

# 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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## FEAST OF SS. PETER & PAUL ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Today ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Wed. 29 ..... 7:15pm Bible Study with  
GoogleMeet  
Sun. 03 ..... 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:** All week! We are beginning the Apostles Fast (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!”*

### Kontakion – Tone 2 (Ss. Peter & Paul)

*O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal  
rest  
and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings  
the two divinely inspired preachers,  
the leaders of the Apostles,  
for Thou hast accepted their labors  
and deaths as a sweet-smelling  
sacrifice,  
for Thou alone knowest what lies in  
the hearts of men.*

**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 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 4:25-5:12  
Romans 2:10-16  
Matthew 4:18-23

#### Monday

Romans 7:1-13  
Matthew 9:36-10:8

#### Tuesday

Romans 7:14-8:2  
Matthew 10:9-15

#### Wednesday

2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9  
Matthew 16:13-19  
Romans 8:2-13  
Matthew 10:16-22

#### Thursday

1 Corinthians 4:9-16  
Mark 3:13-19  
Romans 8:22-27  
Matthew 10:23-31

#### Friday

Romans 9:6-19  
Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

#### Saturday

Romans 3:28-4:3  
Matthew 7:24-8:4

### Reading the Bible in a Year

June 26: Isaiah 29-32  
June 27: Isaiah 33-36  
June 28: Isaiah 37-40  
June 29: Isaiah 41-44  
June 30: Isaiah 45-48  
July 01: Isaiah 49-52  
July 02: Isaiah 53-57

## JUNE/JULY EVENTS

### June

26 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
*Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul*  
29 – 7:15pm Bible Study with  
GoogleMeet

### July

01 – 6:00pm Fun Night  
03 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Education Sunday

06 – 7:15pm Bible Study with  
GoogleMeet  
08 – 6:00pm Fun Night  
10 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
13 – 7:15pm Bible Study with  
GoogleMeet  
17 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
20 – 7:15pm Bible Study with  
GoogleMeet

## Coffee Hour

This week's coffee hour is  
provided by:  
**Ss. Peter & Paul**

## Flower Donation

This week's flowers were  
donated by:  
Tina Murianka

## Children's Word

### **Follow the Leader!**

Have you ever played, "Follow the leader"? You know the game—the leader marches, and you march too. The leader claps, and you clap too. The leader shouts, and you shout too. You follow the leader, and try to copy him!

Today, in the Gospel reading we hear about when Jesus called His disciples, His special helpers. Andrew and Peter were out fishing in a boat, and Jesus called for them. "Follow me," He said. The Gospel says that they dropped everything and followed Jesus Christ. And all their lives, they tried to "follow the Leader." They tried to be like Christ, to act as He acted, to do as He did, to copy Him.

Did you know that our Lord wants us to "follow the Leader" too? He wants us to follow Him, to try to be like Him. But how can we be like Christ? Well, think about some of the things that Christ did during His life. He loved everybody. He helped everybody. He forgave everybody. He was nice to people even when they were mean to Him. He did the right thing even when people made fun of Him or even when they hurt Him. It's not a game, but we can always try to remember to "follow the Leader." And the Leader is our perfect Lord, Jesus Christ!

### **Icon Blessing!**

**Today is the Sunday of All Saints of North America!** If you would like to bring in an icon to be blessed, we will have a special prayer and blessing of the icons after Divine Liturgy!

## **A Prayer for the Week**

**Dear Lord, knowing You is impossible by myself! But You came looking for me SO THAT I could know You. You make knowing You possible because You love me. My responsibility is to humble embrace Your love for me and to submit to a discipline that the Faith offers me SO THAT I will know You, The Father, and Jesus Christ Whom You have sent! Amen.**

### **SAINT DAVID OF THESSALONICA THE TREE-DWELLER**

Have you ever climbed a tree? Have you ever spent the night in a tree? In the rain? In the wind? For three years? Of course you haven't done that, but you might have climbed a tree before. Today, we celebrate a very different saint. Saint David was a monk who lived in the city of Thessalonica, Greece 1500 years ago. He had read about saints who lived before him, and he knew how hard they tried to grow close to the Lord. Some of the saints lived in the desert. Some of them fasted a lot. A few lived up on top of pillars. Saint David wanted to try harder too. He wanted to find a way to struggle for Christ. So, one day, Saint David climbed a tree near his church! He stayed there in wind, storm, rain, and scorching heat for three years straight. He prayed there, and he fasted. He did not want to live a comfortable life, because he thought the struggles helped him remember God.

