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Remember In Prayer

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[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. — *Hebrews 12:2*

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemor ation of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God@bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

Gospel — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44;

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;

Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;

Lk 13:22-30

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

Mass Intention
Rene and Alfredo , Brasilio ,
Frutis



Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes
Tuesday: St. Bernard

Wednesday: St. Pius X

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima
Saturday: St. Bartholomew

BUILDING PLANS

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.

Next Saturday Aug 24th is the Ladies Tea Party at noon.

Bring your own teacup



Aug 25th
Lector Mary
E/M Jim /Tom
USHERS Peach/Sal
Server Jesus

Offertory 7/21/2019 BUDGET \$1351.00 ACTUAL \$1426.00

\$+75.00

B&M

\$10.00