

# Ss. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Today .....	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	4:00pm	Lenten Vespers
Wed. 13 .....	7:00pm	Presanctified
Sat. 16 .....	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		<i>Lazarus Saturday</i>
	6:00pm	Vespers
Sun. 17 .....	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
		<i>Palm Sunday</i>

**One must be baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian to receive Holy Communion. Guests are invited to receive a blessing at the chalice and partake of the post-Communion bread (Antidoron).**

**Fast Days:** Every day (fasting from meat, fish, and eggs, dairy, wine and oil as you are able.)

### Troparion – Tone 1 (Resurrection)

*When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body,  
Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Thy Kingdom!  
Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”*

### Troparion – Tone (St. Mary of Egypt)

*Having been a sinful woman,  
thou becamest through repentance a bride of Christ.  
Having attained angelic life,  
thou didst defeat demons with the weapon of the Cross.  
Therefore, O most glorious Mary,  
thou art a bride of the Kingdom.*

**Prayers for those** in our Sts. Peter and Paul community (parishioners, family, friends) can be listed for remembrance in our litanies during the Liturgy. Feel free to give names to Fr. Nicholas - please indicate how each person listed is connected to us (parishioner, family, friend, etc.), as well as why we are praying for them (health, memory, travel, etc.).

**Confessions can be heard** by appointment. If you need, I will come to you during the week. Please do not hesitate to call for a time to drop by the church or to have me visit you.

**Remembrances** for both the living and the dead during the prayers of preparation of the Eucharistic Lamb and during the Augmented Litany should be given the week before the desired remembrance so that the names can be put into the bulletin and given to the Deacons for the prayers. Any names of the living that are not marked as sick or traveling will be listed under general prayers.

## SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

### Church Lectionary

#### Today

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 7:36-50

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 10:32-45

#### Monday

Isaiah 48:17-49:4

Genesis 27:1-41

Proverbs 19:16-25

#### Tuesday

Isaiah 49:6-10

Genesis 31:3-16

Proverbs 21:3-21

#### Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-11

Genesis 43:26-31, 45:1-16

Proverbs 21:23-22:4

#### Thursday

Isaiah 65:8-16

Genesis 46:1-7

Proverbs 23:15-24:5

#### Friday

Isaiah 66:10-24

Genesis 49:33-50:26

Proverbs 31:8-31

#### Saturday

Hebrews 12:28-13:8

John 11:1-45

### Reading the Bible in a Year

Apr 10: 4 Kings 33-36

Apr 11: Ezra 1-5

Apr 12: Ezra 6-10

Apr 13: Nehemiah 1-4

Apr 14: Nehemiah 5-8

Apr 15: Nehemiah 9-13

Apr 16: Esther 1-4

## APRIL EVENTS

### April

10 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
4:00pm Lenten Vespers (away)  
13 – 7:00pm Presanctified Liturgy  
*Pot Luck & Lenten Study*  
16 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
*Lazarus Saturday*  
6:00pm Vespers  
17 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
*Palm Sunday*  
20 – 7:00pm Holy Unction

21 – 7:00pm Matins and Passion  
Gospels  
22 – 3:00pm Vespers  
7:00pm Matins and  
Lamentations  
23 – 9:30am Vespers & Divine Liturgy  
**PASCHA**  
11:30pm Midnight Office  
24 – 12:00am Matins & Divine Liturgy  
1:00pm Vespers of Pascha

## Coffee Hour

Shaloka Memorial

## Flower Donation

## A Prayer for the Week

**Dear Lord of Creation, my Time is in Your hands. My days are numbered by You and Your wisdom. But I am so prone to forget this and to allow my time to pass by without seeing Your grace in each moment. Please use this season of Great Lent to help me become more aware of the moments in my life and give me the grace to embrace the spiritual disciplines of the Faith to form my heart and soul into Your servant. Amen.**

## Children's Word

### **The good things that have come**

Has anybody ever reminded you to, “Count your blessings”? It’s important to remember all the good things we have and the good things that have happened to us.

