



ECCLESIA VALENTINARIS ANTIQUA

LECTIONARY

# Forward

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE MYSTERY AND THE TRUTH

Our dear Valentinian Gnostics, what you now have in our hands, contains the entire church year's work, homework and gospel.

Since we re-founded our gnostic church years ago, we have discussed and used the original valintinians collections of books which we then have revised to fit our needs. Beginning in 2006 our clerical orders have extensively worked on composing a lectionary with the intention of selecting texts that are central to our Valentinian traditions theological landscape. The results are in this book. It is therefore with great pleasure that we present this work for all our clergy and those we share our sacramental fellowship.

We recommend using this book before each Sunday so that the texts and keywords may be fresh and the concepts meditated upon. This will aid one to participate in key discussions conducted before mass celebrations and at the homily.

May this work support us further in our work towards the fulfillment of the mystery.

May the inner Christ words resonate in our consciousness that to those who have ears to hear.

Pax Pleroma.

Rune  
Archbishop

# Advent



KEYWORD: Repentance; Turning around

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## **Collect**

O infinite unity, we thank you for our wife Metanoia. In exile, she is an old friend who shows us the way home. In our being she is the unexpected realization. We know that you cannot be found, if so, you would cease to be you. Yet still, we search our hearts; praying that you guide us when we go astray seeking the false light. O Metanoia, Barbelo's sacred serpent, guide us on the path of unity back into our origin and truth.

## **Lesson**

Hymn of the pearl

"From Us -- King of Kings, thy Father,  
And thy Mother, Queen of the Dawn-land, And from Our Second, thy Brother --  
To thee, Son, down in Egypt, Our Greeting! Get up and arise from thy sleep,  
Give ear to the words of Our Letter! Remember that thou art a King's son;  
See whom thou hast served in thy slavery. Bethink thyself of the Pearl. For which thou  
didst journey to Egypt. Remember thy Glorious Robe, Thy Splendid Mantle."

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Truth

What exists in him is knowledge, which was revealed so that forgetfulness might be destroyed and that they might know the Father, since forgetfulness existed because they did not know the Father, if they then come to know the Father, from that moment on forgetfulness will cease to exist.

That is the gospel of him whom they seek, which he has revealed to the perfect through the mercies of the Father as the hidden mystery, Jesus the Christ. Through him he enlightened those who were in darkness because of forgetfulness. He enlightened them and gave them a path. And that path is the truth which he taught them.

# Second Sunday of Advent



KEYWORDS: THE NEED FOR LIBERATION

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## **Collect**

Holy Kyrios Kristos, we have acknowledged our poverty and our bondage to the world. We are trapped in the ogdoadic spheres, in soul and mind; desiring only to break free. Let us partake of thy strength and we shall shake off inebriety. Be with us and in us and we will, thus, be motivated. Therefore, we must not depart from the ways of actualization. We know our efforts will bear fruit. The Light will lead us, in and through you, the indwelling Kyrios Kristos.

## **Lesson**

Pistis Sophia chapter 47:1-5

On thee, O Light, have I hoped. Leave me not in the chaos; deliver me and save me according to thy gnosis. Give heed unto me and save me. Be unto me a saviour, O Light, and save me and lead me unto thy light. For thou art my saviour and wilt lead me unto thee. And because of the mystery of thy name lead me and give me thy mystery. And thou wilt save me from this lion-faced power, which they have laid as a snare for me, for thou art my saviour. And in thy hands will I lay the purification of my light; thou hast saved me, O Light, according to thy gnosis.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews that believed in him, "If you continue to obey my teaching, then you are truly my followers. Then you will know the truth. And the truth will make you free." The Jews answered, "We are Abraham's people. And we have never been slaves. So why do you say that we will be free?" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Every person that lives in ignorance is a slave. Ignorance is his master. A slave does not stay with a family forever. But a son belongs to the family forever. So if the Son makes you free, then you will be truly free.

# Third Sunday of Advent



KEYWORDS: THE SEARCH FOR THE LIGHT

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## Collect

O Kyrios Kristos, Light in the darkness of night, let thy star lead us; for we are like magi wandering a desert in search of our inner king. Let our inner star guide us on this journey that we will constantly be partaking in the Light. Through you we recognize our path in life and the path which leads to the fullness; the road that runs between reality and reality. Amen.

## Lesson

### Excepts of Theodotus

For as pleasure has for its essence release from pain; so also has knowledge the removal of ignorance. For as those that are most asleep think they are most awake, being under the power of dream-visions very vivid and fixed; so those that are most ignorant think that they know most. But blessed are they who rouse themselves from this sleep and derangement, and raise their eyes to the light and the truth.

## Gospel

### Luke 10:38-42

**38** While Jesus and his followers were traveling, Jesus went into a town. A woman named Martha let Jesus stay at her house. **39** Martha had a sister named Mary. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him teach. **40** But her sister Martha was busy doing all the work that had to be done. Martha went in and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are getting worried and upset about too many things. **42** Only one thing is important. Mary has made the right choice; and it will never be taken away from her."

# Fourth Sunday in Advent



KEYWORDS : DEVOTION TO GOD

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## **Collect**

We have sought and found. We are filled with thy fertilizing spirit's holy love. To love you is to love the throbbing nerve of life itself. We see our creation in you as an eternal being without end. In our love there's no "You" nor "I", but an eternity in the fullness. O holy beloved essential essence, existing outside of time and sense, we seek to penetrate deeper and deeper into You; being without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Ode of Solomon: 4

1. No man can pervert Your holy place, O my God; nor can he change it, and put it in another place.
2. Because he has no power over it; for Your sanctuary You designed before You made special places.
3. The ancient one shall not be perverted by those which are inferior to it. You have given Your heart, O Lord, to Your believers.
4. Never will You be idle, nor will You be without fruits;
5. For one hour of Your faith is more excellent than all days and years.
6. For who shall put on Your grace and be rejected?
7. Because Your seal is known; and Your creatures are known to it.
8. And Your hosts possess it, and the elect archangels are clothed with it.
9. You have given to us Your fellowship, not that You were in need of us, but that we are always in need of You.
10. Shower upon us Your gentle rain, and open Your bountiful springs which abundantly supply us with milk and honey.
11. For there is no regret with You; that You should regret anything which You have promised;
12. Since the result was manifest to You.
13. For that which You gave, You gave freely, so that no longer will You draw back and take them again.
14. For all was manifest to You as God, and was set in order from the beginning before You.
15. And You, O Lord, have made all.  
Hallelujah.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Mark 1:16-20

**16** And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers. **17** And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. **18** And straightway they left the nets, and followed him. **19** And going on a little further, he saw James the [son] of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. **20** And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him.

# The Birth of the Divine Light: Christmas Day



KEYWORDS: THE INCARNATION OF THE REDEEMER

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## **Collect**

Glory be to the Father Source, which has brought me to follow the star and throw open the door of discovery. The Angels have revealed themselves to me and I have seen and heard their songs in heart and mind. The seed has been placed in the soul's subconscious ground and it will bring forth a tree with true life's fruit. Glory be to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit who has impregnated me in sleep and brought forth the dawning realization of my true being.

## **Lesson**

### Tripartite Tractate

He it is who was our Savior in willing compassion, who is that which they were. For it was for their sake that he became manifest in an involuntary suffering. They became flesh and soul, that is, eternally which (things) hold them and with corruptible things they die. And as for those who came into being, the invisible one taught them invisibly about himself. Not only did he take upon <himself> the death of those whom he thought to save, but he also accepted their smallness to which they had descended when they were <born> in body and soul. (He did so) because he had let himself be conceived and born as an infant, in body and soul. Among all the others who shared in them, and those who fell and received the light, he came into being exalted, because he had let himself be conceived without sin, stain and defilement. He was begotten in life, being in life because the former and the latter are in passion and changing opinion from the Logos who moved, who established them to be body and soul. He it is <who> has taken to himself the one who came from those whom we previously mentioned. He came into being from the glorious vision and the unchanging thought of the Logos who returned to himself, after his movement, from the organization, just as those who came with him took body and soul and a confirmation and stability and judgment of things. They too intended to come.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

# Epiphany



KEYWORDS: AWAKENING

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## **Collect**

Before I was blind, but now I see. I am washed and the Earth's darkness has left me. I can see the world and the aeons forms. I am the "I am" and God is with me. I am constantly seeking and I know. With all my heart, I pray thee, O God, to be with me in the pentagonal Hague; for the road is long and wide but, in unity with the Holy Spirit, I will praise thee and complete thy design until the end. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Tripartite Tractate

As for the baptism which exists in the fullest sense, into which the Totalities will descend and in which they will be, there is no other baptism apart from this one alone, which is the redemption into God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, when confession is made through faith in those names, which are a single name of the gospel, when they have come to believe what has been said to them, namely that they exist. From this they have their salvation, those who have believed that they exist. This is attaining in an invisible way to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in an undoubting faith. And when they have borne witness to them, it is also with a firm hope that they attained them, so that the return to them might become the perfection of those who have believed in them and (so that) the Father might be one with them, the Father, the God, whom they have confessed in faith and who gave (them) their union with him in knowledge.

The baptism which we previously mentioned is called "garment of those who do not strip themselves of it," for those who will put it on and those who have received redemption wear it. It is also called "the confirmation of the truth which has no fall." In an unwavering and immovable way it grasps those who have received the restoration while they grasp it. (Baptism) is called "silence" because of the quiet and the tranquility. It is also called "bridal chamber" because of the agreement and the indivisible state of those who know they have known him. It is also called "the light which does not set and is without flame," since it does not give light, but those who have worn it are made into light. They are the ones whom he wore. (Baptism) is also called "the eternal life," which is immortality; and it is called "that which is, entirely, simply, in the proper sense, what is pleasing, inseparably and irremovably and faultlessly and imperturbably, for the one who exists for those who have received a beginning." For, what else is there to name it apart from "God," since it is the Totalities, that is, even if it is given numberless names, they are spoken simply as a reference to it. Just as he transcends every word and he

transcends every voice, and he transcends every mind, and he transcends everything, and he transcends every silence, so it is *Dittography* with those who are that which he is. This is that which they find it to be, ineffably and inconceivably in (its) visage, for the coming into being in those who know, through him whom they have comprehended, who is the one to whom they gave glory.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, yet do You come to me?" 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. 16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



KEYWORDS: PRECEPTION OF SUFFERING

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## **Collect**

O Kyrios in the highest, I ask you to be with me and support me. I have seen, heard, and acknowledged, yet my realization is also suffering; because, within my knowledge, I perceive continual laborious diversity in my mind. I am who I am but I am also the one I have not been. I give thanks for your Light and ask you to let the Holy Spirit be with me every day, until the worlds end.

## **Lesson**

Pauls letter to the Philippians 3:8-11

8Not only those things, but now I think that all things are worth nothing compared with the greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Christ, I lost all those things {I thought were important}. And now I know that all those things are worthless trash. This allows me to have Christ. 9It allows me to be in Christ. In Christ I am right with God, and this being right does not come from my following the law. It comes from God through faith. God uses my faith in Christ to make me right with him. 10All I want is to know Christ and the power of his rising from death. I want to share in Christ's sufferings and become like him in his death. 11If I have those things, then I have hope that I myself will be raised from death.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of John 16:20-23

20I tell you the truth. You will cry and be sad, but the world will be happy. You will be sad, but your sadness will change to happiness. 21When a woman gives birth to a baby, she has pain, because her time has come. But when her baby is born, she forgets the pain. She forgets because she is so happy that a child has been born into the world. 22It is the same with you. Now you are sad. But I will see you again and you will be truly happy. You will have a happiness that no one can take away. 23In that day you will not ask me for anything.

# Third Sunday after Epiphany



KEYWORDS: LONGING FOR THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## **Collect**

O Holy Spirit, O our Lady, O Barbelo, Epinoia, Sofia, and all ye names of the Holy Spirit, you warm and nurture all those in suffering. Let thy love draw up the desire within to unite myself with Thee. For it is through association with you that I am transformed and thus enabled to throw off my old persona. It is by meeting you, in all your forms, that I may be born anew and become the One I am. Fill me; breathe into me, for I am thine.

## **Lesson**

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for as yet she had fallen on none of them. They had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

Before Christ came, there was no bread in the world, just as Paradise, the place where Adam was, had many trees to nourish the animals but no wheat to sustain man. Man used to feed like the animals, but when Christ came, the perfect man, he brought bread from heaven in order that man might be nourished with the food of man. The rulers thought that it was by their own power and will that they were doing what they did, but the Holy Spirit in secret was accomplishing everything through them as it wished. Truth, which existed since the beginning, is sown everywhere. And many see it being sown, but few are they who see it being reaped.

If one goes down into the water and comes up without having received anything, and says "I am a Christian," he has borrowed the name at interest. But if he receives the Holy Spirit, he has the name as a gift. He who has received a gift does not have to give it back, but of him who has borrowed it at interest, payment is demanded. So it is with us.

# Forth Sunday After Epiphany



KEYWORDS: Recognition of the Light

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## **Collect**

O Holy Sofia, in you and through you, I have resolved the nature of the Light. I know who I am, I know the light in me, and I know its effect; just as tree sap knows to rise in the spring after a long and terrible winter. Be with Me Sofia and be my guide on the trail, for your way is my way. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Acts 22:6-10

And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of Luke

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

# Septuagesima

## Third Sunday before Lent



KEYWORDS: RECOGNITION OF THE NATURE OF THE WORK

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### **Collect**

O Kyrios, my inner Christos, you have shown me the nature of the work, revealed my nature and the way I must go in order to realize reality, and torn me out of the sleep of confusing dreams and nightmares. Be with me and let our union lead to the work's completion, so that there will come a day when all work rests, and the sun will again shine above the firmament.

### **Lesson**

The letter of Peter to Philip

"Next concerning the pleroma: I am the one who was sent down in the body because of the seed which had fallen away. And I came down into their mortal mold. But they did not recognize me; they were thinking of me that I was a mortal man. And I spoke with him who belongs to me, and he harkened to me just as you too who harkened today. And I gave him authority in order that he might enter into the inheritance of his fatherhood. And I took [...] they were filled [...] in his salvation. And since he was a deficiency, for this reason he became a pleroma."

"It is because of this that you are being detained, because you belong to me. When you strip off from yourselves what is corrupted, then you will become illuminators in the midst of mortal men."

"And this (is the reason) that you will fight against the powers, because they do not have rest like you, since they do not wish that you be saved."

Then the apostles worshiped again saying, "Lord, tell us: In what way shall we fight against the archons, since the archons are above us?" Then a voice called out to them from the appearance saying,

"Now you will fight against them in this way, for the archons are fighting against the inner man. And you are to fight against them in this way: Come together and teach in the world the salvation with a promise. And you, gird yourselves with the power of my Father, and let your prayer be known. And he, the Father, will help you as he has helped you by sending me. Be not afraid, I am with you forever.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Philip

Truth did not come into the world naked, but it came in types and images. The world will not receive truth in any other way. There is a rebirth and an image of rebirth. It is certainly necessary to be born again through the image. Which one? Resurrection. The image must rise again through the image. The bridal chamber and the image must enter through the image into the truth: this is the restoration. Not only must those who produce the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, do so, but have produced them for you. If one does not acquire them, the name ("Christian") will also be taken from him. But one receives the unction of the [...] of the power of the cross. This power the apostles called "the right and the left." For this person is no longer a Christian but a Christ.

# Sexagesima

## Second Sunday Before Lent



KEYWORDS: LIVING BESIDE THE WORLD

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### **Collect**

O Kyrios, I am in the world, but not of the world. Teach me to live as a hermit in the busy cities, in country sides, and in all my dealings with mankind. Teach me to use the world without being used, so that I can live in the world, lit by the divine light, and be here and there simultaneously. The Union shall take place and I shall then undress of the man covering me.

### **Lesson**

St. Martin's letter to Kirchberger

Thus Gichtels works comes from the highest of places, and he would not have changed Jesus Christ poverty, who took part in Sofia's dowry, for all the world's wealth. All of the most hidden mysteries were revealed to him. His mate revealed one after the other, in the inner Light-as well as in the outer nature. He lived more in heaven than on earth. He followed Sofia's guidance in all things, and had no self-will.

### **Gospel**

The Gospel of John 17:14-19

14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*. 16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

# Quinquagesima Sunday before Lent



KEYWORDS: COMMITMENT TO FULFILLMENT

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## **Collect**

I'm ready to tread the path, O Christos. Please join me and give me the knowledge to know which way to go. Give me the will to choose it and the power to complete it. I put my power in my will and determination, to accomplish what I have set myself to become. Give me strength O Kyrios, so I will not waver. Amen

## **Lesson**

Colosians 1:25-29

**25**I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, **26**the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. **27**To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28**It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. **29**For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

## **Gospel**

John 7:17-18

**17** if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. **18** He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

# THE FIRST DAY OF THE FAST ASH WEDNESDAY



KEYWORDS: OATH OF DEDICATION

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## **Collect**

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I dedicate myself to the seals and symbols of Lent. I venture into the wasteland within to cleanse myself and prepare my work. All my prayers go to you O Christos, that you will permeate my being in trial and testing so that I will be ready for transformation at the end of Lent and the approach of Easter. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Peter's letter to Philip

Now Peter opened his mouth and said to his students: "When our lord Jesus was in the body, he revealed everything to us. He came down. My brothers, listen to my voice." And he was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in this way: "Our luminary Jesus came down and was crucified. He wore a crown of thorns, was clothed in a purple robe, crucified upon a cross, and buried in a tomb. And he rose from the dead. My brothers, Jesus is a stranger to this suffering. But we are the ones who have suffered due to the mother's transgression. And for this reason he did everything like us. The Lord Jesus, child of the father's immeasurable glory, is the author of our life.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Luke

A large crowd came to him now, and he turned to them and said: If anyone comes to me, he must set this higher than his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yea, all their lives. Otherwise he can not be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his cross and come after me, can not be my disciple.

