

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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32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SYNAXIS OF THE THREE GREAT
ECUMENICAL TEACHERS AND HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT,
GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Today 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Tue. 01 7:00pm Vespersal Liturgy *Feast of
the Meeting of the Lord*
Wed. 02 7:15pm Bible Study Via
GoogleMeet
Sat. 05 6:00pm Vespers
Sun. 06 10:00am Divine Liturgy

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: Wednesday and Friday (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, wine and oil as you are able. Fish, wine and oil are allowed on Wednesday)

Troparion – Tone 7 (Resurrection)

*By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy
death.*

*To the thief Thou didst open
Paradise.*

*For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst
change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy
disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,
granting the world great mercy.*

Kontakion – Tone 2 (Three Hierarchs)

*O Lord, Thou hast taken up to
eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Thy
blessings
the divinely-inspired heralds, the
greatest of Thy teachers,
for Thou hast accepted their labors
and deaths as a sweet-smelling
sacrifice,
for Thou alone art glorified in Thy
saints.*

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

Hebrews 13:7-16
Matthew 5:14-19
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday

James 2:14-26
Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday

James 3:1-10
Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday

James 3:11-4:6
Mark 11:22-26
Hebrews 7:7-17
Luke 2:22-40

Thursday

James 4:7-5:9
Mark 11:27-33

Friday

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10
Mark 12:1-12

Saturday

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23
Luke 17:3-10

Reading the Bible in a Year

Jan 30: Leviticus 25-27
Jan 31: Numbers 1-4
Feb 01: Numbers 5-8
Feb 02: Numbers 9-12
Feb 03: Numbers 13-16
Feb 04: Numbers 17-20
Feb 05: Numbers 21-24

FEBRUARY EVENTS

January

30 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

February

01 – 7:00pm Vespertal Liturgy

02 – 7:15pm Bible Study with

GoogleMeet

05 – 6:00pm Vespers

06 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

09 – 7:15pm Bible Study with

GoogleMeet

11 – 6:00pm Fun Night

12 – 6:00pm Vespers

13 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Souper bowl Sunday

16 – 7:15pm Bible Study with

GoogleMeet

19 – 6:00pm Vespers

20 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Icon Pledge

23 – 7:15pm Bible Study with

GoogleMeet

26 – 6:00pm Vespers

27 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Meatfare Sunday

Coffee Hour

Paskal Kosho Memorial

Flower Donation

*This week's flowers were
donated by:*

A Family That Prays Together, Stays Together

Any good parent knows that he must love all his children equally. No favoritism should be displayed when raising children if we want them to know they are loved. Troubled children often get more attention from a loving parents because mom and dad know this child is in greater need of parental support.

One child might be brighter and more successful in school, but the good parent displays no praise at the expense of the child who is struggling with school work. The same goes for the child who excels in sports or music. The child who has less talent in these areas must not feel less valued or less loved. I'm not suggesting that the excelling child not be praised for a job well done, but rather that the child who is struggling be encouraged, and that recognition be made where the child does do a good job.

A good grounding for any parent/child relationship begins with the family's relationship with God. The old saying, "A family that prays together, stays together" is true. A well balanced family has deep roots in the life of the Church. The father that takes his role seriously as the head of his household, knows that he must be an example of all godliness and holiness for his children. They must see in him a man of prayer, and a man who loves and honors their mother.

When parents give witness to the love that God has for them, the children will in turn feel secure in the knowledge that they, too, are loved by God. The parents who love and support their children by giving them a strong spiritual basis for life will have given them the greatest gift of all, and all will have Christ as their kingdom, light, life, and crown.

Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon

A Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, You are the only and final Savior of the world. And yet, I still struggle with the implications of that powerful truth. And most of the time my struggle has everything to do with wanting You to be merely medicine for me to make me happy. But Your salvation is so much more than that. I need to be transformed by Your grace. I need to become more like You in every way. And that work is going to start when I allow You to be Lord in every part of my life! Please help me embrace You in every way! Amen.

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"If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, 'If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him' (Rom. 8:17)."

-St. Maximos the Confessor



House Blessings are here for 2022! Please sign up on the sheet upstairs so that we can begin to organize and schedule House blessings. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number. Alternatively, you can call Fr. Nicholas at 860-861-7468 and he will take your information.

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle, Hierarchs)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Matthew 15:21-28 (Gospel)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Matthew 5:14-19 (Gospel, Hierarchs)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Meeting of the Lord

Forty days after Christ was born He was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well His mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2.22–36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2.26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took Him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vespers service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2.29–32).

At this time as well Simeon predicted that Jesus would be the "sign which is spoken against" and that He would cause "the fall and the rising of many in Israel." He also foretold Mary's sufferings because of her son (Luke 22.34–35). Anna also was present and, giving thanks to God "she spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Lk 2.38).

