well with thee, and with thy husband, and with thy son? And she answered: Well. 4:27. And when she came to the man of God, to the mount, she caught hold on his feet: and Giezi came to remove her. And the man of

God said: Let her alone for her soul is in anguish, and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me. 4:28. And she said to him: Did I ask a son of my lord? did I not say to thee: Do not deceive me? 4:29. Then he said to Giezi: Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go. If any man meet thee, salute him not: and if any man salute thee, answer him not: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 4:30. But the mother of the child said: As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. He arose, therefore, and followed her. 4:31. But Giezi was gone before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child, and there was no voice nor sense: and he returned to meet him, and told him, saying: The child is not risen. 4:32. Eliseus, therefore, went into the house, and behold the child lay dead on his bed: 4:33. And going in, he shut the door upon him, and upon the child, and prayed to the Lord. 4:34. And he went up,

and lay upon the child: and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he bowed himself upon him, and the child's flesh grew warm. 4:35. Then he returned and walked in the house, once to and fro: and he went up, and lay upon him: and the child gaped seven times, and opened his eyes. 4:36. And he called Giezi, and said to him: Call this Sunamitess. And she being called, went in to him: and he said: Take up thy son. 4:37. She came and fell at his feet, and worshipped upon the ground: and took up her son, and went out. 4:38. And Eliseus returned to Galgal.

FIFTH FRIDAY IN LENT

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS *3 Kings 17:17-24*

17:17. And it came to pass after this, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick, and the

sickness was very grievous, so that there was no breath left in him. 17:18. And she said to Elias: What have I to do with thee, thou man of God? art thou come to me, that my iniquities should be remembered, and that thou shouldst kill my son? 17:11. And Elias said to her: Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him into the upper chamber where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 17:20. And he cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord, my God, hast thou afflicted also the widow, with whom I am after a sort maintained, so as to kill her son? 17:21. And he stretched, and measured himself upon the child three times, and cried to the Lord, and said: O Lord, my God, let the soul of this child, I beseech thee, return into his body. 17:22. And the Lord heard the voice of Elias: and the soul of the child returned into him, and he revived. 17:23. And Elias took the child, and brought him down from the

upper chamber to the house below, and delivered him to his mother, and said to her: Behold thy son liveth. 17:24. And the woman said to Elias: Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and the word of the Lord in thy mouth is true.

FIFTH SATURDAY IN LENT

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
*Is. 49:8-15***

49:8. Thus saith the Lord: In an acceptable time I have heard thee, and in the day of salvation I have helped thee: and I have preserved thee, and given thee to be a covenant of the people, that thou mightest raise up the earth, and possess the inheritances that were destroyed: 49:9. That thou mightest say to them that are bound: Come forth: and to them that are in darkness: Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in every plain. 49:10. They shall not hunger, nor thirst,

neither shall the heat nor the sun strike them: for he that is merciful to them, shall be their shepherd, and at the fountains of waters he shall give them drink. 49:11. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my paths shall be exalted. 49:12. Behold these shall come from afar, and behold these from the north and from the sea, and these from the south country. 49:13. Give praise, O ye heavens, and rejoice, O earth, ye mountains, give praise with jubilation: because the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy on his poor ones. 49:14. And Sion said: The Lord hath forsaken me, and the Lord hath forgotten me. 49:15. Can a woman forget her infant, so as not to have pity on the son of her womb? and if she should forget, yet will not I forget thee.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PASSION SUNDAY
FIRST SUNDAY IN
PASSION TIME**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF
BLESSED PAUL THE
APOSTLE TO THE
HEBREWS
*Heb 9:11-15***

But Christ, being come an high Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: Neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by his own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And there-

fore he is the mediator of the new testament: that by means of his death for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

**MONDAY OF FIRST WEEK
IN PASSION TIME**

**A LESSON FROM JONAS
THE PROPHET
*Jonas 3:1-10***

3:1. And the word of the Lord came to Jonas the second time saying: **3:2.** Arise, and go to Ninive, the great city: and preach in it the preaching that I bid thee. **3:3.** And Jonas arose, and went to Ninive, according to the word of the Lord: now Ninive was a great city of three days' journey. **3:4.** And Jonas began to enter into the city one day's journey: and he cried and said: Yet forty days and Ninive shall be destroyed. **3:5.** And the men of Ninive believed in God: and they proclaimed

a fast, and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. **3:6.** And the word came to the king of Ninive: and he rose up out of his throne, and cast away his robe from him, and was clothed in sackcloth, and sat in ashes. **3:7.** And he caused it to be proclaimed and published in Ninive, from the mouth of the king and of his princes, saying: Let neither men nor beasts, oxen, nor sheep taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water. **3:8.** And let men and beasts be covered with sackcloth, and cry to the Lord with all their strength, and let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the iniquity that is in their hands. **3:9.** Who can tell if God will turn, and forgive: and will turn away from his fierce anger, and we shall not perish? **3:10.** And God saw their works, that they were turned from their evil way: and God had mercy with regard to the evil which he had said that he would do to them, and he did it not.

**TUESDAY OF THE FIRST
WEEK OF PASSION TIME****A LESSON FROM DANIEL
THE PROPHET
*Dan. 14:17-42***

14:17. And as soon as he had opened the door, the king (*probably Evilmerodach, the son and successor of Nabuchodonosor*) looked upon the table, and cried out with a loud voice: Great art thou, O Bel, and there is not any deceit with thee. **14:18.** And Daniel laughed: and he held the king, that he should not go in: and he said: Behold the pavement, mark whose footsteps these are. **14:19.** And the king said: I see the footsteps of men, and women, and children. And the king was angry. **14:20.** Then he took the priests, and their wives, and their children: and they shewed him the private doors by which they came in, and consumed the things that were on the table. **14:21.** The king, therefore, put

them to death, and delivered Bel into the power of Daniel: who destroyed him and his temple. **14:22.** And there was a great dragon in that place, and the Babylonians worshipped him. **14:23.** And the king said to Daniel: Behold, thou canst not say now, that this is not a living god: adore him, therefore. **14:24.** And Daniel said: I adore the Lord, my God: for he is the living God: but that is no living god. **14:25.** But give me leave, O king, and I will kill this dragon without sword or club. And the king said, I give thee leave. **14:26.** Then Daniel took pitch, and fat, and hair, and boiled them together: and he made lumps, and put them into the dragon's mouth, and the dragon burst asunder. And he said: Behold him whom you worship. **14:27.** And when the Babylonians had heard this, they took great indignation: and being gathered together against the king, they said: The king is become a Jew. He hath de-

stroyed Bel, he hath killed the dragon, and he hath put the priests to death. 14:28. And they came to the king, and said: Deliver us Daniel, or else we will destroy thee and thy house. 14:29. And the king saw that they pressed upon him violently: and being constrained by necessity: he delivered Daniel to them. 14:30. And they cast him into the den of lions, and he was there six days. 14:31. And in the den there were seven lions, and they had given to them two carcasses every day, and two sheep: but then they were not given unto them, that they might devour Daniel. 14:32. Now there was in Judea a prophet called Habacuc, and he had boiled pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl: and was going into the field, to carry it to the reapers. 14:33. And the angel of the Lord said to Habacuc: Carry the dinner which thou hast into Babylon, to Daniel, who is in the lions' den. 14:34. And Habacuc said: Lord, I never saw Babylon, nor do I

know the den. 14:35. And the angel of the Lord took him by the top of his head, and carried him by the hair of his head, and set him in Babylon, over the den, in the force of his spirit. 14:36. And Habacuc cried, saying: O Daniel, thou servant of God, take the dinner that God hath sent thee. 14:37. And Daniel said, Thou hast remembered me, O God, and thou hast not forsaken them that love thee. 14:38. And Daniel arose, and eat. And the angel of the Lord presently set Habacuc again in his own place. 14:39. And upon the seventh day the king came to bewail Daniel: and he came to the den, and looked in, and behold Daniel was sitting in the midst of the lions. 14:40. And the king cried out with a loud voice, saying: Great art thou, O Lord, the God of Daniel. And he drew him out of the lions' den. 14:41. But those that had been the cause of his destruction, he cast into the den, and they were devoured in a moment be-

fore him. 14:42. Then the king said: Let all the inhabitants of the whole earth fear the God of Daniel: for he is the Saviour, working signs, and wonders in the earth: who hath delivered Daniel out of the lions' den.

**WEDNESDAY OF THE
FIRST WEEK OF PASSION
TIME**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF LEVITICUS
*Lev. 19:1-25***

19:1. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 19:2. Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel. And thou shalt say to them: Be ye holy, because I the Lord your God am holy. 19:3. Let every one fear his father, and his mother. Keep my sabbaths. I am the Lord your God. 19:4. Turn ye not to idols: nor make to yourselves molten gods. I am the Lord your God. 19:5. If ye offer in sacrifice a peace offering to the Lord, that he may be favourable: 19:6. You shall eat it on the same

day it was offered, and the next day. And whatsoever shall be left until the third day, you shall burn with fire. 19:7. If after two days any man eat thereof, he shall be profane and guilty of impiety: 19:8. And shall bear his iniquity, because he hath defiled the holy thing of the Lord. And that soul shall perish from among his people. 19:9. When thou reapest the corn of thy land, thou shalt not cut down all that is on the face of the earth to the very ground: nor shalt thou gather the ears that remain. 19:10. Neither shalt thou gather the bunches and grapes that fall down in thy vineyard: but shalt leave them to the poor and the strangers to take. I am the Lord your God. 19:11. You shall not steal. You shall not lie: neither shall any man deceive his neighbour. 19:12. Thou shalt not swear falsely by my name, nor profane the name of thy God. I am the Lord. 19:13. Thou shalt not calumniate thy neighbour, nor oppress him

by violence. The wages of him that hath been hired by thee shall not abide with thee until the morning. 19:14. Thou shalt not speak evil of the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind: but thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, because I am the Lord. 19:15. Thou shalt not do that which is unjust, nor judge unjustly. Respect not the person of the poor: nor honour the countenance of the mighty. But judge thy neighbour according to justice. 19:16. Thou shalt not be a detractor nor a whisperer among the people. Thou shalt not stand against the blood of thy neighbour. I am the Lord. 19:17. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: But reprove him openly, lest thou incur sin through him. 19:18. Seek not revenge, nor be mindful of the injury of thy citizens. Thou shalt love thy friend as thyself. I am the Lord. 19:19. Keep ye my laws. Thou shalt not make thy cattle to gender with beasts of any other kind. Thou

shalt not sow thy field with different seeds. Thou shalt not wear a garment that is woven of two sorts. 19:20. If a man carnally lie with a woman that is a bondservant and marriageable, and yet not redeemed with a price, nor made free: they both shall be scourged: and they shall not be put to death, because she was not a free woman. 19:21. And for his trespass he shall offer a ram to the Lord, at the door of the tabernacle of the testimony. 19:22. And the priest shall pray for him: and for his sin before the Lord: and he shall have mercy on him, and the sin shall be forgiven. 19:23. When you shall be come into the land, and shall have planted in it fruit trees, you shall take away the first-fruits of them. The fruit that comes forth shall be unclean to you: neither shall you eat of them. 19:24. But in the fourth year, all their fruit shall be sanctified, to the praise of the Lord. 19:25. And in the fifth year you shall eat the

fruits thereof, gathering the increase thereof. I am the Lord your God.

**THURSDAY OF THE FIRST
WEEK IN PASSION TIME**

**A LESSON FROM DANIEL
THE PROPHET
*Dan. 3:34-45***

(Azarias prayed) 3:34. Deliver us not up for ever, we beseech thee, for thy name's sake, and abolish not thy covenant. 3:35. And take not away thy mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham, thy beloved, and Isaac, thy servant, and Israel, thy holy one: 3:36. To whom thou hast spoken, promising that thou wouldst multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that is on the sea shore. 3:37. For we, O Lord, are diminished more than any nation, and are brought low in all the earth this day for our sins. 3:38. Neither is there at this time prince, or leader, or prophet, or holocaust, or sacrifice, or oblation, or in-

cense, or place of first fruits before thee, 3:39. That we may find thy mercy: nevertheless, in a contrite heart and humble spirit let us be accepted. 3:40. As in holocausts of rams, and bullocks, and as in thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be made in thy sight this day, that it may please thee: for there is no confusion to them that trust in thee. 3:41. And now we follow thee with all our heart, and we fear thee, and seek thy face. 3:42. Put us not to confusion, but deal with us according to thy meekness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies. 3:43. And deliver us, according to thy wonderful works, and give glory to thy name, O Lord: 3:44. And let all them be confounded that shew evils to thy servants, let them be confounded in all thy might, and let their strength be broken: 3:45. And let them know that thou art the Lord, the only God, and glorious over all the world.

**FRIDAY OF THE FIRST
WEEK OF PASSION TIME**

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**FEAST OF THE SEVEN
SORROWS OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET**

Jer. 17:13-18

17:13. O Lord, the hope of Israel: all that forsake thee shall be confounded: they that depart from thee, shall be written in the earth: because they have forsaken the Lord, the vein of living waters. 17:14. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. 17:15. Behold they say to me: Where is the word of the Lord? let it come. 17:16. And I am not troubled, following thee for my pastor, and I have not desired the day of man, thou knowest. That which went out of my lips, hath been right in thy sight. 17:17. Be not thou a terror unto me, thou art my hope in the day of affliction.

17:18. Let them be confounded that persecute me, and let not me be confounded: let them be afraid, and let not me be afraid: bring upon them the day of affliction, and with a double destruction, destroy them.

**SATURDAY OF THE FIRST
WEEK OF PASSION TIME**

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET**

Jer. 18:18-23

18:18. And they said: Come, and let us invent devices against Jeremias: for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet: come, and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us give no heed to all his words. 18:19. Give heed to me, O Lord, and hear the voice of my adversaries. 18:20. Shall evil be rendered for good, because they have digged a pit for my soul? Remember that I have stood in thy sight, to speak good for them, and to turn away thy

indignation from them. 18:21. Therefore deliver up their children to famine, and bring them into the hands of the sword: let their wives be bereaved of children and widows: and let their husbands be slain by death: let their young men be stabbed with the sword in battle. 18:22. Let a cry be heard out of their houses: for thou shalt bring the robber upon them suddenly: because they have digged a pit to take me, and have hid snares for my feet. 18:23. But thou, O Lord, knowest all their counsel against me unto death: not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from thy sight: let them be overthrown before thy eyes, in the time of thy wrath do thou destroy them.

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PALM SUNDAY

LESSON /EPISTLE

If there is a Book of Epistles or Lessons, it is brought from the right side of the Sacristy where the books are kept, or if from the Altar Book, it is brought to the Epistle side where it is read or chanted by the Subdeacon or the Reader.

A Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Philipians *Phili 2:5-11*

For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause, God also hath exalted him and hath given him a name which is above all names: That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that the

Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

At the end of the reading the Subdeacon or Reader says:

V. This is the word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET**

Is. 50:5-10

50:5. The Lord God hath opened my ear, and I do not resist: I have not gone back. 50:6. I have given my body to the strikers, and my cheeks to them that plucked them: I have not turned away my face from them that rebuked me, and spit upon me. 50:7. The Lord God is my helper, therefore am I not confounded: therefore have I set my face as a most hard rock, and I know that I shall not be confounded. 50:8. He is near that justifieth me, who will contend with me? let us stand together, who is my adversary? let

him come near to me. 50:9. Behold the Lord God is my helper: who is he that shall condemn me? Lo, they shall all be destroyed as a garment, the moth shall eat them up. 50:10. Who is there among you that feareth the Lord, that heareth the voice of his servant, that hath walked in darkness, and hath no light? let him hope in the name of the Lord, and lean upon his God.

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET
*Jer. 11:18-20***

11:18. But thou, O Lord, hast shewn me, and I have known: then thou shewedst me their doings. 11:19. And I was as a meek lamb, that is carried to be a victim: and I knew not that they had devised counsels against me, saying: Let us put wood on his bread, and cut him off from the land of the living, and let his name be remembered no more.

11:20. But thou, O Lord of Sabaoth, who judgest justly, and triest the reins and the hearts, let me see thy revenge on them: for to thee have I revealed my cause.

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY
WEEK**

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET**

Is. 62:11-12; 63:1-7

62:11. Behold the Lord hath made it to be heard in the ends of the earth, tell the daughter of Sion: Behold thy Saviour cometh: behold his reward is with him, and his work before him. 62:12. And they shall call them, The holy people, the redeemed of the Lord. But thou shalt be called: A city sought after, and not forsaken. 63:1. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bosra, this beautiful one in his robe, walking in the greatness of his strength. I, that speak justice, and am a defender to save. 63:2. Why then is thy apparel red,

and thy garments like theirs that tread in the winepress? 63:3. I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the Gentiles there is not a man with me: I have trampled on them in my indignation, and have trodden them down in my wrath, and their blood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my apparel. 63:4. For the day of vengeance is in my heart, the year of my redemption is come. 63:5. I looked about, and there was none to help: I sought, and there was none to give aid: and my own arm hath saved for me, and my indignation itself hath helped me. 63:6. And I have trodden down the people in my wrath, and have made them drunk in my indignation, and have brought down their strength to the earth. 63:7. I will remember the tender mercies of the Lord, the praise of the Lord for all the things that the Lord hath bestowed upon us, and for the multitude of his good things to the house of

Israel, which he hath given them according to his kindness, and according to the multitude of his mercies.

**A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
Is. 53:1-12**

53:1. Who a hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? **53:2.** And he shall grow up as a tender plant before him, and as a root out of a thirsty ground: there is no beauty in him, nor comeliness: and we have seen him, and there was no sightliness, that we should be desirous of him: **53:3.** Despised, and the most abject of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with infirmity: and his look was as it were hidden and despised, whereupon we esteemed him not. **53:4.** Surely he hath borne our infirmities and carried our sorrows: and we have thought him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted. **53:5.** But he was wounded for our in-

iquities, he was bruised for our sins: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his bruises we are healed. **53:6.** All we like sheep have gone astray, every one hath turned aside into his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **53:7.** He was offered because it was his own will, and he opened not his mouth: he shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter, and shall be dumb as a lamb before his shearer, and he shall not open his mouth. **53:8.** He was taken away from distress, and from judgment: who shall declare his generation? because he is cut off out of the land of the living: for the wickedness of my people have I struck him. **53:9.** And he shall give the ungodly for his burial, and the rich for his death: because he hath done no iniquity, neither was there deceit in his mouth. **53:10.** And the Lord was pleased to bruise him in infirmity: if he shall lay down his life for sin, he shall see a longlived seed,

and the will of the Lord shall be prosperous in his hand. 53:11. Because his soul hath laboured, he shall see and be filled: by his knowledge shall this my just servant justify many, and he shall bear their iniquities. 53:12. Therefore will I distribute to him very many, and he shall divide the spoils of the strong, because he hath delivered his soul unto death, and was reputed with the wicked: and he hath borne the sins of many, and hath prayed for the transgressors.

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HOLY THURSDAY

LESSON

A Lesson from the Epistle of Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians *1 Cor 11:20-32*

When you come therefore together into one place, it is not now to eat the Lord's supper. For every one taketh before his own supper to eat. And one indeed is hungry and another is drunk. What, have you no houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God and put them to shame that have not? What shall I say to you? Do I praise you? In this I praise you not. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, And giving thanks, broke and said: Take ye and eat: This is my body, which shall be delivered for you. This do for the commemoration of me. In like manner also the

chalice, after he had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in my blood. This do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of me. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall shew the death of the Lord, until he come. Therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread and drink of the chalice. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord. Therefore are there many infirm and weak among you: and many sleep. But if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But whilst we are judged, we are chastised by the Lord, that we be not condemned with this world.

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GOOD FRIDAY

First Lesson

Osee (Hosea) 6:1-6

In their affliction they will rise early to me: Come, and let us return to the Lord. For he hath taken us, and he will heal us: he will strike, and he will cure us. He will revive us after two days: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. We shall know, and we shall follow on, that we may know the Lord. His going forth is prepared as the morning light, and he will come to us as the early and the latter rain to the earth. What shall I do to thee, O Ephraim? what shall I do to thee, O Juda? your mercy is as a morning cloud, and as the dew that goeth away in the morning. For this reason have I hewed them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments shall go forth as the light. For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice: and the knowledge of

God more than holocausts.