If one wants to build a tower, does he not sit down first, and calculate the cost, to see whether he has enough money to complete it? For if he has laid the foundations, but cannot complete the tower, then everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, "This man began to build, but failed to complete it." Or if a king would go to war against another king, does he not sit down first, and then think about whether his ten thousand

men are strong enough to face the other king, who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not he sends his men out while the enemy is still far away, to bargain for peace.

33 Thus, none of you be my disciple unless he gives everything he owns.

# First Sunday in Lent



KEYWORDS: SELF-EXAMINATION

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## **Collect**

Supreme Unknown God. Oh, how you let your blessed son endure forty days and nights in the desert trials of blistering heat and biting cold. Let this Lent be a tool for our spiritual preparation for the Easter mystery.

Give us the power to examine our souls and there discover the inner nature of fasting. Give us the courage to go into the depths of our inner being to reveal the archonic servants within us. Give us the strength to perform this fast in accordance with the promise we have assumed, with our higher self as a witness, so that we may begin to rule our inner world and again be filled with the shimmering ocean of silence. AMEN.

## **Lesson**

Solomon Ode 13

1 Behold! The Lord is our mirror: open the eyes and see them in Him: and learn the manner of your face: 2 and tell forth praise to His spirit: and wipe off the filth from your face: and love His holiness, and clothe yourselves therewith: 3 and be without stain at all times before Him. Hallelujah.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of Thomas

6. His disciples asked him and said to him, "Do you want us to fast? How should we pray? Should we give to charity? What diet should we observe?" Jesus said, "Don't lie, and don't do what you hate, because all things are disclosed before heaven. After all, there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and there is nothing covered up that will remain undisclosed."

14. Jesus said to them, "If you fast, you will bring sin upon yourselves, and if you pray, you will be condemned, and if you give to charity, you will harm your spirits. When you go into any region and walk about in the countryside, when people take you in, eat what they serve you and heal the sick among them. After all, what goes into your mouth will not defile you; rather, it's what comes out of your mouth that will defile you."

27. "If you do not fast from the world, you will not find the (Father's) kingdom. If you do not observe the Sabbath as a Sabbath you will not see the Father."

# Second Sunday in Lent



KEYWORDS: PURIFICATION

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## **Collect**

O Holy Spirit, come to me and cleanse me. Come as fire! Come as the vibrant living fire of The Unknown Father. Purge my mind. Remove the rigid structures and destroy the old forms. Cleanse me like the sea washes the beaches before a storm and as a mighty wind blows away dead leaves. Let only that which is of me, and you in me, return to me; a being without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

Pistis Sophia, Chapter 100

"Amēn, I say unto you: For the sake of the race of men, because it is material, I have torn myself asunder and brought unto them all the mysteries of the Light, that I may purify them, for they are the refuse of the whole matter of their matter; else would no soul of the total race of men have been saved, and they would not be able to inherit the kingdom of the Light, if I had not brought unto them the purifying mysteries." For the emanations of the Light have no need of the mysteries, for they are purified; but it is the race of men which hath need of them, because they all are material waste. For this cause, therefore, have I said unto you aforetime: "The healthy have no need of the physician, but the sick," -that is: Those of the Light have no need of the mysteries, for they are purified lights; but it is the race of men which hath need of them, for [they] are material waste. Say therefore to the whole of humanity: Searching day and night after the cleansing mysteries, until they are found, and say to them: Deny the world and all its contents. "For this cause, therefore, I have said unto you aforetime: Renounce the whole world and the whole matter therein, that ye may not amass other additional matter to the rest of your matter in you. For this cause, therefore, herald it to the whole race of men, saying: Renounce the whole world and all its associations, |**251**. that ye may not amass additional matter to the rest of your matter in you; and say unto them: Cease not to seek day and night and remit not yourselves until ye find the purifying mysteries which will purify you and make you into a refined light, so that ye will go on high and inherit the light of my kingdom.

## **Gospel**

### Gospel of John 2:13-19

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all, with the sheep and oxen, out of the temple; and he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; you shall not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for thy house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

# Third Sunday in Lent



KEYWORD: EXPOSING THE NATURE OF THE ARCHONS

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## **Collect**

High, Holy Sophia, eternal Lady of wisdom, give us your understanding and insight to reveal the archonic nature of our inner being, as well as their structures in the outer world. Let the fixed period, of self-inflicted, internal trial, purify us and make us able to recognize the ruling power's establishments within us and about us. For as you fell and were the source of the first ruler, so are you also the doorway to help people uncover the web of shadow, flesh, and perceptions that constitute the world's demiurgos. Aid us in this endeavor, so that we may dwell with you again and welcome you into our bodies forevermore. Amen.

## **Lessons**

### The Tripartite Tractate

Like the Pleromas are the things which came into being from the arrogant thought, which are their likenesses, copies, shadows, and phantasms, lacking reason and the light, these which belong to the vain thought, since they are not products of anything. Therefore, their end will be like their beginning: from that which did not exist (they are) to return once again to that which will not be. It is they, however, by themselves who are greater, more powerful, and more honored than the names which are given to them, which are their shadows. In the manner of a reflection they are beautiful. For the face of the copy normally takes its beauty from that of which it is a copy. They thought of themselves that they are beings existing by themselves and are without a source, since they do not see anything else existing before them. Therefore, they lived in disobedience and acts of rebellion, without having humbled themselves before the one because of whom they came into being. They wanted to command one another, overcoming one another in their vain ambition, while the glory which they possess contains a cause of the system which was to be. They are likenesses of the things which are exalted. They were brought to a lust for power in each one of them, according to the greatness of the name of which each is a shadow, each one imagining that it is superior to his fellows. The thought of these others was not barren, but just like <those> of which they are shadows, all that they thought about they have as potential sons; those of whom they thought they had as offspring.

## **Gospel**

### Gospel of Philip

The saints are served by evil powers, for they are blinded by the Holy Spirit into thinking that they are serving an (ordinary) man whenever they do so for the saints.

When you leave the world, nothing can stop you because you were in the world. You are

above desire and fear. You are master of envy. If someone does not leave the world, the forces grab and choke them. How can one escape those grasping rulers? How can one hide from them? Some say, "we are faithful," to escape the filthy spirits and demons. But if they had the Holy Spirit, nothing filthy would cleave to them. Have no fear of the flesh. Don't love it. If you are fearful, it will gain mastery over you. If you love the flesh it will swallow and paralyze you.

God created mankind that we should glorify God as creator of the world. Yet, people worship their gods and creatures. It is more appropriate that the gods honored people.

As for us, let each one dig down after the root of evil that is within us and pluck it out of our heart from the root. It will be uprooted if we recognize it. But if we are ignorant to it, it takes root in us and produces fruit in our heart. It masters us. We are its slaves. It takes us captive to make us do what we want, and we do not want what we want to do. It is powerful as we are unaware of it. While it exists unknown it is active.

# Fourth Sunday in Lent



KEYWORD: SOLACE, NECESSARY REST

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*Purple*

## **Collect**

Although there is no rest for the world, O Kyrios Christos, I seek silence and rest in my own inner boundlessness. I seek rest from work, but just enough that I might gain renewed strength to move into my transformation and embrace its process. Please join me in solace, O Holy Spirit, and be love's flame that I may feel your love and protection, always, as I close my eyes. Amen

## **Lesson**

The Book of Thomas the Contender

Blessed is the wise man who sought after the truth, and when he found it, he rested upon it forever and was unafraid of those who wanted to disturb him.

Watch and pray that you not come to be in the flesh, but rather that you come forth from the bondage of the bitterness of this life. And as you pray, you will find rest, for you have left behind the suffering and the disgrace. For when you come forth from the sufferings and passions of the body, you will receive rest from the good one, and you will reign with the king, you joined with him and he with you, from now on, for ever and ever, Amen.

## **Gospel**

Mathew 11: 28-30

<sup>28</sup>Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Temptation Sunday



KEYWORDS: RESISTING TEMPTATION

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### **Collect**

O Kyrios Christos within us, make me immobile to temptation, that I do not, even for a moment, slip back into the power of the ruler's flow and be thrashed about by fates capricious lightning. Be with me, O Sophia, so I will recognize my own misguided forces when I encounter them. Be with me so that I will not devote myself to them in such a way that I once again become a child of the lower nature. For I acknowledge the truth that rarely shines its light of realization and I center it within my heart by my intrinsic awareness, embracing its complete bliss, for nothing can be sweeter.

### **Lesson**

#### Hymn of the Pearl

I quitted the East (and) went down,  
there being two guardians, for the way was dangerous and difficult,  
and I was very young to travel it. I passed through the borders of Maishan,  
the meeting-place of the merchants of the East, and I reached the land of Babel,  
and I entered the walls of Sarbug. I went down into Egypt, and my companions parted  
from me. I went straight to the serpent, I dwelt in his abode, (waiting) till he should  
lumber and sleep, and I could take my pearl from him. And when I was single and alone  
(and) became strange to my family, one of my race, a free-born man,  
and Oriental, I saw there, a youth fair and loveable, the son of oil-sellers; and he came  
and attached himself to me, and I made him my intimate friend, and associate with  
whom I shared my merchandise. I warned him against the Egyptians and against  
consorting with the unclean; And I dressed in their dress, that they might not hold me in  
abhorrence, because I was come from abroad in order to take the pearl,  
and arouse the serpent against me. But in some way other or another  
they found out that I was not their countryman, and they dealt with me treacherously,  
and gave their food to eat. I forget that I was a son of kings, and I served their king; and I  
forgot the pearl, for which my parents had sent me, and because of the burden of their  
oppressions I lay in a deep sleep.

### **Gospel**

#### Gospel of Luke 4:1-

**1**And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2**Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. **3**And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. **4**And Jesus

answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: 10For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

# Sunday Before Easter: Palm Sunday



KEYWORDS: TEMPORARY TRIUMPH OF THE LIGHT, BEFORE DARKNESS

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*Purple*

*The altar cross is covered with a purple veil*

## **Collect**

O Christos help me to endure and persist when I've been torn down by the ruling powers, even in my best moments. Be with me when they want to deprive me of life's essence. Be with me when I allow them to take me, for my kingdom is not of this world. For in this world, life is surrounded by both light and darkness. Be with me in both of them, that I may know them as one, for I only seek the fullness.

## **Lesson**

Revelations 19:11-16

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed which no one knows but himself. 13 He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth issues a sharp sword with which to smite the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed: King of kings and Lord of lords.

## **Gospel**

Matthew 21:1-11

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

# Maundy Thursday



KEYWORDS: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

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*White*

*The Cross is covered with a white veil*

## Collect

O Kyrios Kristus, champion of the worlds consummation, be with us and teach us about your unfathomable mysteries so that we can increasingly take part in thy inner nature and fulfil our transformation, just as thou hast taught us. We thank you for thy Communion's holy mysteries: its blood, water, and bread; the Dove and Serpent that lead to the hidden door to eternal life.

## Lesson

Corinthians 11:23-28

**23**For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, **24**and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." **25**In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." **26**For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **27**Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **28**A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

## Gospel

The Gospel of Judas

One day he was with his disciples in Judea, and he found them gathered together and seated in pious observance. When he [approached] his disciples, [34] gathered together and seated and offering a prayer of thanksgiving over the bread, [he] laughed. The disciples said to [him], "Master, why are you laughing at [our] prayer of thanksgiving? We have done what is right." He answered and said to them, "I am not laughing at you. <You> are not doing this because of your own will but because it is through this that your god [will be] praised." They said, "Master, you are [...] the son of our god." Jesus said to them, "How do you know me? Truly [I] say to you, no generation of the people that are among you will know me."

When his disciples heard this, they started getting angry and infuriated and began blaspheming against him in their hearts.

When Jesus observed their lack of [understanding, he said] to them, “Why has this agitation led you to anger? Your god who is within you and [...] [35] have provoked you to anger [within] your souls. [Let] any one of you who is [strong enough] among human beings bring out the perfect human and stand before my face.”

They all said, “We have the strength.”

But their spirits did not dare to stand before [him], except for Judas Iscariot. He was able to stand before him, but he could not look him in the eyes, and he turned his face away. Judas [said] to him, “I know who you are and where you have come from. You are from the immortal realm of Barbelo. And I am not worthy to utter the name of the one who has sent you.”

Judas said, “Master, as you have listened to all of them, now also listen to me. For I have seen a great vision.” When Jesus heard this, he laughed and said to him, “You thirteenth spirit, why do you try so hard? But speak up, and I shall bear with you.”

Judas said to him, “In the vision I saw myself as the twelve disciples were stoning me and [45] persecuting [me severely].

Truly [I] say to you, Judas, [those who] offer sacrifices to Saklas [...]

God, everything is evil. “But you will exceed all of them, for you will sacrifice the man that clothes me.”

### The Gospel of Philip

The eucharist is Jesus. For he is called in Syriac "Pharisatha," which is "the one who is spread out," for Jesus came to crucify the world.

The Lord did everything in a mystery, a baptism and a chrism and a eucharist and a redemption and a bridal chamber.

The cup of prayer contains wine and water, since it is appointed as the type of the blood for which thanks is given. And it is full of the Holy Spirit, and it belongs to the wholly perfectman. When we drink this, we shall receive for ourselves the perfect man.

The priest is completely holy, down to his very body. For if he has taken the bread, he will consecrate it. Or the cup or anything else that he gets, he will consecrate. Then how will he not consecrate the body also?

# Good Friday



KEYWORDS: THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

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*The Euachrist is not celebrated on this day. The Host and bread should have been prepared on Maundy Thursday for partaking on Good Friday and Easter Saturday.*

## **Collect**

We welcome you to know the Champion of the Eternal Cross; blessed are ye who are in all. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there. If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me!", even the night shall be light about me. For upon thy cross this world is redeemed. Upon thy cross we can fulfill our purification and be what we are, and always have been.

## **Lesson**

The Acts of John

And when he was crucified on the Friday, at the sixth hour of the day, darkness came upon all the earth. And my Lord standing in the midst of the cave and enlightening it, said: John, unto the multitude below in Jerusalem I am being crucified and pierced with lances and reeds, and gall and vinegar is given me to drink. But unto thee I speak and what I speak hear thou. I put it into thy mind to come up into this mountain, that thou may hear those things which it behooves a disciple to learn from his teacher and a man from his God.

98 And having thus spoken, he showed me a cross of light fixed (set up), and about the cross a great multitude, not having one form: and in it (the cross) was one form and one likeness [so the MS.; I would read: and therein was one form and one likeness: and in the cross another multitude, not having one form]. And the Lord himself I beheld above the cross, not having any shape, but only a voice: and a voice not such as was familiar to us, but one sweet and kind and truly of God, saying unto me: John, it is needful that one should hear these things from me, for I have need of one that will hear. This cross of light is sometimes called the (or a) word by me for your sakes, sometimes mind, sometimes Jesus, sometimes Christ, sometimes door, sometimes a way, sometimes

bread, sometimes seed, sometimes resurrection, sometimes Son, sometimes Father, sometimes Spirit, sometimes life, sometimes truth, sometimes faith, sometimes grace. And by these names it is called as toward men: but that which it is in truth, as conceived of in itself and as spoken of unto you (MS. us), it is the marking-off of all things, and the firm uplifting of things fixed out of things unstable, and the harmony of wisdom, and indeed wisdom in harmony [this last clause in the MS. is joined to the next: 'and being wisdom in harmony']. There are [places] of the right hand and the left, powers also, authorities, lordships and demons, workings, threatenings, wraths, devils, Satan, and the lower root whence the nature of the things that come into being proceeded. 99 This cross, then, is that which fixed all things apart (al. joined all things unto itself) by the (or a) word, and separate off the things that are from those that are below (lit. the things from birth and below it), and then also, being one, streamed forth into all things (or, made all flow forth. I suggested: compacted all into [one]). But this is not the cross of wood which thou wilt see when thou goest down hence: neither am I he that is on the cross, whom now thou seest not, but only hearest his (or a) voice. I was reckoned to be that which I am not, not being what I was unto many others: but they will call me (say of me) something else which is vile and not worthy of me. As, then, the place of rest is neither seen nor spoken of, much more shall I, the Lord thereof, be neither seen [nor of spoken]. 100 Now the multitude of one aspect (al. [not] of one aspect) that is about the cross is the lower nature: and they whom thou seest in the cross, if they have not one form, it is because not yet hath every member of him that came down been comprehended. But when the human nature (or the upper nature) is taken up, and the race which draweth near unto me and obeyeth my voice, he that now heareth me shall be united therewith, and shall no more be that which now he is, but above them, as I also now am. For so long as thou callest not thyself mine, I am not that which I am (or was): but if thou hear me, thou, hearing, shalt be as I am, and I shall be that which I was, when I [have]thee as I am with myself. For from me thou art that (which I am). Care not therefore for the many, and them that are outside the mystery despise; for know thou that I am wholly with the Father, and the Father with me. 101 Nothing, therefore, of the things which they will say of me have I suffered: nay, that suffering also which I showed unto thee and the rest in the dance, I will that it be called a mystery. For what thou art, thou seest, for I showed it thee; but what I am I alone know, and no man else. Suffer me then to keep that which is mine, and that which is thine behold thou through me, and behold me in truth, that I am, not what I said, but what thou art able to know, because thou art akin thereto. Thou hearest that I suffered, yet did I not suffer; that I suffered not, yet did I suffer; that I was pierced, yet I was not smitten; hanged, and I was not hanged; that blood flowed from me, and it flowed not; and, in a word, what they say of me, that befell me not, but what they say not, that did I suffer. Now what those things are I signify unto thee, for I know that thou wilt understand. Perceive thou therefore in me the praising (al. slaying al. rest) of the (or a) Word (Logos), the piercing of the Word, the blood of the Word, the wound of the Word, the hanging up of the Word, the suffering of the Word, the nailing (fixing) of the Word, the death of the Word. And so speak I,

separating off the manhood. Perceive thou therefore in the first place of the Word; then shalt thou perceive the Lord, and in the third place the man, and what he hath suffered. 102 When he had spoken unto me these things, and others which I know not how to say as he would have me, he was taken up, no one of the multitudes having beheld him. And when I went down I laughed them all to scorn, inasmuch as he had told me the things which they have said concerning him; holding fast this one thing in myself, that the Lord contrived all things symbolically and by a dispensation toward men, for their conversion and salvation.