After three years, he came down and began living in a little room in a monastery. Saint David was a holy man, and many people would come to him for advice and for healing. He would touch people, and God granted healing to many, many people through David's prayers. Saint David had a very different kind of life than our own! But he shows us how we have to struggle sometimes too. God doesn't always want us to take the easy path, but God gives us the strength! We celebrate this Saint David today, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Congratulations to our Graduates!**

God Bless our High-school graduates, Nick Schaeffer and Sophia Dellermann, as well as Kathryn Vrato as she graduated from her ESL certification courses. May God reward your hard work and guide you in your life's next steps! Many Years! Per shume vjet!

**Romans 2:10-16**

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9**

To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold – I speak foolishly – I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? – I speak as a fool – I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness – besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was

caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Matthew 4:18-23**

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

**Matthew 16:13-19**

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

# To Know Him Is To Become LIKE Him!

June 22, 2022 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

“Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio; a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy; he hath borne me on his back a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! My gorge rims at it. Here hung those lips that I have kissed I know not how oft. Where be your gibes now? Your gambols? Your songs? Your flashes of merriment, that were wont to set the table on a roar?” (Hamlet, V.i)

This is one of my favorite quotes from Shakespeare.

It is such a powerful image of our own mortality and the foolish habit we humans have in trying to hide from that one, universal, reality.

But the first part of the line also strikes me, “I knew him.” What wonders we embrace when we work to know something or someone well. The discoveries I make about myself as I work to learn, grow, to deepen authentic relationships pay such spiritual and emotional dividends as to be unmeasurable in their worth.

No wonder the Orthodox Faith always brings us back to the confrontation of relationships. And to begin all my relationships with my relationship with God!

Look at our Gospel Lesson for today in Matthew 7:21-23:

*The Lord said, “Not every one who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you evildoers.’”*

You see, an authentic relationship with Christ always has clear and unmistakable “tells.” Knowing about God through the acquisition of information certainly is helpful, but the defining reality is actually “knowing” God to the level that this “knowing” affects your actions and priorities. The difference is between simply “knowing about” and actually “knowing.” You know this difference; it is like reading about being in love and actually being in love to the point you know each other so well you finish each other’s sentences. And that kind of “knowing” takes intimacy, time, effort, and desire.

So, how do we build intimacy with God? How do we come to not just know about Him but to KNOW Him? Well, there isn’t some magic formula that “poof” makes this happen, no matter how many times you’ve heard it happens in an instant. Intimacy with God is no different than building intimacy with another person. You have to invest your time, efforts, and diligence. You have to first desire this kind of relationship with God. And that desire builds the more you come to know Him. After desire comes investment; an investment of priorities, time, and sacrifice. You have to so prioritize this intimate relationship so that it gets your best efforts, time, and focus. Just like any relationship, you have to work at it.

And our Orthodox faith has been building this type of salvific intimacy with God for centuries. What have we learned in all this time? We’ve learned that a daily prayer rule works. We’ve learned that fasting keeps my desire for God pure and focused. And we’ve learned that generosity, almsgiving, break the back of that destroyer of intimacy and closeness – my own self-sufficiency. When I hold my life loosely in my hands, when I am generous with my resources, I am free to prioritize eternal things over those temporary “pleasures” that actually steal intimacy from me!