Second Reading
Exodus 12:1-11

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall be to you the beginning of months; it shall be the first in the months of the year. Speak ye to the whole assembly of the children of Israel, and say to them: On the tenth day of this month let every man take a lamb by their families and houses. But if the number be less than may suffice to eat the lamb, he shall take unto him his neighbour that joineth to his house, according to the number of souls which may be enough to eat the lamb. And it shall be a lamb without blemish, a male, of one year; according to which rite also you shall take a kid. And you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; and the whole multitude of the children of Israel shall sacrifice it in the evening. And they shall take of the

blood thereof, and put it upon both the side posts, and on the upper door posts of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh that night roasted at the fire, and unleavened bread with wild lettuce. You shall not eat thereof any thing raw, nor boiled in water, but only roasted at the fire; you shall eat the head with the feet and entrails thereof. Neither shall there remain any thing of it until morning. If there be any thing left, you shall burn it with fire. And thus you shall eat it: you shall gird your reins, and you shall have shoes on your feet, holding staves in your hands, and you shall eat in haste; for it is the Phase (that is the Passage) of the Lord.

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**PASCHA
(EASTER SUNDAY)**

LESSON

**A Lesson from the Epistle of
Blessed Paul the Apostle to
the Colossians**

Col. 3:1-4

Therefore if you be risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Mind the things that are above, not the things that are upon the earth. For you are dead: and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ shall appear, who is your life, then you also shall appear with him in glory.

**PASCHA
(EASTER SUNDAY)
FEAST OF THE
RESURRECTION**
Daytime Divine Liturgy

**A LESSON FROM THE
FIRST EPISTLE OF SAINT
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**
1 Cor. 5:7-8

5:7. Purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened. For Christ our pasch is sacrificed. 5:8. Therefore, let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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PASCHA MONDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**
Acts 10:37-43

10:37. You know the word which hath been published through all Judea: for it began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached. 10:38. Jesus of Nazareth: how God anointed him with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 10:39. And we are witnesses of all things that he did in the land of

the Jews and in Jerusalem: whom they killed, hanging him upon a tree. 10:40. Him God raised up the third day and gave him to be made manifest, 10:41. Not to all the people, but to witnesses preordained by God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him, after he arose again from the dead. 10:42. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that it is he who was appointed by God to be judge of the living and of the dead. 10:43. To him all the prophets give testimony, that by his name all receive remission of sins, who believe in him.

PASCHA TUESDAY

A LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts. 13:16, 26-33

13:16. Then Paul rising up and with his hand bespeaking silence, said: Ye men of Israel and you that fear God, give ear. 13:26. Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and

whosoever among you fear God: to you the word of this salvation is sent. 13:27. For they that inhabited Jerusalem and the rulers thereof, not knowing him, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, judging him, have fulfilled them. 13:28. And finding no cause of death in him, they desired of Pilate that they might kill him. 13:29. And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, taking him down from the tree, they laid him in a sepulchre. 13:30. But God raised him up from the dead the third day. 13:31. Who was seen for many days by them who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who to this present are his witnesses to the people. 13:32. And we declare unto you that the promise which was made to our fathers, 13:33. This same God hath fulfilled to our children, raising up Jesus

PASCHA WEDNESDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Act. 3:13-19

3:13. The God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus, whom you indeed delivered up and denied before the face of Pilate, when he judged he should be released. **3:14.** But you denied the Holy One and the Just: and desired a murderer to be granted unto you. **3:15.** But the author of life you killed, whom God hath raised from the dead: of which we are witnesses. **3:16.** And in the faith of his name, this man, whom you have seen and known, hath his name strengthened. And the faith which is by him hath given this perfect soundness in the sight of you all. **3:17.** And now, brethren, I know that you did it through ignorance: as did also your rulers. **3:18.** But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his

Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. **3:19.** Be penitent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

PASCHA THURSDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Act. 8:26-40

8:26. Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying: Arise, go towards the south, to the way that goeth down from Jerusalem into Gaza: this is desert. **8:27.** And rising up, he went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch, of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge over all her treasures, had come to Jerusalem to adore. **8:28.** And he was returning, sitting in his chariot and reading Isaias the prophet. **8:29.** And the Spirit said to Philip: Go near and join thyself to this chariot. **8:30.** And Philip running thither, heard him reading the prophet Isaias. And he said:

Thinkest thou that thou understandest what thou readest? 8:31. Who said: And how can I, unless some man shew me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 8:32. And the place of the scripture which he was reading was this: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter: and like a lamb without voice before his shearer, so openeth he not his mouth. 8:33. In humility his judgment was taken away. His generation who shall declare, for his life shall be taken from the earth? 8:34. And the eunuch answering Philip, said: I beseech thee, of whom doth the prophet speak this? Of himself, or of some other man? 8:35. Then Philip, opening his mouth and beginning at this scripture, preached unto him Jesus. 8:36. And as they went on their way, they came to a certain water. And the eunuch said: See, here is water: What doth hinder me from being baptized? 8:37. And Philip said: If thou believest with

all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answering, said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. 8:38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch. And he baptized him. 8:39. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took away Philip: and the eunuch saw him no more. And he went on his way rejoicing. 8:40. But Philip was found in Azotus: and passing through, he preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

PASCHA FRIDAY

A LESSON FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF BLESSED PETER THE APOSTLE

1 Peter 3:18-22

3:18. Because Christ also died once for our sins, the just for the unjust: that he might offer us to God, being put to death indeed in the flesh, but enlivened in the

spirit, 3:19. In which also coming he preached to those spirits that were in prison: 3:20. Which had been some time incredulous, when they waited for the patience of God in the days of Noe, when the ark was a building: wherein a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. 3:21. Whereunto baptism, being of the like form, now saveth you also: not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but, the examination of a good conscience towards God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 3:22. Who is on the right hand of God, swallowing down death that we might be made heirs of life everlasting: being gone into heaven, the angels and powers and virtues being made subject to him.

PASCHA SATURDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
FIRST EPISTLE OF
BLESSED PETER THE
APOSTLE
*1 Peter 2:2-10***

2:2. As newborn babes, desire the rational milk without guile, that thereby you may grow unto salvation: 2:3. If so be you have tasted that the Lord is sweet. 2:4. Unto whom coming, as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men but chosen and made honourable by God: 2:5. Be you also as living stones built up, a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 2:6. Wherefore it is said in the scripture: Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious. And he that shall believe in him shall not be confounded. 2:7. To you therefore that believe, he is honour: but to them that believe not, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the head of the corner: 2:8. And a stone of stumbling and a rock of scandal, to them who stumble at the word, neither do believe, whereunto also they are set. 2:9. But you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy

nation, a purchased people: that you may declare his virtues, who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 2:10. Who in times past were not a people: but are now the people of God. Who had not obtained mercy: but now have obtained mercy.

**OCTAVE OF PASCHA
(EASTER)
LOW SUNDAY
FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE
*1 John 5:4-10***

5:4. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory which overcometh the world: Our faith. 5:5. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 5:6. This is he that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ: not by water only but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit which testifieth that Christ is the

truth. 5:7. And there are Three who give testimony in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost. And these three are one. 5:8. And there are three that give testimony on earth: the spirit and the water and the blood. And these three are one. 5:9. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater. For this is the testimony of God, which is greater, because he hath testified of his Son. 5:10. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself. He that believeth not the Son maketh him a liar: because he believeth not in the testimony which God hath testified of his Son.

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PASCHA (EASTER)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE
*1 Peter 2:21-25***

2:21. For unto this are you called: because Christ also

suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow his steps. 2:22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 2:23. Who, when he was reviled, did not revile: when he suffered, he threatened not, but delivered himself to him that judged him unjustly. 2:24. Who his own self bore our sins in his body upon the tree: that we, being dead to sins, should live to justice: by whose stripes you were healed. 2:25. For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PASCHA**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE**

1 Peter 2:11-19

2:11. Dearly beloved, I beseech you, as strangers and pilgrims, to refrain yourselves from carnal desires which war against the soul,

2:12. Having your conversation good among the Gentiles: that whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by the good works which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation. 2:13. Be ye subject therefore to every human creature for God's sake: whether it be to the king as excelling, 2:14. Or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of the good. 2:15. For so is the will of God, that by doing well you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 2:16. As free and not as making liberty a cloak for malice, but as the servants of God. 2:17. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 2:18. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle but also to the froward. 2:19. For this is thankworthy: if, for conscience towards God, a man endure sorrows, suffering wrongfully.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PASCHA**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JAMES THE APOSTLE
*James 1:17-21***

1:17. Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration. **1:18.** For of his own will hath he begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of his creature. **1:19.** You know, my dearest brethren. And let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak and slow to anger. **1:20.** For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. **1:21.** Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness and abundance of naughtiness, with meekness receive the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PASCHA**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JAMES THE APOSTLE
*James 1:22-27***

1:22. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **1:23.** For if a man be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass. **1:24.** For he beheld himself and went his way and presently forgot what manner of man he was. **1:25.** But he that hath looked into the perfect law of liberty and hath continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work: this man shall be blessed in his deed. **1:26.** And if any man think himself to be religious, not bridling his tongue but deceiving his own heart, this man's religion is vain. **1:27.** Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulation and to keep one's self unspotted from

this world.

***This Divine Liturgy is
prayed on the
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND
WEDNESDAY
BEFORE THE
ASCENSION***

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JAMES THE APOSTLE
*James 5:16-20***

5:16. Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much. 5:17. Elias was a man passible like unto us: and with prayer he prayed that it might not rain upon the earth. And it rained not for three years and six months. 5:18. And he prayed again. And the heaven gave rain: and the earth brought forth her fruit. 5:19. My brethren, if any of you err from the truth and one convert him: 5:20. He must know that he who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of

his way shall save his soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins.

ASCENSION EVE

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE
*Eph. 4:7-13***

4:7. But to every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the giving of Christ. 4:8. Wherefore he saith: Ascending on high, he led captivity captive: he gave gifts to men. 4:9. Now that he ascended, what is it, but because he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 4:10. He that descended is the same also that ascended above all the heavens: that he might fill all things. 4:11. And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and other some evangelists, and other some pastors and doctors: 4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the word of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 4:13. Until we all meet into

the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fullness of Christ:

ASCENSION THURSDAY

A LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES *Acts 1:1-11*

1:1. The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, of all things which Jesus began to do and to teach, 1:2. Until the day on which, giving commandments by the Holy Ghost to the apostles whom he had chosen, he was taken up. 1:3. To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion, by many proofs, for forty days appearing to them, and speaking of the kingdom of God. 1:4. And eating together with them, he commanded them, that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith he) by my mouth. 1:5. For John indeed baptized with water: but you shall be

baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence. 1:6. They therefore who were come together, asked him, saying: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel? 1:7. But he said to them: It is not for you to know the time or moments, which the Father hath put in his own power: 1:8. But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth. 1:9. And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. 1:10. And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments. 1:11. Who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come as you have seen him going

into heaven.

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF THE
ASCENSION**

**A LESSON FROM THE
FIRST EPISTLE OF
BLESSED PETER THE
APOSTLE
*1 Peter 4:7-11***

4:7. But the end of all is at hand. Be prudent therefore and watch in prayers. 4:8. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves: for charity covereth a multitude of sins. 4:9. Using hospitality one towards another, without murmuring, 4:10. As every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another: as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 4:11. If any man speak, let him speak, as the words of God. If any minister, let him do it, as of the power which God administereth: that in all things God may be honoured through Jesus Christ: to whom is glory and empire

for ever and ever. Amen.

**EVE OF PENTECOST
(WHITSUNDAY EVE)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
*Acts. 19:1-8***

19:1. And it came to pass, while Apollo was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus and found certain disciples. 19:2. And he said to them: Have you received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? But they said to him: We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost. 19:3. And he said: In what then were you baptized? Who said: In John's baptism. 19:4. Then Paul said: John baptized the people with the baptism of penance saying: That they should believe in him, who was to come after him, that is to say, in Jesus. 19:5. Having heard these things, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 19:6. And when Paul had imposed his hands

on them, the Holy Ghost came upon them: and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 19:7. And all the men were about twelve. 19:8. And entering into the synagogue, he spoke boldly for the space of three months, disputing and exhorting concerning the kingdom of God.

PENTECOST
(Whitsunday)

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**
Acts 2:1-11

2:1. And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: 2:2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming: and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 2:3. And there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire: and it sat upon every one of them. 2:4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost: and they began to speak with divers tongues,

according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. 2:5. Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem, Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 2:6. And when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded in mind, because that every man heard them speak in his own tongue. 2:7. And they were all amazed, and wondered, saying: Behold, are not all these that speak Galilean? 2:8. And how have we heard, every man our own tongue wherein we were born? 2:9. Parthians and Medes and Elamites and inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 2:10. Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, 2:11. Jews also, and proselytes, Cretes, and Arabians: we have heard them speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

WHIT-MONDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 10:42-48

10:42. And he (*Peter*) commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that it is he who was appointed by God to be judge of the living and of the dead. **10:43.** To him all the prophets give testimony, that by his name all receive remission of sins, who believe in him. **10:44.** While Peter was yet speaking these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word. **10:45.** And the faithful of the circumcision, who came with Peter, were astonished for that the grace of the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the Gentiles also. **10:46.** For they heard them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. **10:47.** Then Peter answered: Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Ghost, as well as we? **10:48.** And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHIT-TUESDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 8:14-17

8:14. Now, when the apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. **8:15.** Who, when they were come, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. **8:16.** For he was not as yet come upon any of them: but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **8:17.** Then they laid their hands upon them: and they received the Holy Ghost.

WHIT-WEDNESDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 2:14-21

2:14. But Peter standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spoke to them: Ye men of Judea, and all you that dwell in

Jerusalem, be this known to you and with your ears receive my words. 2:15. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day: 2:16. But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel: 2:17. And it shall come to pass, in the last days, (saith the Lord), I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 2:18. And upon my servants indeed and upon my handmaids will I pour out in those days of my spirit: and they shall prophesy. 2:19. And I will shew wonders in the heaven above, and signs on the earth beneath: blood and fire, and vapour of smoke. 2:20. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and manifest day of the Lord to come. 2:21. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord

shall be saved.

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
*Acts 5:12-16***

5:12. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 5:13. But of the rest no man durst join himself unto them: but the people magnified them. 5:14. And the multitude of men and women who believed in the Lord was more increased: 5:15. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that, when Peter came, his shadow at the least might overshadow any of them and they might be delivered from their infirmities. 5:16. And there came also together to Jerusalem a multitude out of the neighbouring cities, bringing sick persons and such as were troubled with unclean spirits: who were all healed.

WHIT-THURSDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 8:5-9

8:5. And Philip, going down to the city of Samaria, preached Christ unto them. **8:6.** And the people with one accord were attentive to those things which were said by Philip, hearing, and seeing the miracles which he did. **8:7.** For many of them who had unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, went out. **8:8.** And many, taken with the palsy, and that were lame, were healed. **8:9.** There was therefore great joy in that city.

WHIT-FRIDAY

Ember Friday

**A LESSON FROM JOEL
THE PROPHET**

Joel 2:23-27

2:23. And you, O children of Sion, rejoice, and be joyful in the Lord your God: be-

cause he hath given you a teacher of justice, and he will make the early and the latter rain to come down to you as in the beginning. **2:24.** And the floors shall be filled with wheat, and the presses shall overflow with wine, and oil. **2:25.** And I will restore to you the years which the locust, and the bruchus, and the mildew, and the palmerworm hath eaten; my great host which I sent upon you. **2:26.** And you shall eat in plenty, and shall be filled and you shall praise the name of the Lord your God; who hath done wonders with you, and my people shall not be confounded for ever. **2:27.** And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: and I am the Lord your God, and there is none besides: and my people shall not be confounded forever.

WHIT-SATURDAY

Ember Saturday

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET JOEL**

Joel 2:28-32

2:28. And it shall come to pass after this, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. **2:29.** Moreover, upon my servants and handmaids in those days I will pour forth my spirit. **2:30.** And I will shew wonders in heaven; and in earth, blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. **2:31.** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood: before the great and dreadful day of the Lord doth come. **2:32.** And it shall come to pass, that every one that shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved:

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF LEVITICUS
*Levit. 23:10-21***

(God said to Moses) 23:10. Speak to the children of Israel, and thou shalt say to them: When you shall have

entered into the land which I will give you, and shall reap your corn, you shall bring sheaves of ears, the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. **23:11.** Who shall lift up the sheaf before the Lord, the next day after the sabbath, that it may be acceptable for you, and shall sanctify it. **23:12.** And on the same day that the sheaf is consecrated, a lamb without blemish of the first year shall be killed for a holocaust of the Lord. **23:13.** And the libations shall be offered with it: two tenths of flour tempered with oil, for a burnt offering of the Lord, and a most sweet odour. Libations also of wine, the fourth part of a hin. **23:14.** You shall not eat either bread, or parched corn, or frumenty or the harvest, until the day that you shall offer thereof to your God. It is a precept for ever throughout your generations, and all your dwellings. **23:15.** You shall count therefore from the morrow after the sabbath, wherein you offered the

sheaf of firstfruits, seven full weeks. 23:16. Even unto the morrow after the seventh week be expired, that is to say, fifty days: and so you shall offer a new sacrifice to the Lord. 23:17. Out of all your dwellings, two loaves of the firstfruits, of two tenths of flour leavened, which you shall bake for the firstfruits of the Lord. 23:18. And you shall offer with the loaves seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one calf from the herd, and they shall be for a holocaust with their two rams: and they shall be for a holocaust with their libations for a most sweet odour to the Lord. 23:19. You shall offer also a buck goat for sin, and two lambs of the first year for sacrifices of peace offerings. 23:20. And when the priest hath lifted them up with the loaves of the firstfruits before the Lord, they shall fall to his use. 23:21. And you shall call this day most solemn, and most holy. You shall do no servile work therein. It shall

be an everlasting ordinance in all your dwellings and generations.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY
*Deut. 26:1-11***

26:1. And when thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God will give thee to possess, and hast conquered it, and dwellest in it: 26:2. Thou shalt take the first of all thy fruits, and put them in a basket, and shalt go to the place which the Lord thy God shall choose, that his name may be invoked there: 26:3. And thou shalt go to the priest that shall be in those days, and say to him: I profess this day before the Lord thy God, that I am come into the land, for which he swore to our fathers, that he would give it us. 26:4. And the priest taking the basket at thy hand, shall set it before the altar of the Lord thy God: 26:5. And thou shalt speak thus in the sight of the Lord thy God: The Syrian pursued my

father, who went down into Egypt, and sojourned there in a very small number, and grew into a nation great and strong and of an infinite multitude. 26:6. And the Egyptians afflicted us, and persecuted us, laying on us most grievous burdens: 26:7. And we cried to the Lord God of our fathers: who heard us, and looked down upon our affliction, and labour, and distress: 26:8. And brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand, and a stretched out arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders: 26:9. And brought us into this place, and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. 26:10. And therefore now I offer the firstfruits of the land which the Lord hath given me. And thou shalt leave them in the sight of the Lord thy God, adoring the Lord thy God. 26:11. And thou shalt feast in all the good things which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

A LESSON FROM THE

BOOK OF LEVITICUS

Levit. 26:3-12

26:3. If you walk in my precepts, and keep my commandments, and do them, I will give you rain in due seasons. 26:4. And the ground shall bring forth its increase: and the trees shall be filled with fruit. 26:5. The threshing of your harvest shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land without fear. 26:6. I will give peace in your coasts: you shall sleep, and there shall be none to make you afraid. I will take away evil beasts: and the sword shall not pass through your quarters. 26:7. You shall pursue your enemies: and they shall fall before you. 26:8. Five of yours shall pursue a hundred others: and a hundred of you ten thousand. Your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 26:9. I will look on you, and make you increase: you shall be multi-

plied, and I will establish my covenant with you. 26:10. You shall eat the oldest of the old store: and, new coming on, you shall cast away the old. 26:11. I will set my tabernacle in the midst of you: and my soul shall not cast you off. 26:12. I will walk among you, and will be your God: and you shall be my people.

**A LESSON FROM DANIEL
THE PROPHET
*Dan. 3:49-51***

3:49. But the angel of the Lord went down with Azarias and his companions into the furnace: and he drove the flame of the fire out of the furnace, 3:50. And made the midst of the furnace like the blowing of a wind bringing dew, and the fire touched them not at all, nor troubled them, nor did them any harm. 3:51. Then these three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God, in the furnace, saying:

The Choir continues, say-

ing:

Alleluia. *Dan. 3:52. 3:52.* Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers; and worthy to be praised, and glorified, and exalted above all for ever.

