

Annunciation to St. Mary

Dearly beloved:

As our Achen announced last Sunday, and as I have also informed you in earlier correspondences, on Saturday, March 25th, we are celebrating the Annunciation to St. Mary. The Feast of the Annunciation to Mary is celebrated twice a year, that is, on the 3rd Sunday after Koodhosh Eetho Sunday, and on March 25th. The second date always will fall during Great Lent.

We celebrate Holy Qurbana only on Saturdays, on Wednesdays of Middle Lent, on the 40th Friday, and on Passover services during the Great Lent period. Commemorating the Feast of the Annunciation, even when it falls on Good Friday, will be performed ahead of Good Friday services. You will recall that last year, the Feast of Annunciation fell on Good Friday; on that day, we first celebrated the Feast before proceeding with the Good Friday service.

This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on a Saturday. All are requested to attend this holy Feast.

Please read the following Bible verses, in preparation for this Saturday's commemoration.

Bible readings for Saturday, March 25th, 2006.

(Annunciation to St. Mary)

Before Holy Qurbana:

Deuteronomy	-	26: 16-27
Judges	-	13: 2-14
Zechariah	-	2: 10-13; 4: 1-7; 8: 3
Isaiah	-	63: 15-64 – 64: 5

Holy Qurbana

General Epistles:	I John	-	3: 2-17
Epistles of St. Paul:	Hebrews	-	6: 13 – 7: 10
Holy Gospel:	St. Luke	-	1: 26-38

See you on Saturday, March 25th at 9.00 a.m. Come on time.

**Tomorrow, Sunday, March 26th is Fifth Sunday of 50 Days Lent.
(Healing of the Crippled Woman - Kpiptho Sunday).**

With prayers,
Thomas Alex