Today, do you “know” God in this closeness and intimacy? All the wisdom of the faith is meant to foster this kind of intimate relationship with God; the Liturgy, the prayers, the hymns, the candles, the incense, the vestments, the movements, the rhythm of the year, the disciplines, the scriptures, the theology; even the opportunities to give all of this is meant to enable you to “know” God so well that the family resemblance is unmistakable! It’s why we have seasons of fasting like now. It’s why we are invited to truly know ourselves in challenging times and suffering. It’s why the Faith is set up to always force an Encounter with Timeless Wisdom and the Loving God! It makes me Orthodox on Purpose!



***For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men – as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.***

- 1 Peter 2:15-16



## **К Римлянам 2:10-16**

Напротив, слава и честь и мир всякому, делающему доброе, во-- первых, Иудею, [потом] и Еллину! Ибо нет лицеприятия у Бога. Те, которые, не [имея] закона, согрешили, вне закона и погибнут; а те, которые под законом согрешили, по закону осудятся (потому что не слушатели закона праведны пред Богом, но исполнители закона оправданы будут, ибо когда язычники, не имеющие закона, по природе законное делают, то, не имея закона, они сами себе закон: они показывают, что дело закона у них написано в сердцах, о чем свидетельствует совесть их и мысли их, то обвиняющие, то оправдывающие одна другую) в день, когда, по благовествованию моему, Бог будет судить тайные [дела] человеков через Иисуса Христа.

## **2-е Коринфянам 11:21-12:9**

К стыду говорю, что [на это] у нас не доставало сил. А если кто смеет [хвалиться] чем-либо, то (скажу по неразумию) смею и я. Они Евреи? и я. Израильтяне? и я. Семя Авраамово? и я. Христовы служители? (в безумии говорю:) я больше. Я гораздо более [был] в трудах, безмерно в ранах, более в темницах и многократно при смерти. От Иудеев пять раз дано мне было по сорока [ударов] без одного; три раза меня били палками, однажды камнями побивали, три раза я терпел кораблекрушение, ночь и день пробыл во глубине [морской]; много раз [был] в путешествиях, в опасностях на реках, в опасностях от разбойников, в опасностях от единоплеменников, в опасностях от язычников, в опасностях в городе, в опасностях в пустыне, в опасностях на море, в опасностях между лжебратиями, в труде и в изнурении, часто в бдении, в голоде и жажде, часто в посте, на стуже и в наготе. Кроме посторонних [приключений], у меня ежедневно стечение [людей], забота о всех церквах. Кто изнемогает, с кем бы и я не изнемогал? Кто соблазняется, за кого бы я не воспламенялся? Если должно мне хвалиться, то буду хвалиться немощью моею. Бог и Отец Господа нашего Иисуса Христа, благословенный во веки, знает, что я не лгу. В Дамаске областной правитель царя Ареты стерег город Дамаск, чтобы схватить меня; и я в корзине был спущен из окна по стене и избежал его рук. Не полезно хвалиться мне, ибо я приду к видениям и откровениям Господним. Знаю человека во Христе, который назад тому четырнадцать лет (в теле ли--не знаю, вне ли тела--не знаю: Бог знает) восхищен был до третьего неба. И знаю о таком человеке ([только] не знаю--в теле, или вне тела: Бог знает), что он был восхищен в рай и слышал неизреченные слова, которых человеку нельзя пересказать. Таким [человеком] могу хвалиться; собою же не похваюсь, разве только немощами моими. Впрочем, если захочу хвалиться, не буду неразумен, потому что скажу истину; но я удерживаюсь, чтобы кто не подумал о мне более, нежели сколько во мне видит или слышит от меня. И чтобы я не превозносился чрезвычайностью откровений, дано мне жало в плоть, ангел сатаны, удручать меня, чтобы я не превозносился. Трижды молил я Господа о том, чтобы удалил его от меня. Но [Господь] сказал мне: 'довольно для тебя благодати Моей, ибо сила Моя совершается в немощи'. И потому я гораздо охотнее буду хвалиться своими немощами, чтобы обитала во мне сила Христова.