## **Gospel**

John 19

### **Jesus Is Crucified**

The soldiers took charge of Jesus. **17** Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to a place called The Place of the Skull, which in the Hebrew language **F41** is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified Jesus. They also crucified two other men, one on each side, with Jesus in the middle. **19** Pilate wrote a sign and put it on the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. **20** The sign was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Many of the people read the sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. **21** The leading priests said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews.' But write, 'This man said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' "

**22** Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

**23** After the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, with each soldier getting one part. They also took his long shirt, which was all one piece of cloth, woven from top to bottom. **24** So the soldiers said to each other, "We should not tear this into parts. Let's throw lots to see who will get it." This happened so that this Scripture would come true:

**25** Standing near his cross were Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother and the follower he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son." **27** Then he said to the follower, "Here is your mother." From that time on, the follower took her to live in his home.

### **Jesus Dies**

**28** After this, Jesus knew that everything had been done. So that the Scripture would come true, he said, "I am thirsty." **F42** **29** There was a jar full of vinegar there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' mouth. **30** When Jesus tasted the vinegar, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and died.

**31** This day was Preparation Day, and the next day was a special Sabbath day. Since the religious leaders did not want the bodies to stay on the cross on the Sabbath day, they asked Pilate to order that the legs of the men be broken **F43** and the bodies be taken away. **32** So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man on the cross beside Jesus. Then they broke the legs of the man on the other cross beside Jesus. **33** But when the soldiers came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. **34** But one of the soldiers stuck his spear into Jesus' side, and at once blood and water came out. **35** (The one who saw this happen is the one who told us this, and whatever he says is true. And he knows that he tells the truth, and he tells it so that you might believe.) **36** These things happened to make the Scripture come true: "Not one of his bones will be broken." **F44** **37** And another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they stabbed." **F45** **38** Later, Joseph from Arimathea asked Pilate if he could take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave his permission, so Joseph came and took Jesus' body away. **39** Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, went with Joseph. He brought

about seventy-five pounds of myrrh and aloes. 40 These two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it with the spices in pieces of linen cloth, which is how they bury the dead. 41 In the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden. In the garden was a new tomb that had never been used before. 42 The men laid Jesus in that tomb because it was nearby, and they were preparing to start their Sabbath day.

# Triumph of the Resurrected Light

## Easter Sunday



KEYWORD: RESURRECTION

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### **Collect**

I am the Lord of Life. Triumphant over death, anyone who partakes in me shall rise with me. My life is in the bread and wine. I have shown, those who have eyes to see, a road to redemption that they may learn my teachings. So it is that you should be able to teach, those who are ready, through me; as I am in you. Thus universes will pass away and be glorified; all through the mystery of the resurrected Christos.

### **Lesson**

Treatise on the Resurrection

So, never doubt concerning the resurrection, my son Rheginos for if you were not existing in flesh, you received flesh when you entered this world. Why will you not receive flesh when you ascend into the Aeon? That which is better than the flesh is that which is for (the) cause of life. That which came into being on your account, is it not yours? Does not that which is yours exist with you? Yet, while you are in this world, what is it that you lack? This is what you have been making every effort to learn. The afterbirth of the body is old age, and you exist in corruption. You have absence as a gain, for you will not give up what is better if you depart. That which is worse has diminution, but there is grace for it. Nothing, then, redeems us from this world but the All which we are, we are saved. We have received salvation from end to end. Let us think in this way! Let us comprehend in this way! But there are some (who) wish to understand, in the enquiry about those things they are looking into, whether he, who is saved, if he leaves his body behind, will be saved immediately. Let no one doubt concerning this. [...]. Indeed, the visible members which are dead shall not be saved, for (only) the living members which exist within them would arise.

### **Gospel**

Gospel of John

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been. 13 And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was

Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," 9 which means Teacher. 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, 10 for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and what he told her.

# First Sunday after Easter

## Low Sunday



KEYWORDS: STANDING ALONE

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*White*

### **Collect**

I am alone. I am born again. There is no god where I am. I am who I am. Through the recognition and purification, death and resurrection, I am transformed and have come to the beginning of a journey. O Christos and Sophia be in me, be with me; for in front of me is the fulfillment of The Great Work and behind me is the night's kingdom. Please join me and dwell within me forever, a being without end. Amen.

### **Lesson**

Odes of Solomon: Ode 34

1. There is no hard way where there is a simple heart, nor barrier for upright thoughts,
2. Nor whirlwind in the depth of the enlightened thought.
3. Where one is surrounded on every side by pleasing country, there is nothing divided in him.
4. The likeness of that which is below is that which is above.
5. For everything is from above, and from below there is nothing, but it is believed to be by those in whom there is no understanding.
6. Grace has been revealed for your salvation. Believe and live and be saved.  
Hallelujah.

### **Gospel**

Gospel of Thomas

(4) Jesus said, "The man old in days will not hesitate to ask a small child seven days old about the place of life, and he will live. For many who are first will become last, and they will become one and the same."

(16) Jesus said, "Men think, perhaps, that it is peace which I have come to cast upon the world. They do not know that it is dissension which I have come to cast upon the earth: fire, sword, and war. For there will be five in a house: three will be against two, and two against three, the father against the son, and the son against the father. And they will stand solitary."

(49) Jesus said, "Blessed are the solitary and elect, for you will find the kingdom. For you are from it, and to it you will return."

(106) Jesus said, "When you make the two one, you will become the sons of man, and when you say, 'Mountain, move away,' it will move away."

# Second Sunday After Easter



KEYWORD: MATURING IN THE LIGHT

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## **Collect**

Let the union of all contradictions take place in me. Allow my newly created being to be filled by the light. Let it all happen according to the movement of the fullness and rest. Not by my will, O eternal one, but by Thy will, may it be done; through the eternal union from which we shall never be separated, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

Ephesians 6:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of the Egyptians

This great name of yours is upon me, O self-begotten Perfect one, who is not outside me. I see you, O you who are visible to everyone. For who will be able to comprehend you in another tongue? Now that I have known you, I have mixed myself with the immutable. I have armed myself with an armor of light; I have become light! For the Mother was at that place because of the splendid beauty of grace. Therefore, I have stretched out my hands while they were folded. I was shaped in the circle of the riches of the light which is in my bosom, which gives shape to the many begotten ones in the light into which no complaint reaches. I shall declare your glory truly, for I have comprehended you, sou iEs ide aeio aeie ois, O aeon, aeon, O God of silence! I honor you completely. You are my place of rest, O Son Es Es o e, the formless one who exists in the formless ones, who exists raising up the man in whom you will purify me into your life, according to your imperishable name. Therefore, the incense of life is in me. I mixed it with water after the

model of all archons, in order that I may live with you in the peace of the saints, you who exist really truly forever.

# Third Sunday after Easter

## Low Sunday



KEYWORDS: STEADFAST IN TRUTH

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### Collect

O Christos, teach me to live in thy mystery, for you are the eternal initiator and supervisor of the paths of the light and the dark. Teach me, through your angels, to stand steadfast in the truth, even when the storms of the world surround me; for, through the Holy Spirit, I have been renewed to become the one I have always been. Be with me in the fullness, for in and through the Light's very expression shall my life unfold, as a rose blossoms in the Light of the Sun.

### Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20 (Complete Jewish Bible Translation)

**10** Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

**11** Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary. **12** For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm. **13** So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing. **14** Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate, **15** and wear on your feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom. **16** Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. **17** And take the helmet of deliverance; along with the sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God; **18** as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

**19** Pray for me, too, that whenever I open my mouth, the words will be given to me to be bold in making known the \*mystery of the gospel\*, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak boldly, the way I should. **21** So that you may also be informed about how I am and what I am doing.

\*From strong's KJV with Numbers translation

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Philip

A Gentile does not die, for he/she has never lived in order that he/she may die. One who believes in truth has found life, and this type of individual is in danger of dying, for he/she is alive.

One who has knowledge of the truth is a free being, but the free individual does not sin, for "they who sin are the slave of sin" (Jn 8:34). Truth is the mother, knowledge the father. Those who think that sinning does not apply to them are called "free" by the world. The knowledge of truth lifts up. "This means that it makes them free, and causes them to rise above it all. Yet "Love builds up" (1 Co 8:1). In fact, he who is really free, through knowledge, is a slave, because of love for those who have not yet been able to attain to the freedom of knowledge. Knowledge makes them capable of becoming free. Love never calls something its own, it never possess, it never says, "This is yours" or "This is mine," but instead "All these are yours".

# Forth Sunday After Easter



KEYWORDS: LIBERATION OF THE LIGHT

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*White*

## **Collect**

Do not keep the shining light hidden under a bushel, but let it beam through the One Aeon, for the Christos is with me and I with Him. The only risk is to allow All to possess all, Thus: Free up the light in your mind and you'll ever be liberated. Let it run like fire over your head and perfect you in spirit.

## **Lesson**

### The Reality of the Rulers

Then I said, "Sir, how much longer?"

He said to me, "Until the moment when the true man, within a modeled form, reveals the existence of the spirit of truth, which the father has sent.

Then he will teach them about everything, and he will anoint them with the unction of life eternal, given him from the undominated generation.

Then they will be freed of blind thought, and they will trample underfoot death, which is of the authorities, and they will ascend into the limitless light where this sown element belongs.

Then the authorities will relinquish their ages, and their angels will weep over their destruction, and their demons will lament their death.

Then all the children of the light will be truly acquainted with the truth and their root, and the father of the entirety and the holy spirit. They will all say with a single voice, "The father's truth is just, and the son presides over the entirety", and from everyone unto the ages of ages, "Holy - holy - holy! Amen!"

### The Testimony of Truth

They asked what they have been bound with, and how they might properly release themselves. And they came to know themselves, who they are, or rather, where they are now, and what is the place in which they will rest from their senselessness, arriving at knowledge. These Christ will transfer to the heights, since they have renounced foolishness (and have) advanced to knowledge. And those who have knowledge ...

## **Gospel**

### Gospel of Philip

It takes us captive, to make us do what we do not want; and what we do want, we do not do. It is powerful because we have not recognized it. While it exists it is active. Ignorance is the mother of all evil. Ignorance will result in death, because those who come from ignorance neither were nor are nor shall be. [...] will be perfect when all the truth is revealed. For truth is like ignorance: while it is hidden, it rests in itself, but when it is revealed and is recognized, it is praised, inasmuch as it is stronger than ignorance and error. It gives freedom. The Word said, "If you know the truth, the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:32). Ignorance is a slave. Knowledge is freedom. If we know the truth, we shall find the fruits of the truth within us. If we are joined to it, it will bring our fulfillment.

# Fifth Sunday After Easter



KEYWORDS: PREPARING FOR THE LIGHT

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## **Collect**

O Christos, form my being into a receptive cup so I can partake of the heavenly wine. Let me be a bone-dry fire, which the Holy Spirit can ignite. Let me be ready to receive the redemption and its mystery. As you are in me, let me be ready. Take me to meet, face, and open my inner gates. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Teachings of Silvanus

Open the door for yourself, that you may know the One who is. Knock on yourself, that the Word may open for you. For he is the Ruler of Faith and the Sharp Sword, having become all for everyone because he wishes to have mercy on everyone. My son, prepare yourself to escape from the world-rulers of darkness and of this kind of air, which is full of powers. But if you have Christ, you will conquer this entire world. That which you open for yourself, you will open. That which you knock upon for yourself, you will knock upon, benefiting yourself. Help yourself, my son, (by) not proceeding with things in which there is no profit. My son, first purify yourself toward the outward life, in order that you may be able to purify the inward. And be not as the merchants of the Word of God. Put all words to the test before you utter them. Do not wish to acquire honors which are insecure, nor the boastfulness which brings you to ruin. Accept the wisdom of Christ, (who is) patient and mild, and guard this, O my son, knowing that God's way is always profitable.

## **Gospel**

### Gospel of John 14:16 -20

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot \* receive , because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

# The Ascension



KEYWORDS: REUNION WITH THE FULLNESS

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**White: This collect, lesson and Gospel are to be used nine days after Ascension Day.**

## Collect

O Christos, we thank you for your teachings and your presence by which you have revealed the fullness for our sake. Acknowledging your existence, in our inner self and our sacred protective angel, we ever aspire in prayer and meditation to achieve our life-fulfillment. Amen.

## Lesson

Acts 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

## Gospel

Pistis Sophia

So it was that when the Light-Power came down on Jesus it gradually surrounded him altogether. Then Jesus ascended on high, shining most exceedingly with an unmeasured light; and the disciples were gazing after him, not one of them speaking until he went up to heaven, but they were all in great silence. When Jesus went up to heaven, after three hours, all the powers of the heavens trembled, and the whole earth with those who dwell thereon shook until the next day. Then were all the powers of the height singing hymns to the Inmost of Inmosts so that the whole world heard their ceaseless voices. But the disciples sat close together, being afraid. Then the heavens opened, and they saw Jesus coming down, shining most exceedingly, for he shone more than at the time he had gone up to the Heavens, so that no man of earth can speak of the light that was on him.

***After the Gospel the deacon censes the Priest then returns the censer and goes to the easter candle and extinguishes it, solemnly saying:***

The forty days are over. Kyrios has soared into the sky, and in his name I put out this Easter candle. For forty days, it has been a symbol of His resurrected body. It will ascend now as a symbol of Light that leaves the lower world to rise into the higher spheres. We must in our hearts and minds rise up with him and be with him through all the aeons of aeons.

# Pentecost



KEYWORDS: THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## Collect

Let the bridal chamber doors be opened, so that Christos and Sophia may be united. Let the Holy Spirit descend and take residence in us, let the veil be torn aside and grant sight to all of those who seek. Let the soul's gates open for the mystery that lies hidden in the feast of the Pentecostal message. Let the union take place so that the fullness is once again recognized as a being without end.

## Lesson

Acts 2:1-6

**1** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. **5** Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

## Gospel

John 16:7-24

**7** "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; **11** and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. **12** "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot \* bear them now. **13** "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. **14** "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. **15** "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore \* I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. **16** "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." **17** Some of His disciples then said to one another, "What is this thing He is telling us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and,

'because I go to the Father'?" **18** So they were saying, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." **19** Jesus knew that they wished to question Him, and He said to them, "Are you deliberating together \* about this, that I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'? **20** "Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy. **21** "Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. **22** "Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. **23** "In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. **24** "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.

# Trinity Sunday



KEYWORDS: DEVOTION TO THE HOLY TRINITY

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*Red or White*

## **Collect**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, unity without end, perfect fullness, we worship you as one in three. We acknowledge you and seek you, for we are yours. O Holy Trinity, be with us in fullness, for we are constantly seeking you. We worship you in the Fullness of Fullness and of all things brought forth of Fullness. The mystery is revealed. All things are glorified, beginning without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Creation account of Saint-Martin

In the Origin when the Father was one, and dwelt in himself in perfect rest, he opted out of his wisdom, to create. He expressed himself as the Eternal Triple Light: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As the eternal king, one in three, and not three in one, he radiated glory, a heavenly creation of Light, Life, and Love. In this timeless Heaven, God created the First Principle, a heavenly host, a hierarchy of beings, a midst of these in his own image, The Human.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

"The Father" and "the Son" are single names; "the Holy Spirit" is a double name. For they are everywhere: they are above, they are below; they are in the concealed, they are in the revealed. The Holy Spirit is in the revealed: it is below. It is in the concealed: it is above.