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 5:1-5***

5:1. Being justified therefore by faith, let us have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: 5:2. By whom also we have access through faith into this grace wherein we stand: and glory in the hope of the glory of the sons of God. 5:3. And not only so: but we glory also in tribulation, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 5:4. And patience trial; and trial hope; 5:5. And hope confoundeth not: because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost who is given to us.

**TRINITY SUNDAY
AND
THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

TRINITY SUNDAY

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 11:33-36***

11:33. O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are his judgments, and how unsearchable his ways! 11:34. For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor? 11:35. Or who hath first given to him, and recompense shall be made him? 11:36. For of him, and by him, and in him, are all things: to him be glory for ever. Amen.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
FIRST EPISTLE OF
BLESSED JOHN THE APOS-
TLE**

1 John 4:8-21

4:8. He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God is charity. 4:9. By this hath the charity of God appeared towards us, because God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we may live by him. 4:10. In this is charity: not as though we had loved God, but because he hath first loved us, and sent his Son to be a propitiation for our sins. 4:11. My dearest, if God hath so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 4:12. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abideth in us: and his charity is perfected in us. 4:13. In this we know that we abide in him, and he in us: because he hath given us of his spirit. 4:14. And we have seen and do testify that the Father hath sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. 4:15. Whosoever

shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. 4:16. And we have known and have believed the charity which God hath to us. God is charity: and he that abideth in charity abideth in God, and God in him. 4:17. In this is the charity of God perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment: because as he is, we also are in this world. 4:18. Fear is not in charity: but perfect charity casteth out fear, because fear hath sin. And he that feareth is not perfected in charity. 4:19. Let us therefore love God: because God first hath loved us. 4:20. If any man say: I love God, and hateth his brother; he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother whom he seeth, how can he love God whom he seeth not? 4:21. And this commandment we have from God, that he who loveth God love also his brother.

CORPUS CHRISTI

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

1 Cor. 11:23-29

11:23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, 11:24. And giving thanks, broke and said: Take ye and eat: This is my body, which shall be delivered for you. This do for the commemoration of me. 11:25. In like manner also the chalice, after he had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in my blood. This do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of me. 11:26. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall shew the death of the Lord, until he come. 11:27. Therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. 11:28.

But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread and drink of the chalice. 11:29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE
OCTAVE OF CORPUS
CHRISTI
and
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE
*1 John 3:13-18***

3:13. Wonder not, brethren, if the world hate you. 3:14. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. 3:15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself. 3:16. In this we have known the charity of

God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 3:17. He that hath the substance of this world and shall see his brother in need and shall shut up his bowels from him: how doth the charity of God abide in him? 3:18. My little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

**THE MOST SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Eph. 3:8-19***

3:8. To me, the least of all the saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: 3:9. And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God who created all things: 3:10. That the manifold wisdom of God may be

made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church, 3:11. According to the eternal purpose which he made in Christ Jesus our Lord: 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 3:13. Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3:15. Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named: 3:16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man: 3:17. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that, being rooted and founded in charity, 3:18. You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge: that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

*Sunday within the Octave
of The Sacred Heart*

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE**

1 Peter 5:6-11

5:6. Be you humbled therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in the time of visitation: 5:7. Casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you. 5:8. Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. 5:9. Whom resist ye, strong in faith: knowing that the same affliction befalls, your brethren who are in the world. 5:10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you and confirm you and establish you. 5:11. To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE EUCHARISTIC HEART
OF JESUS**

**The Fourth Thursday after
Pentecost**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE TO THE
EPHESIANS
*Eph. 3:8-19***

3:8. To me, the least of all the saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: 3:9. And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God who created all things: 3:10. That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church, 3:11. According to the eternal purpose which he made in Christ Jesus our Lord: 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 3:13. Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my

tribulations for you, which is your glory. 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3:15. Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named: 3:16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man: 3:17. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that, being rooted and founded in charity, 3:18. You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge: that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 8:18-23***

8:18. For I reckon that the

sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us. 8:19. For the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God. 8:20. For the creature was made subject to vanity: not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject, in hope. 8:21. Because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. 8:22. For we know that every creature groaneth and travaileth in pain, even till now. 8:23. And not only it, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit: even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the redemption of our body.

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE**

1 Peter 3:8-15

3:8. And in fine, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, being lovers of the brotherhood, merciful, modest, humble: 3:9. Not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing: for unto this are you called, that you may inherit a blessing. 3:10. For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile. 3:11. Let him decline from evil and do good: Let him seek after peace and pursue it: 3:12. Because the eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and his ears unto their prayers but the countenance of the Lord upon them that do evil things. 3:13. And who is he that can hurt you, if you be zealous of good? 3:14. But if also you suffer any thing for justice' sake, blessed are ye. And be not afraid of their fear: and be not troubled. 3:15. But sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, being

ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you.

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom 6:3-11***

6:3. Know you not that all we who are baptized in Christ Jesus are baptized in his death? **6:4.** For we are buried together with him by baptism into death: that, as Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life. **6:5.** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. **6:6.** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, to the end that we may serve sin no longer. **6:7.** For he that is dead is justified

from sin. **6:8.** Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall live also together with Christ. **6:9.** Knowing that Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more. Death shall no more have dominion over him. **6:10.** For in that he died to sin, he died once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. **6:11.** So do you also reckon that you are dead to sin, but alive unto God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom 6:19-23***

6:19. I speak an human thing, because of the infirmity of your flesh. For as you have yielded your members to serve uncleanness and iniquity, unto iniquity: so now yield your members to serve justice, unto sanctification. **6:20.** For when

you were the servants of sin, you were free men to justice. 6:21. What fruit therefore had you then in those things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of them is death. 6:22. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end life everlasting. 6:23. For the wages of sin is death. But the grace of God, life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 8:12-17***

8:12. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh to live according to the flesh. 8:13. For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die: but if by the Spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live. 8:14. For whosoever

are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 8:15. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again in fear: but you have received the spirit of adoption of sons, whereby we cry: Abba (Father). 8:16. For the Spirit himself giveth testimony to our spirit that we are the sons of God. 8:17. And if sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ:

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*1 Cor. 10:6-13***

10:6. Now these things were done in a figure of us, that we should not covet evil things, as they also coveted. 10:7. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them, as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. 10:8. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of

them that committed fornication: and there fell in one day three and twenty thousand. 10:9. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them tempted and perished by the serpent. 10:10. Neither do you murmur, as some of them murmured and were destroyed by the destroyer. 10:11. Now all these things happened to them in figure: and they are written for our correction, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 10:12. Wherefore, he that thinketh himself to stand, let him take heed lest he fall. 10:13. Let no temptation take hold on you, but such as is human. And God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able: but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it.

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO**

THE CORINTHIANS

1 Cor. 12:2-11

12:2. You know that when you were heathens, you went to dumb idols, according as you were led. 12:3. Wherefore, I give you to understand that no man, speaking by the Spirit of God, saith Anathema to Jesus. And no man can say The Lord Jesus, but by the Holy Ghost. 12:4. Now there are diversities of graces, but the same Spirit. 12:5. And there are diversities of ministries. but the same Lord. 12:6. And there are diversities of operations, but the same God, who worketh all in all. 12:7. And the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man unto profit. 12:8. To one indeed, by the Spirit, is given the word of wisdom: and to another, the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit: 12:9. To another, faith in the same spirit: to another, the grace of healing in one Spirit: 12:10. To another the working of miracles: to another, prophecy:

to another, the discerning of spirits: to another, diverse kinds of tongues: to another, interpretation of speeches. 12:11. But all these things, one and the same Spirit worketh, dividing to every one according as he will.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

1 Cor. 15:1-10

15:1. Now I make known unto you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you have received and wherein you stand. 15:2. By which also you are saved, if you hold fast after what manner I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. 15:3. For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received: how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures: 15:4. And that he was buried: and that

he rose again according to the scriptures: 15:5. And that he was seen by Cephas, and after that by the eleven. 15:6. Then was he seen by more than five hundred brethren at once: of whom many remain until this present, and some are fallen asleep. 15:7. After that, he was seen by James: then by all the apostles. 15:8. And last of all, he was seen also by me, as by one born out of due time. 15:9. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 15:10. But by the grace of God, I am what I am. And his grace in me hath not been void:

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

2 Cor. 3:4-9

3:4. And such confidence we have, through Christ, to-

wards God. 3:5. Not that we are sufficient to think any thing of ourselves, as of ourselves: but our sufficiency is from God. 3:6. Who also hath made us fit ministers of the new testament, not in the letter but in the spirit. For the letter killeth: but the spirit quickeneth. 3:7. Now if the ministration of death, engraven with letters upon stones, was glorious (so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses, for the glory of his countenance), which is made void: 3:8. How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather in glory? 3:9. For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more the ministration of justice aboundeth in glory.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS
*Gal. 3:16-22***

3:16. To Abraham were the promises made and to his seed. He saith not: And to his seeds as of many. But as of one: And to thy seed, which is Christ. 3:17. Now this I say: that the testament which was confirmed by God, the law which was made after four hundred and thirty years doth not disannul, to make the promise of no effect. 3:18. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise. But God gave it to Abraham by promise. 3:19. Why then was the law? It was set because of transgressions, until the seed should come to whom he made the promise, being ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. 3:20. Now a mediator is not of one: but God is one. 3:21. Was the law then against the promises of God: God forbid! For if there had been a law given which could give life, verily justice should have been by the law. 3:22. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that

the promise, by the faith of Jesus Christ, might be given to them that believe.

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS
*Gal. 5:16-24***

5:16. I say then: Walk in the spirit: and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

5:17. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit: and the spirit against the flesh: For these are contrary one to another: so that you do not the things that you would.

5:18. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the law. **5:19.** Now the works of the flesh are manifest: which are fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, luxury, **5:20.** Idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, emulations, wraths, quarrels, dissensions, sects, **5:21.** Envies, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Of

the which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God. **5:22.** But the fruit of the Spirit is, charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, **5:23.** Mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity. Against such there is no law. **5:24.** And they that are Christ's have crucified their flesh, with the vices and concupiscences.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE
*Gal. 5:25-26; 6:1-10***

5:25. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **5:26.** Let us not be made desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. **6:1.** Brethren, and if a man be overtaken in any fault, you, who are spiritual, instruct such a one in the spirit of

meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 6:2. Bear ye one another's burdens: and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ. 6:3. For if any man think himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 6:4. But let every one prove his own work: and so he shall have glory in himself only and not in another. 6:5. For every one shall bear his own burden. 6:6. And let him that is instructed in the word communicate to him that instructeth him, in all good things. 6:7. Be not deceived: God is not mocked. 6:8. For what things a man shall sow, those also shall he reap. For he that soweth in his flesh of the flesh also shall reap corruption. But he that soweth in the spirit of the spirit shall reap life everlasting. 6:9. And in doing good, let us not fail. For in due time we shall reap, not failing. 6:10. Therefore, whilst we have time, let us work good to all men, but especially to those who are

of the household of the faith.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Eph. 3:13-21***

3:13. Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3:15. Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named: 3:16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man: 3:17. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that, being rooted and founded in charity, 3:18. You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19. To know also the charity of Christ, which

surpasseth all knowledge: that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God. 3:20. Now to him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us: 3:21. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS**

Eph. 4:1-6

4:1. I therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called: 4:2. With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity. 4:3. Careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4:4. One body and one Spirit: as you are called in one hope of your calling.

4:5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. 4:6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all.

**EMBER WEDNESDAY IN
SEPTEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM AMOS
THE PROPHET
*Amos 9:13-14***

9:13. Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed: and the mountains shall drop sweetness, and every hill shall be tilled. 9:14. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel: and they shall build the abandoned cities, and inhabit them: and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them: and shall make gardens, and eat the fruits of them. And I will plant them upon their own land: and I will no more pluck them out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF ESDRAS
*2 Esd. 8:1-10***

8:1. And the seventh month came: and the children of Israel were in their cities. And all the people were gathered together as one man to the street which is before the water gate, and they spoke to Esdras the scribe, to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. **8:2.** Then Esdras the priest brought the law before the multitude of men and women, and all those that could understand, in the first day of the seventh month. **8:3.** And he read it plainly in the street that was before the water gate, from the morning until midday, before the men, and the women, and all those that could understand: and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book. **8:4.** And Esdras the scribe stood upon a step of wood, which he had made to speak upon, and there stood

by him Mathathias, and Se-meia, and Ania, and Uria, and Helcia, and Maasia, on his right hand: and on the left, Phadaia, Misael, and Melchia, and Hasum, and Hasbadana, Zacharia and Mosollam. **8:5.** And Esdras opened the book before all the people: for he was above all the people: and when he had opened it, all the people stood. **8:6.** And Esdras blessed the Lord the great God: and all the people answered, Amen, amen: lifting up their hands: and they bowed down, and adored God with their faces to the ground. **8:7.** Now Josue, and Bani, and Serebia, Jamin, Accub, Sephtai, Odia, Maasia, Celtia, Azarias, Jozabed, Hanan, Phalaia, the Levites, made silence among the people to hear the law: and the people stood in their place. **8:8.** And they read in the book of the law of God distinctly and plainly to be understood: and they understood when it was read. **8:9.** And Nehemias (he is Athersatha) and Esdras the priest and

scribe, and the Levites who interpreted to all the people, said: This is a holy day to the Lord our God: do not mourn, nor weep: for all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 8:10. And he said to them: Go, eat fat meats, and drink sweet wine, and send portions to them that have not prepared for themselves: because it is the holy day of the Lord, and be not sad: for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

**EMBER FRIDAY IN
SEPTEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM OSEE
THE PROPHET
*Osee 14:2-10***

14:2. Return, O Israel, to the Lord thy God: for thou hast fallen down by thy iniquity. 14:3. Take with you words, and return to the Lord, and say to him: Take away all iniquity, and receive the good: and we will render the calves of our lips. 14:4. Assyria shall not save us, we will not ride

upon horses, neither will we say any more: The works of our hands are our gods: for thou wilt have mercy on the fatherless that is in thee. 14:5. I will heal their breaches, I will love them freely: for my wrath is turned away from them. 14:6. I will be as the dew, Israel shall spring as the lily, and his root shall shoot forth as that of Libanus. 14:7. His branches shall spread, and his glory shall be as the olive tree: and his smell as that of Libanus. 14:8. They shall be converted that sit under his shadow: they shall live upon wheat, and they shall blossom as a vine: his memorial shall be as the wine of Libanus. 14:9. Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I will hear him, and I will make him flourish like a green fir tree: from me is thy fruit found. 14:10. Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know these things? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall

walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall in them.

**EMBER SATURDAY IN
SEPTEMBER**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF LEVITICUS**

Lev. 23:27-32

(The Lord spoke to Moses, saying) 23:27. Upon the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the day of atonement. It shall be most solemn, and shall be called holy: and you shall await your souls on that day, and shall offer a holocaust to the Lord. 23:28. You shall do no servile work in the time of this day: because it is a day of propitiation, that the Lord your God may be merciful unto you. 23:29. Every soul that is not afflicted on this day, shall perish from among his people. 23:30. And every soul that shall do any work, the same will I destroy from among his people. 23:31. You shall do no work therefore on that day: it shall be an everlasting ordinance

unto you in all your generations, and dwellings. 23:32. It is a sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict your souls beginning on the ninth day of the month. From evening until evening you shall celebrate your sabbaths.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF LEVITICUS**

Lev. 23:39-43

23:39. So from the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you shall have gathered in all the fruits of your land, you shall celebrate the feast of the Lord seven days. On the first day and the eighth shall be a sabbath: that is a day of rest. 23:40. And you shall take to you on the first day the fruits of the fairest tree, and branches of palm trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook: And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God. 23:41. And you shall keep the solemnity thereof seven days in the year. It shall be an everlasting ordinance in your generations. In the

seventh month shall you celebrate this feast. 23:42. And you shall dwell in bowers seven days. Every one that is of the race of Israel, shall dwell in tabernacles: 23:43. That your posterity may know, that I made the children of Israel to dwell in tabernacles, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

**A LESSON FROM MICHAES
THE PROPHET
*Mich. 7:14-20***

(O Lord God) 7:14. Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy inheritance, them that dwell alone in the forest, in the midst of Carmel: they shall feed in Basan and Galaad, according to the days of old. 7:15. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt, I will shew him wonders. 7:16. The nations shall see, and shall be confounded at all their strength: they shall put the hand upon the mouth, their ears shall be deaf. 7:17.

They shall lick the dust like serpents, as the creeping things of the earth, they shall be disturbed in their houses: they shall dread the Lord, our God, and shall fear thee. 7:18. Who is a God like to thee, who takest away iniquity, and passest by the sin of the remnant of thy inheritance? he will send his fury in no more, because he delighteth in mercy. 7:19. He will turn again, and have mercy on us: he will put away our iniquities: and he will cast all our sins into the bottom of the sea. 7:20. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, the mercy to Abraham: which thou hast sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

**A LESSON FROM
ZACHARIAS THE PROPHET
*Zach. 8:14-19***

8:14. For thus saith the Lord of hosts: As I purposed to afflict you, when your fathers had provoked me to wrath, saith the Lord, 8:15. And I had no mercy: so turning again I have

thought in these days to do good to the house of Juda, and Jerusalem: fear not. 8:16. These then are the things, which you shall do: Speak ye truth every one to his neighbour; judge ye truth and judgment of peace in your gates. 8:17. And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his friend: and love not a false oath: for all these are the things that I hate, saith the Lord. 8:18. And the word of the Lord of hosts came to me, saying: 8:19. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Juda, joy, and gladness, and great solemnities: only love ye truth and peace.

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET DANIEL
(Dan. 3:47-51)**

And the flame mounted up above the furnace nine and forth cubits: And it broke forth, and burnt such of the

Chaldeans as it found near the furnace. But the angel of the Lord went down with Azarias and his companions into the furnace: and he drove the flame of the fire out of the furnace, And made the midst of the furnace like the blowing of a wind bringing dew, and the fire touched them not at all, nor troubled them, nor did them any harm. Then these three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God, in the furnace, saying:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS
*Heb. 9:2-12***

9:2. For there was a tabernacle made the first, wherein were the candlesticks and the table and the setting forth of loaves, which is called the Holy. 9:3. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies: 9:4. Having a golden censer and the ark of the testa-

ment covered about on every part with gold, in which was a golden pot that had manna and the rod of Aaron that had blossomed and the tables of the testament. 9:5. And over it were the cherubims of glory overshadowing the propitiatory: of which it is not needful to speak now particularly. 9:6. Now these things being thus ordered, into the first tabernacle, the priests indeed always entered, accomplishing the offices of sacrifices. 9:7. But into the second, the high priest alone, once a year: not without blood, which he offereth for his own and the people's ignorance: 9:8. The Holy Ghost signifying this: That the way into the Holies was not yet made manifest, whilst the former tabernacle was yet standing. 9:9. Which is a parable of the time present: according to which gifts and sacrifices are offered, which cannot, as to the conscience, make him perfect that serveth, only in meats and in drinks, 9:10. And divers washings and

justices of the flesh laid on them until the time of correction. 9:11. But Christ, being come an high Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: 9:12. Neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by his own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

1 Cor. 1:4-8

1:4. I give thanks to my God always for you, for the grace of God that is given you in Christ Jesus: 1:5. That in all things you are made rich in him, in all utterance and in all knowledge; 1:6. As the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 1:7. So that nothing is wanting to you in any grace, waiting

for the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1:8. Who also will confirm you unto the end without crime, in the days of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Eph. 4:23-28***

4:23. And be renewed in spirit of your mind: 4:24. And put on the new man, who according to God is created in justice and holiness of truth. 4:25. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak ye the truth, every man with his neighbour. For we are members one of another. 4:26. Be angry: and sin not. Let not the sun go down upon your anger. 4:27. Give not place to the devil. 4:28. He that stole, let him now steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have

something to give to him that suffereth need.

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Eph. 5:15-21***

5:15. See therefore, brethren, how you walk circumspectly: not as unwise, 5:16. But as wise: redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 5:17. Wherefore, become not unwise: but understanding what is the will of God. 5:18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is luxury: but be ye filled with the Holy Spirit, 5:19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord: 5:20. Giving thanks always for all things, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to God and the Father: 5:21. Being subject one to another, in the fear of Christ.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS**

Eph. 6:10-17

6:10. Finally, brethren, be strengthened in the Lord and in the might of his power. **6:11.** Put you on the armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. **6:12.** For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places. **6:13.** Therefore, take unto you the armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day and to stand in all things perfect. **6:14.** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of justice: **6:15.** And your feet shod with the preparation

of the gospel of peace. **6:16.** In all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. **6:17.** And take unto you the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God).