Today’s epistle reading starts, “When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come...” What were the good things that have come? Christ’s holy resurrection, the best thing that has ever come!

When we hear these words, we remember to count our blessings, especially the best blessing of all. We remember all that our Lord did for us: coming to earth, suffering on the Cross, and rising from the dead. We remember how our Lord did these good things so He could give us hope and open heaven for us.

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent, and by now some of us might be getting tired of the fasting. We might be getting tired of so many services. We might be getting tired of waiting for Easter too.

But let’s remember why we have Lent in the first place. Today, and every day, let’s remember to “count our blessings,” especially the best blessing of all! Then we can thank God for “the good things that have come,” Christ’s awesome resurrection.

### THE STRONGEST FAITH ST. MARTIN, BISHOP OF ROME

When we come together for Liturgy each week, we say the Creed together, don’t we? We say out loud what we Orthodox Christians believe.

Today, we celebrate the nameday of somebody who said out loud what we believe...but he was hurt again and again for that. Sometimes, he was even so hungry and thirsty, but still Saint Martin wouldn’t stop saying the truth.

Saint Martin (who was the bishop of Rome, Italy) lived many years ago, and he died in the year 655. At that time, the emperor wanted all the Christians to believe something about Jesus Christ that just wasn’t true. In fact, it was a heresy (a heresy is a belief that goes against the truth)!

The emperor was so angry that he even sent somebody to kill this saint! But something kept the person from doing this awful thing, and he was even blinded on the way back home. Again and again, the emperor did such cruel things to Saint Martin. Finally, the emperor sent Martin to be a prisoner on a little island, and he gave him hardly any food or water. Saint Martin never gave up saying the truth about Christ. He is called a “Confessor” because he was hurt for believing in Christ. (A martyr is somebody who died for believing in Christ.) Always remember—God wants us to stick up for the truth, and Saint Martin did just that!

We celebrate St. Martin today, April 13th.

## Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

April 10 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt ..... Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church  
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### Hebrews 9:11-14

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

### Galatians 3:23-29

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

### Luke 7:36-50

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."



***"Since 'the kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force' (Mt. 11:12), and it is impossible for the faithful to enter it by any other way, unless they come through the narrow gate of trials and tribulations, the divine oracle rightly commands us, saying: 'Strive to enter by the narrow door' (Lk. 13:24). Again He says, 'By your endurance you will gain your souls' (Lk. 21:19), and, 'Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of heaven' (Acts 14:22)."***

-St. Symeon the New Theologian



# Attentive to the Moments of Life

April 4, 2022 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

They say there is a point of absolute clarity when a person is facing their own mortality. We've heard it all before; "Your life flashes before your eyes." Of course, this is a moment in human life we humans regularly avoid thinking about. Our mortality isn't something we like to dwell on. And yet, it is a part of life.

St. Ambrose of Optina teaches "You must not be greatly troubled about many things, but you should care for the main thing — preparing yourself for death." Over and over again, we read this kind of insight and wisdom from our Church Fathers. But what is it about preparing for our that is so important? Don't we run the risk of not really living at all if we are always dwelling on our death? Paradoxically, no. In fact, it turns out the ONLY way we will ever LIVE well is to prepare to DIE well!

Look at our lesson today in Isaiah 37:33-38:6:

*"Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city, or shoot an arrow there, or come before it with a shield, or cast up a siege mound against it. By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, says the LORD. For I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David." And the angel of the LORD went forth, and slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went home and dwelt at Nineveh. And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, slew him with the sword, and escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.*

*In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, and said, "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in thy sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: "Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and defend this city.*

The People of God were facing some very scary times. The Northern kingdom of Israel, the 10 tribes, were overrun by the Assyrian Empire and carried away into captivity, leaving the Southern kingdom of Judah to fend for themselves against this mighty army. The Assyrians laid siege to Jerusalem and King Hezekiah prayed to God for deliverance. God saved Jerusalem and the Southern Kingdom, but no sooner was the kingdom saved that the King fell gravely ill.