# CORPUS CHRISTI



Keywords: ~

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## **Collect**

O Holy Kristos, let us unite in you, for we acknowledge our place in your body as members. We are in you and you are in us. Through us thy will, will be comprehensive. Her Son is in the Father and the Father is in the Son for between the worlds is the bridge that the initiated call the Temple of which Christ called the body. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Corinthians 12

**12** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**14** For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

**27**All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body.

**28**And in the church God has given a place first to apostles, **F89** second to prophets, **F90** and third to teachers. Then God has given a place to those people that do miracles, **F91** those people that have gifts of healing, those people that can help others, those people that are able to lead, and those people that can speak in different kinds of languages.

**29**Not all people are apostles. Not all people are prophets. Not all people are teachers. Not all people do miracles. **30**Not all people have gifts of healing. Not all people speak in {different kinds of} languages. Not all people interpret those languages. **31**But you should truly want to have the greater gifts {of the Spirit **F92** }.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of John

So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. **18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father."

**31** The Jews took up stones again to stone him. **32** Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of these do you stone me?" **33** The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we stone you but for blasphemy;

because you, being a man, make yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'?"

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE MONAD

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*Red*

## **Collect**

Holy unmentionable one, who is over all things, yet still knows everyone and everything. We worship you in all rites and ceremonies. You are our origin and we direct all our love toward you. Let us know your creative conception in the fullness, for we seek the path that will lead us home.

## **Lesson**

### The Tripartite Tractate

He is without beginning and without end. Not only is he without end - He is immortal for this reason, that he is unbegotten - but he is also invariable in his eternal existence, in his identity, in that by which he is established, and in that by which he is great. Neither will he remove himself from that by which he is, nor will anyone else force him to produce an end which he has not ever desired. He has not had anyone who initiated his own existence. Thus, he is himself unchanged, and no one else can remove him from his existence and his identity, that in which he is, and his greatness, so that he cannot be grasped; nor is it possible for anyone else to change him into a different form, or to reduce him, or alter him or diminish him, - since this is so in the fullest sense of the truth - who is the unalterable, immutable one, with immutability clothing him. Not only is he the one called "without a beginning" and "without an end," because he is unbegotten and immortal; but just as he has no beginning and no end as he is, he is unattainable in his greatness, inscrutable in his wisdom, incomprehensible in his power, and unfathomable in his sweetness.

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Gospel of John

"The Monad is a monarchy with nothing above it. It is he who exists as God and Father of everything, the invisible One who is above everything, who exists as incorruption, which is in the pure light into which no eye can look.

"He is the invisible Spirit, of whom it is not right to think of him as a god, or something similar. For he is more than a god, since there is nothing above him, for no one lords it over him. For he does not exist in something inferior to him, since everything exists in him. For it is he who establishes himself. He is eternal, since he does not need anything. For he is total perfection. He did not lack anything, that he might be completed by it;

rather he is always completely perfect in light. He is illimitable, since there is no one prior to him to set limits to him. He is unsearchable, since there exists no one prior to him to examine him. He is immeasurable, since there was no one prior to him to measure him. He is invisible, since no one saw him. He is eternal, since he exists eternally. He is ineffable, since no one was able to comprehend him to speak about him. He is unnamable, since there is no one prior to him to give him a name.

"He is immeasurable light, which is pure, holy (and) immaculate. He is ineffable, being perfect in incorruptibility. (He is) not in perfection, nor in blessedness, nor in divinity, but he is far superior. He is not corporeal nor is he incorporeal. He is neither large nor is he small. There is no way to say, 'What is his quantity?' or, 'What is his quality?' for no one can know him. He is not someone among (other) beings, rather he is far superior. Not that he is (simply) superior, but his essence does not partake in the aeons nor in time. For he who partakes in an aeon was prepared beforehand. Time was not apportioned to him, since he does not receive anything from another, for it would be received on loan. For he who precedes someone does not lack, that he may receive from him. For rather, it is the latter that looks expectantly at him in his light.

"For the perfection is majestic. He is pure, immeasurable mind. He is an aeon-giving aeon. He is life-giving life. He is a blessedness-giving blessed one. He is knowledge-giving knowledge. He is goodness-giving goodness. He is mercy and redemption-giving mercy. He is grace-giving grace, not because he possesses it, but because he gives the immeasurable, incomprehensible light.

"How am I to speak with you about him? His aeon is indestructible, at rest and existing in silence, reposing (and) being prior to everything. For he is the head of all the aeons, and it is he who gives them strength in his goodness. For we know not the ineffable things, and we do not understand what is immeasurable, except for him who came forth from him, namely (from) the Father. For it is he who told it to us alone. For it is he who looks at himself in his light which surrounds him, namely the spring of the water of life. And it is he who gives to all the aeons and in every way, (and) who gazes upon his image which he sees in the spring of the Spirit. It is he who puts his desire in his water-light which is in the spring of the pure light-water which surrounds him.

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY AND CHRIST'S TRANSFORMATION



BARBELOS NATURE

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## **Collect**

O Heavenly Mother, Mother of many names: Barbelo, Epinoia, Sofia, Zoe, Ashamot, Eshamot, OIA, we worship you O Holy Spirit; you are the very life and spirit moving within us. Without you we are merely children of earth, without any life of our own. We petition the origin that gives us perfect harmony with you, to join us. Then and only then will the fullness not only be here or there, but where I am.

## **Lesson**

### Trimorphic Protennoia

I am Protennoia, the Thought that dwells in the Light. I am the movement that dwells in the All, she in whom the All takes its stand, the first-born among those who came to be, she who exists before the All. She (Protennoia) is called by three names, although she dwells alone, since she is perfect. I am invisible within the Thought of the Invisible One. I am revealed in the immeasurable, ineffable (things). I am incomprehensible, dwelling in the incomprehensible. I move in every creature.

I am the life of my Epinoia that dwells within every Power and every eternal movement, and (in) invisible Lights and within the Archons and Angels and Demons, and every soul dwelling in Tartaros, and (in) every material soul. I dwell in those who came to be. I move in everyone and I delve into them all. I walk uprightly, and those who sleep, I awaken. And I am the sight of those who dwell in sleep.

I am the Invisible One within the All. It is I who counsel those who are hidden, since I know the All that exists in it. I am numberless beyond everyone. I am immeasurable, ineffable, yet whenever I wish, I shall reveal myself of my own accord. I am the head of the All. I exist before the All, and I am the All, since I exist in everyone.

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Book of John

His self-aware thought (ennoia) came into being.  
Appearing to him in the effulgence of his light.  
She stood before him.

This, then, is the first of the powers, prior to everything.  
Arising out of the mind of the Father  
The Providence (pronoia) of everything.  
Her light reflects His light.

She is from His image in His light  
Perfect in power  
Image of the invisible perfect Virgin Spirit.

She is the initial power  
glory of Barbelo  
glorious among the realms  
glory of revelation

She gave glory to the Virgin Spirit  
She praised Him  
For she arose from Him.

[This, the first Thought, is the Spirit's image]

She is the universal womb  
She is before everything  
She is:

Mother-Father  
First Man  
Holy Spirit

Thrice Male  
Thrice Powerful  
Thrice Named

Androgynous eternal realm  
First to arise among the invisible realms.

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Alternete translation:

And his thought performed a deed and she came forth, namely she who had appeared before him in the shine of his light. This is the first power which was before all of them (and) which came forth from his mind, She is the forethought of the All - her light shines like his light - the perfect power which is the image of the invisible, virginal Spirit who is perfect. The first power, the glory of Barbelo, the perfect glory in the aeons, the glory of the revelation, she glorified the virginal Spirit and it was she who praised him, because thanks to him she had come forth. This is the first thought, his image; she became the womb of everything, for it is she who is prior to them all, the Mother-Father, the first

man, the holy Spirit, the thrice-male, the thrice-powerful, the thrice-named androgynous one, and the eternal aeon among the invisible ones, and the first to come forth.

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE SON

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## **Collect**

O only-begotten Son of origin, Christos son of the Waters of Life, Seth, Jesus, O Holy Origin which births endless Angels; through you we are redeemed from the bondage of matter and our mental prisons. Be in us. Teach us what you have promised us, for we will follow you into the consumation of the world. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Treatise on the Resurrection

How did the Lord proclaim things while he existed in flesh and after he had revealed himself as Son of God? He lived in this place where you remain, speaking about the Law of Nature - but I call it 'Death'. Now the Son of God, Reginos, was Son of Man. He embraced them both, possessing the humanity and the divinity, so that on the one hand he might vanquish death through his being Son of God, and that on the other through the Son of Man the restoration to the Pleroma might occur; because he was originally from above, a seed of Truth, before this structure had come into being. In this many dominions and divinities came into existence.

## **Gospel**

### Secret Gospel of John

I am Pronoia, Providence of everything. I became like my own human children. I existed from the first. I walked down every possible road. I am the wealth of the light. I am the remembering of the fullness. I walked into the place of greatest darkness and on down. I entered the central part of the prison. The foundations of chaos quaked. I hid because of their evil. They did not recognize me. I came down a second time, continuing on. I emerged from among those of light I am the remembering of Providence I entered the middle of darkness, The inner part of the underworld To pursue my mission. The foundations of chaos quaked. Threatening to collapse upon all who were there And utterly destroy them I soared upward again To my roots in light So as not to destroy them all yet. I descended a third time. I am light I am dwelling in light I am the remembering of Providence I entered the midst of darkness I came to the deepest part of the underworld. I let my face light up Thinking of the end of their time I entered their prison The body is that prison, I cried out: "Anyone who hears, Rise up from your deep sleep!"

# FORTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## **Collect**

O Holy Spirit, who is the Mother's total nature, you cannot touch, hear or see, but where you move. We, humans, come to the realization of his true nature and where you dwell, thusly grow in spirit and are perfected in our being. Therefore move in us and dwell in us, for through you, we will seek fullness. Amen

## **Lesson**

Thunder Perfect mind

I am the silence that is incomprehensible and the idea whose remembrance is frequent. I am the voice whose sound is manifold and the word whose appearance is multiple. I am the utterance of my name. Why, you who hate me, do you love me, and hate those who love me? You, who deny me, confess me, and you who confess me, deny me. You, who tell the truth about me, lie about me, and you who have lied about me, tell the truth about me. You, who know me, be ignorant of me, and those who have not known me, let them know me, for I am knowledge and ignorance. I am shame and boldness. I am shameless; I am ashamed. I am strength and I am fear. I am war and peace. Give heed to me. I am the one who is disgraced and the great one. Give heed to my poverty and my wealth.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Phillip

The saints are served by evil powers, for they are blinded by the Holy Spirit into thinking that they are serving an (ordinary) man whenever they do so for the saints. Because of this, a disciple asked the Lord one day for something of this world. He said to him, "Ask your mother, and she will give you of the things which are another's."

The Holy Spirit shepherds everyone and rules all the powers, the "tame" ones and the "wild" ones, as well as those which are unique.

For the Father anointed the Son, and the Son anointed the apostles, and the apostles anointed us. He who has been anointed possesses everything. He possesses the resurrection, the light, the cross, the Holy Spirit.

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE FOUR LUMINARIES

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## **Collect**

O Holy council, Harmozel, Oriael, Davaitai, and Eleleth; heavenly pillars in the circumference of the Fullness. Great Builders of our inner temples, watch over us, guide us. Your influence and presence is essential that we be lead to the Temple of Christos. Stay with us and be in us, that we may erect temples that venerate your Glory. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Reality of the Rulers

But Norea turned, with the might of [...]; and in a loud voice, she cried out up to the holy one, the God of the entirety, "Rescue me from the rulers of unrighteousness and save me from their clutches - forthwith!" The <great> angel came down from the heavens and said to her, "Why are you crying up to God? Why do you act so boldly towards the holy spirit?" Norea said, "Who are you?" The rulers of unrighteousness had withdrawn from her. He said, "It is I who am Eleleth, sagacity, the great angel who stands in the presence of the Holy Spirit. I have been sent to speak with you and save you from the grasp of the lawless. And I shall teach you about your root."

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of the Egyptians

The incorruptible man Adamas asked for them a son out of himself, in order that he (the son) may become father of the immovable, incorruptible race, so that, through it (the race), the silence and the voice may appear, and, through it, the dead aeon may raise itself, so that it may dissolve. And thus there came forth from above the power of the great light, the Manifestation. She gave birth to the four great lights: Harmozel, Oroiael, Davithe, Eleleth, and the great incorruptible Seth, the son of the incorruptible man Adamas.

And the Father nodded approval; the whole pleroma of the lights was well pleased. Their consorts came forth for the completion of the ogdoad of the divine Autogenes: the Grace of the first light Harmozel, the Perception of the second light Oroiael, the Understanding of the third light Davithe, the Prudence of the fourth light Eleleth. This is the first ogdoad of the divine Autogenes.

After five thousand years, the great light Eleleth spoke: "Let someone reign over the chaos and Hades." And there appeared a cloud of matter whose name is Sophia. And the great angel Gamaliel spoke to the great Gabriel, the minister of the great light Oroiael; he said, "Let an angel come forth, in order that he may reign over the chaos and Hades."

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF SOPHIA

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## **Collect**

O Holy Sophia, our gateway and primal spark, you endure forever in support of us. We give you our thanks and heartfelt dedication. You are our eternal guide on the path of Reintegration.

## **Lesson**

The Second Treatise of Seth

For those who were in the world had been prepared by the will of our sister Sophia - she who is a whore - because of the innocence which has not been uttered. And she did not ask anything from the All, nor from the greatness of the Assembly, nor from the Pleroma. Since she was first, she came forth to prepare monads and places for the Son of Light and the fellow workers which she took from the elements below to build bodily dwellings from them. But, having come into being in an empty glory, they ended in destruction in the dwellings in which they were, since they were prepared by Sophia. They stand ready to receive the life-giving word of the ineffable Monad and of the greatness of the assembly of all those who persevere and those who are in me.

## **Gospel**

The Secret Gospel of John

Sophia of the Epinoia, being an Aeon, thought a thought from within herself and the thought of the invisible Spirit and Foreknowledge. She willed a likeness to appear from within herself without the will of the Spirit—It had not approved—and without her partner and without his consideration. For the countenance of her masculinity did not approve, and she had not found her partner. She deliberated apart from the will of the Spirit and the understanding of her partner. She brought forth.

Because of the unconquerable power within her, her thought did not remain idle. And an imperfect product appeared from her, and it was different from her pattern because she created it without her partner. And it was not patterned after the likeness of its Mother, for it had a different form. When she saw (the product of) her will, it was different, a model of a lion-faced serpent. His eyes were like flashing fires of lightning. She cast him out from her, outside of those places so that none among the immortals might see him, for she had created him in ignorance.

And when Sophia, the Mother, understood that the garment of darkness was not perfect, she then understood that her partner had not been in concord with her. She repented with great weeping.

And the entreaty of her repentance was heard and all the Fullness praised the invisible virginal Spirit on her behalf. The Holy Spirit poured over her (something) from their entire Fullness. For her partner did not come to her (by himself), but it was through the Fullness that he came to her in order that he might correct her deficiency. Yet even so, she was not conveyed to her own Aeon, but (was placed) above her child so that she might dwell in the Ninth until she corrects her deficiency.

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE DEMIURGE

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## **Collect**

O Kyrios, the highest one, show mercy for the half Creator, the depraved creature. His distorted nature induces him to create according to their lower understanding of the nature of existence and his deeds and plans have hardened him in his dangerous game with human care. O Sophia, let your son be purified so that his union with his mate may transform his personality to Abraxas' nature, and so on to the consummation of the Fullness.

## **Lesson**

### The Reality of the Rulers

Their chief is blind; because of his power and his ignorance and his arrogance he said, with his power, "It is I who am God; there is none apart from me." When he said this, he sinned against the entirety. And this speech got up to incorruptibility; then there was a voice that came forth from incorruptibility, saying, "You are mistaken, Samael" - which is, "god of the blind."

His thoughts became blind. And, having expelled his power - that is, the blasphemy he had spoken - he pursued it down to chaos and the abyss, his mother, at the instigation of Pistis Sophia. And she established each of his offspring in conformity with its power - after the pattern of the realms that are above, for by starting from the invisible world the visible world was invented

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Gospel of John

And because of the invincible power which is in her, her thought did not remain idle, and something came out of her which was imperfect and different from her appearance, because she had created it without her consort. And it was dissimilar to the likeness of its mother, for it has another form. "And when she saw (the consequences of) her desire, it changed into a form of a lion-faced serpent. And its eyes were like lightning fires which flash. She cast it away from her, outside that place, that no one of the immortal ones might see it, for she had created it in ignorance. And she surrounded it with a luminous cloud, and she placed a throne in the middle of the cloud that no one might see it except the holy Spirit who is called the mother of the living. And she called his name Yaltabaoth.

"This is the first archon who took a great power from his mother. And he removed himself from her and moved away from the places in which he was born. He became strong and created for himself other aeons with a flame of luminous fire which (still) exists now. And he joined with his arrogance which is in him and begot authorities for himself.

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE RULING ARCHONS

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## **Collect**

O Kyrios Christos, apply to us your tanning so we may know the works and nature of the Ruling Arcons within us. Let us not be misled by their temptations and gifts, but rather, associate with them with caution and cunning while in this mortality. Teach us, O Redemer, to know their being in our minds so we might be able to redeem them and thus ourselves. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Ephesians 6:12

For the Apostle was spoken to by the Great Fathers Spirit; "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness." I have sent you this that you should examine the ruling powers nature.