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS**

Phil. 1:6-11

1:6. Being confident of this very thing: that he who hath begun a good work in you will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus. **1:7.** As it is meet for me to think this for you all, for that I have you in my heart; and that, in my bands and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of my joy. **1:8.** For God is my witness how I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. **1:9.**

And this I pray: That your charity may more and more abound in knowledge and in all understanding: 1:10. That you may approve the better things: that you may be sincere and without offence unto the day of Christ: 1:11. Filled with the fruit of justice, through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS
*Phil. 3:17-24;4:1-3***

3:17. Be ye followers of me, brethren: and observe them who walk so as you have our model. 3:18. For many walk, of whom I have told you often (and now tell you weeping) that they are enemies of the cross of Christ: 3:19. Whose end is destruction: whose God is their belly: and whose glory is in their shame: who mind earthly things. 3:20. But

our conversation is in heaven: from whence also we look for the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, 3:21. Who will reform the body of our lowness, made like to the body of his glory, according to the operation whereby also he is able to subdue all things unto himself. 4:1. Therefore my dearly beloved brethren and most desired, my joy and my crown: so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. 4:2. I beg of Evodia and I beseech Syntyche to be of one mind in the Lord. 4:3. And I entreat thee also, my sincere companion, help those women who have laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement and the rest of my fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life.

**TWENTY-FOURTH AND
LAST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CLOSIANS**

Col. 1:9-14

1:9. Therefore we also, from the day that we heard it, cease not to pray for you and to beg that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding: 1:10. That you may walk worthy of God, in all things pleasing; being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God: 1:11. Strengthened with all might according to the power of his glory, in all patience and longsuffering with joy, 1:12. Giving thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light: 1:13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love, 1:14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the remission of sins:

**SUPPLEMENTAL LITUR-
GIES FOR WHEN TWENTY-
FIVE SUNDAYS AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS
*1 Thes. 1:2-10***

1:2. Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all: making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing, 1:3. Being mindful of the work of your faith and labour and charity: and of the enduring of the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before God and our Father. 1:4. Knowing, brethren, beloved of God, your election: 1:5. For our gospel hath not been unto you in word only, but in power also: and in the Holy Ghost and in much fullness, as you know what manner of men we have been among you for your sakes. 1:6. And you became followers of us and of the Lord: receiving the word in much tribulation, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 1:7. So that you were made a pattern to all that believe in Macedonia and in Achaia.

1:8. For from you was spread abroad the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and in Achaia but also in every place: your faith which is towards God, is gone forth, so that we need not to speak any thing. **1:9.** For they themselves relate of us, what manner of entering in we had unto you: and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. **1:10.** And to wait for his Son from heaven (whom he raised up from the dead), Jesus, who hath delivered us from the wrath to come.

**SUPPLEMENTAL LITUR-
GIES FOR WHEN TWENTY-
SIX SUNDAYS AFTER PEN-
TECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CLOSIANS
*Col. 3:12-17***

3:12. Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility,

modesty, patience: **3:13.** Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another. Even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so do you also. **3:14.** But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. **3:15.** And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. **3:16.** Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly: in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. **3:17.** All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

**SUPPLEMENTAL LITUR-
GIES FOR WHEN TWENTY-
SEVEN SUNDAYS AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO**

THE ROMANS
Rom. 13:8-10

13:8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another. For he that loveth his neighbour hath fulfilled the law. **13:9.** For: Thou shalt not commit adultery: Thou shalt not kill: Thou shalt not steal: Thou shalt not bear false witness: Thou shalt not covet. And if there be any other commandment, it is comprised in this word: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **13:10.** The love of our neighbour worketh no evil. Love therefore is the fulfilling of the law.

**SUPPLEMENTAL LITUR-
GIES FOR WHEN TWENTY-
EIGHT SUNDAYS AFTER
PENTECOST**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS**
Rom. 12:16-21

12:16. Being of one mind one towards another. Not

minding high things, but consenting to the humble. Be not wise in your own conceits. 12:17. To no man rendering evil for evil. Providing good things, not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of all men. **12:18.** If it be possible, as much as is in you, have peace with all men. **12:19.** Revenge not yourselves, my dearly beloved; but give place unto wrath, for it is written: Revenge is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. **12:20.** But if the enemy be hungry, give him to eat; if he thirst, give him to drink. For, doing this, thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. **12:21.** Be not overcome by evil: but overcome evil by good.

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SANCTORAL CYCLE**November 30****St. Andrew, Apostle and
Martyr****A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
*Rom. 10:10-18***

10:10. For, with the heart, we believe unto justice: but, with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation. 10:11. For the scripture saith: Whosoever believeth in him shall not be confounded. 10:12. For there is no distinction of the Jew and the Greek: for the same is Lord over all, rich unto all that call upon him. 10:13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 10:14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? Or how shall they believe him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 10:15. And how shall they preach unless

they be sent, as it is written: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things? 10:16. But all do not obey the gospel. For Isaias saith: Lord, who hath believed our report? 10:17. Faith then cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of Christ. 10:18. But I say: Have they not heard? Yes, verily: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth: and their words unto the ends of the whole world.

**Saturday after the third
Sunday of November
Mother of Divine
Providence**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF SIRACH
*Eccli. 24:1; -13***

24:1. Wisdom shall praise her own self,

**24:4. And in the multitude of the elect she shall have praise,
and among the blessed she shall be blessed, saying:**

24:5. I came out of the mouth of the most High, the firstborn before all creatures:

24:6. I made that in the heavens there should rise light that never faileth, and as a cloud I covered all the earth:

24:7. I dwelt in the highest places, and my throne is in a pillar of a cloud.

24:8. I alone have compassed the circuit of heaven, and have penetrated into the bottom of the deep, and have walked in the waves of the sea,

24:9. And have stood in all the earth:

and in every people,

24:10. And in every nation I have had the chief rule:

24:11. And by my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low:

and in all these I sought rest, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord.

24:12. Then the creator of all things commanded, and said to me:

and he that made me, rested in my tabernacle,

24:13. And he said to me:

Let thy dwelling be in Jacob,

and thy inheritance in Israel,

and take root in my elect.

December 6

St. Nicholas of Myra

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS**

Heb. 13:7-17

13:7. Remember your prelates who have spoken the word of God to you:

whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation,

13:8. Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today: and the same for ever.

13:9. Be not led away with various and strange doctrines. For it is best that the heart be established with grace, not with meats: which have not profited

those that walk in them. 13:10. We have an altar whereof they have no power to eat who serve the tabernacle. 13:11. For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holies by the high priest for sin are burned without the camp. 13:12. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people by his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13:13. Let us go forth therefore to him without the camp, bearing his reproach. 13:14. For, we have not here a lasting city: but we seek one that is to come. 13:15. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God, that is to say, the fruit of lips confessing to his name. 13:16. And do not forget to do good and to impart: for by such sacrifices God's favour is obtained. 13:17. Obey your prelates and be subject to them. For they watch as being to render an account of your souls:

**December 8
FEAST OF THE**

**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
CONCEPTION OF THE
THEOTOKOS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF PROVERBS
*Prov. 8:22-35***

8:22. The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made any thing from the beginning. 8:23. I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. 8:24. The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived, neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out. 8:25. The mountains, with their huge bulk, had not as yet been established: before the hills, I was brought forth: 8:26. He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. 8:27. When he prepared the heavens, I was present: when with a certain law, and compass, he enclosed the depths: 8:28. When he established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters: 8:29. When

he compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits: when he balanced the foundations of the earth; 8:30. I was with him forming all things: and was delighted every day, playing before him at all times; 8:31. Playing in the world: and my delights were to be with the children of men. 8:32. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. 8:33. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. 8:34. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. 8:35. He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

December 21

**St. Thomas, Apostle and
Martyr**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS**

Eph. 2:19-22

2:19. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners: but you are fellow citizens with the saints and the domestics of God, 2:20. Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone: 2:21. In whom all the building, being framed together, groweth up into an holy temple in the Lord. 2:22. In whom you also are built together into an habitation of God in the Spirit.

January 15

**St. Paul the Hermit
(Confessor)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS**

Phil. 3:7-12

3:7. But the things that were gain to me, the same I have counted loss for Christ. 3:8. Furthermore, I count all things to be but loss for the excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ, my

Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but as dung, that I may gain Christ. 3:9. And may be found in him, not having my justice, which is of the law, but that which is of the faith of Christ Jesus, which is of God: justice in faith. 3:10. That I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings: being made conformable to his death, 3:11. If by any means I may attain to the resurrection which is from the dead. 3:12. Not as though I had already attained, or were already perfect: but I follow after, if I may by any means apprehend, wherein I am also apprehended by Christ Jesus.

**January 16
St. Peter in Chains**

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
*Acts. 12:1-11***

12:1. And at the same time, Herod the king stretched

forth his hands, to afflict some of the church. 12:2. And he killed James, the brother of John, With the sword. 12:3. And seeing that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to take up Peter also. Now it was in the days of the Azymes. 12:4. And when he had apprehended him, he cast him into prison, delivering him to four files of soldiers, to be kept, intending, after the pasch, to bring him forth to the people. 12:5. Peter therefore was kept in prison. But prayer was made without ceasing by the church unto God for him. 12:6. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 12:7. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shined in the room. And he, striking Peter on the side, raised him up, saying: Arise quickly. And the chains fell off from his hands. 12:8. And the angel said to him:

Gird thyself and put on thy sandals. And he did so. And he said to him: Cast thy garment about thee and follow me, 12:9. And going out, he followed him. And he knew not that it was true which was done by the angel: but thought he saw a vision. 12:10. And passing through the first and the second ward, they came to the iron gate that leadeth to the city which of itself opened to them. And going out, they passed on through one street. And immediately the angel departed from him. 12:11. And Peter coming to himself, said: Now I know in very deed that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

January 20

SS Fabian and Sebastian

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS

Heb. 11:33-39

11:33. Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 11:34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners. 11:35. Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. 11:36. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes: moreover also of bands and prisons. 11:37. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in want, distressed, afflicted: 11:38. Of whom the world was not worthy: wandering in deserts, in mountains and in dens and in caves of the earth. 11:39. And all these, being approved by

the testimony of faith

January 21
St. Agnes

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Ecclus. 51:1-12
*For one virgin martyr***

51:1. A prayer of Jesus the son of Sirach. I will give glory to thee, O Lord, O King, and I will praise thee, O God my Saviour. 51:2. I will give glory to thy name: for thou hast been a helper and protector to me. 51:3. And hast preserved my body from destruction, from the snare of an unjust tongue, and from the lips of them that forge lies, and in the sight of them that stood by, thou hast been my helper. 51:4. And thou hast delivered me, according to the multitude of the mercy of thy name, from them that did roar, prepared to devour. 51:5. Out of the hands of them that sought my life, and from the gates of afflictions, which compassed me about: 51:6. From the op-

pression of the flame which surrounded me, and in the midst of the fire I was not burnt. 51:7. From the depth of the belly of hell, and from an unclean tongue, and from lying words, from an unjust king, and from a slanderous tongue: 51:8. My soul shall praise the Lord even to death. 51:9. And my life was drawing near to hell beneath. 51:10. They compassed me on every side, and there was no one that would help me. I looked for the succour of men, and there was none. 51:11. I remembered thy mercy, O Lord, and thy works, which are from the beginning of the world. 51:12. How thou deliverest them that wait for thee, O Lord, and savest them out of the hands of the nations.

January 24
St. Timothy
(Bishop Martyr)

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY**

1 Tim. 6:11-16

6:11. But thou, O man of God, fly these things: and pursue justice, godliness, faith, charity, patience, mildness. 6:12. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and be it confessed a good confession before many witnesses. 6:13. I charge thee before God who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate, a good confession: 6:14. That thou keep the commandment without spot, blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, 6:15. Which in his times he shall shew, who is the Blessed and only Mighty, the King of kings and Lord of lords: 6:16. Who only hath immortality and inhabiteth light inaccessible: whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and empire everlasting. Amen.

**January 25
Conversion of St. Paul,**

Apostle and Martyr

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
*Acts. 9:1-22***

9:1. And Saul, as yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 9:2. And asked of him letters to Damascus, to the synagogues: that if he found any men and women of this way, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 9:3. And as he went on his journey, it came to pass that he drew nigh to Damascus. And suddenly a light from heaven shined round about him. 9:4. And falling on the ground, he heard a voice saying to him: Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 9:5. Who said: Who art thou, Lord? And he: I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. It is hard for thee to kick against the goad. 9:6. And he, trembling and astonished, said: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? 9:7. And the Lord said to

him: Arise and go into the city; and there it shall be told thee what thou must do. Now the men who went in company with him stood amazed, hearing indeed a voice but seeing no man. 9:8. And Saul arose from the ground: and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. But they, leading him by the hands, brought him to Damascus. 9:9. And he was there three days without sight: and he did neither eat nor drink. 9:10. Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision: Ananias, And he said: Behold I am here, Lord. 9:11. And the Lord said to him: Arise and go into the street that is called Strait and seek in the house of Judas, one named Saul of Tarsus. For behold he prayeth. 9:12. (And he saw a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hands upon him, that he might receive his sight.) 9:13. But Ananias answered: Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how

much evil he hath done to thy saints in Jerusalem. 9:14. And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that invoke thy name. 9:15. And the Lord said to him: Go thy way: for this man is to me a vessel of election, to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 9:16. For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. 9:17. And Ananias went his way and entered into the house. And laying his hands upon him, he said: Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus hath sent me, he that appeared to thee in the way as thou camest, that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 9:18. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it were scales: and he received his sight. And rising up, he was baptized. 9:19. And when he had taken meat, he was strengthened. And he was with the disciples that were at Damascus, for some days. 9:20. And immediately he

preached Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the son of God. 9:21. And all that heard him were astonished and said: Is not this he who persecuted in Jerusalem those that called upon this name and came hither for that intent, that he might carry them bound to the chief priests? 9:22. But Saul increased much more in strength and confounded the Jews who dwelt at Damascus, affirming that this is the Christ.

January 26
St. Polycarp

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE
1 John 3:10-16

3:10. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil. Whosoever is not just is not of God, or he that loveth not his brother. 3:11. For this is the declaration which you have heard from the beginning, that you should love one another.

3:12. Not as Cain, who was of the wicked one and killed his brother. And wherefore did he kill him? Because his own works were wicked: and his brother's just. 3:13. Wonder not, brethren, if the world hate you. 3:14. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not abideth in death. 3:15. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself. 3:16. In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

February 1
St. Ignatius of Antioch
(Bishop Martyr)

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS
Rom. 8:35-39

8:35. Who then shall sepa-

rate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation? Or distress? Or famine? Or nakedness? Or danger? Or persecution? Or the sword? 8:36. (As it is written: For thy sake, we are put to death all the day long. We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.) 8:37. But in all these things we overcome, because of him that hath loved us. 8:38. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might, 8:39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

February 2
PRESENTATION OF THE
VIRGIN MARY THE
THEOTOKOS

A LESSON FROM
MALACHY THE PROPHET
Mal. 3:1-4

3:1. Behold I send my angel, and he shall prepare the

way before my face. And presently the Lord, whom you seek, and the angel of the testament, whom you desire, shall come to his temple. Behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of hosts. 3:2. And who shall be able to think of the day of his coming? and who shall stand to see him? for he is like a refining fire, and like the fuller's herb: 3:3. And he shall sit refining and cleansing the silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and shall refine them as gold, and as silver, and they shall offer sacrifices to the Lord in justice. 3:4. And the sacrifice of Juda and of Jerusalem shall please the Lord, as in the days of old, and in the ancient years.

February 5
St. Agatha

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
1 Cor. 1:26-31

1:26. For see your vocation,

brethren, that there are not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. 1:27. But the foolish things of the world hath God chosen, that he may confound the wise: and the weak things of the world hath God chosen, that he may confound the strong. 1:28. And the base things of the world and the things that are contemptible, hath God chosen: and things that are not, that he might bring to nought things that are: 1:29. That no flesh should glory in his sight. 1:30. But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and justice and sanctification and redemption: 1:31. That, as it is written: He that glorieth may glory in the Lord.

February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes

**A LESSON FROM THE
APOCALYPSE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE**
Apoc. 11:19; 12:1 and 10

11:19. And the temple of

God was opened in heaven: and the ark of his testament was seen in his temple. And there were lightnings and voices and an earthquake and great hail. 12:1. And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 12:10. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying: Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ:

February 22
**Feast of St. Peter's Chair
at Antioch**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE**
1 Peter 1:1-7

1:1. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers dispersed through Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, elect, 1:2. According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, unto the sancti-

fication of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Grace unto you and peace be multiplied. 1:3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: 1:4. Unto an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled and that cannot fade, reserved in heaven for you, 1:5. Who, by the power of God, are kept by faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. 1:6. Wherein you shalt greatly rejoice, if now you must be for a little time made sorrowful in divers temptations: 1:7. That the trial of your faith (much more precious than gold which is tried by the fire) may be found unto praise and glory and honour at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

February 24
St. Matthias,
Apostle and Martyr

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLE
*Acts 1:15-26***

1:15. In those days Peter rising up in the midst of the brethren, said (now the number of persons together was about an hundred and twenty): 1:16. Men, brethren, the scripture must needs be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was the leader of them that apprehended Jesus: 1:17. Who was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 1:18. And he indeed hath possessed a field of the reward of iniquity, and being hanged, burst asunder in the midst: and all his bowels gushed out. 1:19. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: so that the same field was called in their tongue, Haceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 1:20. For it is written in the book of Psalms: Let their habitation become desolate, and let

there be none to dwell therein. And his bishopric let another take. 1:21. Wherefore of these men who have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, 1:22. Beginning from the baptism of John, until the day wherein he was taken up from us, one of these must be made a witness with us of his resurrection. 1:23. And they appointed two, Joseph, called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 1:24. And praying, they said: Thou, Lord, who knowest the heart of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 1:25. To take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas hath by transgression fallen, that he might go to his own place. 1:26. And they gave them lot, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

March 10
Forty Martyrs of Sebaste,

Armenia

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS *Heb. 11:33-39*

11:33. Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 11:34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners. 11:35. Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. 11:36. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes: moreover also of bands and prisons. 11:37. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in want, distressed, afflicted:

11:38. Of whom the world was not worthy: wandering in deserts, in mountains and in dens and in caves of the earth. 11:39. And all these, being approved by the testimony of faith

March 12

St. GREGORY THE GREAT

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF PETER THE
APOSTLE**

1 Peter 5:1-4; 10-11

5:1. The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech who am myself also an ancient and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: 5:2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake but voluntarily: 5:3. Neither as lording it over the clergy but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. 5:4. And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you

shall receive a never fading crown of glory. 5:10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you and confirm you and establish you. 5:11. To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**

Ecclus. 39:6-14

39:6. He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and he will pray in the sight of the most High. 39:7. He will open his mouth in prayer, and will make supplication for his sins. 39:8. For if it shall please the great Lord, he will fill him with the spirit of understanding: 39:9. And he will pour forth the words of his wisdom as showers, and in his prayer he will confess to the Lord. 39:10. And he shall direct

his counsel, and his knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate. 39:11. He shall shew forth the discipline he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord. 39:12. Many shall praise his wisdom, and it shall never be forgotten. 39:13. The memory of him shall not depart away, and his name shall be in request from generation to generation. 39:14. Nations shall declare his wisdom, and the church shall shew forth his praise. 39:15. If he continue, he shall leave a name above a thousand: and if he rest, it shall be to his advantage. 39:16. I will yet meditate that I may declare: for I am filled as with a holy transport.

March 19
ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF
THE THEOTOKOS

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Ecclus. 45:1-6

45:1. Moses was beloved of

God, and men: whose memory is in benediction. 45:2. He made him like the saints in glory, and magnified him in the fear of his enemies, and with his words he made prodigies to cease. 45:3. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him commandments in the sight of his people, and shewed him his glory. 45:4. He sanctified him in his faith, and meekness, and chose him out of all flesh. 45:5. For he heard him, and his voice, and brought him into a cloud. 45:6. And he gave him commandments before his face, and a law of life and instruction

March 24
St. Gabriel, Archangel

A LESSON FROM DANIEL
THE PROPHET
Dan. 9:21-26

9:21. As I was yet speaking in prayer, behold the man, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, flying swiftly, touched me at the time of the evening

sacrifice. 9:22. And he instructed me, and spoke to me, and said: O Daniel, I am now come forth to teach thee, and that thou mightest understand. 9:23. From the beginning of thy prayers the word came forth: and I am come to shew it to thee, because thou art a man of desires: therefore, do thou mark the word, and understand the vision. 9:24. Seventy weeks are shortened upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, that transgression may be finished, and sin may have an end, and iniquity may be abolished; and everlasting justice may be brought; and vision and prophecy may be fulfilled; and the Saint of saints may be anointed. 9:25. Know thou, therefore, and take notice: that from the going forth of the word, to build up Jerusalem again, unto Christ, the prince, there shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: and the street shall be built again, and the walls, in straitness of times. 9:26. And after sixty-two weeks

Christ shall be slain: and the people that shall deny him shall not be his. And a people, with their leader, that shall come, shall destroy the city, and the sanctuary: and the end thereof shall be waste, and after the end of the war the appointed desolation.