## **От Матфея 4:18-23**

Проходя же близ моря Галилейского, Он увидел двух братьев: Симона, называемого Петром, и Андрея, брата его, закидывающих сети в море, ибо они были рыболовы, и говорит им: идите за Мною, и Я сделаю вас ловцами человеков. И они тотчас, оставив сети, последовали за Ним. Оттуда, идя далее, увидел Он других двух братьев, Иакова Зеведеева и Иоанна, брата его, в лодке с Зеведеем, отцом их, починивающих сети свои, и призвал их. И они тотчас, оставив лодку и отца своего, последовали за Ним. И ходил Иисус по всей Галилее, уча в синагогах их и проповедуя Евангелие Царствия, и исцеляя всякую болезнь и всякую немощь в людях.

## **От Матфея 16:13-19**

Придя же в страны Кесарии Филипповой, Иисус спрашивал учеников Своих: за кого люди почитают Меня, Сына Человеческого? Они сказали: одни за Иоанна Крестителя, другие за Илию, а иные за Иеремию, или за одного из пророков. Он говорит им: а вы за кого почитаете Меня? Симон же Петр, отвечая, сказал: Ты--Христос, Сын Бога Живаго. Тогда Иисус сказал ему в ответ: блажен ты, Симон, сын Ионин, потому что не плоть и кровь открыли тебе это, но Отец Мой, Сущий на небесах; и Я говорю тебе: ты--Петр, и на сем камне Я создам Церковь Мою, и врата ада не одолеют ее; и дам тебе ключи Царства Небесного: и что свяжешь на земле, то будет связано на небесах, и что разрешишь на земле, то будет разрешено на небесах.

## **Romanëve 2:10-16**

por lavdi e nder e paqe për cilindo që punon të mirën, Judeun më parë edhe pastaj Grekun. Sepse te Perëndia s'ka mbajtje ane. Sepse sa mëkatuan pa ligj, pa ligj edhe do të përfundojnë; edhe sa mëkatuan nën ligj, me ligj do të gjykohen, sepse nuk janë të drejtë përpara Perëndisë ata që dëgjojnë ligjin, po ata që zbatojnë ligjin do të drejtësohen. Sepse kur kombet që s'kanë ligj, prej natyre bëjnë punët e ligjit, këta, ndonëse s'kanë ligj, janë vetë ligj në veten e tyre, të cilët tregojnë punën e ligjit të shkruar në zemrat e tyre, sepse kanë ndërgjegjen e tyre duke dëshmuar bashkë me ta, edhe mendimet duke akuzuar ose edhe duke drejtësuar njëri-tjetrin, në atë ditë, kur do të gjykojë Perëndia të fshehtat e njerëzve, sipas ungjillit tim, me anë të Jisu Krishtit.

