

DAILY MINISTRIES:**MONDAY:**

Assyrian Church of the East Religious radio Program.
 6:00pm – 7:30pm (In the Assyrian Language)
 7:30pm – 8:00pm (In the English Language)
 On **2GLF FM 89.3** on your FM dial.

TUESDAY:

From 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Preaching in the Assyrian Language
 by: Father Genard Lazar in St. Mary's Church. 94 Polding St Fairfield.

WEDNESDAY:

English Bible Studies. For persons 12 years and over.
 At 7:30pm – 9:00pm.
 In St. Hurmizd's Assyrian School. 5–9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park.

FRIDAY:

From 8:00pm – 9:00pm. Preaching in the English Language.
 In St. Mary's Church. 94 Polding St Fairfield.
 Followed by fellowship in Church hall.

SUNDAY:

English Mass. The Holy Eucharist offered by Father Genard Lazar.
 At 6:00pm.
 In St. Hurmizd's Cathedral. 5 – 9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park.

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Assyrian Church of the East Diocese of Australia & New Zealand

St. Peter & Paul Parish

ENGLISH MASS

Propers Appointed for Qurbana (Oblation)

Sunday 26th June 2005

7th Sunday of the Apostles

Lection Reading: The book of Deuteronomy 4: 7 - 24

"For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?"

Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, "Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children." "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice. So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

"Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth. And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage. But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to

All the Prophets who succeeded Moses followed and confirmed this way, and for it they submitted to every species of trial and persecution.

Priest's Corner Father Genard Lazar, Parish Priest

Thanks for Thorns

"I take pleasure in infirmities ... in distresses,
for Christ's sake." (2 Corinthians 12:10)

How difficult is it, at times, to appreciate every situation? When pain strikes our bodies, or we learn that we have a physical problem, for which there is no cure, or we lose our job, or we lose a loved one, we don't feel grateful. However, we can learn to thank God because He gives us strength when we feel weak. Even through suffering He is working for our good (Romans 8:28).

A blind man expressed this prayer: "I have thanked You a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my 'thorn' ... Teach me the glory of my cross; teach me the value of my 'thorn.' Show me that I have climbed to You by the path of pain. Show me that my tears have made my rainbow."

As we commit ourselves to the Lord and remember that He is working in everything to accomplish our ultimate good, we can thank Him even when we are pierced by "thorns."

**We lessen the pain of suffering
when we learn the lesson of gratitude.**

worship, whilst others joined in a ruinous confederacy, and made a vain counsel that they would build a tower and a place wherein to rebel against God; so that in case of another flood being sent in His anger, it might serve them as a place of refuge; or in case of His commanding anything contrary to their will, they might thereby ascend and war against heaven.

And for this reason God confounded their tongues, and scattered (Genesis 11:1-9) them to the four winds of heaven, but they further by the worship confirmed error of images, and sacrificed their sons and their daughters to devils and they feared and served the creature rather than their Creator. God then chose our father Abraham, from whose seed He purposed to take to Himself an everlasting temple, gave him the covenant of circumcision, and entered into a compact (Genesis 17:10) with him, and in him began the way of the fear of God called Hebrew.

After this, through successive generations, God raised up of his family good and righteous persons, who laboured in vain to make men return unto the Lord. Then Moses, the head of the Prophets, was chosen, and to him were given written laws (Exodus 20:1-17) and ordinances, such as were not vouchsafed to the three dispensations which preceded him. And in him began the Jewish dispensation, which like a child who has not yet attained to perfect knowledge, he meditated the old law, which enjoined that good should be done towards those that do good and relations, and evil to evil doers and enemies (Deuteronomy 23:6-7).

It moreover represented God after the similitude of man, with bodily members, as dwelling at Jerusalem, as abiding on Mount Sion and among the congregation (Psalm 41:10-11) of Israel. It makes no mention of hell, or of the kingdom of heaven; but it threatens the transgressors of its laws with corporal punishments, such as submission to enemies, they being scattered among the gentiles (Deuteronomy 4:27) with drought (Deuteronomy 28:23-24) famine, poverty and barrenness; (Deuteronomy 28:38) whilst, on the other hand, the good are rewarded with earthly and temporal rewards.

be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land. Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

St. Paul's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16: 1 – 23

Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time.

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labours with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand Paul's.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed.

O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel reading: Luke 13: 22 - 35

And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?"

And He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,'

and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see

Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Faith Concerning God

From the Book of Marganitha (The Pearl)
On the Truth of Christianity

Written by Mar Odisho,
Metropolitan of N'siwin and Armenia, A.D. 1298

On the Divine Laws and Ordinances, and On the Prophets

When Noah went forth from the ark, God gave him ordinances adapted to the infancy of human nature; but, gradually, as his race increased, they forgot these, and some of them deemed it right to worship the images of their illustrious men, namely, those whom they loved and they justified their