So, Hezekiah did what he knew to do: He prayed to God for mercy. And God granted the king another 15 years of life.

But that's the way of wisdom. We learn how to depend on God, not in the easy times or the comfortable times, but in the crucible of troubles and pain. Hezekiah knew he could run to God for his own life because he had witnessed God's faithfulness to the nation. It was Hezekiah's familiarity with faithfulness that prepared him to face the terrors of his own mortality.

And, while God did spare his life for an additional 15 years, Hezekiah did, eventually, die. And his passing was prepared for because of how he had dealt with his real-life struggles.

Today, are you awake enough to your own moments in life to see how God is placing in your life all you will need to face that moment of truth, your own mortality? If you're wise enough and awake enough today to look around you, you will discover such treasures in your day that will be invaluable to you to keep your life turned toward God and prepare for your eternity by being Orthodox on Purpose!

### **К Евреям 9:11-14**

Но Христос, Первосвященник будущих благ, придя с большею и совершеннейшею скиниею, нерукотворенною, то есть не такового устройства, и не с кровью козлов и тельцов, но со Своею Кровию, однажды вошел во святилище и приобрел вечное искупление. Ибо если кровь тельцов и козлов и пепел телицы, через окропление, освящает оскверненных, дабы чисто было тело, то кольми паче Кровь Христа, Который Духом Святым принес Себя непорочного Богу, очистит совесть нашу от мертвых дел, для служения Богу живому и истинному!

### **К Галатам 3:23-29**

А до пришествия веры мы заключены были под стражею закона, до того [времени], как надлежало открыться вере. Итак закон был для нас детоводителем ко Христу, дабы нам оправдаться верою; по пришествии же веры, мы уже не под [руководством] детоводителя. Ибо все вы сыны Божии по вере во Христа Иисуса; все вы, во Христа крестившиеся, во Христа облеклись. Нет уже Иудея, ни язычника; нет раба, ни свободного; нет мужского пола, ни женского: ибо все вы одно во Христе Иисусе. Если же вы Христовы, то вы семя Авраамово и по обетованию наследники.

### **От Марка 10:32-45**

Когда были они на пути, восходя в Иерусалим, Иисус шел впереди их, а они ужасались и, следуя за Ним, были в страхе. Подозвав двенадцать, Он опять начал им говорить о том, что будет с Ним: вот, мы восходим в Иерусалим, и Сын Человеческий предан будет первосвященникам и книжникам, и осудят Его на смерть, и предадут Его язычникам, и поругаются над Ним, и будут бить Его, и оплюют Его, и убьют Его; и в третий день воскреснет. [Тогда] подошли к Нему сыновья Зеведеевы Иаков и Иоанн и сказали: Учитель! мы желаем, чтобы Ты сделал нам, о чем попросим. Он сказал им: что хотите, чтобы Я сделал вам? Они сказали Ему: дай нам сесть у Тебя, одному по правую сторону, а другому по левую в славе Твоей. Но Иисус сказал им: не знаете, чего просите. Можете ли пить чашу, которую Я пью, и креститься крещением, которым Я крещусь? Они отвечали: можем. Иисус же сказал им: чашу, которую Я пью, будете пить, и крещением, которым Я крещусь, будете креститься; а дать сесть у Меня по правую сторону и по левую--не от Меня [зависит], но кому уготовано. И, услышав, десять начали негодовать на Иакова и Иоанна. Иисус же, подозвав их, сказал им: вы знаете, что почитающиеся князьями народов господствуют над ними, и вельможи их властвуют ими. Но между вами да не будет так: а кто хочет быть большим между вами, да будет вам слугою; и кто хочет быть первым между вами, да будет всем рабом. Ибо и Сын Человеческий не для того пришел, чтобы Ему служили, но чтобы послужить и отдать душу Свою для искупления многих.