March 25

THE ANNUNCIATION
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Theotokos

A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
Is. 8:10-15

7:10. And the Lord spoke again to Achaz, saying: 7:11. Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God, either unto the depth of hell, or unto the height above. 7:12. And Achaz said: I will not ask, and I will not tempt the Lord. 7:13. And he said: Hear ye therefore, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to be grievous to men, that you are grievous to my God also? 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself

shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel. 7:15. He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

March 27

**St. John of Damascus
(Confessor Doctor)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Wis. 10:10-17***

10:10. She conducted the just, when he fled from his brother's wrath, through the right ways, and shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him the knowledge of the holy things, made him honourable in his labours, and accomplished his labours. 10:11. In the deceit of them that overreached him, she stood by him, and made him honourable. 10:12. She kept him safe from his enemies, and she defended him from seducers, and gave him a strong conflict, that he

might overcome, and know that wisdom is mightier than all. 10:13. She forsook not the just when he was sold, but delivered him from sinners: she went down with him into the pit. 10:14. And in bands she left him not, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and power against those that oppressed him: and shewed them to be liars that had accused him, and gave him everlasting glory. 10:15. She delivered the just people, and blameless seed, from the nations that oppressed them. 10:16. She entered into the soul of the servant of God and stood against dreadful kings in wonders and signs. 10:17. And she rendered to the just the wages of their labours

April 14

**St. Justin Martyr and
Apologist**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*1 Cor. 1:18-30***

1:18. For the word of the cross, to them indeed that perish, is foolishness: but to them that are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God. **1:19.** For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise: and the prudence of the prudent I will reject. **1:20.** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **1:21.** For, seeing that in the wisdom of God, the world, by wisdom, knew not God, it pleased God, by the foolishness of our preaching, to save them that believe. **1:22.** For both the Jews require signs: and the Greeks seek after wisdom. **1:23.** But we preach Christ crucified: unto the Jews indeed a stumbling-block, and unto the Gentiles foolishness: **1:24.** But unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. **1:25.** For the foolishness of God is wiser than men: and the

weakness of God is stronger than men. **1:26.** For see your vocation, brethren, that there are not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. **1:27.** But the foolish things of the world hath God chosen, that he may confound the wise: and the weak things of the world hath God chosen, that he may confound the strong. **1:28.** And the base things of the world and the things that are contemptible, hath God chosen: and things that are not, that he might bring to nought things that are: **1:29.** That no flesh should glory in his sight. **1:30.** But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and justice and sanctification and redemption:

April 25

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

**A LESSON FROM
EZECHIEL THE PROPHET**

Ezech. 1:10-14

1:10. And as for the like-

ness of their faces: there was the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right side of all the four: and the face of an ox, on the left side of all the four: and the face of an eagle over all the four. 1:11. And their faces, and their wings were stretched upward: two wings of every one were joined, and two covered their bodies: 1:12. And every one of them went straight forward: whither the impulse of the spirit was to go, thither they went: and they turned not when they went. 1:13. And as for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like that of burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps. This was the vision running to and fro in the midst of the living creatures, a bright fire, and lightning going forth from the fire. 1:14. And the living creatures ran and returned like flashes of lightning.

April 26

Our Lady of Good Counsel

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTICUS *Eccltus. 24:23-31*

24:23. As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odour: and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. 24:24. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. 24:25. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. 24:26. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits. 24:27. For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. 24:28. My memory is unto everlasting generations. 24:29. They that eat me, shall yet hunger: and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. 24:30. He that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded: and they that work by me, shall not sin. 24:31. They that explain me shall have life everlast-

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May 1
SS Philip and James,
Apostles and Martyrs

St. Joseph the Workman,
Husband of the
Mother of God

Philip and James:

(During Paschal Time)
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
Eph. 4:7-13

4:7. But to every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the giving of Christ. 4:8. Wherefore he saith: Ascending on high, he led captivity captive: he gave gifts to men. 4:9. Now that he ascended, what is it, but because he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 4:10. He that descended is the same also that ascended above all the heavens: that he might fill all things. 4:11. And he gave some apostles, and

some prophets, and other some evangelists, and other some pastors and doctors: 4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the word of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 4:13. Until we all meet into the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ:

(Outside of Paschal Time)
A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Wis. 5:1-5

5:1. Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them, and taken away their labours. 5:2. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation, 5:3. Saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they, whom we had sometime in derision, and for a parable of reproach. 5:4. We

fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honour. 5:5. Behold, how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the saints.

Saint Joseph:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE COLOSSIANS
*Col. 3:14-15, 17, 23-24***

3:14. But above all these things have charity, which is the bond of perfection. **3:15.** And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. **3:17.** All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. **3:23.** Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men: **3:24.** Knowing that you shall receive of the Lord the reward of inheritance. Serve ye the

Lord Christ.

May 2

St. Athansius of Alexandria

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*2 Cor. 4:5-14***

4:5. For we preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ our Lord: and ourselves your servants through Jesus. **4:6.** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus. **4:7.** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency may be of the power of God and not of us. **4:8.** In all things we suffer tribulation: but are not distressed. We are straitened: but are not destitute. **4:9.** We suffer persecution: but are not forsaken. We are cast down: but we perish not. **4:10.** Always bearing about in our body the mor-

tification of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodies. 4:11. For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake: that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 4:12. So then death worketh in us: but life in you. 4:13. But having the same spirit of faith, as it is written: I believed, for which cause I have spoken; we also believe. For which cause we speak also: 4:14. Knowing that he who raised up Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and place us with you.

May 3

"The Finding of the Holy Cross"

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS
Phil. 2:5-11

For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not rob-

bery to be equal with God: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause, God also hath exalted him and hath given him a name which is above all names:(*Here all kneel down.*) That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

May 8

The Appearing of St. Michael, Archangel

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF THE
APOCALYPSE
Apoc. 1:1-5

1:1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to make known

to his servants the things which must shortly come to pass: and signified, sending by his angel to his servant John, 1:2. Who hath given testimony to the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, what things soever he hath seen. 1:3. Blessed is he that readeth and heareth the words of this prophecy: and keepeth those things which are written in it. For the time is at hand. 1:4. John to the seven churches which are in Asia. Grace be unto you and peace, from him that is and that was and that is to come: and from the seven spirits which are before his throne: 1:5. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth, who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood

May 21

SS Constantine and Helena
(Confessors)

A LESSON FROM THE

BOOK OF PROVERBS

Prov. 31:10-31

31:10. Who shall find a valiant woman? far, and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her. 31:11. The heart of her husband trusteth in her, and he shall have no need of spoils. 31:12. She will render him good, and not evil all the days of her life. 31:13. She hath sought wool and flax, and hath wrought by the counsel of her hands. 31:14. She is like the merchant's ship, she bringeth her bread from afar. 31:15. And she hath risen in the night, and given a prey to her household, and victuals to her maidens. 31:16. She hath considered a field, and bought it: with the fruit of her hands she hath planted a vineyard. 31:17. She hath girded her loins with strength, and hath strengthened her arm. 31:18. She hath tasted, and seen that her traffic is good: her lamp shall not be put out in the night. 31:19. She hath put out her hand to

strong things, and her fingers have taken hold of the spindle. 31:20. She hath opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor. 31:21. She shall not fear for her house in the cold of snow: for all her domestics are clothed with double garments. 31:22. She hath made for herself clothing of tapestry: fine linen, and purple, is her covering. 31:23. Her husband is honourable in the gates, when he sitteth among the senators of the land. 31:24. She made fine linen, and sold it, and delivered a girdle to the Chanaanite. 31:25. Strength and beauty are her clothing, and she shall laugh in the latter day. 31:26. She hath opened her mouth to wisdom, and the law of clemency is on her tongue. 31:27. She hath looked well on the paths of her house, and hath not eaten her bread idle. 31:28. Her children rose up, and called her blessed: her husband, and he praised her. 31:29. Many daughters have

gathered together riches: thou hast surpassed them all. 31:30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: the woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. 31:31. Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her works praise her in the gates.

May 31
Queenship of Mary

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM

Ecclus. 24:5,7; 9-11, 30-31

24:5. I came out of the mouth of the most High, the firstborn before all creatures: 24:7. I dwelt in the highest places, and my throne is in a pillar of a cloud. 24:9. And have stood in all the earth: and in every people, 24:10. And in every nation I have had the chief rule: 24:11. And by my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low: and in all these I sought rest, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord. 24:30. He

that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded: and they that work by me, shall not sin. 24:31. They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

June 5

St. Boniface (England) of
Mainz

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Ecclus. 44:1-15

44:1. Let us now praise men of renown and our fathers in their generation. 44:2. The Lord hath wrought great glory through his magnificence from the beginning. 44:3. Such as have borne rule in their dominions, men of great power, and endowed with their wisdom, shewing forth in the prophets the dignity of prophets, 44:4. And ruling over the present people, and by the strength of wisdom instructing the people in most holy words. 44:5. Such as by their skill sought out musical tunes, and published canticles of the scrip-

tures. 44:6. Rich men in virtue, studying beautiful-ness: living at peace in their houses. 44:7. All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days. 44:8. They that were born of them have left a name behind them, that their praises might be related: 44:9. And there are some, of whom there is no memorial: who are perished, as if they had never been: and are become as if they had never been born, and their children with them. 44:10. But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed: 44:11. Good things continue with their seed, 44:12. Their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. 44:13. And their children for their sakes remain for ever: their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. 44:14. Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. 44:15. Let the people shew forth their wisdom, and the

church declare their praise.

June 8

SS Primus and Felician

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**

Wis. 5:16-20

5:16. But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. 5:17. Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. 5:18. And his zeal will take armour, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. 5:19. He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet: 5:20. He will take equity for an invincible shield:

June 11

**St. Barnabas, Apostle
and Martyr**

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Act. 11:19-30, 13:1-4

11:19. Now they who had been dispersed by the persecution that arose on occasion of Stephen went about as far as Phenice and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none, but to the Jews only. 11:20. But some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were entered into Antioch, spoke also to the Greeks, preaching the Lord Jesus. 11:21. And the hand of he Lord was with them: and a great number believing, were converted to the Lord. 11:22. And the tidings came to the ears of the church that was at Jerusalem, touching these things: and they sent Barnabas as far as Antioch. 11:23. Who, when he was come and had seen the grace of God, rejoiced. And he exhorted them all with purpose of heart to continue in the Lord. 11:24. For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of

faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord. 11:25. And Barnabas went to Tarsus to seek Saul: whom, when he had found, he brought to Antioch. 11:26. And they conversed there in the church a whole year: and they taught a great multitude, so that at Antioch the disciples were first named Christians. 11:27. And in these days there came prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch. 11:28. And one of them named Agabus, rising up, signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over the whole world, which came to pass under Claudius. 11:29. And the disciples, every man according to his ability, purposed to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judea. 11:30. Which also they did, sending it to the ancients, by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. 13:1. Now there were in the church which was at Antioch prophets and doctors, among whom was Barnabas and Simon who was called

Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene and Manahen who was the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 13:2. And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Ghost said to them: Separate me Saul and Barnabas, for the work whereunto I have taken them. 13:3. Then they fasting and praying and imposing their hands upon them, sent them away. 13:4. So they, being sent by the Holy Ghost, went to Seleucia: and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

June 14

St. Basil the Great

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY

2 Tim 4:1-8

4:1. I charge thee, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead, by his coming and his kingdom: 4:2. Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove,

entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. 4:3. For there shall be a time when they will not endure sound doctrine but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears: 4:4. And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables. 4:5. But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. Be sober. 4:6. For I am even now ready to be sacrificed: and the time of my dissolution is at hand. 4:7. I have fought a good fight: I have finished my course: I have kept the faith. 4:8. As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice which the Lord the just judge will render to me in that day: and not only to me, but to them also that love his coming.

June 15

St. Vitus and Companions

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM

Wis. 3:1-8

3:1. But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. 3:2. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery: 3:3. And their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace. 3:4. And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, their hope is full of immortality. 3:5. Afflicted in few things, in many they shall be well rewarded: because God hath tried them, and found them worthy of himself. 3:6. As gold in the furnace, he hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust, he hath received them, and in time there shall be respect had to them. 3:7. The just shall shine, and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds. 3:8. They shall judge nations, and rule over people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

June 23

**St. Paulinus of York
(Bishop Confessor)**

**Vigil of the nativity of
The Baptist**

St. Paulinus:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*2 Cor. 8:9-15***

8:9. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that being rich he became poor for your sakes: that through his poverty you might be rich. **8:10.** And herein I give my advice: for this is profitable for you who have begun not only to do but also to be willing, a year ago. **8:11.** Now therefore perform ye it also in deed: that as your mind is forward to be willing, so it may be also to perform, out of that which you have. **8:12.** For if the will be forward, it is accepted according to that which a man hath: not according to that

which he hath not. **8:13.** For I mean not that others should be eased and you burdened, but by an equality. **8:14.** In this present time let your abundance supply their want, that their abundance also may supply your want: that there may be an equality, **8:15.** As it is written: He that had much had nothing over; and he that had little had no want.

*Vigil of the nativity of
The Baptist:*

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET
*Jer. 1:4-10***

1:4. And the word of the Lord came to me, saying: **1:5.** Before I formed thee in the bowels of thy mother, I knew thee: and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and made thee a prophet unto the nations. **1:6.** And I said: Ah, ah, ah, Lord God: behold, I cannot speak, for I am a child. **1:7.** And the Lord said to me: Say not: I

am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee: and whatsoever I shall command thee, thou shalt speak. 1:8. Be not afraid at their presence: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. 1:9. And the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth: and the Lord said to me: Behold I have given my words in thy mouth: 1:10. Lo, I have set thee this day over the nations, and over kingdoms, to root up, and to pull down, and to waste, and to destroy, and to build, and to plant.

June 24

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST

A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET

S. 49:1-3, 5-7

49:1. Give ear, ye islands, and hearken, ye people from afar. The Lord hath called me from the womb, from the bowels of my mother he hath been mindful of my name. 49:2. And he hath

made my mouth like a sharp sword: in the shadow of his hand he hath protected me, and hath made me as a chosen arrow: in his quiver he hath hidden me. 49:3. And he said to me: Thou art my servant Israel, for in thee will I glory. 49:5. And now saith the Lord, that formed me from the womb to be his servant, that I may bring back Jacob unto him, and Israel will not be gathered together: and I am glorified in the eyes of the Lord, and my God is made my strength. 49:6. And he said: It is a small thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to convert the dregs of Israel. Behold, I have given thee to be the light of the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my salvation even to the farthest part of the earth. 49:7. Thus saith the Lord the redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to the soul that is despised, to the nation that is abhorred, to the servant of rulers: Kings shall see, and princes shall rise up, and

adore for the Lord's sake, because he is faithful, and for the Holy One of Israel, who hath chosen thee.

June 26

SS John and Paul of Rome

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 44:10-15***

44:10. But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed: **44:11.** Good things continue with their seed, **44:12.** Their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. **44:13.** And their children for their sakes remain for ever: their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. **44:14.** Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. **44:15.** Let the people shew forth their wisdom, and the church declare their praise.

June 27

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor
(of Perpetual Help)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 24:23-31***

24:23. As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odour: and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. **24:24.** I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. **24:25.** In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. **24:26.** Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits. **24:27.** For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. **24:28.** My memory is unto everlasting generations. **24:29.** They that eat me, shall yet hunger: and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. **24:30.** He that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded: and they that work by me, shall not sin. **24:31.** They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

June 28

Vigil of SS Peter and Paul**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES*****Acts. 3:1-10*****3:1. Now Peter and John went up into the temple at the ninth hour of prayer.****3:2. And a certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was carried: whom they laid every day at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, that he might ask alms of them that went into the temple.****3:3. He, when he had seen Peter and John, about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms. 3:4. But Peter with John, fastening his eyes upon him, said: Look upon us. 3:5. But he looked earnestly upon them, hoping that he should receive something of them.****3:6. But Peter said: Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk. 3:7. And taking him by the right hand, he lifted him up: and forthwith his feet and****soles received strength. 3:8. And he leaping up, stood and walked and went in with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. 3:9. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 3:10. And they knew him, that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him.****June 29****SS PETER AND PAUL,
APOSTLES - MARTYRS****A LESSON FROM THE SEC-
OND EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE
APOSTLE TO THE
CORINTHIANS*****2 Cor. 11:21-33; 12:6-9*****11:21. I seek according to dishonour, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also. 11:22. They are Hebrews: so am I. They are Israelites: so am I. They are the seed of**

Abraham: so am I. 11:23. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise): I am more; in many more labours, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. 11:24. Of the Jews five times did I receive forty stripes save one. 11:25. Thrice was I beaten with rods: once I was stoned: thrice I suffered shipwreck: a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea. 11:26. In journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren: 11:27. In labour and painfulness, in much watchings, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness: 11:28. Besides those things which are without: my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. 11:29. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? 11:30. If I

must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my infirmity. 11:31. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lie not. 11:32. At Damascus, the governor of the nation under Aretas the king, guarded the city of the Damascenes, to apprehend me. 11:33. And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall: and so escaped his hands. 12:6. For though I should have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish: for I will say the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth in me, or any thing he heareth from me. 12:7. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me. 12:8. For which thing, thrice I besought the Lord that it might depart from me. 12:9. And he said to me: My grace is sufficient for thee: for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly

therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

June 30
Feast of the Twelve
Apostles

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE GALATIANS
Gal. 1:11-20

1:11. For I give you to understand, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. 1:12. For neither did I receive it of man: nor did I learn it but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1:13. For you have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion: how that, beyond measure, I persecuted the church of God and wasted it. 1:14. And I made progress in the Jew's religion above many of my equals in my own nation, being more abundantly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 1:15. But when it pleased him who separated

me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, 1:16. To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles: immediately I condescended not to flesh and blood. 1:17. Neither went I to Jerusalem, to the apostles who were before me: but I went into Arabia, and again I returned to Damascus. 1:18. Then, after three years, I went to Jerusalem to see Peter: and I tarried with him fifteen days. 1:19. But other of the apostles I saw none, saving James the brother of the Lord. 1:20. Now the things which I write to you, behold, before God, I lie not.

July 1
Precious Blood of Our
Savior

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE
APOSTLE TO THE
HEBREWS
Heb 9:11-15

But Christ, being come an

high Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hand, that is, not of this creation: Neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by his own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer, being sprinkled, sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore he is the mediator of the new testament: that by means of his death for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

July 2
VISITATION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Cant. 2:8-14

2:8. The voice of my beloved, behold he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping over the hills. 2:9. My beloved is like a roe, or a young hart. Behold he standeth behind our wall, looking through the windows, looking through the lattices. 2:10. Behold my beloved speaketh to me: Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come. 2:11. For winter is now past, the rain is over and gone. 2:12. The flowers have appeared in our land, the time of pruning is come: the voice of the turtle is heard in our land: 2:13. The fig tree hath put forth her green figs: the vines in flower yield their sweet smell. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come: 2:14. My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hollow places of the wall, shew me thy face, let thy voice sound in my ears: for thy

voice is sweet, and thy face comely.

July 10
The Seven Holy Brethern
(Martyrs)
SS Ruftna and Secunda
(Martyrs)

A LESSON FROM THE
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Prov. 31:10-31

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July 16
Our Lady of Mount
Carmel

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EPISTLE OF
Wis. 24:23-31
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July 17
St. Alexis, Man of God

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY
1 Tim. 6:6-12

6:6. But godliness with con-

tentment is great gain. 6:7. For we brought nothing into this world: and certainly we can carry nothing out. 6:8. But having food and wherewith to be covered, with these we are content. 6:9. For they that will become rich fall into temptation and into the snare of the devil and into many unprofitable and hurtful desires, which drown men into destruction and perdition. 6:10. For the desire of money is the root of all evils; which some coveting have erred from the faith and have entangled themselves in many sorrows. 6:11. But thou, O man of God, fly these things: and pursue justice, godliness, faith, charity, patience, mildness. 6:12. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and be it confessed a good confession before many witnesses.