In the service of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the fact emphasized is that Christ, the Son and Word of God through Whom the world was created, now is held as an infant in Simeon's hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now Himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child. *Receive him, O Simeon, whom Moses on Mount Sinai beheld in the darkness as the Giver of the Law. Receive him as a babe now obeying the Law. For he it is of whom the Law and the Prophets have spoken, incarnate for our sake and saving mankind. Come let us adore him! Let the door of heaven open today, for the Eternal Word of the Father, without giving up his divinity, has been incarnate of the Virgin in time. And as a babe of forty days he is voluntarily brought by his mother to the Temple, according to the Law. And the elder Simeon takes him in his arms and cries out: Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, O Lord, who has come to save the human race—glory to Thee! (Vespers Verses of the Feast).*

The Vespers and Matins of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord are filled with hymns on this theme. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated with the lines from the canticle of Mary forming the prokeimenon and the words of Simeon being the verses for the Alleluia. The gospel readings tell of the meeting, while the Old Testament readings at Vespers refer to the Law of the purification in Leviticus, the vision of Isaiah in the Temple of the Thrice-Holy Lord, and the gift of faith to the Egyptians prophesied by Isaiah when the light of the Lord shall be a "revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2.32).

The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the church is not merely a historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own "meeting" with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can "depart in peace" since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder; you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls who grants us the resurrection (Troparion).

By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb. And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ our God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man (Kontakion).

It is customary in many churches to bless candles on the feast of the Meeting of the Lord.

Children's Word

The city to come

Have you ever built a sand castle? Or a snow fort? Have you built a fort out of sticks? How long did your fort stay up? Did you knock it down? Did somebody else?

Today's epistle reading today reminds us of these forts we might build—forts that don't last long! We read, "For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come." These words remind us that our lives here are temporary. They last maybe 90 years, maybe even a 100 years—in this life.

We know that our life here doesn't last, but we are waiting for the "city which is to come." Do you know what that city is? It's heaven, of course. And heaven lasts forever!

We have to always remember that this life is the one that doesn't last. The next one lasts forever! When we know that, we can use this time getting ready for the next life. God gives us this time to grow close to Him, to learn about God, and to learn to love Him.

Our lives here on earth (and our forts, too!) don't last long, but God gives us a whole new life with Him that will last forever. Let's try to love God more and more so we can be ready for Him.

LET YOUR SERVANT DEPART THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Have you ever heard somebody say, "I've seen it all!?" Usually it means that person has seen something really surprising, something he's never seen before.

On Wednesday, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we will celebrate a Great Feast. This feast is called the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple. When Jesus was 40 days old, He was carried into the Temple, because that was the Jewish law.

An old man named Simeon was there at the Temple. He held the baby Jesus in his arms, and he blessed God. Then Simeon said these words, "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation." Simeon had been waiting all his life to see the person who would save the world! And he could see that Jesus (even as a tiny baby) was that person. Simeon was a very old man, but he knew he would not die until he had seen the Savior!

That holy man, Simeon, was kind of saying, "I have seen it all now!" He had seen what he had been waiting for. Now he could "depart in peace." He was happy and peaceful because he knew God had come to save the world! We celebrate this great feastday on Wednesday, February 2nd.

Souper Bowl Sunday is Feb. 13!

Bring a pot of your best soup and a hearty appetite! Next Sunday we will have our annual Souper Bowl Charity fund raiser.

Try a plethora of delicious soups here at coffee hour!

Buy some more of your favorites to take home!

Donate to a worthy cause!

**The Icon Pledge is
February 20th! Please
make sure that all
pledged icons from
last year have been
returned!**

"Our Savior was crucified for our sakes that by His death He might give us life and train and attract us all to endurance. To Him I press on, and to the Father and to the Holy Spirit. I strive to be found true, judging myself unworthy of this world's goods; and yet not I because of the world, but the world because of me. Think of all these things in your heart; follow them with zeal; fight, as you have been commanded, for the truth to the death: For Christ was made 'obedient' even 'to death' (Phil. 2:8)."

-St. Basil the Great

The Exclusive Message of Christ

January 27, 2022 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

It's never been "popular" to confront our very prideful and "autonomous" societies with the exclusive teaching that the only way to God the Father is through Jesus Christ. In fact, most societies and cultures have reacted rather badly to this message from the Christian Faith.

And yet the scriptures and the teaching of the Church are unavoidable; Jesus Christ is the only "door" to eternal life and relationship with God. Even writing this, I can "feel" the push back even in my own soul to this message unexplained and faithfully lived out. So what does this message really mean? And what is the confrontation with this message supposed to identify and heal in my own life?