## **II Korinthianëve 11:21-12:9**

Për turp e them këtë, sikur ne të ishim të dobët; po në çdo gjë që guxon ndonjë, – në marrëzi po e them, – guxoj edhe unë. Hebrenj janë? Edhe unë. Izraelitë janë? Edhe unë. Farë e Abrahamit janë? Edhe unë. Shërbëtorë të Krishtit janë? – pa mend flas, – më tepër unë; në mundime më tepër, në plagë jashtë mase, në burgje më tepër, në vdekje shumë herë. Prej Judenjve pesë herë mora dyzet frushkulla pa një, tri herë u rraha me shkop, një herë u godita me gurë, tri herë u mbyta në det, një natë e një ditë kam qëndruar në fund të detit, shpesh në udhëtime, në rreziqe lumejsh, në rreziqe kusarësh, në rreziqe prej farës sime, në rreziqe prej kombesh, në rreziqe në qytet, në rreziqe në shkretëtirë, në rreziqe në det, në rreziqe ndër vëllezër të rremë; në mundim e në vuajtje, shpesh pa gjumë, në uri e në etje, shpesh në agjëri, në të ftohtë e lakuriq. Përveç të tjerash, puna ime e përditshme, kujdesi i kishave. Kush është i dobët, e unë s'jam i dobët? Kush skandalizohet, e unë s'digjem? Nëse duhet të mburrem, do të mburrem për ato që kanë të bëjnë me dobësinë time. Perëndia dhe Ati i Zotit tonë Jisu Krisht, i cili është i bekuar në jetë të jetëve, e di se nuk gënjej. Në Damask guvernatori i mbretit Areta ruante rrotull qytetin e Damaskinëve, sepse donte të më kapte, edhe nga një dritare zbrita nga muri me një shportë dhe shpëtova nga duart e tij. Të mburrem, nuk më intereson, sepse do të vij në vegime e në zbulesa të Zotit. Di një njeri në Krishtin përpara katërmëdhjetë vjetësh, – a me trup, s'e di; a jashtë trupit, s'e di; Perëndia e di; – se ky njeri i tillë u rrëmbye deri në qiellin e tretë. Edhe e di njeriun e tillë, – a me trup, s'e di; a jashtë trupit, s'e di; Perëndia e di; se u rrëmbye në parajsë dhe dëgjoi fjalë të patregueshme, të cilat nuk i lejohet njeriut t'i flasë. Për të tillin njeri do të mburrem; po për veten time nuk do të mburrem, veç për dobësitë e mia. Sepse sikur të dua të mburrem, nuk do të jem i marrë, sepse të vërtetën do të them, po druhem se mos mendon ndonjë për mua më tepër nga ajo që më sheh ose nga ajo që dëgjon prej meje. Edhe që të mos krenohem për zbulesat e shumta, m'u dha një gjemb në trup, një engjëll i satanait, që të më bjerë me shuplaka, që të mos krenohem. Për këtë tri herë iu luta Zotit, që të largohet satanai prej meje. Edhe më tha: Të mjafton hiri im; sepse fuqia ime në dobësi tregohet e përsosur. Me gëzim të madh pra do të mburrem më tepër për dobësitë e mia, që të rrijë tek unë fuqia e Krishtit.

## **Mattheut 4:18-23**

Edhe tek ecte pranë detit të Galilesë, Jisui pa dy vëllezër, Simonin, që thirrej Pjetër, edhe Andrean, vëllanë e tij, duke hedhur rrjetën në det; sepse ishin peshkatarë. Edhe u thotë atyre: Ejani pas meje, edhe do t'ju bëj peshkatarë njerëzish. Edhe ata menjëherë lanë rrjetat, e shkuan pas tij. Edhe si shkoi më tej, pa dy vëllezër të tjerë, Jakovin, të birin e Zebedeut, edhe Joanin, të vëllain e tij, në lundër bashkë me Zebedeun, të atin e tyre, duke rregulluar rrjetat e tyre, edhe i thirri ata. Edhe ata përnjëherë lanë lundrën edhe të atin e tyre, edhe shkuan pas tij. Edhe Jisui vinte për qark gjithë Galilesë, duke mësuar nëpër sinagogat e tyre, edhe duke predikuar ungjillin e mbretërisë, edhe duke shëruar çdo sëmundje e çdo lëngatë në popull.

## **Mattheut 16:13-19**

Edhe Jisui, kur erdhi në anët e Qezaresë së Filipit, pyeste nxënësit e tij, duke thënë: Cili thonë njerëzit se jam unë, Biri i njeriut? Edhe ata thanë: Ca Joan Pagëzori, e të tjerë Ilia, e të tjerë Jeremia, ose një nga profetët. U thotë atyre: Po ju cili thoni se jam unë? Edhe Simon Pjetri u përgjigj e tha: Ti je Krishti, i biri i Perëndisë së gjallë. Edhe Jisui u përgjigj e i tha: I lumur je ti, Simon, bir i Jonait, sepse mish edhe gjak nuk ta zbuloi ty këtë, po Ati im që është në qiejt. Edhe unë po të them se ti je Pjetër (shkëmb), edhe përmbi këtë shkëmb do të ndërtoj kishën time; dhe dyert e hadit nuk do të kenë fuqi përmbi të. Edhe do të të jap ty kyçet e mbretërisë së qiejve; edhe ç'të lidhësh mbi dhe, do të jetë lidhur në qiejt; edhe ç'të zgjidhësh mbi dhe, do të jetë zgjidhur në qiejt.