July 19
St. Symphrosa and her
Seven Sons

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS**
Heb. 11:33-39

11:33. Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 11:34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners. 11:35. Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. 11:36. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes: moreover also of bands and prisons. 11:37. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in want, distressed, afflicted: 11:38. Of whom the world was not worthy: wandering

in deserts, in mountains and in dens and in caves of the earth. 11:39. And all these, being approved by the testimony of faith

July 22

ST. MARY MAGDALEN
(MAGDALENE)

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Cant. 3:2-5; 8:6-7

3:2. I will rise, and will go about the city: in the streets and the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, and I found him not. 3:3. The watchmen who keep the city, found me: Have you seen him, whom my soul loveth? 3:4. When I had a little passed by them, I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him: and I will not let him go, till I bring him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that bore me. 3:5. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and the harts of the fields, that you stir not up, nor awake

my beloved, till she please. 8:6. Put me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thy arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy as hard as hell, the lamps thereof are fire and flames. 8:7. Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it: if a man should give all the substance of his house for love, he shall despise it as nothing.

July 23

St. Appollintius

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE
1 Peter 5:1-11

5:1. The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech who am myself also an ancient and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: 5:2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake but vol-

untarily: 5:3. Neither as lording it over the clergy but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. 5:4. And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. 5:5. In like manner, ye young men, be subject to the ancients. And do you all insinuate humility one to another: for God resisteth the proud, but to the humble he giveth grace. 5:6. Be you humbled therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in the time of visitation: 5:7. Casting all your care upon him, for he hath care of you. 5:8. Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. 5:9. Whom resist ye, strong in faith: knowing that the same affliction befalls, your brethren who are in the world. 5:10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you and confirm you

and establish you. 5:11. To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

July 25

St. James the Greater,
Apostle and Martyr

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS

1 Cor. 4:9-15

4:9. For I think that God hath set forth us apostles, the last, as it were men appointed to death. We are made a spectacle to the world and to angels and to men. 4:10. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ: we are weak, but you are strong: you are honourable, but we without honour. 4:11. Even unto this hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and are buffeted and have no fixed abode. 4:12. And we labour, working with our own hands. We are reviled: and we bless. We are persecuted: and we suffer it. 4:13. We are blasphemed:

and we entreat. We are made as the refuse of this world, the offscouring of all, even until now. 4:14. I write not these things to confound you: but I admonish you as my dearest children. 4:15. For if you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, by the gospel, I have begotten you.

July 26

St. Anne, Mother of the Theotokos

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

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July 30

SS Abdon and Sennon

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED**

**PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CONRINTHIANS**

2 Cor. 6:4-10

6:4. But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, 6:5. In stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6:6. In chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, 6:7. In the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: 6:8. By honour and dishonour: by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true: as unknown and yet known: 6:9. As dying and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: 6:10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

August 6

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF JESUS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PETER THE APOSTLE**
2 Peter 1:16-19

1:16. For we have not by following artificial fables made known to you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ: but we were eyewitnesses of his greatness. **1:17.** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, this voice coming down to him from the excellent glory: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear ye him. **1:18.** And this voice, we heard brought from heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount. **1:19.** And we have the more firm prophetic word: whereunto you do well to attend, as to a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts.

August 8
St. Cyriacus and
Companions
Largus and Smaragdus

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE THESSALONIANS**
1 Thess. 2:13-16

2:13 We give thanks to God without ceasing, because that when you had received of us the word of the hearing of God, you received it not as the word of men, but (as it is indeed) the word of God, Who worketh in you that have believed. **2:14.** For you, brethren, are become followers of the churches of God which are in Judea, in Christ Jesus: for you also have suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they have from the Jews: **2:15.** Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and the prophets, and have persecuted us, and please not God, and are adversaries to all men; **2:16.** Prohibiting us to speak to the Gentiles, that they may be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath of God is come upon them to the end.

August 10
St. Lawrence of Rome

**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF BLESSED
 PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
 THE CORINTHIANS**
2Cor. 9:6-10

9:6. Now this I say: He who soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly: and he who soweth in blessings shall also reap blessings. **9:7.** Every one as he hath determined in his heart, not with sadness or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **9:8.** And God is able to make all grace abound in you: that ye always, having all sufficiently in all things, may abound to every good work, **9:9.** As it is written: He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever. **9:10.** And he that ministereth seed to the sower will both give you bread to eat and will multiply your seed and increase the growth of the fruits of your justice:

August 15
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
**THE DORMITION OF THE
 HOLY THEOTOKOS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
 BOOK OF WISDOM**
Ecclus. 24:11-20

24:11. And by my power I have trodden under my feet the hearts of all the high and low: and in all these I sought rest, and I shall abide in the inheritance of the Lord. **24:12.** Then the creator of all things commanded, and said to me: and he that made me, rested in my tabernacle, **24:13.** And he said to me: Let thy dwelling be in Jacob, and thy inheritance in Israel, and take root in my elect. **24:14.** From the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be, and in the holy dwelling place I have ministered before him. **24:15.** And so was I established in Sion, and in the

holy city likewise I rested, and my power was in Jerusalem. 24:16. And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints. 24:17. I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress tree on mount Sion. 24:18. I was exalted like a palm tree in Cades, and as a rose plant in Jericho: 24:19. As a fair olive tree in the plains, and as a plane tree by the water in the streets, was I exalted. 24:20. I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon, and aromatical balm: I yielded a sweet odour like the best myrrh:

August 16
St. Joachim
(Father of the Theotokos)

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Ecclus. 31:8-11

31:8. Blessed is the rich man that is found without blemish: and that hath not gone after gold, nor put his

trust in money nor in treasures. 31:9. Who is he, and we will praise him? for he hath done wonderful things in his life. 31:10. Who hath been tried thereby, and made perfect, he shall have glory everlasting. He that could have transgressed, and hath not transgressed: and could do evil things, and hath not done them: 31:11. Therefore are his goods established in the Lord, and all the church of the saints shall declare his alms.

August 18
St. Helen
(Helena)

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August 24

**St. Bartholomew the
Apostle**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*1 Cor. 12:27-31***

12:27. Now you are the body of Christ and members of member. 12:28. And God indeed hath set some in the church; first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly doctors: after that miracles: then the graces of healings, helps, governments, kinds of tongues, interpretations of speeches. 12:29. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all doctors? 12:30. Are all workers of miracles? Have all the grace of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 12:31. But be zealous for the better gifts.

**August 29
Beheading of St. John
the Forerunner
of Christ**

A LESSON FROM

**JEREMIAS THE PROPHET
*Jer. 1:17-19***

1:17. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak to them all that I command thee. Be not afraid at their presence: for I will make thee not to fear their countenance. 1:18. For behold I have made thee this day a fortified city, and a pillar of iron, and a wall of brass, over all the land, to the kings of Juda, to the princes thereof, and to the priests, and to the people of the land. 1:19. And they shall fight against them, and shall not prevail: for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

August 31

**Saturday after the feast of
St. Augustine
Our Lady of
Consolation**

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHECY OF ISAIAS
*Is. 11:1-5***

11:1. And there shall come

forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. 11:2. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness. 11:3. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord, He shall not judge according to the sight of the eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of the ears. 11:4. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and shall reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. 11:5. And justice shall be the girdle of his loins

Saturday before the last
Saturday in August
Our
Lady Health of the Sick

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF PROVERBS
Prov. 8:22-35

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day, playing before him at all times; 8:31. Playing in the world: and my delights were to be with the children of men. 8:32. Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. 8:33. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. 8:34. Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. 8:35. He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

**September 8
NATIVITY OF THE
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The Holy Name of Mary

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September 14
**EXHALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS
*Phil. 2:5-11***

For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. For which cause, God also hath exalted him

and hath given him a name which is above all names: That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

September 15
Seven Sorrows of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF JUDITH
Judith 13:22-25

13:22. The Lord hath blessed thee by his power, because by thee he hath brought our enemies to nought. **13:23.** And Ozias the prince of the people of Israel, said to her: Blessed art thou, O daughter, by the Lord the most high God, above all women upon the earth. **13:24.** Blessed be the Lord who made heaven and earth, who hath directed thee to the cutting off the head of the prince of our enemies. **13:25.** Because he

hath so magnified thy name this day, that thy praise shall not depart out of the mouth of men who shall be mindful of the power of the Lord for ever, for that thou hast not spared thy life, by reason of the distress and tribulation of thy people, but hast prevented our ruin in the presence of our God.

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist

A LESSON FROM
EZECHIEL THE PROPHET
Ezech. 1:10-14

1:10. And as for the likeness of their faces: there was the face of a man, and the face of a lion on the right side of all the four: and the face of an ox, on the left side of all the four: and the face of an eagle over all the four. **1:11.** And their faces, and their wings were stretched upward: two wings of every one were joined, and two covered their bodies: **1:12.** And every one of them went

straight forward: whither the impulse of the spirit was to go, thither they went: and they turned not when they went. 1:13. And as for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like that of burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps. This was the vision running to and fro in the midst of the living creatures, a bright fire, and lightning going forth from the fire. 1:14. And the living creatures ran and returned like flashes of lightning.

September 27
SS Cosmos and Damian

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**
Wis. 5:16-20

5:16. But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. 5:17. Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the

Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. 5:18. And his zeal will take armour, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. 5:19. He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet: 5:20. He will take equity for an invincible shield:

October 2
**Feast of the Holy
Guardian Angels**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF EXODUS**
Ex. 23:20-23

23:20. Behold I will send my angel, who shall go before thee, and keep thee in thy journey, and bring thee into the place that I have prepared. 23:21. Take notice of him, and hear his voice, and do not think him one to be contemned: for he will not forgive when thou hast sinned, and my name is in him. 23:22. But if thou wilt hear hi voice, and do all

that I speak, I will be an enemy to thy enemies, and will afflict them that afflict thee. 23:23. And my angel shall go before thee

October 7

Our Lady of The Rosary

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Prov. 8:22-35

8:22. The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his ways, before he made any thing from the beginning. **8:23.** I was set up from eternity, and of old, before the earth was made. **8:24.** The depths were not as yet, and I was already conceived, neither had the fountains of waters as yet sprung out. **8:25.** The mountains, with their huge bulk, had not as yet been established: before the hills, I was brought forth: **8:26.** He had not yet made the earth, nor the rivers, nor the poles of the world. **8:27.** When he prepared the heavens, I was present: when with a certain law, and compass, he

enclosed the depths: **8:28.** When he established the sky above, and poised the fountains of waters: **8:29.** When he compassed the sea with its bounds, and set a law to the waters that they should not pass their limits: when he balanced the foundations of the earth; **8:30.** I was with him forming all things: and was delighted every day, playing before him at all times; **8:31.** Playing in the world: and my delights were to be with the children of men. **8:32.** Now, therefore, ye children, hear me: blessed are they that keep my ways. **8:33.** Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **8:34.** Blessed is the man that heareth me, and that watcheth daily at my gates, and waiteth at the posts of my doors. **8:35.** He that shall find me, shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord.

October 9

**St. Denys (Denis) and Companions
(Rusticus and Eleutherius)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
*Acts 17:22-34***

17:22. But Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious. **17:23.** For passing by and seeing your idols, I found an altar also, on which was written: To the Unknown God. What therefore you worship without knowing it, that I preach to you: **17:24.** God, who made the world and all things therein, he being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. **17:25.** Neither is he served with men's hands, as though he needed any thing: seeing it is he who giveth to all life and breath and all things: **17:26.** And hath made of one, all mankind, to dwell upon the whole face of the earth, determining appointed times and the limits of their habitation. **17:27.** That they should seek God, if haply they may feel after him or find him,

although he be not far from every one of us. **17:28.** For in him we live and move and are: as some also of your own poets said: For we are also his offspring. **17:29.** Being therefore the offspring of God, we must not suppose the divinity to be like unto gold or silver or stone, the graving of art and device of man. **17:30.** And God indeed having winked at the times of this ignorance, now declareth unto men that all should everywhere do penance. **17:31.** Because he hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world in equity, by the man whom he hath appointed: giving faith to all, by raising him up from the dead. **17:32.** And when they had heard of the resurrection of the dead, some indeed mocked. But others said: We will hear thee again concerning this matter. **17:33.** So Paul went out from among them. **17:34.** But certain men, adhering to him, did believe: among whom was also Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman

named Damaris and others with them.

October 11
Mary Mother of God

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 24:23-31***

24:23. As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odour: and my flowers are the fruit of honour and riches. **24:24.** I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. **24:25.** In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. **24:26.** Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits. **24:27.** For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb. **24:28.** My memory is unto everlasting generations. **24:29.** They that eat me, shall yet hunger: and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. **24:30.** He that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded: and they that

work by me, shall not sin. **24:31.** They that explain me shall have life everlasting.

October 18
**St. Luke, Apostle and
Evengelist
(Martyr)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*2 Cor. 8:16-24***

8:16. And thanks be to God, who hath given the same carefulness for you in the heart of Titus. **8:17.** For indeed he accepted the exhortation: but, being more careful, of his own will he went unto you. **8:18.** We have sent also with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel through all the churches. **8:19.** And not that only: but he was also ordained by the churches companion of our travels, for this grace, which is administered by us, to the glory of the Lord and our determined will: **8:20.**

Avoiding this, lest any man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us. 8:21. For we forecast what may be good, not only before God but also before men. 8:22. And we have sent with them our brother also, whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent: with much confidence in you, 8:23. Either for Titus, who is my companion and fellow labourer towards you, or our brethren, the apostles of the churches, the glory of Christ. 8:24. Wherefore shew ye to them, in the sight of the churches, the evidence of your charity and of our boasting on your behalf.

**October 23
Holy Redeemer**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Ephes. 1:3-9***

1:3. Blessed be the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places, in Christ: 1:4. As he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unspotted in his sight in charity. 1:5. Who hath predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ unto himself: according to the purpose of his will: 1:6. Unto the praise of the glory of his grace, in which he hath graced us, in his beloved son. 1:7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of his, grace, 1:8. Which hath superabounded in us, in all wisdom and prudence, 1:9. That he might make known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in him

**October 24
St. Raphael the Archangel**

A LESSON FROM THE

BOOK OF TOBIAS
Tob. 12:7-15

12:7. For it is good to hide the secret of a king: to reveal and confess the works of God. **12:8.** Prayer is good with fasting and alms more than to lay up treasures of gold. **12:9.** For alms delivereth from death, and the same is that which purgeth away sins, and maketh to find mercy and life everlasting. **12:10.** But they that commit sin and iniquity, are enemies to their own soul. **12:11.** I discover then the truth unto you, and I will not hide the secret from you. **12:12.** When thou didst pray with tears, and didst bury the dead, and didst leave thy dinner, and hide the dead by day in thy house, and bury them by night, I offered thy prayer to the Lord. **12:13.** And because thou wast acceptable to God, it was necessary that temptation should prove thee. **12:14.** And now the Lord hath sent me to heal thee, and to deliver Sara thy son's wife from the

devil. **12:15.** For I am the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord.

October 25

Feast of Christ the King
SS Chrusanthus and Daria

Christ the King:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSEDE
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE COLOSSIANS**
Col. 1:12-20

1:12. Giving thanks to God the Father, who hath made us worthy to be partakers of the lot of the saints in light: **1:13.** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love, **1:14.** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the remission of sins: **1:15.** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **1:16.** For in him were all things created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones,

or dominations, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by him and in him. 1:17. And he is before all: and by him all things consist. 1:18. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may hold the primacy: 1:19. Because in him, it hath well pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell: 1:20. And through him to reconcile all things unto himself, making peace through the blood of his cross, both as to the things that are on earth and the things that are in heaven.

SS Chrusanthus and Daria:

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CONRINTHIANS
*2 Cor. 6:4-10***

6:4. But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses,

6:5. In stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6:6. In chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, 6:7. In the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: 6:8. By honour and dishonour: by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true: as unknown and yet known: 6:9. As dying and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: 6:10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and possessing all things.

October 31

**Second Sunday of October
The Good Thief**

**A LESSON FROM THE
PROPHET ISAIA
*Is. 59:1-4***

59:1. Behold the hand of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save, neither is

his ear heavy that it cannot hear. 59:2. But your iniquities have divided between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you that he should not hear. 59:3. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity: your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue uttereth iniquity. 59:4. There is none that calleth upon justice, neither is there any one that judgeth truly: but they trust in a mere nothing, and speak vanities: they have conceived labour, and brought forth iniquity.

November 1
ALL SAINTS DAY

A LESSON FROM THE
APOCALYPSE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE
Apoc. 7:2-12

7:2. And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the sign of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the

sea, 7:3. Saying: Hurt not the earth nor the sea nor the trees, till we sign the servants of our God in their foreheads. 7:4. And I heard the number of them that were signed. An hundred forty-four thousand were signed, of every tribe of the children of Israel. 7:5. Of the tribe of Juda, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Ruben, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand signed: 7:6. Of the tribe of Aser, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Nephthali, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Manasses, twelve thousand signed: 7:7. Of the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Issachar, twelve thousand signed: 7:8. Of the tribe of Zabulon, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand signed: Of the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand signed. 7:9. After this, I saw a great multitude, which no man could

number, of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. 7:10. And they cried with a loud voice, saying: Salvation to our God, who sitteth upon the throne and to the Lamb. 7:11. And all the angels stood round about the throne and the ancients and the four living creatures. And they fell down before the throne upon their faces and adored God, 7:12. Saying: Amen. Benediction and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, honour and power and strength, to our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

November 2
ALL SOULS DAY

Lesson / Epistle for the first and prime Divine Liturgy of this Feast.

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS

1 Cor. 15:51-57

15:51. Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall all indeed rise again: but we shall not all be changed. 15:52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise again incorruptible. And we shall be changed. 15:53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption: and this mortal must put on immortality. 15:54. And when this mortal hath put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. 15:55. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? 15:56. Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. 15:57. But thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson / Epistle for the second Divine Liturgy of this Feast.

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF THE
MACHABEES**

2 Machabees 12:43-46

And making a gathering, he (*the most valliant Judas*) sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead,) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.

*Lesson / Epistle for the
third Divine Liturgy of this
Feast.*

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF THE**

APOCALYPSE

Apocalypse. 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying to me: Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours. For their works follow them.

**November 5
Holy Relics**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 44:10-15***

44:10. But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed: **44:11.** Good things continue with their seed, **44:12.** Their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. **44:13.** And their children for their sakes remain for ever: their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. **44:14.** Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation.

44:15. Let the people shew forth their wisdom, and the church declare their praise.

**November 22
St. Cecilia**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF
ECCLESIASTICUS
Ecclus. 51:13-17
*For one virgin martyr***

51:13. Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth and I have prayed for death to pass away. 51:14. I called upon the Lord, the father of my Lord, that he would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. 51:15. I will praise thy name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. 51:16. And thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. 51:17. Therefore I will give thanks, and praise thee, and bless the name of the Lord.

**END OF SANCTORAL
CYCLE**

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THE COMMON OF SAINTS

**I
THE
THEOTOKOS, THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 24:14-16***

24:14. From the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to be, and in the holy dwelling place I have ministered before him. 24:15. And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested, and my power was in Jerusalem. 24:16. And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints.

**II
ONE OR MORE
APOSTLE(S)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO**

THE EPHESIANS

Eph. 4:7-13

4:7. But to every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the giving of Christ. 4:8. Wherefore he saith: Ascending on high, he led captivity captive: he gave gifts to men. 4:9. Now that he ascended, what is it, but because he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 4:10. He that descended is the same also that ascended above all the heavens: that he might fill all things. 4:11. And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and other some evangelists, and other some pastors and doctors: 4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the word of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 4:13. Until we all meet into the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ:

**III
ONE OR MORE**

PATRIARCHS
(Martyr - Red)
(Not Martyr - Color of
the Season)

**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF PETER THE
 APOSTLE**

1 Peter 5:1-4; 10-11

5:1. The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech who am myself also an ancient and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: **5:2.** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake but voluntarily: **5:3.** Neither as lording it over the clergy but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. **5:4.** And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. **5:10.** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a

little, will himself perfect you and confirm you and establish you. **5:11.** To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

**IV
 MARTYR-BISHOP**

**I
 OUTSIDE OF PASCHAL
 TIME**

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
 XI, p.)*

*(The Lord made to him a
 covenant)*

**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF BLESSED
 JAMES THE APOSTLE**

James 1:12-18

1:12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for, when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life which God hath promised to them that love him. **1:13.** Let no man, when he is tempted, say that he is tempted by God. For God is not a tempter of evils: and he tempteth no man. **1:14.** But every man is tempted by his own concupiscence, being drawn away

and allured. 1:15. Then, when concupiscence hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin. But sin, when it is completed, begetteth death. 1:16. Do not err, therefore, my dearest brethren. 1:17. Every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of alteration. 1:18. For of his own will hath he begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of his creature.

