

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT & HOLY FAST

Monday

Morning

Genesis 20: 8 – 18
II Kings 2: 19 – 25
Acts 19: 13 – 22
Romans 9: 14 – 21
St. Luke 4: 31 – 41

Tuesday

Evening

St. Mark 3: 1 - 2

Morning

Exodus 14: 21 – 31
Isaiah 40: 12 – 24
Acts 18: 18 – 28
Romans 1: 26 – 32
St. Mark 5: 1 – 20

Wednesday

Evening

St. Mark 6: 30 – 46

Morning

Deuteronomy 31: 16 – 23
Isaiah 41: 8 – 17
Acts 5: 1 – 6
I Corinthians 10: 1 – 13
St. Matthew 14: 14 – 23

Thursday

Evening

St. Matthew 14: 23 – 36

Morning

Genesis 50: 14 – 22
Isaiah 42: 1 – 9
Acts 19: 8 – 12
Colossians 3: 1 – 17
St. Mark 6: 47 – 56

Friday

Evening

St. Mark 5: 21 – 43

Morning

Deuteronomy 27: 16 – 28
II Kings 4: 32 – 37
Hosea 6: 1 – 6
Acts 16: 16 – 23
I Timothy 1: 1 – 20
St. Matthew 9: 18 – 31

Saturday

Dukbrono of Metropolitan Kuriakose Mar Gregorios

Holy Qurbana

Deuteronomy 30: 1 – 7
Psalms 8
Acts 5: 33 – 42
I Thessalonians 2: 13 – 20
St. Luke 6: 1 – 11

From the Writings of the Desert Fathers

“NOT TO JUDGE”

The old men used to say, "there is nothing worse than passing judgment."

They said of Abba Makarios that he became as it is written a god upon earth, because just as God protects the world, so Abba Makarios would cover the faults that he saw as though he did not see them, and those which he heard as though he did not hear them.

Abba said, "Judge not him who is guilty of fornication, if you are chaste, or you will break the law like him. For He who said "do not commit fornication" said also "Do not judge"."

A brother asked Abba Poemen, "If I see my brother sin, is it right to say nothing about it?" The old man replied, "whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guilt, God will do the same about ours."

“ON LOVE”

Abba Poemen said, "There is no greater love than that a man lays down his life for his neighbor. When you hear someone complaining and you struggle with yourself and do not answer him back with complaints; when you are hurt and bear it patiently, not looking for revenge; then you are laying down your life for your neighbor."

One of the beloved of Christ who had the gift of mercy used to say, "The one who is filled with mercy ought to offer it in the same manner in which he has received it, for such is the mercy of God."

Abba Antony said, "I no longer fear God, I love him; for love casts out fear."