Look at our lesson today in John 10:1-9:

The Lord said to the Jews who had come to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

Jesus confronts the reality that the people faced in His day of there being many "saviors" during this time. These "saviors" came in all flavors and sizes: political, philosophical, religious, and even entertainment, and usually a mixture of all of them or some of them together! Isn't it funny how we humans latch onto "saviors" of different stripes and perspectives?

And each of these "saviors" crashed and burned and failed either through being arrested and killed or being found to be charlatans or their faddish message simply ran out of gas!

Jesus also confronts the failure of even the First Covenant of the Jews had become so misunderstood as to actually hurt these people's ability to even recognize the Messiah standing right in front of them.

Of course, most of human history is littered with the failed "saviors" of this or that political movement, philosophy, and religion. And each time one of these "saviors" fails, the fallout of despondency and disappointment leads us humans to either pretend it didn't fail or to start looking for another "system" to "save" us. But the failures of these too small saviors is actually a good thing,

The Faith tells us that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. He is the Son of God and co-eternal and co-powerful with the Father and the Spirit in the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. And the Faith insists we deal with the implications of this message of the Uncreated stepping into creation. And one of those inescapable consequences is the exclusivity of the ministry of Jesus as The Shepherd for all of humanity. Another consequence is the necessary failure of lesser shepherds to actually fulfill our desire for a "perfect world." So, when our current political and societal madness fails, we have to be prepared to offer a witness of the True Shepherd to our disillusioned refugees hurting from the failure of their saviors of "equity" or "capitalism" or "democracy" or "benevolent dictatorship" or any other societal fad popular today.

You see, the exclusivity of the ministry of Jesus Christ to every human heals a deep wound all of us struggle with and possess. We are enslaved to self-centeredness that leads to a fear of death because we foolishly think all that matters is what we can see or what makes "me" comfortable" or "happy." The choices that flow from a life gripped by this self-centeredness have so many caustic results in a life that it's obvious we each need healing from this terrible spiritual disease! So Jesus says He is the True Shepherd exclusively for every human. Period.

Today, where are you still gripped by a temptation to ignore the exclusive message of Jesus Christ? Where is your own selfishness still tripping up your life? The continual confrontation of Jesus as the only Savior is meant to make you ask hard questions of your own soul so that you can be Orthodox on Purpose!

1-е Тимофею 1:15-17

Верно и всякого принятия достойно слово, что Христос Иисус пришел в мир спасти грешников, из которых я первый. Но для того я и помилован, чтобы Иисус Христос во мне первом показал все долготерпение, в пример тем, которые будут веровать в Него к жизни вечной. Царю же веков нетленному, невидимому, единому премудрому Богу честь и слава во веки веков. Аминь.

К Евреям 13:7-16

Поминайте наставников ваших, которые проповедывали вам слово Божие, и, взирая на кончину их жизни, подражайте вере их. Иисус Христос вчера и сегодня и во веки Тот же. Учениями различными и чуждыми не увлекайтесь; ибо хорошо благодатью укреплять сердца, а не яствами, от которых не получили пользы занимающиеся ими. Мы имеем жертвенник, от которого не имеют права питаться служащие скинии. Так как тела животных, которых кровь для [очищения] греха вносится первосвященником во святилище, сжигаются вне стана, – то и Иисус, дабы освятить людей Кровию Своею, пострадал вне врат. Итак выйдем к Нему за стан, нося Его поругание; ибо не имеем здесь постоянного града, но ищем будущего. Итак будем через Него непрестанно приносить Богу жертву хвалы, то есть плод уст, прославляющих имя Его. Не забывайте также благотворения и общительности, ибо таковые жертвы благоугодны Богу.

От Матфея 15:21-28

И, выйдя оттуда, Иисус удалился в страны Тирские и Сидонские. И вот, женщина Хананеянка, выйдя из тех мест, кричала Ему: помилуй меня, Господи, сын Давидов, дочь моя жестоко беснуется. Но Он не отвечал ей ни слова. И ученики Его, приступив, просили Его: отпусти ее, потому что кричит за нами. Он же сказал в ответ: Я послан только к погибшим овцам дома Израилева. А она, подойдя, кланялась Ему и говорила: Господи! помоги мне. Он же сказал в ответ: нехорошо взять хлеб у детей и бросить псам. Она сказала: так, Господи! но и псы едят крохи, которые падают со стола господ их. Тогда Иисус сказал ей в ответ: о, женщина! велика вера твоя; да будет тебе по желанию твоему. И исцелилась дочь ее в тот час.

