

# Sts. 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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## SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

TONE 4

Today ..... 10:00am **NO Divine Liturgy**  
Wed. 21 ..... 7:15pm Lenten Study, no  
service  
Sun. 25 ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
**PALM SUNDAY**

**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:** Strict fast Monday and Tuesday (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, oil, wine and hard spirits as you are able.) Wine and oil allowed on Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

### Troparion – Tone 4 (Resurrection)

*When the women disciples of  
the Lord  
learned from the angel the  
joyous message of Thy  
Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral  
curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,  
granting the world great  
mercy!”*

### Kontakion – Tone 3 (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

Genesis 27:1-41

Proverbs 19:16-25

#### Tuesday

Genesis 31:3-16

Proverbs 21:3-21

#### Wednesday

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

Proverbs 21:23-22:4

#### Thursday

Genesis 46:1-7

Proverbs 23:15-24:5

#### Friday

Acts 12:1-11

John 15:17-16:2

#### Saturday

Hebrews 12:28-13:8

John 11:1-45

### Reading the Bible in a Year

Apr 18: Esther 9-10

Apr 19: Job 1-4

Apr 20: Job 5-8

Apr 21: Job 9-12

Apr 22: Job 13-16

Apr 23: Job 17-20

Apr 24: Job 21-24

## Children's Word

***The Lord greatly loves the repenting sinner and mercifully presses him to His bosom: "Where were you, My child? I was waiting a long time for you." The Lord calles all to Himself with the voice of the Gospel, and his voice is heard in all the world: "Come to me, my sheep. I created you, and I love you. My love for you brought Me to earth, and I suffered all things for the sake of your salvation, and I want you all to know my love, and to say, like the apostles on Tabor: Lord, it is good for us to be with You."***

-St. Silouan the Athonite

### **Choosing seats**

Do you ever get to choose where you sit? Maybe when you come into your classroom or on the bus, or even at church, you choose where you want to sit. You might want to sit near your friends, or near a window, or even in the back (where your teacher can't see you!).

In the Gospel reading today, the disciples ask Jesus if they can sit next to Him in heaven. Being right next to Jesus in heaven would be the greatest thing ever, wouldn't it? Nothing could be better than that! In a way, the disciples James and John wanted to choose their seats. They wanted to sit next to their friend!

But what James and John asked was a really big deal, and even Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking." And Jesus said, where you sit in heaven, "is not mine to grant, but

it is for those for whom it has been prepared." That's because, even in heaven, God assigns us our seat. God decides who is closest to Him. But we know that God is always fair, and He chooses who deserves to be with Him.

We love the Lord, so let's always try to be close to Him! And let's pray that one day, He will give us a seat with Him in heaven.

### **LAZARUS, COME OUT! SAINT LAZARUS OF BETHANY**

Do you remember the story of Lazarus? Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus. He became sick and died. His sisters, Mary and Martha, were very, very sad, and they went to tell Jesus that their brother had died. They knew that only He could help! Four days after Lazarus died, Jesus came, and He called His friend out of the tomb. "Lazarus, come out!" He said. And He raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was alive again! This was an amazing miracle, because it showed everybody that Jesus was God. Only God could raise somebody from the dead!

But what happened to St. Lazarus after that? After Jesus died and rose from the dead, Lazarus was in trouble! Some people wanted to kill him because he was on Jesus's side. Lazarus left and went to the island of Cyprus. He became a bishop there, and helped build up the Christian church in Cyprus.

If you go to Cyprus someday, you can even see and pray in front of the tomb of St. Lazarus. This is his second tomb. His first tomb in Bethany (in the Holy Land) is empty!

We celebrate St. Lazarus on the Saturday before Palm Sunday!

## Health of the Parish



\$15,000.00

\$12,700

\$10,000.00

\$5,000.00

## April/May Events

### April

- 18 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- 21 – 7:00pm Lenten study
- 25 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy **PALM SUNDAY**
- 28 – **Holy Wednesday**
  - 7:00pm Holy Unction
- 29 – **Holy Thursday**
  - 7:00pm Matins and Passion Gospel
- 30 – **Great and Holy Friday**
  - 3:00pm Vespers
  - 7:00pm Matins and Lamentations

### May

#### **Great and Holy Saturday**

- 01 – 9:00am Vespers and Divine Liturgy
  - Blessing of Pascha Baskets*
- 11:30pm Midnight Office with Procession
- 02 – 12:00am Matins and Divine Liturgy
  - Blessing of Pascha Baskets*
- 1:00pm Vespers of Pascha
  - Blessing of Pascha Baskets*
- 09 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- 1:30pm *Blessing of the Graves (Oakland)*

### **Hebrews 9:11-14 (Epistle)**

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 (Epistle, Saint)**

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 (Gospel)**

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 (Gospel, Saint)**

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."