V

MARTYR BISHOP

II

OUTSIDE OF PASCHAL
TIME

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XI, p.)*

(Ye priests of the Lord)

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS

2 Cor. 1:3-7

1:3. Blessed be the God and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort: 1:4. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we also may be able to comfort them who are in all distress, by the exhortation wherewith we also are exhorted by God. 1:5. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us: so also by Christ doth our comfort abound. 1:6. Now whether we be in tribulation, it is for your exhortation and salvation: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation: or whether we be exhorted, it is for your exhortation and salvation, which worketh the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer. 1:7. That our hope for you may be steadfast: knowing that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.

VI

MARTYR NOT A BISHOP

I

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XI, p.)*

(In Thy strength)

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**

Wis. 10:10-14

10:10. She conducted the just, when he fled from his brother's wrath, through the right ways, and shewed him the kingdom of God, and gave him the knowledge of the holy things, made him honourable in his labours, and accomplished his labours. **10:11.** In the deceit of them that overreached him, she stood by him, and made him honourable. **10:12.** She kept him safe from his enemies, and she defended him from seducers, and gave him a strong conflict, that he might overcome, and know that wisdom is mightier than all. **10:13.** She forsook not the just when he was sold, but delivered him from sinners: she went down with him into the pit. **10:14.** And in bands she left him not, till she brought him the sceptre of the kingdom, and power against those that

oppressed him: and shewed them to be liars that had accused him, and gave him everlasting glory.

VII

MARTYR NOT A BISHOP

II

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XI, p.)*

(The just shall rejoice)

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY**

2 Tim. 2:8-10; 3:10-12

2:8. Be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel: **2:9.** Wherein I labour even unto bands, as an evildoer. But the word of God is not bound. **2:10.** Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. **3:10.** But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffer-

ing, love, patience, 3:11. Persecutions, afflictions: such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra: what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me. 3:12. And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Alternate Epistle
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
JAMES THE APOSTLE
James 1:2-12

1:2. My brethren, count it all joy, when you shall fall into divers temptations: 1:3. Knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience 1:4. And patience hath a perfect work: that you may be perfect and entire, failing in nothing. 1:5. But if any of you want wisdom, let him ask of God who giveth to all men abundantly and upbraideth not. And it shall be given him. 1:6. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, which is

moved and carried about by the wind. 1:7. Therefore let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 1:8. A double minded man is inconstant in all his ways. 1:9. But let the brother of low condition glory in his exaltation: 1:10. And the rich, in his being low: because as the flower of the grass shall he pass away. 1:11. For the sun rose with a burning heat and parched the grass: and the flower thereof fell off, and the beauty of the shape thereof perished. So also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. 1:12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for, when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life which God hath promised to them that love him.

VIII
TWO OR MORE
MARTYRS
I
OUTSIDE OF PASCHAL
TIME
*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XII, p.)*

(Let the sighing)

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**

Wis. 3:1-8

3:1. But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. **3:2.** In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure was taken for misery: **3:3.** And their going away from us, for utter destruction: but they are in peace. **3:4.** And though in the sight of men they suffered torments, their hope is full of immortality. **3:5.** Afflicted in few things, in many they shall be well rewarded: because God hath tried them, and found them worthy of himself. **3:6.** As gold in the furnace, he hath proved them, and as a victim of a holocaust, he hath received them, and in time there shall be respect had to them. **3:7.** The just shall shine, and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds. **3:8.** They shall judge

nations, and rule over people, and their Lord shall reign for ever.

IX

**TWO OR MORE
MARTYRS**

II

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XII, p.)*

(Let the people)

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**

Wis. 5:16-20

5:16. But the just shall live for evermore: and their reward is with the Lord, and the care of them with the most High. **5:17.** Therefore shall they receive a kingdom of glory, and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord: for with his right hand he will cover them, and with his holy arm he will defend them. **5:18.** And his zeal will take armour, and he will arm the creature for the revenge of his enemies. **5:19.** He will put on justice as a breastplate, and will take true judgment instead of a helmet: **5:20.** He will take

equity for an invincible shield:

**X
TWO OR MORE
MARTYRS**

III

*(During P. T. use Liturgy
XII, p.)*

(The salvation of the just)

Alternate Lesson one
**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS**
Heb. 10:32-38

10:32. But call to mind the former days, wherein, being illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions. 10:33. And on the one hand indeed, by reproaches and tribulations, were made a gazingstock; and on the other, became companions of them that were used in such sort. 10:34. For you both had compassion on them that were in bands and took with joy the being stripped of your own goods, knowing that you have a better and a lasting sub-

stance. 10:35. Do not therefore lose your confidence which hath a great reward. 10:36. For patience is necessary for you: that, doing the will of God, you may receive the promise. 10:37. For yet a little and a very little while, and he that is to come will come and will not delay. 10:38. But my just man liveth by faith: but if he withdraw himself, he shall not please my soul.

Alternate Lesson two
**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM**
Wis. 10:17-20

10:17. And she rendered to the just the wages of their labours, and conducted them in a wonderful way: and she was to them for a covert by day, and for the light of stars by night: 10:18. And she brought them through the Red Sea, and carried them over through a great water. 10:19. But their enemies she drowned in the sea, and from the depth of hell she brought them out. There-

fore the just took the spoils of the wicked. 10:20. And they sung to thy holy name, O Lord, and they praised with one accord thy victorious hand.

Alternate Lesson three
**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF BLESSED
 PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
 THE ROMANS**
Rom. 5:1-5

5:1. Being justified therefore by faith, let us have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ: 5:2. By whom also we have access through faith into this grace wherein we stand: and glory in the hope of the glory of the sons of God. 5:3. And not only so: but we glory also in tribulation, knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 5:4. And patience trial; and trial hope; 5:5. And hope confoundeth not: because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost who is given to us.

Alternate Lesson four
**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF BLESSED
 PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
 THE ROMANS**
Rom. 8:18-23

8:18. For I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that shall be revealed in us. 8:19. For the expectation of the creature waiteth for the revelation of the sons of God. 8:20. For the creature was made subject to vanity: not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject, in hope. 8:21. Because the creature also itself shall be delivered from the servitude of corruption, into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. 8:22. For we know that every creature groaneth and travaileth in pain, even till now. 8:23. And not only it, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit: even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption of the sons of God, the re-

demption of our body.

Alternate Lesson five
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
2 Cor. 6:4-10

6:4. But in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in tribulation, in necessities, in distresses, 6:5. In stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labours, in watchings, in fastings, 6:6. In chastity, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, 6:7. In the word of truth, in the power of God: by the armour of justice on the right hand and on the left: 6:8. By honour and dishonour: by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true: as unknown and yet known: 6:9. As dying and behold we live: as chastised and not killed: 6:10. As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as needy, yet enriching many: as having nothing and pos-

sessing all things.

Alternate Lesson six
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS
Heb. 11:33-39

11:33. Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 11:34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners. 11:35. Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. 11:36. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes: moreover also of bands and prisons. 11:37. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in

want, distressed, afflicted: 11:38. Of whom the world was not worthy: wandering in deserts, in mountains and in dens and in caves of the earth. 11:39. And all these, being approved by the testimony of faith

XI

ONE MARTYR
IN PASCHAL TIME
(Thou hast protected me, O God)

Alternate Lesson 1
A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Wis. 5:1-5

5:1. Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them, and taken away their labours. 5:2. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their unexpected salvation, 5:3. Saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they, whom we had sometime in derision, and for a

parable of reproach. 5:4. We fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honour. 5:5. Behold, how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the saints.

Alternate Lesson 2
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY
2 Tim. 2:8-10; 3:10-12

2:8. Be mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ is risen again from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel: 2:9. Wherein I labour even unto bands, as an evildoer. But the word of God is not bound. 2:10. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory. 3:10. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, 3:11. Persecutions, afflictions:

such as came upon me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra: what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me. 3:12. And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

XII

**TWO OR MORE MARTYRS
IN PASCHAL TIME
(Thy saints, O Lord)**

***Alternate Lesson 1*
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED PE-
TER THE APOSTLE
*1 Peter 1:3-7***

1:3. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: 1:4. Unto an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled and that cannot fade, reserved in heaven for you, 1:5. Who, by the power of God, are kept by faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. 1:6. Wherein

you shalt greatly rejoice, if now you must be for a little time made sorrowful in divers temptations: 1:7. That the trial of your faith (much more precious than gold which is tried by the fire) may be found unto praise and glory and honour at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

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XIII
VIRGIN MARTYR(S)
(I spoke of Thy testi-
monies)

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
Ecclus. 51:1-12
For one virgin martyr

51:1. A prayer of Jesus the son of Sirach. I will give glory to thee, O Lord, O King, and I will praise thee, O God my Saviour. 51:2. I will give glory to thy name: for thou hast been a helper and protector to me. 51:3. And hast preserved my body from destruction, from the snare of an unjust tongue, and from the lips of them that forge lies, and in the sight of them that stood by, thou hast been my helper. 51:4. And thou hast delivered me, according to the multitude of the mercy of thy name, from them that

did roar, prepared to devour. 51:5. Out of the hands of them that sought my life, and from the gates of afflictions, which compassed me about: 51:6. From the oppression of the flame which surrounded me, and in the midst of the fire I was not burnt. 51:7. From the depth of the belly of hell, and from an unclean tongue, and from lying words, from an unjust king, and from a slanderous tongue: 51:8. My soul shall praise the Lord even to death. 51:9. And my life was drawing near to hell beneath. 51:10. They compassed me on every side, and there was no one that would help me. I looked for the succour of men, and there was none. 51:11. I remembered thy mercy, O Lord, and thy works, which are from the beginning of the world. 51:12. How thou deliverest them that wait for thee, O Lord, and savest them out of the hands of the nations.

*For two or more virgin
martyrs*

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**

1 Cor. 7:25-34

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And they that use this world, as if they used it not. For the fashion of this world passeth away. 7:32. But I would have you to be without solicitude. He that is without a wife is solicitous for the things that belong to the Lord: how he may please God. 7:33. But he that is with a wife is solicitous for the things of the world: how he may please his wife. And he is divided. 7:34. And the unmarried woman and the virgin thinketh on the things of the Lord: that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she that is married thinketh on the things of the world: how she may please her husband.

XIV

VIRGIN MARTYR(S)

(The wicked have waited for me)

A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF
ECCLESIASTICUS
Ecclus. 51:13-17

For one virgin martyr

51:13. Thou hast exalted

my dwelling place upon the earth and I have prayed for death to pass away. 51:14. I called upon the Lord, the father of my Lord, that he would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. 51:15. I will praise thy name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. 51:16. And thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. 51:17. Therefore I will give thanks, and praise thee, and bless the name of the Lord.

For two or more virgin martyrs

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PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS

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XV

**HOLY WOMAN (OR WOMEN)
MARTYR NOT A VIRGIN
(The wicked have waited for me)**

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*Ecclus. 51:1-12***

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the nations.

XVI

CONFESSOR BISHOP
(The Lord made to him a covenant)

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

Ecclus. 44:16,17,20,22, 26, 27; 45:1,3,14,19,20

44:16. Henoah pleased God, and was translated into paradise, that he may give repentance to the nations. **44:17.** Noe was found perfect, just, and in the time of wrath he was made a reconciliation. **44:20.** Abraham was the great father of a multitude of nations, and there was not found the like to him in glory, who kept the law of the most High, and was in covenant with him. **44:22.** Therefore by an oath he gave him glory in his posterity, that he should increase as the dust of the earth, **44:25.** The Lord gave him the blessing of all nations, and confirmed his covenant upon the head of Jacob. **44:26.** He

acknowledged him in his blessings, and gave him an inheritance, and divided him his portion in twelve tribes. 44:27. And he preserved for him men of mercy, that found grace in the eyes of all flesh. 45:1. Moses was beloved of God, and men: whose memory is in benediction. 45:3. He glorified him in the sight of kings, and gave him commandments in the sight of his people, 45:14. And a crown of gold upon his mitre wherein was engraved Holiness, 45:19. This was made to him for an everlasting testament, and to his seed as the days of heaven, to execute the office of the priesthood, and to have praise, and to glorify his people in his name. 45:20. He chose him out of all men living, to offer sacrifice to God, incense, and a good savour, for a memorial to make reconciliation for his people:

XVII
CONFESSOR BISHOP
(Let Thy priests)

Alternate Lesson one
**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS**
Heb. 7:23-27

7:23. And the others indeed were made many priests, because by reason of death they were not suffered to continue: 7:24. But this, for that he continueth for ever, hath an everlasting priesthood: 7:25. Whereby he is able also to save for ever them that come to God by him; always living to make intercession for us. 7:26. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens: 7:27. Who needeth not daily (as the other priests) to offer sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, in offering himself.

Alternate Lesson two
A LESSON FROM THE

**EPISTLE OF PETER THE
APOSTLE**

1 Peter 5:1-4; 10-11

5:1. The ancients therefore that are among you, I beseech who am myself also an ancient and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as also a partaker of that glory which is to be revealed in time to come: **5:2.** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking care of it, not by constraint but willingly, according to God: not for filthy lucre's sake but voluntarily: **5:3.** Neither as lording it over the clergy but being made a pattern of the flock from the heart. **5:4.** And when the prince of pastors shall appear, you shall receive a never fading crown of glory. **5:10.** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little, will himself perfect you and confirm you and establish you. **5:11.** To him be glory and empire, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alternate Lesson three
**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS**
Heb. 13:7-17

13:7. Remember your prelates who have spoken the word of God to you: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation, **13:8.** Jesus Christ, yesterday, and today: and the same for ever. **13:9.** Be not led away with various and strange doctrines. For it is best that the heart be established with grace, not with meats: which have not profited those that walk in them. **13:10.** We have an altar whereof they have no power to eat who serve the tabernacle. **13:11.** For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holies by the high priest for sin are burned without the camp. **13:12.** Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people by his own blood, suffered without the gate. **13:13.** Let us go forth

therefore to him without the camp, bearing his reproach. 13:14. For, we have not here a lasting city: but we seek one that is to come. 13:15. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise always to God, that is to say, the fruit of lips confessing to his name. 13:16. And do not forget to do good and to impart: for by such sacrifices God's favour is obtained. 13:17. Obey your prelates and be subject to them. For they watch as being to render an account of your souls:

XVIII
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
(In the midst of the Church)

Alternate Lesson 1
A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY
2 Tim 4:1-8

4:1. I charge thee, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead, by his coming and

his kingdom: 4:2. Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. 4:3. For there shall be a time when they will not endure sound doctrine but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears: 4:4. And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables. 4:5. But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. Be sober. 4:6. For I am even now ready to be sacrificed: and the time of my dissolution is at hand. 4:7. I have fought a good fight: I have finished my course: I have kept the faith. 4:8. As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice which the Lord the just judge will render to me in that day: and not only to me, but to them also that love his coming.

Alternate Lesson 2
A LESSON FROM THE

BOOK OF WISDOM*Ecclus. 39:6-14*

39:6. He will give his heart to resort early to the Lord that made him, and he will pray in the sight of the most High. **39:7.** He will open his mouth in prayer, and will make supplication for his sins. **39:8.** For if it shall please the great Lord, he will fill him with the spirit of understanding: **39:9.** And he will pour forth the words of his wisdom as showers, and in his prayer he will confess to the Lord. **39:10.** And he shall direct his counsel, and his knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate. **39:11.** He shall shew forth the discipline he hath learned, and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord. **39:12.** Many shall praise his wisdom, and it shall never be forgotten. **39:13.** The memory of him shall not depart away, and his name shall be in request from generation to generation. **39:14.** Nations shall declare his wisdom, and the church

shall shew forth his praise. **39:15.** If he continue, he shall leave a name above a thousand: and if he rest, it shall be to his advantage. **39:16.** I will yet meditate that I may declare: for I am filled as with a holy transport.

XIX**CONFESSOR NOT A BISHOP****(The mouth of the just)****A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM***Ecclus. 31:8-11*

31:8. Blessed is the rich man that is found without blemish: and that hath not gone after gold, nor put his trust in money nor in treasures. **31:9.** Who is he, and we will praise him? for he hath done wonderful things in his life. **31:10.** Who hath been tried thereby, and made perfect, he shall have glory everlasting. He that could have transgressed, and hath not transgressed: and could do evil things, and hath not done them:

31:11. Therefore are his goods established in the Lord, and all the church of the saints shall declare his alms.

**XX
CONFESSOR NOT A
BISHOP
(The just shall flourish)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS
*1 Cor. 4:9-15***

4:9. For I think that God hath set forth us apostles, the last, as it were men appointed to death. We are made a spectacle to the world and to angels and to men. 4:10. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ: we are weak, but you are strong: you are honourable, but we without honour. 4:11. Even unto this hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and are buffeted and have no fixed abode. 4:12. And we labour, working with our own hands. We are reviled:

and we bless. We are persecuted: and we suffer it. 4:13. We are blasphemed: and we entreat. We are made as the refuse of this world, the offscouring of all, even until now. 4:14. I write not these things to confound you: but I admonish you as my dearest children. 4:15. For if you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet not many fathers. For in Christ Jesus, by the gospel, I have begotten you.

**XXI
COMMON OF AN ABBOT
(The mouth of the just shall)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 45:1-6***

45:1. Moses was beloved of God, and men: whose memory is in benediction. 45:2. He made him like the saints in glory, and magnified him in the fear of his enemies, and with his words he made prodigies to cease. 45:3. He glorified him in the sight of

kings, and gave him commandments in the sight of his people, and shewed him his glory. 45:4. He sanctified him in his faith, and meekness, and chose him out of all flesh. 45:5. For he heard him, and his voice, and brought him into a cloud. 45:6. And he gave him commandments before his face, and a law of life and instruction, that he might teach Jacob his covenant, and Israel his judgments.

XXII

**VIRGIN NOT A MARTYR
(Thou hast loved justice)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE
CORINTHIANS**

2 Cor. 10:17-18; 11:1-2

10:17. But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 10:18. For not he who commendeth himself is approved: but he, whom God commendeth. 11:1. Would to God you could bear with some little of my folly! But

do bear with me. 11:2. For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

XXIII

**VIRGIN NOT A MARTYR
(All the rich among the
people)**

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XXIV

**HOLY WOMAN WHO IS NOT
A MARTYR AND WHO IS
NOT A VIRGIN
(I know, O Lord, that Thy
judgments)**

*Alternate Lesson one,
primarily for those who
are NOT widows*

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF PROVERBS
Prov. 31:10-31**

31:10. Who shall find a valiant woman? far, and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her. 31:11. The heart of her husband trusteth in her, and he shall have no need of spoils. 31:12. She will render him good, and not evil all the days of her life. 31:13. She hath sought wool and flax, and hath wrought by the counsel of her hands. 31:14. She is like the merchant's ship, she bringeth her bread from afar. 31:15. And she hath risen in the night, and given a prey to her household, and victuals to her maidens. 31:16. She hath

considered a field, and bought it: with the fruit of her hands she hath planted a vineyard. 31:17. She hath girded her loins with strength, and hath strengthened her arm. 31:18. She hath tasted, and seen that her traffic is good: her lamp shall not be put out in the night. 31:19. She hath put out her hand to strong things, and her fingers have taken hold of the spindle. 31:20. She hath opened her hand to the needy, and stretched out her hands to the poor. 31:21. She shall not fear for her house in the cold of snow: for all her domestics are clothed with double garments. 31:22. She hath made for herself clothing of tapestry: fine linen, and purple, is her covering. 31:23. Her husband is honourable in the gates, when he sitteth among the senators of the land. 31:24. She made fine linen, and sold it, and delivered a girdle to the Chanaanite. 31:25. Strength and beauty are her clothing, and she shall

laugh in the latter day. 31:26. She hath opened her mouth to wisdom, and the law of clemency is on her tongue. 31:27. She hath looked well on the paths of her house, and hath not eaten her bread idle. 31:28. Her children rose up, and called her blessed: her husband, and he praised her. 31:29. Many daughters have gathered together riches: thou hast surpassed them all. 31:30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: the woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. 31:31. Give her of the fruit of her hands: and let her works praise her in the gates.

