

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE APOSTLES (Memorial of Mar Ezekiel of Daqoq)

## Anthem of the Chancel

*In the presence of all the people.*

O Holy One, you who are pleased with the saints, pardon, O my Lord, the offenses and sins of your servants.

*Holy and fearful is his name.*

O Holy One, you who are pleased with the saints, pardon, O my Lord, the offenses and sins of your servants.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; from everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen.*

One is the power of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, which is glorified in Heaven and on earth.

## The Lections

Isaiah 5:8-25

Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land. The LORD of hosts has sworn in my hearing: "Surely many houses shall be desolate, large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant. For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah." Woe to those who rise early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink, who tarry

late into the evening till wine inflames them! They have lyre and harp, timbrel and flute and wine at their feasts; but they do not regard the deeds of the LORD, or see the work of his hands. Therefore my people go into exile for want of knowledge; their honored men are dying of hunger, and their multitude is parched with thirst. Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite and opened its mouth beyond measure, and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude go down, her throng and he who exults in her. Man is bowed down, and men are brought low, and the eyes of the haughty are humbled. But the LORD of hosts is exalted in justice, and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness. Then shall the lambs graze as in their pasture, fatlings and kids shall feed among the ruins. Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes, who say: "Let him make haste, let him speed his work that we may see it; let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near, and let it come, that we may know it!" Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right! Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours the stubble, and as dry grass sinks down in the flame, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom go up like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people, and he stretched out his hand against them and

smote them, and the mountains quaked; and their corpses were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away and his hand is stretched out still.

### **The Shuraya**

He raised his hand against them, to destroy them among the nations, \*

And to scatter their seed among the peoples. \*

For they attached themselves to the idols of Peor, \*

And ate the sacrifices of the dead; \*

They provoked the LORD to anger with their idols, \*

And he hardened a plague suddenly against them. \*

Phinehas stood up and prayed, and the plague was suspended. \*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\*

From everlasting, and for ever and ever. Amen. \*

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, yea hallelujah**

### **The Apostle**

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:all

. . . . . [M]y beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Now concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may speed me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now just in passing; I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him. Speed him on his way in peace, that he may return to me; for I am expecting him with the brethren.

As for our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brethren, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus

and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men.

The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.


### **The Zumara**

With my whole heart I cried out to you; answer me, O LORD!  
I will keep your commandments. I cried to you; save me, I  
will observe your testimony. \*

My eyes go before the morning watch, that I may meditate  
upon your word. Hear my voice according to your mercies,  
O LORD: in your judgments preserve my life. My wicked  
persecutors have drawn near; they are far from thy law. \*

### **The Gospel**

Luke 13:22-end

 **[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And**

he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

At that very hour some Pharisees came, and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

## **Anthem of the Mysteries**

**Text:** He made offering to God, and all the host of Heaven stood above him.

*He whose hands are clean and is approved in his heart.*

When the priest enters before the holy Altar he stretches out his hands in purity to Heaven and summons the Spirit who descends from on high and hallows the Body and Blood of Christ.

*He whom the Lord helps, who is spotless in his deeds.*

When the priest enters before the holy Altar he stretches out his hands in purity to Heaven and summons the Spirit who descends from on high and hallows the Body and Blood of Christ.

## **Anthem of the Bema**

O heavenly King of Kings, accept from your servants the living and holy Sacrifice we offer to you; for lo, the rustling of the angels calls to you, and the companies of cherubim and seraphim with unceasing voices hallow your honor. Let us earthlings receive the living provision, singing praise, lauding, glorifying, extolling, and saying, Hallelujah!

### **Verses:**

The priest stands and in purity calls the Holy Spirit, and he descends from on high and comes to him in glory. Let us earthlings receive the living provision, singing praise, lauding, glorifying, extolling, and saying, Hallelujah!