От Матфея 5:14-19

Вы--свет мира. Не может укрыться город, стоящий на верху горы. И, зажегши свечу, не ставят ее под сосудом, но на подсвечнике, и светит всем в доме. Так да светит свет ваш пред людьми, чтобы они видели ваши добрые дела и прославляли Отца вашего Небесного. Не думайте, что Я пришел нарушить закон или пророков: не нарушить пришел Я, но исполнить. Ибо истинно говорю вам: доколе не прейдет небо и земля, ни одна иота или ни одна черта не прейдет из закона, пока не исполнится все. Итак, кто нарушит одну из заповедей сих малейших и научит так людей, тот малейшим наречется в Царстве Небесном; а кто сотворит и научит, тот великим наречется в Царстве Небесном.

I Timotheut 1:15-17

E besueshme është fjala edhe e denjë për t'u pranuar, se Krishti Jisu erdhi në botë që të shpëtojë mëkatarë, prej të cilëve i pari jam unë. 16 Po prandaj u përdëlleva, që të tregojë Jisu Krishti më përpara tek unë gjithë zemërgjerësinë, si shembull në ata që kanë për t'i besuar atij për jetë të përjetshme. 17 Edhe mbretit të jetëve, të pavdekshmit, të padukshmit, të vetmit Perëndi që është i ditur, i qoftë nder edhe lavdi në jetë të jetëve. Amin.

Hebrenjve 13:7-16

Kujtoni ata që ju drejtojnë, të cilët ju folën juve fjalën e Perëndisë; besimin e tyre ta keni për shembull, duke pasur përpara syve frytin e sjelljeve të tyre. Krishti është po ai dje dhe sot dhe në jetë të jetëve. Mos u rrëmbeni prej mësimesh të ndryshme e të huaja; sepse është mirë të forcohet zemra juaj me hir, jo me të ngrëna, ndër të cilat ata që ecën nuk kanë dobi. Kemi një therore, prej së cilës ata që shërbejnë në tendë s'kanë pushtet të hanë. Sepse trupat e atyre kafshëve, gjaku i të cilave sillet brenda në shenjtërore prej kryepriftit për mëkat, digjen jashtë vendfushimit. Prandaj edhe Jisui, që të shenjtërojë popullin me anë të gjakut të tij, pësoi jashtë portës. Le të dalim pra tek ai jashtë vendfushimit, duke mbajtur poshtërimin e tij. Sepse nuk kemi këtu qytet që mbetet përherë, po kërkojmë atë që ka për të ardhur. Me anë të atij pra le të sjellim gjithnjë tek Perëndia theror lavdie, domethënë fryt buzësh që rrëfejnë emrin e tij. Edhe mos harroni të bëni mirë e të ndani gjithçka me të tjerët, sepse therore të tilla pëlqen Perëndia.

Mattheut 15:21-28

Edhe Jisui, si doli andej, iku në anët e Tirit e të Sidonës. Edhe ja një grua kananease tek doli nga ato kufij, e i thërriste duke thënë: Përdëllemë, o Zot, bir i Davidit. Ime bijë mundohet keq prej demonit. Po ai nuk iu përgjigj asaj asnjë fjalë. Edhe nxënësit e tij erdhën pranë e i luteshin, duke thënë: Lëshoje atë, sepse po thërret prapa nesh. Por ai u përgjigj e tha: Nuk u dërgova gjetiu, veç te dhentë e humbura të shtëpisë së Izraelit. Pastaj ajo erdhi e i falej atij, duke thënë: Zot, ndihmomë. Por ai u përgjigj e tha: Nuk është mirë të marrë njeriu bukën e fëmijëve, e t'ua hedhë këlyshëve të qenve. Edhe ajo tha: Po, Zot; por edhe këlyshët e qenve hanë nga thërrimet që bien nga tryeza e zotërinjve të tyre. Atëherë Jisui u përgjigj e i tha asaj: O grua, besa jote është e madhe; t'u bëftë si do. Edhe e bija u shërua që në atë çast.

Mattheut 15:14-19

Lërinia ata, se janë të verbër që u heqin udhën të verbërve. Dhe në qoftë se një i verbër i heq udhën një të verbëri, të dy do të bien në gropë. Edhe Pjetri u përgjigj e i tha atij: Na e shpjego këtë paravoli. Edhe Jisui tha: Ende po pa mend jeni ju? Edhe nuk po kuptoni se çdo gjë që hyn në gojë zbret në bark, edhe nxirret jashtë? Por ato që dalin nga goja, dalin nga zemra, edhe ato e ndajnë njeriun. Sepse nga zemra dalin mendimet e liga, vrasjet, kurorëshjeljet, kurvëria, vjedhjet, dëshmitë e rreme, blasfemitë.