Alternate Lesson two, primarily for widows

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
TIMOTHY**

1 Tim. 5:3-10

5:3. Honour widows that are widows indeed. 5:4. But if any widow have children or grandchildren, let her learn

first to govern her own house and to make a return of duty to her parents; for this is acceptable before God. 5:5. But she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, let her trust in God and continue in supplications and prayers night and day. 5:6. For she that liveth in pleasures is dead while she is living. 5:7. And this give in charge, that they may be blameless. 5:8. But if any man have not care of his own and especially of those of his house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. 5:9. Let a widow be chosen of no less than threescore years of age, who hath been the wife of one husband. 5:10 having testimony of her good works, if she have brought up children, if she have receive to harbor, if she have washed the saint's feet, if she have ministered to them that suffer tribulation, if she have diligently followed every good work.

XXV
PENITENT

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Cant. 3:2-5; 8:5-7***

3:2. I will rise, and will go about the city: in the streets and the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, and I found him not. 3:3. The watchmen who keep the city, found me: Have you seen him, whom my soul loveth? 3:4. When I had a little passed by them, I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him: and I will not let him go, till I bring him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that bore me. 3:5. I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes and the harts of the fields, that you stir not up, nor awake my beloved, till she please. 8:5. Who is this that cometh up from the desert, flowing with delights, leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple tree I raised thee up: there thy mother was corrupted, there she was defloured that bore

thee. 8:6. Put me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thy arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy as hard as hell, the lamps thereof are fire and flames. 8:7. Many waters cannot quench charity, neither can the floods drown it: if a man should give all the substance of his house for love, he shall despise it as nothing.

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(On Mondays)

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE CORINTHIANS**
2 Cor. 13:11-13

13:11. For the rest, brethren, rejoice, be perfect, take exhortation, be of one mind, have peace. And the God of grace and of love shall be with you. 13:12. Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the saints salute you. 13:13. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the charity of God and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

TUESDAYS

THE HOLY ANGELS
On Tuesdays

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF THE
APOCALYPSE OF BLESSED
JOHN THE APOSTLE**
Apoc. 5:11-14

5:11. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the ancients (and the number of them was thousands of thousands), **5:12.** Saying with a loud voice: The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power and divinity and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and benediction. **5:13.** And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard all saying: To him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb, benediction and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever. **5:14.** And the four living creatures said: Amen. And the four and twenty ancients fell down

on their faces and adored him that liveth for ever and ever.

WEDNESDAYS

SAINT JOSEPH
(On Wednesdays)

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF GENESIS**
Gen. 49:22-26

49:22. Joseph is a growing son, a growing son and comely to behold: the daughters run to and fro upon the wall; **49:23.** But they that held darts, provoked him, and quarrelled with him, and envied him. **49:24.** His bow rested upon the strong, and the bands of his arms and his hands were loosed, by the hands of the mighty one of Jacob: thence he came forth a pastor, the stone of Israel. **49:25.** The God of thy father shall be thy helper, and the Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, with the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the

breasts and of the womb. 49:26. The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills should come: may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
APOSTLES**

(On Wednesdays)

**A LESSON FROM THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

Acts 5:12-16

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couches, that, when Peter came, his shadow at the least might overshadow any of them and they might be delivered from their infirmities. 5:16. And there came also together to Jerusalem a multitude out of the neighbouring cities, bringing sick persons and such as were troubled with unclean spirits: who were all healed.

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(On Wednesdays)
Out of Paschal Time

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE**
Eph. 4:7-13

4:7. But to every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the giving of Christ. 4:8. Wherefore he saith: Ascending on high, he led captivity captive: he gave gifts to men. 4:9. Now that he ascended, what is it, but because he also de-

scended first into the lower parts of the earth? 4:10. He that descended is the same also that ascended above all the heavens: that he might fill all things. 4:11. And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and other some evangelists, and other some pastors and doctors: 4:12. For the perfecting of the saints, for the word of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 4:13. Until we all meet into the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fullness of Christ:

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THURSDAYS

THE HOLY SPIRIT *(On Thursdays)*

A LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES *Acts 8:14-17*

8:14. Now, when the apos-

les, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. 8:15. Who, when they were come, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost. 8:16. For he was not as yet come upon any of them: but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 8:17. Then they laid their hands upon them: and they received the Holy Ghost.

THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST *(On Thursdays)*

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS *1 Cor. 11:23-29*

11:23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, 11:24. And giving thanks, broke and said: Take ye and eat:

This is my body, which shall be delivered for you. This do for the commemoration of me. 11:25. In like manner also the chalice, after he had supped, saying: This chalice is the new testament in my blood. This do ye, as often as you shall drink, for the commemoration of me. 11:26. For as often as you shall eat this bread and drink the chalice, you shall shew the death of the Lord, until he come. 11:27. Therefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. 11:28. But let a man prove himself: and so let him eat of that bread and drink of the chalice. 11:29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgment to himself, not discerning the body of the Lord.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE ETERNAL HIGH
PRIEST
(On Thursdays)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS
*Heb. 5:1-11***

5:1. For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins: 5:2. Who can have compassion on them that are ignorant and that err: because he himself also is compassed with infirmity. 5:3. And therefore he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 5:4. Neither doth any man take the honour to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was. 5:5. So Christ also did not glorify himself, that he might be made a high priest: but he that said unto him: Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee. 5:6. As he saith also in another place: Thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech. 5:7. Who in the days of his

flesh, with a strong cry and tears, offering up prayers and supplications to him that was able to save him from death, was heard for his reverence. 5:8. And whereas indeed he was the Son of God, he learned obedience by the things which he suffered. 5:9. And being consummated, he became, to all that obey him, the cause of eternal salvation: 5:10. Called by God a high priest, according to the order of Melchisedech. 5:11. Of whom we have much to say and hard to be intelligibly uttered: because you are become weak to hear.

FRIDAYS

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (On Fridays)

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE EPHESIANS *Eph. 3:8-19*

3:8. To me, the least of all the saints, is given this

grace, to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: 3:9. And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God who created all things: 3:10. That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church, 3:11. According to the eternal purpose which he made in Christ Jesus our Lord: 3:12. In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. 3:13. Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. 3:14. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3:15. Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named: 3:16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man: 3:17. That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts: that, being

rooted and founded in charity, 3:18. You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 3:19. To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge: that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

THE HOLY CROSS
(On Fridays)

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE PHILIPPIANS**
Phil. 2:5-11

2:5. For let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 2:6. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 2:7. But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and in habit found as a man. 2:8. He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. 2:9. For which cause, God also hath

exalted him and hath given him a name which is above all names: *(here all genuflect)* 2:10. That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth: 2:11. And that every tongue should confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

**THE PASSION OF THE
LORD**
(On Fridays)

**A LESSON FROM
ZACHARIAS THE PROPHET**
Zach. 12:10-11; 13:6-7

12:10. And I will pour out upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace, and of prayers: and they shall look upon me, whom they have pierced: and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for an only son, and they shall grieve over him, as the manner is to grieve for the death of the firstborn. 12:11. In that day there

shall be a great lamentation in Jerusalem like the lamentation of Adadremmon in the plain of Mageddon. 13:6. And they shall say to him: What are these wounds in the midst of thy hands? And he shall say: With these I was wounded in the house of them that loved me. 13:7. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that cleaveth to me, saith the Lord of hosts: strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered:

SATURDAYS

Commemoration of The
Blessed Virgin Mary
(*On Saturdays*)
In Advent
(From the Monday after the
First Sunday in Advent, to
December 23,
inclusive)

A LESSON FROM ISAIAS
THE PROPHET
Is. 7:10-15

7:10. And the Lord spoke again to Achaz, saying:

7:11. Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God, either unto the depth of hell, or unto the height above. 7:12. And Achaz said: I will not ask, and I will not tempt the Lord. 7:13. And he said: Hear ye therefore, O house of David: Is it a small thing for you to be grievous to men, that you are grievous to my God also? 7:14. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and his name shall be called Emmanuel. 7:15. He shall eat butter and honey, that he may know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good.

Commemoration of The
Blessed Virgin Mary
(*On Saturdays*)
From Christmas Day to the
Purification
Candlemas
Devotionals: from Decem-
ber 26 to February 1 inclu-
sive

A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TI-

TUS
Titus 3:4-7

3:4. But when the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour appeared: 3:5. Not by the works of justice which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us, by the laver of regeneration and renovation of the Holy Ghost. 3:6. Whom he hath poured forth upon us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: 3:7. That, being justified by his grace, we may be heirs according to hope of life everlasting.

**Commemoration of The
Blessed Virgin Mary
(On Saturdays)**

**From the Feast of the
Purification to Advent**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 24:14-16***

24:14. From the beginning, and before the world, was I created, and unto the world to come I shall not cease to

be, and in the holy dwelling place I have ministered before him. 24:15. And so was I established in Sion, and in the holy city likewise I rested, and my power was in Jerusalem. 24:16. And I took root in an honourable people, and in the portion of my God his inheritance, and my abode is in the full assembly of saints.

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***DIVINE LITURGIES FOR
SPECIAL INTENTIONS AND
OCCASIONS***

**FOR THE ELECTION OF A
BISHOP, PRIMATE, ETC.**

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE HEBREWS
*Heb. 4:16; 5:1-7***

4:16. Let us go therefore with confidence to the throne of grace: that we may obtain mercy and find grace in seasonable aid. **5:1.** For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins: **5:2.** Who can have compassion on them that are ignorant and that err: because he himself also is compassed with infirmity. **5:3.** And therefore he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. **5:4.** Neither doth any man take the honour to himself,

but he that is called by God, as Aaron was. **5:5.** So Christ also did not glorify himself, that he might be made a high priest: but he that said unto him: Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten thee. **5:6.** As he saith also in another place: Thou art a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchisedech. **5:7.** Who in the days of his flesh, with a strong cry and tears, offering up prayers and supplications to him that was able to save him from death, was heard for his reverence.

**ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ELECTION AND
CONSECRATION OF A
BISHOP**

**A LESSON FROM THE
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*Heb. 5:1-4***

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**PROPAGATION OF THE
FAITH
CONVERSIONS TO THE
TRUE CHURCH**

Alternate Lesson 1
**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF WISDOM
*Ecclus. 36:1-19***

36:1. Have mercy upon us, O God of all, and behold us, and shew us the light of thy mercies: 36:2. And send thy fear upon the nations, that have not sought after thee: that they may know that there is no God beside thee, and that they may shew forth thy wonders. 36:3. Lift up thy hand over the

strange nations, that they may see thy power. 36:4. For as thou hast been sanctified in us in their sight, so thou shalt be magnified among them in our presence, 36:5. That they may know thee, as we also have known thee, that there is no God beside thee, O Lord. 36:6. Renew thy signs, and work new miracles. 36:7. Glorify thy hand, and thy right arm. 36:8. Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath. 36:9. Take away the adversary, and crush the enemy. 36:10. Hasten the time, and remember the end, that they may declare thy wonderful works. 36:11. Let him that escapeth be consumed by the rage of the fire: and let them perish that oppress thy people. 36:12. Crush the head of the princes of the enemies that say: There is no other beside us. 36:13. Gather together all the tribes of Jacob: that they may know that there no God besides thee, and may declare thy great works: and thou shalt inherit them as from the

beginning. 36:14. Have mercy on thy people, upon whom thy name is invoked: and upon Israel, whom thou hast raised up to be thy firstborn. 36:15. Have mercy on Jerusalem, the city which thou hast sanctified, the city of thy rest. 36:16. Fill Sion with thy unspeakable words, and thy people with thy glory. 36:17. Give testimony to them that are thy creatures from the beginning, and raise up the prophecies which the former prophets spoke in thy name. 36:18. Reward them that patiently wait for thee, that thy prophets may be found faithful: and hear the prayers of thy servants, 36:19. According to the blessing of Aaron over thy people, and direct us into the way of justice, and let all know that dwell upon the earth, that thou art God the beholder of all ages.

Alternate Lesson 2
**A LESSON FROM THE
 EPISTLE OF BLESSED
 PAUL THEN APOSTLE TO**

TIMOTHY
1 Tim. 2:1-7

2:1. I desire therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all men: 2:2. For kings and for all that are in high station: that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all piety and chastity. 2:3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 2:4. Who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2:5. For there is one God: and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus: 2:6. Who gave himself a redemption for all, a testimony in due times. 2:7. Whereunto I am appointed a preacher and an apostle (I say the truth, I lie not), a doctor of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**AGAINST THE HEATHEN
 AND / OR HEDONISTS**

**A LESSON FROM THE
 BOOK OF ESTHER**
Esther 13:8-11; 15-17

13:8. But Mardochai besought the Lord, remembering all his works, 13:9. And said: O Lord, Lord, almighty king, for all things are in thy power, and there is none that can resist thy will, if thou determine to save Israel. 13:10. Thou hast made heaven and earth and all things that are under the cope of heaven. 13:11. Thou art Lord of all, and there is none that can resist thy majesty. 13:15. And now, O Lord, O king, O God of Abraham, have mercy on thy people, because our enemies resolve to destroy us, and extinguish thy inheritance. 13:16. Despise not thy portion, which thou hast redeemed for thyself out of Egypt. 13:17. Hear my supplication, and be merciful to thy lot and inheritance, and turn our mourning into joy, that we may live and praise thy name, O Lord, and shut not the mouths of them that sing to thee.

FOR HEALING OF

(THE) SCHISM

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE EPHESIANS
*Ephes. 4:1-7; 13-21***

4:1. I therefore, a prisoner in the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called: 4:2. With all humility and mildness, with patience, supporting one another in charity. 4:3. Careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4:4. One body and one Spirit: as you are called in one hope of your calling. 4:5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. 4:6. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all. 4:7. But to every one of us is given grace, according to the measure of the giving of Christ. 4:13. Until we all meet into the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the age of the fulness of

Christ: 4:14. That henceforth we be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the wickedness of men, by cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive. **4:15.** But doing the truth in charity, we may in all things grow up in him who is the head, even **Christ: 4:16.** From whom the whole body, being compacted and fitly joined together, by what every joint supplieth, according to the operation in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in charity. **4:17.** This then I say and testify in the Lord: That henceforward you walk not as also the Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind: **4:18.** Having their understanding darkened: being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts. **4:19.** Who despairing have given themselves up to lasciviousness, unto the working

of all uncleanness, unto covetousness. **4:20.** But you have not so learned **Christ: 4:21.** If so be that you have heard him and have been taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus:

IN TIME OF WAR

A LESSON FROM JEREMIAS THE PROPHET *Jer. 42:1-2, 7-12*

42:1. Then all the captains of the warriors, and Johanan the son of Caree, and Jezonias, the son of Osaias, and the rest of the people from the least to the greatest came near: **42:2.** And they said to Jeremias the prophet: Let our supplication fall before thee: and pray thou for us to the Lord thy God for all this remnant, for we are left but a few of many, as thy eyes do behold us. **42:7.** Now after ten days, the word of the Lord came to Jeremias. **42:8.** And he called Johanan the son of Caree, and all the captains of the fighting men that were with him, and all

the people from the least to the greatest. 42:9. And he said to them: Thus saith the Lord the God of Israel, to whom you sent me, to present your supplications before him: 42:10. If you will be quiet and remain in this land, I will build you up, and not pull you down: I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for now I am appeased for the evil that I have done to you. 42:11. Fear not because of the king of Babylon, of whom you are greatly afraid: fear him not, saith the Lord: for I am with you, to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 42:12. And I will shew mercies to you, and will take pity on you, and will cause you to dwell in your own land.

FOR PEACE

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF MACHABEES
*2 Mach. 1:1-5***

1:1. To the brethren, the Jews that are throughout Egypt; the brethren, the

Jews that are in Jerusalem, and in the land of Judea, send health and good peace. 1:2. May God be gracious to you, and remember his covenant that he made with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, his faithful servants: 1:3. And give you all a heart to worship him, and to do his will with a great heart, and a willing mind. 1:4. May he open your heart in his law, and in his commandments, and send you peace. 1:5. May he hear your prayers, and be reconciled unto you, and never forsake you in the evil time.

**IN TIME OF
PESTULANCE**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF KINGS
*2 Kings 24:15-18, 19, 25***

24:15. And the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel, from the morning unto the time appointed, and there died of the people from Dan to Bersabee seventy thousand men. 24:16. And when the angel of the Lord had

stretched out his hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord had pity on the affliction, and said to the angel that slew the people: It is enough: now hold thy hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the thrashingfloor of Areuna the Jebusite. 24:17. And David said to the Lord, when he saw the angel striking the people: It is I; I am he that have sinned, I have done wickedly: these that are the sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I beseech thee, be turned against me, and against my father's house. 24:18. And Gad came to David that day, and said: Go up, and build an altar to the Lord in the thrashingfloor of Areuna the Jebusite. 24:19. And David went up according to the word of Gad which the Lord had commanded him. 24:25. And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered holocausts and peace offerings: and the Lord became merciful to the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

FOR REMISSION OF SINS

A LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE OF BLESSED PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS *Rom. 7:22-25*

7:22. For I am delighted with the law of God, according to the inward man: 7:23. But I see another law in my members, fighting against the law of my mind and captivating me in the law of sin that is in my members. 7:24. Unhappy man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 7:25. The grace of God, by Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR PILGRIMS AND TRAVELERS

A LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS *Gen. 28:10-22*

28:10. But Jacob being departed from Bersabee, went on to Haran. 28:11. And when he was come to a certain place, and would rest in

it after sunset, he took of the stones that lay there, and putting under his head, slept in the same place. 28:12. And he saw in his sleep a ladder standing upon the earth, and the top thereof touching heaven: the angels also of God ascending and descending by it. 28:13. And the Lord leaning upon the ladder saying to him: I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: The land, wherein thou sleepest, I will give to thee and to thy seed. 28:14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth: thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and IN THEE and thy seed, all the tribes of the earth SHALL BE BLESSED. 28:15. And I will be thy keeper whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee back into this land: neither will I leave thee, till I shall have accomplished all that I have said. 28:16. And when Jacob awaked out of sleep, he said: Indeed the Lord is in this place, and I

knew it not. 28:17. And trembling, he said: How terrible is this place? this is no other but the house of God, and the gate of heaven. 28:18. And Jacob arising in the morning, took the stone which he had laid under his head, and set it up for a title, pouring oil upon the top of it. 28:19. And he called the name of the city Bethel, which before was called Luza. 28:20. And he made a vow, saying: If God shall be with me, and shall keep me in the way, by which I walk, and shall give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, 28:21. And I shall return prosperously to my father's house: the Lord shall be my God: 28:22. And this stone, which I have set up for a title, shall be called the house of God: and of all things that thou shalt give to me, I will offer tithes to thee.

FOR THE SICK

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED**

JAMES THE APOSTLE
James 5:13-16

5:13. Is any of you sad? Let him pray: Is he cheerful in mind? Let him sing. **5:14.** Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **5:15.** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick man. And the Lord shall raise him up: and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him. **5:16.** Confess therefore your sins one to another: and pray one for another, that you may be saved. For the continual prayer of a just man availeth much.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH

**A LESSON FROM THE
EPISTLE OF BLESSED
PAUL THE APOSTLE TO
THE ROMANS**
Rom. 14:7-12

14:7. For none of us liveth to himself: and no man dieth to himself. **14:8.** For

whether we live, we live unto the Lord: or whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **14:9.** For to this end Christ died and rose again: that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **14:10.** But thou, why judgest thou thy brother? Or thou, why dost thou despise thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **14:11.** For it is written: As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God. **14:12.** Therefore every one of us shall render account to God for himself.

FOR ANY NEED

**A LESSON FROM
JEREMIAS THE PROPHET**
Jer. 14:7-9

14:7. If our iniquities have testified against us, O Lord, do thou it for thy name's sake, for our rebellions are many, we have sinned against thee. **14:8.** O expec-

tation of Israel, the Saviour thereof in time of trouble: why wilt thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a wayfaring man turning in to lodge? 14:9. Why wilt thou be as a wandering man, as a mighty man that cannot save? but thou, O Lord, art among us, and thy name is called upon by us, forsake us not.

**THE DEDICATION OF A
CHURCH
OR AN ALTAR
AND ON THE
ANNIVERSARY
(Terrible is this place)**

**A LESSON FROM THE
BOOK OF THE
APOCALYPSE
*Apoc. 21:2-5***

21:2. And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 21:3. And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying: Behold the tabernacle of God with men: and he will dwell with them.

And they shall be his people: and God himself with them shall be their God. 21:4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and death shall be no more. Nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away. 21:5. And he that sat on the throne, said: Behold, I make all things new.

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