### The Nature of the Rulers

Their chief is blind; because of his power and his ignorance and his arrogance he said, with his power, "It is I who am God; there is none apart from me." When he said this, he sinned against the entirety. And this speech got up to incorruptibility; then there was a voice that came forth from incorruptibility, saying, "You are mistaken, Samael" - which is, "god of the blind."

His thoughts became blind. And, having expelled his power - that is, the blasphemy he had spoken - he pursued it down to chaos and the abyss, his mother, at the instigation of Pistis Sophia. And she established each of his offspring in conformity with its power - after the pattern of the realms that are above, for by starting from the invisible world the visible world was invented.

As incorruptibility looked down into the region of the waters, her image appeared in the waters; and the authorities of the darkness became enamored of her. But they could not lay hold of that image, which had appeared to them in the waters, because of their weakness - since beings that merely possess a soul cannot lay hold of those that possess a spirit - for they were from below, while it was from above. This is the reason why "incorruptibility looked down into the region (etc.)": so that, by the father's will, she might bring the entirety into union with the light.

## Gospel

### The Secret book of John

And he copulated with Madness, who is in him {He copulated with *Ignorance*, who is in him}. He begat authorities who are under him, the twelve angels, each one of them to his own aeon following the model of the immortal Aeons. And he created for each one of them seven angels each and for the angels three powers-these are all under him, 360 angelic beings with his third power, following the likeness of the primal model which is prior to him.

Now when the authorities appeared from the chief begetter, the chief ruler of the darkness, these were their names from the ignorance of he who had begotten them: The first is Yaoth. The second is Hermas, who is the eye of the fire. {The authorities who appeared from the chief begetter, the Chief Ruler of the darkness *and ignorance, together with the authorities were in* ignorance of the one who had begotten them.

These are their names: the first is *Haoth*. The second is Harmas, who is the eye of the fire.} The third is Galila. The fourth is Yobel. The fifth is Adonaios. The sixth is Sabaoth. The seventh is Kainan and Kae, who is named Cain, who is the sun. The eighth is Abiressine. The ninth is Yobel. The tenth is Harmoupiael. {The seventh is Kainan *Kasin*, who *is called* the sun. The eighth is *Abiressia*. The ninth is Yobel. The tenth is *Armoupiael*.} The eleventh is Adonin. The twelfth is Belias. They all have double names: one set of names from desire and wrath, but yet other names which are given to them by the glory of heaven. The (latter) are the ones which reveal their nature in truth.

Saklas called them by the names which are from illusion and their power. {Saklas called them by the names which are from illusion and their *powers*.} On the one hand, through (the names given by the glory of heaven), they are reprovved and weakened, like the seasons, while on the other hand, through those (of Saklas) they grow strengthened and increase. And he commanded that seven kings should rule over the heavens and five over the chaos of Hades. {And he commanded that *seven* should rule over the heavens and five over the chaos of Hades.}

**12** The names of the glories who are over the seven heavens are these: The first is Iaoth, the lion-faced {the first is Aoth, the lion-faced}. The second is Eloaios, the donkey-faced. The third is Astaphaios, the hyena-faced. The fourth is Iao, the snake-faced with seven heads {The fourth is Yaw, the serpent-faced *and lion-faced*}. The fifth is Adonaios, the serpent-faced. The sixth is Adoni the monkey-faced {The sixth is *Adonin*, the monkey-faced. The seventh is *Sabbadaios*, whose face is a shining fire}. The seventh is Sabbataios, whose face is a flame of fire that shines. This is the hebdomad of the week. These are those who rule the world. Yaldabaoth-Saklas (is) the one whose forms are without number such that he can appear with any face at will.

**13** He allotted them (portions) out of his own fire, but he did not give them any of his power from the pure light of the power which he had drawn from the Mother. Because of

the glory which is in him from the power of the light of the Mother, he became Christ to them. Because of that, he made them call him God, {Because of the glory which is in him from the power of the light of the Mother, he was *lord* over them. Because of this, he *called himself* God over them} thus being disobedient to the reality from which he had come into being.

And he joined with the authorities. When he spoke, the seven powers came into being, and he named them. {And he joined the powers with the authorities. When he spoke, they came to be.} Beginning with the highest, he placed authorities (as follows): The first, then, is Pronoia with the first (authority) Yaoth. The second is Divinity with the second one Eloaios. The third is Goodness/Christhood with the third one Astaphoios. The fourth is Fire with the fourth one Yao. The fifth is Kingship with the fifth one Sabaoth. The sixth is Understanding with the sixth one Adoni. [The] seven[th] is Sophia [with] the seventh one Sabbataios. These are the ones who have a firmament corresponding to each heaven and aeon according to the likeness of the Aeon which exists from the beginning, in the model of the indestructible ones.

**14** He saw the creation below him and the multitude of angels which are below him who came into being from him. And he said to them, `I am a jealous God; without me there is nothing.' —already indicating to the angels who are below him that another God does exist. For if there were no other (god) over him, of whom would he be jealous?

# NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF THE ADVISARY

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## **Collect**

O Kyrios, the highest one, show mercy upon your advisory's corrupted creation. Her distorted nature is infinitely connected to the the Demiurgic being; as one does not exist without the other. Her deeds and plans have hardened her in his dangerous game with human beings and the world. O Sophia, let your daughter be purified so that her relationship with her mate will change her nature to Abraxas nature, and so on to the consummation of the fullness.

## **Lesson**

The book of Job2:1-7

Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to ruin him without cause." Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. "However, put forth your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse you to your face." So the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord....

## **Gospel**

Mathew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: "He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, "In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "It is written again, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give you if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE COFLICTING FORCES; GOOD AND EVIL

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## Collect

O consummate sacred being, I have seen the conflicting forces war in heaven. I have seen your angels collapse of hatred and depravity. Teach me to understand this contradictory system, so I do not take part in the crimes that concern the nature of man. Teach me about its being so I do not become a mercenary in a foreign country, fighting for an unknown king who does not love his subjects.

## Lesson

### The Book of Job

There was a man in the land **R1** of Uz whose name was Job; **R2** and that man was blameless, **R3** upright, fearing **R4** God and turning **R5** away from evil. **2** Seven **R6** sons and three daughters were born to him. **3** His **R7** possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the **R8** greatest of all the men **F1** of the east. **4** His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5** When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt **R9** offerings *according to* the number of them all; for Job said, "Perhaps **R10** my sons have sinned and cursed **R11** God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

**6** Now **R12** there was a day when the sons **R13** of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan **F2** also came among them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From **R14** roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." **8** The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered **F3** My **R15** servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a **R16** blameless and upright man, fearing **F4** God and turning away from evil." **9** Then Satan **R17** answered the LORD **F5** , "Does Job fear God for nothing? **10** "Have **R18** You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You **R19** have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions **R20** have increased in the land. **11** "But **R21** put forth Your hand now and touch **R22** all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." **12** Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, **F6** only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Philip

There are domestic animals, like the bull and the ass and others of this kind. Others are wild and live apart in the deserts. Man ploughs the field by means of the domestic animals and from this he is nourished, he and the animals, whether tame or wild.

Compare the perfect man. It is through powers which are submissive that he ploughs, preparing for everything to come into being. For it is because of this that the whole place stands, whether the good or the evil, the right and the left. The Holy Spirit shepherds everyone and rules all the powers, the "tame" ones and the "wild" ones, as well as those which are unique. For indeed he [...] shuts them in, in order that [...] wish, they will not be able to escape.

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE VEILING OF THE TRUTH

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## **Collect**

O Holy Trinity, send us your administrators, please send us your light and your staff, for the kingdom of lies has come to life and now the light of truth is mixed with a wealth of shades and mixed colors. Take my hands, lead me so that the mist of delusion won't envelop my being. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### The Tripartite Tractate

Since they bring things unlike one another, those who were not instructed were unable to know the cause of the things which exist. Therefore, they have introduced other types (of explanation), some saying that it is according to providence that the things which exist have their being. These are the people who observe the stability and the conformity of the movement of creation. Others say that it is something alien. These are people who observe the diversity and the lawlessness and the evil of the powers. Others say that the things which exist are what is destined to happen. These are the people who were occupied with this matter. Others say that it is something in accordance with nature. Others say that it is a self-existent. The majority, however, all who have reached as far as the visible elements, do not know anything more than them.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Truth

The Father reveals his bosom. - Now his bosom is the Holy Spirit. - He reveals what is hidden of him - what is hidden of him is his Son - so that through the mercies of the Father, the aeons may know him and cease laboring in search of the Father, resting there in him, knowing that this is the (final) rest. Having filled the deficiency, he abolished the form - the form of it is the world, that in which he served. - For the place where there is envy and strife is deficient, but the place where (there is) Unity is perfect. Since the deficiency came into being because the Father was not known, therefore, when the Father is known, from that moment on, the deficiency will no longer exist. As in the case of the ignorance of a person, when he comes to have knowledge, his ignorance vanishes of itself, as the darkness vanishes when the light appears, so also the deficiency vanishes in the perfection.

So from that moment on, the form is not apparent, but it will vanish in the fusion of Unity, for now their works lie scattered. In time, Unity will perfect the spaces. It is within Unity that each one will attain himself; within knowledge, he will purify himself from multiplicity into Unity, consuming matter within himself like fire, and darkness by light, death by life.

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: SOPHIA PRUNIKOS IN THE LOWER WORLD OF PHENOMENA  
(SOPHIA PRUNIKOS IN KENOMA)

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## **Collect**

O Light, show me mercy, for there is no virtue in over sighting thy cup. In the chaos, I would eventually fall asleep on the green meadow. I would forget the perfect, symmetrical silence, where the angels sing hymns to you; where all voices are being, and all being is one voice, all uttered in your everlasting tone. There the whole harmony of silence, like the rainbows harmony, is white. Hear my voice, mixed and distorted in matter. O Light, show mercy upon me. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Pistis Sophia Book One

Sophia came forth from her place in the thirteenth aeon, and she came out to the twelve aeons. The archons of the aeons persecuted her, and they were angry with her, because she had thought to have greatness. However, she came forth from the twelve aeons, she came to the places of the Chaos. And she made her way to the light-power with a lion-face in order to swallow it. But all the material emanations of the Authades surrounded her. And the great light-power with a lion-face swallowed the light-powers in the Sophia. And it purified her light and swallowed it, and her matter was cast forth to the Chaos.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of the Egyptians

After five thousand years, the great light Eleleth spoke: "Let someone reign over the chaos and Hades." And there appeared a cloud whose name is hylis Sophia [...] She looked out on the parts of the chaos, her face being like [...] in her form [...] blood. And the great angel Gamaliel spoke to the great Gabriel, the minister of the great light Oroiael; he said, "Let an angel come forth, in order that he may reign over the chaos and Hades." Then the cloud, being agreeable, came forth in the two monads, each one of which had light. [...] the throne, which she had placed in the cloud above. Then Sakla, the great angel, saw the great demon who is with him, Nebruel. And they became together a begetting spirit of the earth.

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE ILLUSIONARY, FALSE FULLNESS

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## **Collect**

O Holy Origin, teach me to seek the higher, to search deeper, to seek what no eye has seen, no ear has heard; what no human can comprehend while in the body. Teach me to think the unthinkable and seek the impossible; for beyond the imaginable, real end is our reality. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Tripartite Tractate

Since in his essence he is a "god" and "father" and all the rest of the honorific titles, such as demiurgos, he was thinking that they were elements of his own essence. He established a rest for those who obey him, but for those who disobey him, he also established punishments. With him, too, there is a paradise and a kingdom and everything else which exists in the aeon which exists before him. They are more valuable than the imprints, because of the thought which is connected with them, which is like a shadow and a garment, so to speak, because he does not see in what way the things which exist actually do exist.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of John 4:19-25

**19**The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. **20**Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you<sup>c</sup> say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." **21**Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22**You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Elect. **23**But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **24**God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: SOFIAS REMORSE

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, we thank you for your grace, that you seek the wisdom descending into dark matter. Be with all those who are searching while living in exile. Teach us to distinguish the origins of our true family's light in the abyss of your holy light. Raise our minds and set it over the ruling power's nature. We must be meticulous workers in our inner garden and have everything prepared for the day when the groom comes to fetch his bride. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Ptolemy's tale of origin: She rushed onward and onward. She could have been swallowed up and dissolved in the universal essence, if she had not met a force that established the whole and kept her off the unimaginable majesty. This force is called the barrier. When it appeared she held back and was established. She turned back to herself with difficulty, and was convinced that the origin was unimaginable, which made her leave from the quest for him, along with the desire for him, who had come from frightening awe.

## On the Origin of the World

Then when Pistis saw the impiety of the chief ruler, she was filled with anger. She was invisible. She said, "You are mistaken, Samael," (that is, "blind god"). "There is an immortal man of light who has been in existence before you, and who will appear among your modelled forms; he will trample you to scorn, just as potter's clay is pounded. And you will descend to your mother, the abyss, along with those that belong to you. For at the consummation of your (pl.) works, the entire defect that has become visible out of the truth will be abolished, and it will cease to be, and will be like what has never been."

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Gospel of John

And when he saw the creation which surrounds him, and the multitude of the angels around him which had come forth from him, he said to them, 'I am a jealous God, and there is no other God beside me.' But by announcing this he indicated to the angels who attended him that there exists another God. For if there were no other one, of whom would he be jealous? "Then the mother began to move to and fro. She became aware of the deficiency when the brightness of her light diminished. And she became dark because her consort had not agreed with her." And I said, "Lord, what does it mean that

she moved to and fro?" But he smiled and said, "Do not think it is, as Moses said, 'above the waters.' No, but when she had seen the wickedness which had happened, and the theft which her son had committed, she repented. And she was overcome by forgetfulness in the darkness of ignorance and she began to be ashamed. And she did not dare to return, but she was moving about. And the moving is the going to and fro. "And the arrogant one took a power from his mother. For he was ignorant, thinking that there existed no other except his mother alone. And when he saw the multitude of the angels which he had created, then he exalted himself above them. "And when the mother recognized that the garment of darkness was imperfect, then, she knew that her consort had not agreed with her. She repented with much weeping.

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE CREATION OF ADAM

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## **Collect**

O Holy Kristos, be with us, as you were with the prodigal son, for we are in exile and can not go anywere here in this place without the support of your strong hand's power. Teach us to live in this matter until the day comes when we shall strip the body covering us from us! Teach us to live as your decendents; for in you we are everything and without you, nothing. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### *The Hypostasis of the Archons*

As Incorruptibility looked down into the regions of the waters, her image appeared in the waters; and the authorities of darkness became enamored of her. But they could not lay hold of that image, which had appeared to them in the waters, because of their weakness--for "those of soul (psychics) cannot lay hold of spiritual ones (pneumatics)"--for they were from below, but it (the image) was from above. Because of this, Incorruptibility looked down into the regions so that by the will of the Father, she might conjoin the entirety with the light. The rulers (archons) conspired and said, "Come, let us create a human being of some soil from the earth." They modeled their creature as one wholly of the earth. Now the rulers . . . body . . . they have . . . female . . . is . . . with the face of a beast. They had taken [some soil] from the earth and modeled their [human being], according to their body and [according to the image] of the god that had appeared [to them] in the waters. They said, "[Come, let] us lay hold of it with our modeled form, [so that] it may see its counterpart (m.) [ . . . ], and we may grasp it with our modeled form"--not understanding the power of God because of their powerlessness. And he breathed into his face; and the human being came to be soul (and remained) upon the earth many days. But they could not make him arise because of their powerlessness. Like storm winds they persisted, that they might try to capture that image, which had appeared to them in the waters. And they did not know the identity of its power. Now all these things came to pass by the will of the Father of the Entirety. Afterwards, the Spirit saw the human being of soul upon the earth. And the Spirit came forth from the adamantine earth; it descended and came to dwell within him, and that human being became a living soul. It called his name Adam since he was found moving upon the earth. A voice came forth from Incorruptibility for the assistance of Adam. And the rulers gathered together all the animals of the earth and all the birds of heaven. They brought them to Adam to see what Adam would call them, that he might give a name to each of the birds and all of the beasts.



## **Gospel**

### The Secret Book of John

And a voice came from the exalted heavenly Aeon, 'The Human exists and the Child of the Human.' The Chief Ruler, Yaldabaoth, heard it, but he thought that the voice had come from his Mother, and he did not understand where it had come from.

And the holy and perfect Mother-Father, the perfect Pronoia, the image of the Invisible, who is the Father of the All, in whom the All came into being, the first Human, taught them by revealing his likeness in a male model.

