

## Healing the Bent Woman – Kpiptho Sunday

Dearly beloved:

Next Sunday, March 26th is the Fifth Sunday of Fifty-Days Lent. Our reading for this Sunday is about the healing of the crippled woman. When Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath, there was this woman who had been crippled for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all by herself. She continued to go to the synagogue for healing and blessing. When Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your physical weakness." And He put His hands on her, and immediately she stood straight up, saw Jesus and praised God. He absolved her sins by touching. As soon as Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and gave her blessings.

When the synagogue ruler saw this, he was very furious about healing on the Sabbath. Jesus called him 'hypocrite', and asked him, "Don't you untie your ox or donkey from the stall and give them water for them to drink on the Sabbath? This woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" When Jesus said this, all his opponents were humiliated and did not have enough courage to talk to Jesus. The rest of the people were delightful and rejoicing at all the glorious things that were happening.

The hypocrites would like to feed the animals on Sabbath but they were against healing the sick. They loved the law more than their own people. The Jews professed virtues but did not practice. Let us be like the bent woman, not like the hypocrites. As our Achen said last Sunday, we think that Lent means no food, but bad talks and our actions should also be examined. Jesus healed on the Sabbath because God does not rest from showing his mercy and love to His own people. God has the power to change us spiritually and physically.

Let us pray to God, "Lord show us how we can bring your mercy and healing love to those in need around us".

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

**Bible readings for Sunday, March 26th, 2006.**  
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### **Before Holy Qurbana:**

Genesis	-	9: 1-7
Jeremiah	-	51: 1-9
Isaiah	-	50: 1-5
Barazeera	-	51: 13-30

### **Holy Qurbana**

General Epistles:	<b>I Peter</b>	-	<b>3: 8-16</b>
Epistles of St. Paul:	<b>Romans</b>	-	<b>12: 1-15</b>
Holy Gospel:	<b>St. Luke</b>	-	<b>13: 10-17</b>

**See you on Sunday, March 26th at 8.45 a.m. Come on time.**

**KINDLY MAKE SURE THE ALTAR IS CLEAN BEFORE LEAVING. VOLUNTEERS TO CLEAN & VACUUM THE HOLY ALTAR ARE NEEDED.**

**Next Sunday, April 2nd is Sixth Sunday of 50 Days Lent. (Healing of the Blind Man - Kpiptho Sunday). On this day, our Church is celebrating the Catholicate Day.**

With prayers,  
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