### **От Луки 7:36-50**

Некто из фарисеев просил Его вкусить с ним пищи; и Он, войдя в дом фарисея, возлег. И вот, женщина того города, которая была грешница, узнав, что Он возлежит в доме фарисея, принесла алавастровый сосуд с миром и, став позади у ног Его и плача, начала обливать ноги Его слезами и отирать волосами головы своей, и целовала ноги Его, и мазала миром. Видя это, фарисей, пригласивший Его, сказал сам в себе: если бы Он был пророк, то знал бы, кто и какая женщина прикасается к Нему, ибо она грешница. Обратившись к нему, Иисус сказал: Симон! Я имею нечто сказать тебе. Он говорит: скажи, Учитель. Иисус сказал: у одного заимодавца было два должника: один должен был пятьсот динариев, а другой пятьдесят, но как они не имели чем заплатить, он простил обоим. Скажи же, который из них более возлюбит его? Симон отвечал: думаю, тот, которому более простил. Он сказал ему: правильно ты рассудил. И, обратившись к женщине, сказал Симону: видишь ли ты эту женщину? Я пришел в дом твой, и ты воды Мне на ноги не дал, а она слезами облила Мне ноги и волосами головы своей отёрла; ты целования Мне не дал, а она, с тех пор как Я пришел, не перестает целовать у Меня ноги; ты головы Мне маслом не помазал, а она миром помазала Мне ноги. А потому сказываю тебе: прощаются грехи её многие за то, что она возлюбила много, а кому мало прощается, тот мало любит. Ей же сказал: прощаются тебе грехи. И возлежавшие с Ним начали говорить про себя: кто это, что и грехи прощает? Он же сказал женщине: вера твоя спасла тебя, иди с миром.

### **Hebrenjve 9:11-14**

Por si erdhi Krishti, kryeprihti i të mirave të ardhshme me anë të tendës më të madhe e më të përsosur, që s'është bërë me dorë, domethënë, që s'është prej këtij krijimi. As me anë gjaku cjepësh e viçash, po me anë të gjakut të tij hyri një herë e përgjithmonë në Shenjtëroren e Shenjtëroreve, edhe fitoi shpërblim të përjetshëm. Sepse në qoftë se gjaku i demave e i cjepëve, edhe hiri i mëshqerrës që spërkat të ndoturit, shenjtëron për pastrimin e mishit, sa më tepër gjaku i Krishtit, i cili me anë të Frymës së përjetshme i blatoi veten e tij pa njollë Perëndisë, do të pastrojë ndërgjegjen tuaj nga punë të vdekura, që t'i shërbeni Perëndisë së gjallë?

### **Galatianeve 3:23-29**

Edhe përpara se të vinte besimi, ruheshim nën ligj, të mbyllur brenda në besimin, i cili ishte për t'u zbuluar. Prandaj ligji u bë mësuesi ynë në Krishtin, që të drejtësohemi prej besimit. 25 Por si erdhi besimi, nuk jemi më nën mësues. Sepse të gjithë ju jeni bij të Perëndisë me anë të besimit që është në Krishtin Jisu. Sepse sa u pagëzuar në Krishtin, në Krishtin u veshët. Nuk ka më Jude as Grek; nuk ka më shërbëtor, as të lirë; nuk ka më mashkull e femër; sepse ju të gjithë jeni në Krishtin Jisu. Edhe në jeni ju të Krishtit, atëherë jeni farë e Abrahamit dhe trashëgimtarë sipas premtimit.