The Aeon of the Chief Ruler trembled all over and the foundations of the abyss quaked. And upon the waters which dwell under matter, the underside was [illum]ined by the ap[pearance] of his image which had been revealed. And when all the authorities and the Chief Ruler stared (on the water), they saw all the region below which was shining. And by the light, they saw the model of the image upon the water. And he said to the authorities who dwell with him, 'Come, let us create a human according to the image of God and according to our likeness so that his image might illuminate us.' And they created (using) the power from each of them according to the characteristics which they had been given. And each one of the authorities supplied for (the human's) soul a characteristic corresponding to the model of the image which he had seen. He created a real being in accordance with the likeness of the perfect first Human. And they said, 'Let us call him Adam in order that his name might become a power of light for us.' And the powers began (their work): The first one, Goodness, created a bone-soul. The second one, Pronoia, created a sinew-soul. The third one, Divinity, made a flesh-soul. The fourth one, Lordship, made a marrow-soul. The fifth one, Kingdom, made a blood-soul. The sixth one, Envy, created a skin-soul. The seventh Understanding, created a hair-soul. The multitude of the angels stood before him. They received the seven substances of the soul from the powers so that they might create the harmony of the parts and the harmony of the limbs and the proper combination of each of the parts. And their product was completely inactive and motionless for a long time. But when the Mother wanted to retrieve the power which she had given to the Chief Ruler, she entreated the Mother-Father of the All, the one who possesses great mercy. Following the holy design, he sent the five Lights down to the place of the angels of the Chief Ruler. They advised him with the goal of extracting the power of the Mother. And they said to Yaldabaoth, 'Breathe into his face by your spirit and his body will arise.' And into his face he blew his spirit, which is the power of his Mother. He did not understand because he dwells in ignorance. And the power of the Mother left Yaldabaoth and went into the psychic body that they had made according to the likeness of the one who exists from the beginning. The body moved and gained power, and it was luminous. And in that moment, the rest of the powers became jealous for it was because of them all that he had come into being and they had given their power to the human. Yet his understanding was stronger than those who had made him and greater even than the Chief Ruler. When they understood that he

was luminous, could think better than they did, and was naked of evil, they picked him up and threw him down into the lowest part of all matter.

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF MANKIND

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## **Collect**

Show us your mercy, O Light, for I have seen love in its divinity be destroyed, and love at its deepest passion, betrayed. The abandoned Holy City cries day and night for deliverance, and a bewildered God looks through every human's eyes. I'll never fall asleep on the green meadow, while souls cry in exile. Hear my voice, mixed and distorted, the matter responds.

O Light, show us mercy. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### The Works of Valentinus

From time immemorial we have been immortal and children of life, such life that the aeons rejoice. Yet still, death is shared among us so that death might die in us through its own execution; that it may be conquered and consumed, for in as much as we dissolve the world and are not dissolved ourselves, we are the masters of all creation and destruction.

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Book of John

When they realized that he shone with light  
And could think better than they could  
And was naked of evil,  
They took him and cast him down  
Into the lowest depths of the material world.

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He sent down from his good Spirit a helper for Adam,  
Out of his great compassion  
A light-filled Epinoia emerged.  
And he called her Life (Zoe).  
She aids the entire creation  
Working with him  
Restoring him to the fullness.  
She taught Adam about the way his people had descended  
She taught Adam about the way he could ascend,  
Which is the way he had descended.  
The light-filled Epinoia was hidden in Adam.  
So that the rulers wouldn't know about her  
For Epinoia would repair the disaster their mother had caused.

[Adam was revealed because within him dwelt the shadow of light.  
His mental abilities were far greater than those of his creators.  
They had gazed upward and seen his exalted mental capability.]  
The host of rulers and demons plotted together  
They mixed fire and earth and water  
Together with four blazing winds  
They melded them together in great turbulence.  
Adam was brought into the shadow of death.  
They intended to make him anew  
This time from  
Earth,  
Water,  
Fire,  
Wind,  
Which are  
Matter,  
Darkness,  
Desire,  
The Artificial Spirit.  
This all became a tomb,  
A new kind of body.  
Those thieves bound the man in it,  
Enchained him in forgetfulness,  
Made him subject to dying.  
[His was the first descent  
And the first separation.  
Yet the light-filled Epinoia within him will elevate his thinking.]

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: MANKIND IN THE GARDEN

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## **Collect**

O Holy Christos and Sophia, we thank you for the dove and the serpent; the tree of knowledge and the serpent of wisdom, who guided us out of darkness and into light. We thank you for death that gives life, the transformational path that leads us home. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Hypostasis of the Archons

They took Adam and put him the garden, that he might cultivate it and keep watch over it. And the rulers issued a command to him, saying, "From every tree in the garden shall you eat; yet from the tree of recognizing good and evil do not eat, nor touch it; for the day you eat from it, with death you are going to die." They do not understand what they have said to him; rather, by the father's will, they said this in such a way that he might (in fact) eat, and that Adam might <not> regard them as would a man of an exclusively material nature. The rulers took counsel with one another and said, "Come, let us cause a deep sleep to fall upon Adam." And he slept. - Now the deep sleep that they "caused to fall upon him, and he slept" is Ignorance. - They opened his side like a living woman. And they built up his side with some flesh in place of her, and Adam came to be endowed only with soul.

And the spirit-endowed woman came to him and spoke with him, saying, "Arise, Adam." And when he saw her, he said, "It is you who have given me life; you will be called 'mother of the living'. - For it is she who is my mother. It is she who is the physician, and the woman, and she who has given birth." Then the female spiritual principle came in the snake, the instructor; and it taught them, saying, "What did he say to you? Was it, 'From every tree in the garden shall you eat; yet - from the tree of recognizing good and evil do not eat'?" The carnal woman said, "Not only did he say 'Do not eat', but even 'Do not touch it; for the day you eat from it, with death you are going to die.'" And the snake, the instructor, said, "With death you shall not die; for it was out of jealousy that he said this to you. Rather your eyes shall open and you shall come to be like gods, recognizing evil and good." And the female instructing principle was taken away from the snake, and she left it behind, merely a thing of the earth.

And the carnal woman took from the tree and ate; and she gave to her husband as well as herself; and these beings that possessed only a soul, ate. And their imperfection became

apparent in their lack of knowledge; and they recognized that they were naked of the spiritual element, and took fig leaves and bound them upon their loins.

## **Gospel**

### The Secret Book of John

And the Rulers took him and they placed him in paradise. And they said to him, 'Eat that is in idleness. For indeed their delight is bitter and their beauty is licentious. For their delight is deception and their trees are impiety. And their fruit is an incurable poison and their promise is death. And in the midst of paradise, they planted the tree of their life. But I, I will teach you what the mystery of their life is, the plan they made with each other, the likeness of their spirit. Its root is bitter and its branches are deaths. Its shade is hate and deception dwells in its leaves. And its blossom is the anointment of evil. And its fruit is death, and desire is its seed, and it blossoms from the darkness. The dwelling place of those who taste from it is Hades, and the dark is their resting place. But what they call 'the tree of the knowledge of what is good and evil' is the Epinoia of the light. They (the rulers) remained in front of it in order that he might not look up to his fullness and come to know the nakedness of his shamefulness. But as for me, I set them right so that they would eat."

And I said to the Savior, "Lord, was it not the snake who taught Adam so that he would eat?" The Savior laughed and said, "The snake taught them to eat from a wicked desire to sow which belongs to destruction, in order that he (Adam) would become useful to it. And it knew that he was disobedient to it because the light of Epinoia dwelled in him, making him more correct in his thinking than the Chief Ruler. And he wanted to bring out the power which he had given to him. And he brought a trance upon Adam." And I said to the Savior, "What is the trance?" He said, "It is not as Moses wrote as you heard. For he said in his first book that he laid him down in sleep, but rather it concerned his sensibility. For indeed it is said by the prophet, 'I will make their hearts heavy so that they might neither give heed nor see.'

Then the Epinoia of the light hid in him. And the Chief Ruler wanted to bring her from his rib. But the Epinoia of the light is not graspable. Although the dark pursued her, it did not lay hold of her. And he brought forth a part of his power from him (Adam). And he created another molded form in a woman's shape according to the image of Epinoia who had appeared to him. And into the molded form of womanhood he put the part which he had taken from the power of the human— not 'his rib' as Moses said. And he saw the woman beside him. Immediately, the luminous Epinoia appeared for she had uncovered the veil which had been on his understanding. He became sober from the drunkenness of the darkness and he recognized his likeness. And he said, 'Now this is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh. Because of this, man will leave his father and his mother and he will cling to his wife and they will no longer be two but a single flesh.' For his partner will be sent to him and he will leave his father and his mother. It

is our sister Sophia who came down in innocence in order that she might correct her deficiency. Because of this she was called Zoe (Life), the mother of the living by Pronoia of the authority of heaven and through her they tasted the perfect knowledge. In the form of an eagle, I appeared on the tree of knowledge, which is the Epinoia from the pure, luminous Pronoia, so that I might teach them and awaken them from the depth of the sleep. For they were both in a fallen state and they recognized their nakedness. Epinoia appeared to them as light, awakening their thought.

But when Yaldabaoth knew that they had withdrawn from him, he cursed his earth. He found the female preparing herself for her male. He was lord over her, for he did not understand the mystery which had come to pass from the holy design. And they were afraid to blame him. And he revealed his ignorance that dwelled in him to his angels. And he cast them out of paradise and he clothed them with a dark gloom. And the Chief Ruler saw the virgin who stood beside Adam and that the living luminous Epinoia appeared in her. And Yaldabaoth was filled with ignorance.

When the Pronoia of the All knew, she sent some beings and they snatched Zoe from Eve. And the Chief Ruler defiled her. And he begat two sons from her. The first is Eloim and the second is Yawe. Eloim has a bear face while Yawe has a lion face. The one is righteous while the other is unrighteous. (IV Yawe is righteous, but Eloim is unrighteous.) He set Yawe over the fire and the wind, while he set Eloim over water and earth. He named these Cain and Abel with trickery in mind. Now up to the present day, intercourse has continued from the Chief Ruler. And he planted a seed of desire in her who belongs to Adam. From intercourse he caused birth in the likeness of bodies and he supplied them from his counterfeit spirit. He set two rulers over the principalities so that they might rule over the tomb.

When Adam perceived the likeness of his own foreknowledge, he begot the likeness of the Child of the Human; he called him Seth following the way of the generation in the aeons. Likewise the Mother also sent down her Spirit in the likeness of the female being who is like her, as a counterpart to she who is in the Fullness, so that she might prepare a dwelling place for the aeons that were going to descend. And they were made to drink water of forgetfulness by the Chief Ruler so that they would not know themselves (and would not know) where they had come from.

And the seed existed like this for while: providing assistance, so that when the Spirit descends from the holy aeons, it will correct (the seed) and heal it from the deficiency so that the entire Fullness might become holy and without deficiency."

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE LIGHT OF MAN

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## **Collect**

Holy Source, exalted Origin, out-of-light's light, light beyond all comprehension, light of my inner being; I worship you in all beings and in the source of all ancestry. Teach me to carry and sustain thy light until it consummates my very nature, through the mother of the fullness and eternal life. Amen.

## **Lesson**

The Letter of Peter to Philip

I am the one who was sent down in the body because of the seed which had fallen away. And I came down into their mortal mold. But they did not recognize me; they were thinking of me that I was a mortal man. And I spoke with him who belongs to me, and he harkened to me just as you too who harkened today. And I gave him authority in order that he might enter into the inheritance of his fatherhood.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of John

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

<sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

<sup>19</sup> Then they asked him, "Where is your father?"

"You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE WORLDS COMPOSITION

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos and all your Holy angels, we are grateful for your guidance because it is through their mediation of being that we have learned about the world's composition the fullness, the ruling powers of the angels and opposing demons. We seek to understand the matrix's composition in all our actions, and further seek consummation through life here on earth. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Book of Baruch

When according to Moses, everything was created including heaven and earth and all therein, the twelve angels of the mother were divided into four principles, and each quadrant is called a river: Pishon, Gihon, Tigris, and Euphrates. Huddled in these four parts, the twelve angels circle around and govern the cosmos. Their authority over the world comes from Edem. They are not forever in the same region, but as in a circular chorus they move from place to place at fixed intervals and periods according to their assignments. When the angels of Pishon rule a region, then famine, distress, and tribulation foul that segment of the earth, for their criterion for ruling is avarice. And in all regions come bad times and disease according to each power and nature. There is a torrent of evil pouring out like the rivers, and constantly around the world Edem's will controls every quadrant.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Philip

Fear not the flesh nor love it. If you fear it, it will gain mastery over you. If you love it, it will swallow and paralyze you. And so he dwells either in this world or in the resurrection or in the middle place. God forbid that I be found in there! In this world, there is good and evil. Its good things are not good, and its evil things not evil. But there is evil after this world which is truly evil - what is called "the middle". It is death. While we are in this world, it is fitting for us to acquire the resurrection, so that when we strip off the flesh, we may be found in rest and not walk in the middle.

Truth did not come into the world naked, but it came in types and images. The world will not receive truth in any other way. There is a rebirth and an image of rebirth. It is certainly necessary to be born again through the image. Which one? Resurrection. The

image must rise again through the image. The bridal chamber and the image must enter through the image into the truth: this is the restoration.

This world is a corpse-eater. All the things eaten in it themselves die also. Truth is a life-eater. Therefore no one nourished by truth will die. It was from that place that Jesus came and brought food. To those who so desired, he gave life, that they might not die.

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: MANKIND IN THE WORLD

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, help us make the world a tool for redemption. Teach us how to receive the Holy Spirit in ever increasing abundance. We did not come into the world through divine will, thus our existence on earth is characterized by uncertainty and confusion. Help us so to stop seeking meaning in meaninglessness. The mystery is one, just as life is one; a being without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### The Hypostasis of the Archons

They turned to their Adam and took him and expelled him from the garden along with his wife; for they have no blessing, since they too are beneath the curse. Moreover, they threw mankind into great distraction and into a life of toil, so that their mankind might be occupied by worldly affairs, and might not have the opportunity of being devoted to the holy spirit.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Thomas

Jesus said, "I took my stand in the midst of the world, and in flesh I appeared to them. I found them all drunk, and I did not find any of them thirsty. My soul ached for the children of humanity, because they are blind in their hearts and do not see, for they came into the world empty, and they also seek to depart from the world empty. But meanwhile they are drunk. When they shake off their wine, then they will change their ways."

# TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE CHAINS OF MATTER

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, our lives are influenced by our bodily condition and its interaction with the world. Teach us to take care of our body. May it be perceived not as a tangible link, but as a vehicle for redemption. We ask you and all healing angels; support and sustain us that we may accomplish the work before the life force leaves us. Amen

## **Lesson**

The Book of Enoch 16

And now as to the watchers who have sent thee to intercede for them, who had been aforetime in heaven, (say 3 to them): "You have been in heaven, but all the mysteries had not yet been revealed to you, and you knew worthless ones, and these in the hardness of your hearts you have made known to the women, and through these mysteries women and men work much evil on earth." 4 Say to them therefore: " You have no peace."

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

The rulers (archons) wanted to deceive man, since they saw that he had a kinship with those that are truly good. They took the name of those that are good and gave it to those that are not good, so that through the names they might deceive him and bind them to those that are not good. And afterward, what a favor they do for them! They make them be removed from those that are not good and place them among those that are good. These things they knew, for they wanted to take the free man and make him a slave to them forever.

# TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE NATURE OF ABRAXAS

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## **Collect**

Glory to you Abraxas, who is life and death, good and evil, the portal's guardian of the threshold of the future; you are incompatibility united. You are as magnetic poles conjoined as one then dissolved. Teach us your way, for the roadless regions are also our path through the point with no center into the circumference of eternity. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### The Hypostasis of the Archons

And what Sophia had created became a product in the matter, like an aborted fetus. And it assumed a plastic form molded out of shadow, and became an arrogant beast resembling a lion. It was androgynous, as I have already said, because it was from matter that it derived.

This ruler, by being androgynous, made himself a vast realm, an extent without limit. And he contemplated creating offspring for himself, and created for himself seven offspring, androgynous just like their parent. And he said to his offspring, "It is I who am god of the entirety."

And Zoe (Life), the daughter of Pistis Sophia, cried out and said to him, "You are mistaken, Sakla!" - for which the alternative name is Yaltabaoth. She breathed into his face, and her breath became a fiery angel for her; and that angel bound Yaldabaoth and cast him down into Tartaros below the abyss.

Now when his offspring Sabaoth saw the force of that angel, he repented and condemned his father and his mother, matter. He loathed her, but he sang songs of praise up to Sophia and her daughter Zoe. And Sophia and Zoe caught him up and gave him charge of the seventh heaven, below the veil between above and below. And he is called 'God of the forces, Lord of Hosts; Sabaoth', since he is up above the forces of chaos, for Sophia established him.

## **Gospel**

### The Seven Sermons to the Dead

Hard to know is the deity of Abraxas. Its power is the greatest, because man perceiveth it not. From the sun he draweth the *summum bonum*; from the devil the *infimum malum*; but from Abraxas LIFE, altogether indefinite, the mother of good and evil. Smaller and weaker life seemeth to be than the *summum bonum*; wherefore is it also hard to conceive that Abraxas transcendeth even the sun in power, who is himself the radiant source of all the force of life. Abraxas is the sun, and at the same time the eternally sucking gorge of the void, the belittling and dismembering devil. The power of Abraxas is twofold; but ye see it not, because for your eyes the warring opposites of this power are extinguished. What the god-sun speaketh is life. What the devil speaketh is death. But Abraxas speaketh that hallowed and accursed word which is life and death at the same time. Abraxas begetteth truth and lying, good and evil, light and darkness, in the same word and in the same act. Wherefore is Abraxas terrible. It is splendid as the lion in the instant he striketh down his victim. It is beautiful as a day of spring. It is the great Pan himself and also the small one. It is Priapos. It is the monster of the under-world, a thousand-armed polyp, coiled knot of winged serpents, frenzy.

