

SUNDAY BEFORE PENTECOST

Dearly beloved:

Next Sunday, May 28th is the Sunday before Pentecost. The Holy Gospel reading for this Sunday is about our Lord's high-priestly prayer for His disciples and all believers. He prayed – "Holy Father, keep them in your name that they may be one as We are One". Jesus prayed for His disciples and for us to keep from the evil one and for unity. Jesus' mission was to glorify His heavenly Father. His strength was not in Himself but in His Father who kept Him. He prayed Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, they know that You have sent Me.

Jesus continues to pray for us to God the Father in heaven. This shows us how much God cares for us. We can be encouraged because God the Father will answer those prayers and grant us His supernatural help to do what He wants us to do.

Lord, take our life and make it wholly pleasing to you. Sanctify us in your truth and guide us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow you faithfully wherever you lead".

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

Bible readings for Sunday, May 28th, 2006.

(Sunday Before Pentecost)

Before Holy Qurbana:

Leviticus	-	25: 1-13
Joshua	-	1: 5-9
Isaiah	-	44: 23-28

Holy Qurbana

General Epistles:	Acts	-	21: 7-9
Epistles of St. Paul:	I Corinthians	-	7: 1-2, 25-34, 9: 1-10
Holy Gospel:	St. John	-	17: 13-26

Next Sunday, June 4th is Pentecost Day .

With prayers,
Thomas Alex