### **Markut 10:32-45**

Edhe ishin në udhë duke u ngjitur në Jerusalem; edhe Jisui ishte duke shkuar përpara tyre, edhe ata çuditeshin, edhe vinin prapa duke pasur frikë. Edhe ai mori pranë përsëri të dymbëdhjetët, edhe zuri t'u thotë ato që do t'i ngjanin atij, se ja tek po ngjitemi në Jerusalem, edhe i Biri i njeriut do t'u dorëzohet kryepriiftërinjve dhe shkruesve, edhe do ta gjykojnë për vdekje, edhe do t'ua dorëzojnë kombeve; edhe do ta përqeshin, edhe do ta fshikullojnë, edhe do ta pështyjnë, edhe do ta vrasin, edhe të tretën ditë do të ngjallet. Dhe atëherë vijnë tek ai Jakovi dhe Joani, të bijtë e Zevedheut, duke thënë: Mësues, duam të na bësh atë që të kërkojmë. Edhe ai u tha atyre: Ç'doni t'ju bëj unë juve? Edhe ata i thanë: Jepna të rrimë njëri nga e djathta jote dhe njëri nga e majta jote, në lavdinë tënde. Po Jisui u tha atyre: S'dini se ç'kërkoni. A mundeni të pini potirin që pi unë, edhe të pagëzoheni me pagëzimin që pagëzohem unë? Edhe ata i thanë: Mundemi. Edhe Jisui u tha atyre: Potirin, që pi unë, do ta pini, edhe me pagëzimin, që pagëzohem unë, do të pagëzoheni. Por të rrini nga e djathta ime e nga e majta ime, nuk është puna ime ta jap, po do t'u jepet atyre, për të cilët është bërë gati. Edhe të dhjetët kur dëgjuan, zunë të zemërohen për Jakovin dhe për Joanin. Por Jisui, si i thirri pranë, u thotë atyre: E dini se ata që i mbajnë për të parë të kombeve me forcë i zotërojnë ata, edhe të mëdhenjtë fort i shtypin. Por nuk do të jetë kështu ndër ju, po kush të dojë të bëhet i madh ndër ju, do të jetë shërbëtori juaj. Edhe kush të dojë prej jush të bëhet i parë, do të jetë shërbëtor i të gjithëve. Sepse edhe Biri i njeriut nuk erdhi të shërbehet, po të shërbejë, edhe të japë jetën e tij shpërblim për shumë.

### **Llukait 7:36-50**

Edhe një nga Farisenjtë i lutej të hante bashkë me të; edhe ai hyri në shtëpinë e Fariseut dhe ndenji në tryezë. Edhe ja, një grua në atë qytet, e cila ishte mëkatore, kur mori vesh se kishte ndenjor në shtëpinë e Fariseut, pruri një alabastër me miro. Edhe ndenji prapa pranë këmbëve të tij duke qarë, edhe zuri të lagte këmbët e tij me lot, edhe ia fshinte me flokët e kokës së saj, edhe puthte këmbët e tij, edhe ia lyente me miro. Edhe Fariseu që e kishte thirrur, kur pa, foli me veten e tij duke thënë: Ky po të ishte profet, do ta njihje cila dhe çfarë gruaja është ajo që e prek, se është mëkatore. Edhe Jisui iu përgjigj e i tha atij: Simon, kam diçka për të të thënë. Edhe ai i thotë: Mësues, thuaj. Një huadhënës kishte dy huamarrës; njëri i kishte detyrim pesëqind dinarë, edhe tjetri pesëdhjetë. Edhe pasi nuk kishin t'ia lanin, ua fali të dyve. Thuaj pra: Cili nga ata do ta dojë më tepër? Edhe Simoni u përgjigj e tha: Më duket se ai, të cilit i fali më të shumtat. Edhe ai i tha: Drejt gjykove. Edhe si u kthye nga gruaja, i tha Simonit: A e sheh këtë grua? Hyra në shtëpinë tënde, dhe ti nuk më dhe ujë për të larë këmbët; po ajo me lot më lagu këmbët, dhe me flokët kokës së saj i fshiu. Ti nuk më puthë; po ajo, që kur hyra, nuk pushoi së puthuri këmbët e mia. Ti me vaj nuk më leve kryet; po ajo me miro leu këmbët e mia. Prandaj po të them: Janë ndjerë mëkatet e saj të shumta, sepse deshi shumë. Por atij që i ndjehen pak, pak do. Edhe i tha asaj: Të janë ndjerë mëkatet. Edhe ata që kishin ndenjor bashkë në tryezë zunë të thonë me veten e tyre: Cili është ky që edhe mëkate ndjen? Edhe ai i tha gruas: Besimi yt të shpëtoi; shko në paqe.