It is the hermaphrodite of the earliest beginning. It is the lord of the toads and frogs, which live in the water and go up on the land, whose chorus ascendeth at noon and at midnight. It is abundance that seeketh union with emptiness. It is holy begetting. It is love and love's murder. It is the saint and his betrayer. It is the brightest light of day and the darkest night of madness. To look upon it, is blindness. To know it, is sickness. To worship it, is death. To fear it, is wisdom. To resist it not, is redemption. God dwelleth behind the sun, the devil behind the night. What god bringeth forth out of the light the devil sucketh into the night. But Abraxas is the world, its becoming and its passing. Upon every gift that cometh from the god-sun the devil layeth his curse.

Everything that ye entreat from the god-sun begetteth a deed of the devil. Everything that ye create with the god-sun giveth effective power to the devil. That is terrible Abraxas. It is the mightiest creature, and in it the creature is afraid of itself. It is the manifest opposition of creatura to the pleroma and its nothingness. It is the son's horror of the mother. It is the mother's love for the son. It is the delight of the earth and the cruelty of the heavens. Before its countenance man becometh like stone. Before it there is no question and no reply. It is the life of creatura. It is the operation of distinctiveness. It is the love of man. It is the speech of man. It is the appearance and the shadow of man. It is illusory reality.

# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: LUST

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos and Sophia, teach us to know our firey natures so we may know how to use them in their element, yet also where they should not be used. Teach us to direct our desire toward the Mystery's fulfillment. May we also be mindful of the steps on this road, for only through love without clinging one can travel the world as one initiated in the fullness.

## **Lesson**

Saint John's Dark Night of the Soul

MANY of these beginners have also at times great spiritual avarice. They will be found to be discontented with the spirituality which God gives them; and they are very disconsolate and querulous because they find not in spiritual things the consolation that they would desire. For true devotion must issue from the heart, and consist in the truth and substances alone of what is represented by spiritual things; all the rest is affection and attachment proceeding from imperfection; and in order that one may pass to any kind of perfection it is necessary for such desires to be killed.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

The forms of evil spirit include male ones and female ones. The males are they which unite with the souls which inhabit a female form, but the females are they which are mingled with those in a male form, though one who was disobedient. And none shall be able to escape them, since they detain him if he does not receive a male power or a female power, the bridegroom and the bride. One receives them from the mirrored bridal chamber. When the wanton women see a male sitting alone, they leap down on him and play with him and defile him. So also the lecherous men, when they see a beautiful woman sitting alone, they persuade her and compel her, wishing to defile her. But if they see the man and his wife sitting beside one another, the female cannot come into the man, nor can the male come into the woman. So if the image and the angel are united with one another, neither can any venture to go into the man or the woman.

# TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE PERSUIT OF MEANING IN THE WORLD

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, teach us to live the mystery, so that we can take part in meaning and meaninglessness with a proper mindset. For nothing here is meaningful, if not done through the spirit and mystery. So let us seek conduct that is full of the wonders of The Mystery. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Powder house by Jens Bjørneboe

The fire, the flaming hell of the liquid metal and liquid minerals beneath us, and the deadly cold, empty, dead space, with its deadly cold weather upon us: that is our life on this infinitely beautiful, lush and green, humid paradise garden on a thin, thin crust of temperate soils, the juicy bliss of fertility and harvest, we live in - and the permanent witch-hunt that has been going on incessantly.

So the question: is this math, pedantic, micro-cosmic clock workshop of timetables and necessity, all this terrible accuracy in the dead cold room - is it the madhouse that it must be, if it has no meaning? This is ridiculous, absurd and above all totally absurd, incredible universe, if it is without meaning, then it should cease to exist.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

A donkey which turns a millstone did a hundred miles walking. When it was loosed, it found that it was still at the same place. There are men who make many journeys, but make no progress towards any destination. When evening came upon them, they saw neither city nor village, neither human artifact nor natural phenomenon, power nor angel. In vain have the wretches labored.

# TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



KEYWORDS: THE MENTAL PRISON

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, our lives are influenced by our mind and its ideas of the world. Teach us to take care of our minds so that we do not build a mental prison with the ruling power's developmental assistance, but let our minds be free and open vessels for redemption. We ask you and all healing angels to support us so that we can accomplish the work before our mental capacities leave us. Amen.

## **Lesson**

The Letter of Peter to Philip

Then a voice called out to them from the appearance saying, "Now you will fight against them in this way, for the archons are fighting against the inner man. And you are to fight against them in this way: Come together and teach in the world the salvation with a promise. And you, gird yourselves with the power of my Father, and let your prayer be known. And he, the Father, will help you as he has helped you by sending me.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

Ignorance is the mother of all evil. Ignorance will result in death, because those who come from ignorance neither were nor are nor shall be, yet all will be perfect when all the truth is revealed. For truth is like ignorance: while it is hidden, it rests in itself, but when it is revealed and is recognized, it is praised, in as much as it is stronger than ignorance and error. It gives freedom. The Word said, "If you know the truth, the truth will make you free" (Jn 8:32). Ignorance is a slave. Knowledge is freedom. If we know the truth, we shall find the fruits of the truth within us. If we are joined to it, it will bring our fulfillment.

# SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT



Keywords: The Destiny of Mankind and the World

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## **Collect**

O Divine Origin, lead us from the beginning to the end. We seek the fulfillment of all and the reintegration for all creation. We ask You; help us to help ourselves on the way back to our origin in the fullness. Let the Man of Light come forward and let us unite together in infinity, in being without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### Odes of Solomon 22

1. He who caused me to descend from on high, and to ascend from the regions below;
2. And He who gathers what is in the Middle, and throws them to me;
3. He who scattered my enemies, and my adversaries;
4. He who gave me authority over bonds, so that I might unbind them;
5. He who overthrew by my hands the dragon with seven heads, and set me at his roots that I might destroy his seed;
6. You were there and helped me, and in every place Your name surrounded me.
7. Your right hand destroyed his evil venom, and Your hand leveled the Way for those who believe in You.
8. And It chose them from the graves, and separated them from the dead ones.
9. It took dead bones and covered them with flesh.
10. But they were motionless, so It gave them energy for life.
11. Incorruptible was Your way and Your face; You have brought Your world to corruption, that everything might be resolved and renewed.
12. And the foundation of everything is Your rock. And upon it You have built Your kingdom, and it became the dwelling-place of the holy ones.  
Hallelujah.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Philip

Those who are separated will be joined and filled.  
Everyone who enters the bridal chamber will kindle the light,  
for it burns just as in marriage is performed,  
though they happen at night.  
That fire burns only at night and is put out.  
Yet the mysteries of this marriage are perfected rather in the day and the light.

# **THE FIXED HOLY DAYS**

# CANDLEMAS



2. FEBRUARY

KEYWORDS: KINDLING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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## **Collect**

Light the lights, O initiator, redeemer, and mediator of eternal truth and mystery. Assist us in lifting the Man of Light within us; our true unadulterated nature. Let your oil touch us, so we can burn the Holy Spirit and burn away the weeds that have defiled our being. Set us on fire, O Light in the darkness!

## **Lesson**

Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Judas

The disciples said: «Master, you are the son of our God.»

Jesus said: «How is it that you know me? I tell you the truth, no generation will know me among the people who are with you.»

When the disciples heard this they began getting angry and hostile, and blaspheming against him in their minds. Jesus recognized that they did not understand and he said to them, «Why has your concern produced this hostility? Your god, who is within you, and his powers have become angry within your souls. Let any of you who is a strong enough person bring forth the Perfect Human Being, and stand before my face.

They all said, «We are strong.»

But none of their spirits dared stand before him, except Judas Iscariot. He was able to stand before him, yet he could not look him in the eye, but he turned his face away. Judas said to him, «I know who you are and from what place you have come.»

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY VALENTINUS



14 FEBRUARY

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor Valentinus, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen

Hellige Kristos, vi takker for at du sendte oss din veileder Valentinus, for å gi oss erkjennelse om mysteriets utfoldelse ved Den Hellige Ånd. Vi ber om at de gnostiske Adeptene og Mesterne i de Vises bolig skal være med oss i vårt arbeid, slik at vi sammen skal fullføre veien til fyllden, en væren uten ende. Amen

## **Lesson**

The Odes of Solomon 34

There is no hard way where there is a simple heart, nor barrier for upright thoughts,  
Nor whirlwind in the depth of the enlightened thought.  
Where one is surrounded on every side by pleasing country, there is nothing divided in him. The likeness of that which is below is that which is above.  
For everything is from above, and from below there is nothing, but it is believed to be by those in whom there is no understanding.  
Grace has been revealed for your salvation. Believe and live and be saved.  
Hallelujah.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Truth

In their heart, the living book of the Living was manifest, the book which was written in the thought and in the mind of the Father and, from before the foundation of the All, is in that incomprehensible part of him.

This is the book which no one found possible to take, since it was reserved for him who will take it and be slain. No one was able to be manifest from those who believed in salvation as long as that book had not appeared. For this reason, the compassionate, faithful Jesus was patient in his sufferings until he took that book, since he knew that his death meant life for many.

# THE DAY OF MONTSÉGUR – THE MARTYRDOM OF THE CATHARS



16 FEBRUARY

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## **Collect**

O Heavenly Father, be with those who bore the light of our tradition through the darkness of history and were martyrs for our cause. We greet them from our sanctuary, and look into the Abode of the Wise; their home in fullness. Please join us and support us, those whom perform our work on earth, through the mystery of the Union which shall take place, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

Cathar Sacred texts:

Holy Father, God of all good souls, You who never betray, you who never lie or doubt, let us know your knowledge, and love what you love, for we are not of this world, and this world is not of us, and we fear we will not encounter any other than death in these domains of a foreign god.

Pharisees, Sadducees, those who sit at the gates, hold back those who would enter, but refuse to enter themselves. We pray Thee therefore, holy Father, God of all good souls, who saves through the saving power of God, let our souls grow and flourish, giving life to the weak for the sake of the virtuous. O Holy Father, you would continue to do this as long as there are good people in the world, until none of your children are left. For all those who know the power of Lucifer, who fell from Paradise, and came from the seven kingdoms, they rose in a cloud of glass, and for every one that rose, another fell doomed, and for this reason God came down from heaven to the twelve apostles, and took form within the holy Mary.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of the Cathars:

There was a woman who came to the Son of God and said that her daughter had gone mad, and the Son of God placed his hand on her daughter's head and healed her – that healing was no different than her daughter's soul going out of her body, there to be healed. For the Son of God liberated them not from bodily weakness, but only from the sins of soul-weakness. And this is why the Son of God was a great healer and drew souls to relief. For the Son of God was none other than one of those heavenly spirits who know the terrible sorrows and penalties that one must suffer to be among the people that uplift humanity; nevertheless He told his Father that he wanted to be his Son, and to fulfill all things which were written in the Father's book, no matter how burdensome they are. Then he came down and came out as a baby in Bethlehem.

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL



24. MARCH

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## **Collect**

O Holy Gabriel, Lord of the Vernal Equinox and the holy water, ruler of this time of transition. Be thou, for us, a safe pillar in the cycle of the church-year. May your assistance ensure that we understand this year's mystical aspects and the right harmony of the four elements. We ask your blessing on our journey and thank you for your presence in future cycles.

## **Lesson**

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Luke

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY PROPHET/ MARTYR, MANI



25. APRIL

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your teacher and mentor Mani, who gave us the recognition of the mysteries granted by the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic Adepti and Masters of this Sactuary be with us in our work that together we may perfect the road to fullness, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

From the Fundamental Epistle of Mani:

These are the healthful words from the perennial and living source, he who first hears and believes them, then guards what they teach, shall never be subject to death, but will enjoy eternal and glorious life. Happy indeed may he be deemed who has been initiated in this divine Gnosis whereby he will be liberated and abide in everlasting life! May the peace of the invisible God and the knowledge of the Truth be with the holy and most dear brothers who believe in the heavenly precepts and at the same time fully keep them! May also the right hand of Light guard and save you from every evil assault and from the snares of the world! May the pity of the Holy Spirit open your heart and let you see your soul with your own eyes!

## **Gospel**

Come to me, my kinsman, the light, my Guide.

Since I went forth into the darkness I was given a water to drink. I bear up beneath a burden which is not my own. I am in the midst of my enemies, the beasts surrounding me ; the burden which I bear is of the powers and principalities. They burned in their wrath, they rose up against me. Matter and her sons divided me up amongst them, they burnt me in their fire, they gave me a bitter likeness. The strangers with whom I mixed, me they know not; they tasted my sweetness, they desired to keep me with them. I was life to them, but they were death to me ; I bore up beneath them, they wore me as a garment upon them. I am in everything, I bear the skies, I am the foundation, I support the earths; I am the Light that shines forth, that gives joy to the souls. I am the life of the world; I am the milk that is in all trees; I am the sweet water that is beneath the sons of matter. I bore these things until I had fulfilled the will of my Father; the First Man is my father whose will I have carried out. Lo, the darkness I have subdued ; lo, the fire of the fountains I have extinguished, as the sphere turns hurrying round, as the sun receives the refined part of life. O soul, raise your eyes to the height and contemplate your bond,

lo, your fathers are calling you. Now go aboard the Ship of Light and receive your garland of glory and return to your kingdom and rejoice with all the Aeons

# THE HOLY DAY OF THE APOSTLE PHILIP



MAY 1ST

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor Philip, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

Acts 8 36-40

<sup>36</sup>Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

<sup>37</sup>Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." F40

<sup>38</sup>So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

The Lord said, "Blessed is he who is before he came into being. For he who is, has been and shall be."

The Lord did everything in a mystery, a baptism and a chrism and a eucharist and a redemption and a bridal chamber. [...] he said, "I came to make the things below like the things above, and the things outside like those inside. I came to unite them in the place." [...] here through types [...]and images.

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL URIEL



22. JUNE

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## **Collect**

O Holy Uriel, Lord of Midsummer and the radiant light, ruler of this time of transition. Be thou for us a safe pillar in the cycle of the church-year. May your assistance ensure that we understand this year's mystical aspects and the right harmony of the four elements. We ask your blessing on our journey, and thank you for your presence in future cycles.

## **Lesson**

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

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## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Matthew

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

# THE HOLY DAY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



24. JUNE

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## Collect

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor John the Baptist, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen

## Lesson

A child has come into sight, a mystery is revealed in Jerusalem. The priests saw him in a dream, the cold reached their children, the cold reached Jerusalem. Early in the morning a clairvoyant went to the temple and spoke, in my vision at night I saw a star that stood over Elisabeth. Fire burned in Sakkaria, the old father. A star flew down into Judea, a star fell in Jerusalem. And Elisha said unto Sakkaria; If John receives the River Jordan, I will be his pure servant. We will ascend with him to the Light regions. And Sakkaria said to all the priests this child comes from the highest heights. What will we do here later in Jerusalem? And the heavenly messengers took the child out of the heavenly Jordan and put it in Elizabeth's womb.

## Gospel

### The Gospel of John

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders[c] in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

21 They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"[d]

24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 "I baptize with[e] water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know.

27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRANSFORMATION OF CHRIST



6. JULY

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## **Collect**

Kristos, our Kyrios, we seek you and your ever-changing form. Wherever you go, you are never a stranger, even if you are in your inner being, unknown to all who walk the earth. You are like the colors of the chameleon and can bring about liberation of small and great, rich and poor, through your changeable exterior. Teach us to move like you, God of glory, for the benefit of humanity. Amen

## **Lesson**

The 2nd Letter of Peter

He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." [b] 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## **Gospel**

The Secret Book of John

When I heard these things, I, John, turned away from the temple and went off to a deserted mountainous place. I was very unhappy, saying to myself:

"How was the Savior designated?

Why did his Father send him into the world?

Who is his Father?

What kind of realm will we go to?

For, although he told us, "This realm is modeled on the imperishable realm," He didn't teach us about the latter."

All of a sudden, while I was contemplating these things,

Behold!

The heavens opened and the whole of creation shone with a light from above,

And the world quaked!  
I was afraid, yet  
Behold!  
A little child appeared before me in the light.  
I continued looking at him as he became an old man  
And then he changed again, becoming like a young man.  
I didn't understand what I was seeing,  
But the one likeness had several forms in the light,  
And these likenesses appeared each through the other  
And the vision had three forms.  
He said to me,  
"John, why doubt?  
Why be afraid?  
Don't you know this image?  
Be not afraid.  
I am with you always.  
I am the Father  
The Mother  
The Son  
I am the incorruptible Purity.