# The Test

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“But I don’t understand!” How many times have I said these very words concerning something I was going through in my life? If I had a nickel for every time I said this or heard this, especially from my children, I’d be very wealthy. And I really don’t understand why God does what He does; why He allows what He allows, and why He doesn’t do what I think is obvious He should do. I don’t understand.

But that’s OK.

Look at our lesson today in Genesis 22:1-18:

*After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.*

*When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”*

There’s no making this scene any more horrific or even understandable. God asks Abraham to do a human sacrifice!

But Abraham’s answer absolutely reverberates through history and strikes us today with as much force now as it did in the Ears of God on that fateful day “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”

Abraham didn’t understand God’s request. But Abraham absolutely believed God would never break His word to Abraham to raise up a mighty nation from Abraham and Sarah. So, regardless of the fog of confusion at the moment, Abraham trusted God would provide. God would provide the Lamb for the sacrifice. And, as we continue our Lenten journey, we once again participate in God’s loving supply of His Lamb for us! While Abraham was willing to offer his son, his only son; our God did just that for us. There was no ram caught in the thicket for our Lord Jesus!

Today, when you grasp the truth that it isn’t necessary for you to understand everything at all times; when you humbly embrace your own need for spiritual growth and yet trust God anyway, you will see your faith strengthened, your heart at peace in every circumstance, and your love for God grow, as He provides over and over again even when you don’t understand! And God has provided a Lamb for us as well and He looks down from His cross that becomes a throne of victory and says to you today “God has provided you with a Lamb. And this Lamb is worthy of your faith and trust!” This is the hard part of 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 будем 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 возлюбил 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 Krishti, që erdhi si kryeprift i të mirave që do të vijnë në të ardhmen, duke kaluar nëpër një tabernakull më të madh e më të përkryer, që s'është bërë me dorë, pra, që nuk është e kësaj krijese, hyri një herë e përgjithmonë në shenjtërore, jo me gjakun e cjepve dhe të viçave, por me gjakun e vet, dhe fitoi një shpëtim të amshuar. Sepse, në qoftë se gjaku i demave dhe i cjepve dhe hiri i një mëshqerre i spërkatur mbi të ndoturit, i shenjtëron, duke i pastruar në mish, aq më shumë gjaku i Krishtit, i cili me anë të Frymës së Shenjtë e dha veten e tij të papërlyer nga asnjë faj ndaj Perëndisë, do ta pastrojë ndërgjegjen tuaj nga veprat e vdekura për t'i shërbyer Perëndisë së gjallë!

### **Galatasve 3:23-29**

Dhe, para se të vinte besimi, ne ruheshim nën ligjin, si të mbyllur, duke pritur besimin që duhej të zbulohet. Kështu ligji që mësuesi ynë për të Krishti, që ne të shfaqësohemi me anë të besimit. Por, mbasi besimi erdhi, ne nuk jemi më nën ndonjë mësues, sepse të gjithë ju jeni bij të Perëndisë me anë të besimit të Jezu Krishti. Sepse të gjithë ju që jeni pagëzuar në Krishtin, Krishtin keni veshur. Nuk ka as Jude, as Grek, nuk ka as skllav as të lirë, nuk ka as mashkull as femër, sepse të gjithë jeni një në Jezu Krishtin. Dhe, në qoftë se jeni të Krishtit, jeni pra pasardhja e Abrahamit dhe trashëgimtarë sipas premtimit.