# MEMORIAL OF MARIA MAGDALENA



22. JULY

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, we thank you for sending us the heavenly Sofian incarnation, your mate, and disciple Mary Magdalene, to give us insight about the Mysteries unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We ask the Gnostic Adepts and Masters to be with us in our work, so that together we will complete the path to the fullness, becoming a being without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

### Thunder Perfect Mind

I was sent forth from the power, and I have come to those who reflect upon me, and I have been found among those who seek after me. Look upon me, you who reflect upon me, and you hearers, hear me. You, who are waiting for me, take me to yourselves. And do not banish me from your sight. And do not make your voice hate me, nor your hearing. Do not be ignorant of me anywhere or any time. Be on your guard! Do not be ignorant of me. For I am the first and the last. I am the honored one and the scorned one. I am the whore and the holy one. I am the wife and the virgin. I am <the mother> and the daughter. I am the members of my mother. I am the barren one and many are her sons. I am she whose wedding is great, and I have not taken a husband. I am the midwife and she who does not bear. I am the solace of my labor pains. I am the bride and the bridegroom, and it is my husband who begot me. I am the mother of my father and the sister of my husband and he is my offspring.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Mary

Mary responded, "I will teach you about what is hidden from you." And she began to speak these words to them. She said, "I saw the Lord in a vision and I said to him, 'Lord, I saw you today in a vision.' He answered me, 'How wonderful you are for not wavering at seeing me! For where the mind is, there is the treasure.' I said to him, 'So now, Lord, does a person who sees a vision see it <with> the soul <or> with the spirit?' The Savior answered, 'A person does not see with the soul or with the spirit. Rather the mind, which exists between these two, sees the vision

## The Gospel of Philip

The Sophia whom they call barren is the mother of the angels. And the consort of Christ is Mary Magdalen. The Lord loved Mary more than all the disciples and kissed her on her mouth often. The others said to him: 'Why do you love her more than all of us?' The Saviour answered and said to them: 'Why do I not love you like her? When a blind man and one who sees are both together in darkness, they are no different from one another. When the light comes, then he who sees will see the light, and he who is blind will remain in darkness.' The Lord said, "Blessed is he who is before he came into being. For he who is, has been and shall be."

# THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SOPHIA



8. SEPTEMBER

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## **Collect**

O Sacred Sofia, since your descent into matter and your redemption, when you got your place in the eighth house, you come unto your own to guide and provide the Holy Spirit's presence in the world. We thank you Mother for your servants who have come to us and who descend through you, for our sake. We also remember the day of your descent and ask for reintegration and fulfillment in the fullness. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Passion consisted of a search for origins, for she would comprehend its majesty. She was not capable of this, for she had tried to do the impossible. And she was engaged in a great battle, because of the deep majesty, the creator's inscrutability, and her feelings for the origin.

She rushed onward and onward. She could have been swallowed up and dissolved in the universal essence, if she had not met a force that established the whole and kept her from the unimaginable majesty. This force is called the barrier. By it was she held back and was established. She turned back to herself with difficulty, and was convinced that the origin was unimaginable, something that made her leave from her quest, along with her desires, because of the frightening awe.

In her attempts to perform the impossible and inconceivable, she gave birth to an essence without form, which was of such a nature as that to which women give birth. When she realized this, she was first sorrowful because of its imperfect origin. Then she was afraid it would die. Then she was anxious and unsure and searched for the reason and opportunity to hide what she had created.

The Passions with which she sought the origin made her act carelessly. This made her exhausted.

## **Gospel**

As for the Wisdom who is called "the barren," she is the mother of the angels. And the companion of the Mary Magdalene. He loved her more than all the disciples, and used to kiss her often on her mouth. The rest of the disciples said to him "Why do you love her more than all of us?" The Savior answered and said to them, "Why do I not love you like her? Some said, "Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit." They are in error. They do not know what they are saying. When did a woman ever conceive by a woman? Mary is the virgin whom no power defiled. She is a great anathema to the Hebrews, the apostles and the apostolic men. This is the virgin whom no power defiled for the powers defile

themselves. Mary, his mother, and his sister, and Magdalene, the one who was called his companion. His sister and his mother and his companion were each a Mary.

# THE MEMORIAL OF MARTINEZ DE PASQUALLY



20. SEPTEMBER

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor Martinez de Pasqually, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

The writings of the Elu Cohen:

The archetypal man is a prisoner in the world, so that the soul is trapped in the material body. The modest goodness that still exists in the world, the delicate harmony and beauty, is due to the ancient wisdom and the early perfection that has passed from the first man, who was God's intermediary. On the other hand this is the home of Evil. They came from the nature of beings, only to settle down here, where they found a good climate in which to hide.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of the Egyptians

And Seth asked for guardians to protect his seed.

Then there came forth from the great aeons four hundred ethereal angels, accompanied by the great Aerosiel and the great Selmechel, to guard the great, incorruptible race, its fruit, and the great men of the great Seth, from the time and the moment of Truth and Justice, until the consummation of the aeon and its archons, those whom the great judges have condemned to death.

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL



29. SEPTEMBER

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## **Collect**

O Holy Michael, Lord of the Autumnal Equinox and the holy fire, ruler of this time of transition. Be thou for us a safe pillar in the cycle of the church-year. May your assistance ensure that we understand this year's mystical aspects and the right harmony of the four elements. We ask your blessing on our journey, and thank you for your presence in future cycles.

## **Lesson**

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Valentinus giving thanks

This is the prayer they prayed:

We thank you. Every soul and every heart is lifted up to you, undisturbed name, you are honored with the name of God and honored with the name of Father. For to everyone and everything comes fatherly kindness and compassion and love. And we thank you for all teaching that is sweet and clear, which provides us with sense, speech and recognition: Sense so we can understand you, speech so we can talk to you and recognition so we can recognize you. We are delighted to have been enlightened by your knowledge. We are delighted that you have shown us yourself. We are delighted that you have deified us, through your knowledge, while we were in the body.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Bartholomew

And Bartholomew saith unto him: Tell me who thou art and what is thy name. And he said to him: Lighten me a little, and I will tell thee who I am and how I came hither, and what my work is and what my power is.

24 And he lightened him and saith to him: Say all that thou hast done and all that thou doest.

25 And Beliar answered and said: If thou wilt know my name, at the first I was called Satanael, which is interpreted a messenger of God, but when I rejected the image of God my name was called Satanas, that is, an angel that keepeth hell (Tartarus).

26 And again Bartholomew saith unto him: Reveal unto me all things and hide nothing from me.

27 And he said unto him: I swear unto thee by the power of the glory of God that even if I would hide aught I cannot, for he is near that would convict me. For if I were able I would have destroyed you like one of them that were before you.

28 For, indeed, I was formed (al. called) the first angel: for when God made the heavens, he took a handful of fire and formed me first, Michael second [Vienna MS. here has these sentences: for he had his Son before the heavens and the earth and we were formed (for when he took thought to create all things, his Son spake a word), so that we also were created by the will of the Son and the consent of the Father. He formed, I say, first me, next Michael the chief captain of the hosts that are above], Gabriel third, Uriel fourth, Raphael fifth, Nathanael sixth, and other angels of whom I cannot tell the names.

[Jerusalem MS., Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Xathanael, and other 6,000 angels. Lat. 1, Michael the honour of power, third Raphael, fourth Gabriel, and other seven. Lat. 2, Raphael third, Gabriel fourth, Uriel fifth, Zathael sixth, and other six.] For they are the rod-bearers (lictors) of God, and they smite me with their rods and pursue me seven times in the night and seven times in the day, and leave me not at all and break in pieces all my power. These are the (twelve, lat. 2) angels of vengeance which stand before the throne of God: these are the angels that were first formed.

30 And after them were formed all the angels. In the first heaven are an hundred myriads, and in the second an hundred myriads, and in the third an hundred myriads, and in the fourth an hundred myriads, and in the fifth an hundred myriads, and in the sixth an hundred myriads, and in the seventh (an hundred myriads, and outside the seven heavens, Jerusalem MS.) is the first firmament (flat surface) wherein are the powers which work upon men.

31 For there are four other angels set over the winds. The first angel is over the north, and he is called Chairoum (. . . broil, Jerusalem MS.; lat. 2, angel of the north, Mauch), and hath in his hand a rod of fire, and restraineth the super-fluity of moisture that the earth be not overmuch wet.

32 And the angel that is over the north is called Oertha (Lat. 2, Alfatha): he hath a torch of fire and putteth it to his sides, and they warm the great coldness of him that he freeze not the world.

33 And the angel that is over the south is called Kerkoutha (Lat. 2, Cedar) and they break his fierceness that he shake not the earth.

34 And the angel that is over the south-west is called Naoutha, and he hath a rod of snow in his hand and putteth it into his mouth, and quencheth the fire that cometh out of his mouth. And if the angel quenched it not at his mouth it would set all the world on fire.

35 And there is another angel over the sea which maketh it rough with the waves thereof. But the rest I do not say, for he who standeth at the door is prohibited.

# THE MARTYRDOM OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



13. OKTOBER

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## **Collect**

O Heavenly Father, be with those who bore our tradition of light through the darkness of history as a martyrs for our cause. We greet them from our sanctuary and look to their place in the abodes of the Wise, their home in fullness. Please join us and support us, that perform our work on earth, through the mystery of the Union which shall take place, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

### The Knight's Code of Chivalry

To fear God and maintain His Church

- To serve one's master in valour and faith
- To protect the weak and defenseless
- To give aid to widows and orphans
- To refrain from the wanton giving of offense
- To live by honour and for glory
- To despise monetary reward
- To fight for the welfare of all
- To obey those with lawful authority
- To guard the honour of fellow knights
- To avoid injustice, cruelty and betrayal
- To keep the faith
- At all times to speak the truth
- To persevere to the end of any enterprise begun
- To respect the honour of women
- Never to refuse a challenge from an equal
- Never to turn the back upon a foe

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of Matthew 8:5-13

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.

6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under

authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. 11 I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

# THE MEMORIAL OF LOUIS-CLAUDE DE SAINT MARTIN



13. OCTOBER

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor Louis-Claude de Saint Martin, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

Ten Prayers of Louis de Claude de San-Martin

Grant, therefore, O God of all life and all love, that my soul may reinforce its weakness with Thy strength; permit it to enter into a holy league with Thee, by which I shall be invincible in the sight of my enemies, which shall bind me so to Thee by the desires of my heart and of Thine, that Thou shalt ever find me as zealous for Thy service and glory as Thou, O Lord, art eager for my deliverance and beatitude.

## **Gospel**

Gospel of John

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

# ALL SAINTS DAY



1. NOVEMBER

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## **Collect**

O Holy Kristos, we thank you for all of the saints, of all times, who assist us in our work here on Earth and continue to work from their exalted positions in the revealed dwelling place. Be with us at all times that we, together, may seek and find rest in the fullness. Then all our work will be laid to rest and the sun will shine in all places at all times. Amen

## **Lesson**

The Book of Enoch 56: 2-5

<sup>2</sup>Blessed are you, O saints and elect, for glorious is your lot. <sup>3</sup>The saints shall exist in the light of the sun, and the elect in the light of everlasting life, the days of whose life shall never terminate; nor shall the days of the saints be numbered, who seek for light, and obtain righteousness with the Lord of spirits. <sup>4</sup>Peace be to the saints with the Lord of the world. <sup>5</sup>Henceforward shall the saints be told to seek in heaven the secrets of righteousness, the portion of faith; for like the sun has it arisen upon the earth, while darkness has passed away. There shall be light interminable; nor shall they enter upon the enumeration of time; for darkness shall be previously destroyed, and light shall increase before the Lord of spirits; before the Lord of spirits shall the light of uprightness increase for ever.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Philip

The saints are served by evil powers, for they are blinded by the Holy Spirit into thinking that they are serving an (ordinary) man whenever they do so for the saints.

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In this world, the slaves serve the free. In the Kingdom of Heaven, the free will minister to the slaves: the children of the bridal chamber will minister to the children of the marriage. The children of the bridal chamber have just one name: rest.

# ALL SOULS EVENING



2. NOVEMBER

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## **Collect**

Holy Christos, be with all who suffer and live between the worlds. Be as a beacon for them in the night. Help us to give them guidance, so that there will be no misguided souls, but one shepherd and one flock. Amen.

## **Lesson**

Pistis Sophia:

"If then the soul shall have uttered the mystery of the undoing of the seals and of all the bonds of the counterfeiting spirit, and if it ceaseth to come into the soul and ceaseth to be bound to it, then it uttereth in that moment a mystery and releaseth the destiny to its region to the rulers who are on the way of the midst. And it uttereth the mystery and releaseth the counterfeiting spirit to the rulers of the Fate to the region in which it was bound to it. "And in that moment it becometh a great light-stream, shining exceedingly, and the retributive receivers who have led it forth out of the body, are afraid of the light of that soul and fall on their faces. And in that moment that soul becometh a great light-stream, it becometh entirely wings of light, and penetrateth all the regions of the rulers and all the orders of the Light, until it reacheth the region of its kingdom up to which it hath received mysteries.

Intet menneske som skulle motta mysteriet, ville utført mørkets handlinger, om de visste når de skulle forlate kroppen slik at de kunne tre inn i Lysets rike. La så den som har gjort seg verdig til å motta mysteriet tre inn i Lyset. Den som skal motta mysteriet blir som en mektig flamme, mektig og vis. Den brenner opp det onde, den trer i hemmelighet inn i sjelen og brenner opp slørene som den falske ånder har festet der. Skjebnen gis tilbake til arkonten mens vi sier: Ta din egen skjebne, for jeg kommer ikke tilbake til disse regioner, jeg har for alltid blitt en fremmed for deg, nå på min vei til mitt opphav. Slik er gnostikeren blitt satt fri, både i og utenfor kroppen, i himmelen og på jorden.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Thomas

28. Jesus said, "I took my stand in the midst of the world, and in flesh I appeared to them. I found them all drunk, and I did not find any of them thirsty. My soul ached for the children of humanity, because they are blind in their hearts and do not see, for they came into the world empty, and they also seek to depart from the world empty. 29. Jesus said, "If the flesh came into being because of spirit, that is a marvel, but if spirit came

into being because of the body, that is a marvel of marvels. Yet I marvel at how this great wealth has come to dwell in this poverty."

18. The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us, how will our end come?" Jesus said, "Have you found the beginning, then, that you are looking for the end? You see, the end will be where the beginning is. Congratulations to the one who stands at the beginning: that one will know the end and will not taste death."

# THE MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS



DECEMBER 14TH

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor John of the Cross, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen.

## **Lesson**

### Dark Night of the Soul

1. On a dark night, Kindled in love with yearnings—oh, happy chance!—  
I went forth without being observed, My house being now at rest.
2. In darkness and secure, By the secret ladder, disguised—oh, happy chance!—  
In darkness and in concealment, My house being now at rest.
3. In the happy night, In secret, when none saw me,  
Nor I beheld aught, Without light or guide, save that which burned in my heart.
4. This light guided me More surely than the light of noonday  
To the place where he (well I knew who!) was awaiting me— A place where none  
appeared.
5. Oh, night that guided me, Oh, night more lovely than the dawn,  
Oh, night that joined Beloved with lover, Lover transformed in the Beloved!
6. Upon my flowery breast, Kept wholly for himself alone,  
There he stayed sleeping, and I caressed him, And the fanning of the cedars made a  
breeze.
7. The breeze blew from the turret As I parted his locks;  
With his gentle hand he wounded my neck And caused all my senses to be suspended.
8. I remained, lost in oblivion; My face I reclined on the Beloved.  
All ceased and I abandoned myself, Leaving my cares forgotten among the lilies.

## **Gospel**

### The Gospel of John 17:21-26

I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you[e] known to them, and will continue to make

you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

# THE DAY OF THE APOSTLE THOMAS



21. DECEMBER

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## **Collect**

Holy Kristos, we thank you for sending us your mentor Thomas, to give us insight about the mystery unfolding through the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Gnostic adepts and masters of the Abode of the Wise shall be with us in our work, so that we may work together to complete the path to fullness, a world without end. Amen

## **Lesson**

The Book of Thomas the Contender

Now Thomas said to the lord, "Therefore I beg you to tell me what I ask you before your ascension, and when I hear from you about the hidden things, then I can speak about them. And it is obvious to me that the truth is difficult to perform before men." The savior answered, saying, "If the things that are visible to you are obscure to you, how can you hear about the things that are not visible? If the deeds of the truth that are visible in the world are difficult for you to perform, how indeed, then, shall you perform those that pertain to the exalted height and to the pleroma which are not visible? And how shall you be called 'laborers'? In this respect you are apprentices, and have not yet received the height of perfection.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of Thomas

Jesus said to his disciples, "Compare me to something and tell me what I am like." Simon Peter said to him, "You are like a just messenger."

Matthew said to him, "You are like a wise philosopher."

Thomas said to him, "Teacher, my mouth is utterly unable to say what you are like."

Jesus said, "I am not your teacher. Because you have drunk, you have become intoxicated from the bubbling spring that I have tended."

And he took him, and withdrew, and spoke three sayings to him. When Thomas came back to his friends they asked him, "What did Jesus say to you?"

Thomas said to them, "If I tell you one of the sayings he spoke to me, you will pick up rocks and stone me, and fire will come from the rocks and devour you."

# THE DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL RAPHAEL



22. DECEMBER

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## **Collect**

O Holy Raphael, Lord of Midwinter, of air, and of holy incense, ruler of this time of transition. Be thou for us a safe pillar in this cycle of the church-year. May your assistance ensure that we understand this year's mystical aspects and the right harmony of the four elements. We ask your blessing on our journey, and thank you for your presence in future cycles.

## **Lesson**

Paul's Letter to the Colossians

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## **Gospel**

The Gospel of John

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. They would wait for the waters to move, for on occasion an angel of the Lord would stir up the water and the first to step into the pool when the water stirred would be healed of any disease. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.