### **Marku 10:32-45**

Ata ishin në udhëtim për t'u ngjitur në Jeruzalem, dhe Jezusi i paraprinte. Dhe ata ishin të tronditur dhe e ndiqnin me ndrojtje. Dhe ai i mblodhi përsëri të dymbëdhjetët mënjane dhe nisi t'u thotë çfarë do t'i ndodhte: "Ja, ne po ngjitemi në Jeruzalem dhe Biri i njeriut do t'u dorëzohet krerëve të priftërinjve dhe skribëve; dhe ata do ta dënojnë me vdekje dhe do ta dorëzojnë në duar të paganëve, të cilët do ta tallin, do ta fshikullojnë, do ta pështyjnë dhe do ta vrasin, por ai, ditën e tretë, do të ringjallet." Atëherë Jakobi dhe Gjoni, bij të Zebedeut, iu afruan dhe i thanë: "Mësues, ne dëshirojmë që ti të bësh për ne atë që do të të kërkojmë." Dhe ai u tha atyre: "Çfarë doni të bëj për ju?" Ata i thanë: "Na lejo që të ulemi njëri në të djathtën tënde dhe tjetri në të majtën tënde në lavdinë tënde." Dhe Jezusi u tha atyre: "Ju nuk dini çfarë kërkon. A mund të pini ju kupën që unë do të pi dhe të pagëzoheni me atë pagëzim me të cilin unë jam pagëzuar?" Ata i thanë: "Po, mundemi." Dhe Jezusi u tha atyre: "Vërtetë ju do të pini kupën që unë po pij dhe do të pagëzoheni me atë pagëzim me të cilin jam pagëzuar, por nuk më takon mua të vë dikë të ulet në të djathtën time ose në të majtën time, por është për ata për të cilët është përgatitur." Kur i dëgjuan këto, të dhjetë të tjerët filluan të indinjohen kundër Jakobit dhe Gjonit. Por Jezusi i thirri pranë vetes dhe tha: "Ju e dini që ata që konsiderohen sundues të kombeve i sundojnë ato dhe të mëdhenjtë e tyre ushtrojnë mbi to pushtetin e tyre; por kjo s'duhet të ndodhë midis jush; madje ai nga ju që do të dojë të bëhet i madh, do të jetë shërbëtori juaj; dhe kushdo nga ju që do të dojë të jetë i pari, do të jetë skllavi i të gjithëve. Sepse edhe Biri i njeriut nuk erdhi që t'i shërbejë, por për të shërbyer dhe për të dhënë jetën e tij si çmim për shpengimin e shumë vetave."

### **Luka 7:36-50**

Një nga farisenjtë e ftoi atë të hajë bashkë me të; dhe ai hyri në shtëpinë e fariseut dhe u ul në tryezë. Dhe ja, një grua nga ai qytet, që ishte një mëkatore, kur mori vesh se ai ishte në tryezën e shtëpisë së një fariseu, solli një enë alabastrit plot me vaj erëkëndshëm. Dhe, duke qëndruar prapa te këmbët e tij dhe duke qarë, filloi t'ia lajë me lot këmbët dhe t'ia fshijë me flokët e kokës së saj; dhe t'ia puthte e t'ia vajoste me vaj erëkëndshëm. Kur e pa këtë gjë, fariseu që e kishte ftuar, tha me vete: "Nëse ky do të ishte një profet, do ta dinte çfarë lloj njeriu është gruaja që po e prek, sepse ajo është një mëkatore. Dhe Jezusi, duke u përgjigjur, i tha: "Simon, kam diçka për të të thënë." Dhe ai tha: "Fol, Mësues." Dhe Jezusi i tha: "Një huadhënës kishte dy huamarrës; njëri i kishte borxh pesëqind denarë dhe tjetri pesëdhjetë. Meqë ata nuk kishin të paguanin, ai ua fali borxhin të dyve. Sipas teje, cili nga ata do ta dojë më shumë?" Dhe Simoni, duke u përgjigjur, tha: "Ma do mendja, ai, të cilit i fali më shumë." Dhe Jezusi i tha: "Gjyko drejt." Pastaj, si u suall nga gruaja, i tha Simonit: "A e sheh këtë grua? Unë hyra në shtëpinë tënde dhe ti nuk më dhe ujë për të larë këmbët; ajo, përkundrazi, m'i lau këmbët me lot dhe m'i fshiu me flokët e kresë. Ti nuk më dhe as edhe një puthje; por ajo, qysh se hyra, nuk pushoi së puthuri këmbët e mia. Ti nuk ma vajose kokën me vaj; kurse ajo m'i vajosi këmbët me vaj erëkëndshëm. Prandaj unë po të them se mëkatet e saj të shumta i janë falur, sepse ka dashur shumë; por kujt i falen pak, do pak." Pastaj i tha asaj: "Mëkatet e tua të janë falur." Atëherë ata që ishin në tryezë bashkë me të filluan të thonin me vete: "Po kush qenka ky që po falka edhe mëkatet?" Por Jezusi i tha asaj gruajë: "Besimi yt të shpëtoi; shko në paqe!"