



## KOODHOSH EETHO (SANCTIFICATION OF CHURCH)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the book of First General  
                         Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles  
                         Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            I Peter 2: 1-12

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have lasted that the Lord is gracious.

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

Therefore, to you who believe, he is precious, but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the

chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense."

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. All men and Women: Bondservants of God. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 3: 16-17, 6: 15-20  
Do you not know that you are the temple of God

And that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone Defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. Ahai Barekmore.

## HOODHOSH EETHO (DEDICATION SUNDAY)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            Acts 7: 44-53

Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. "But Solomon, built Him a house. "However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: 'Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. What house will you build for Me/ says the Lord, or what is the place of My rest? Has My hand not made all these things?"

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it." Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 9: 1-14

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lamp-stand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant, and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest sent alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience- concerned only with

foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, is not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Ahai Barekmore.

## **ANNUNCIATION TO ZECHARIAH (PARENTS' DAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of Second  
                         General Epistle of Peter the Holy Apostles,  
                         Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        II Peter 1: 1-15  
Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus  
Christ, To those have obtained like precious faith

with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness love. For if these things are your and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right as long as I am in this tent, to stir

you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 5: 21 – 6: 4  
Submitting to one another in the fear of God. Wives, submit to your own husband, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and he is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husband out to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no

one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Ahai Barekmore.

## **ANNUNCIATION TO St. MARY (MOTHER OF GOD)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First Epistle  
of John the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I John 3: 2-17

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love

the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because he laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Galatians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:*        Galatians 4: 1-7  
Now I say that the heir, as long as he is child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons,

God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## **St. MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH (LADIES' DAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of I Peter the  
                         Holy Apostles Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Peter 3: 1-7

Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. Do not let your adornment be merely outward-arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him

lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Timothy, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* I Timothy 2: 9—15, 3: 11-13

In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first them Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self control.

Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves

a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

## **BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (CHILDREN'S DAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the book of the First  
                      Epistle of John the Holy Apostles  
                      Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            I John 3: 1-3  
Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
                      Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the  
Apostle, to the Ephesians and Colossians, **Ahai Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3: 20-21  
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is Right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Ahai Barek more.

## **ANNUNCIATION TO St. JOSEPH**

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Peter 2: 11-17  
Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the

Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men- as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Galatians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Galatians 1: 11-24

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. (Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.) Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God in me. Ahai Barekmore.

## SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(Hymn)      Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*      The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 3: 16-26

“And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. “Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. “But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, he has thus fulfilled. “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, “and that he may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, “whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. “For Moses truly said to the fathers, The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. ‘And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’

“Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made

with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' "To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 4: 13-25

For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect, because the law brings about wrath; for where is no law there is no transgression. Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed-God, who gives life to the dead and calls

those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. And therefore it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (THE HOLY FAMILY FLEE TO EGYPT)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 16: 6-10

Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 10: 1-13

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with

most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not just after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                       For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of the First  
 Epistle of John the Holy Apostles, **Habibai, Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I John 3: 21-24

Beloved, if our hearts does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
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*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 11: 23-31

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child, and they were not afraid of the king's command. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of

Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

Ahai Barekmore.

### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 2: 37-47

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the

apostles, "men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
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*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians and Colossians,  
Ahai Barekmore

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 1:3-14  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as he chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which he purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all

things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of his glory.

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.  
Ahai Barekmore.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles,  
Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Peter 3: 7-15  
Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for

evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For "He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their treats, nor be troubled." But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 1:1, 2:4

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You:?" And again "I will be to Him a Father, And he shall be to Me a Son"? But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, he says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth. And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You

remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will? Ahai Barekmore.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            Acts 17: 16-34

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. Therefore, he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? " For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new things. Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. "Nor is He worshiped

with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, "because He has appointed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)

Paul the blessed.....

Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 3: 16-4: 5

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come- all are yours. And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not

justified by this; but He who judge me is the Lord.  
Ahai Barekmore.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
(SUNDAY FOR WORKERS)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 18: 1-4, 20: 33-35

After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

“I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. “Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. “I have shown you in

every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 12: 12-27  
For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot

say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you. No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modestly, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. Ahai Barekmore.

### **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 9: 10-21

Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Anania." And he said, "Here I am, Lord" So

the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. Then all who heard were amazed, and said, Is this not he who destroyed those who called on

this name in Jerusalem, and has come might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* II Corinthians 4: 1-6  
Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to given the light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SUNDAY OF ALL DEPARTED PRIESTS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 20: 26-38

"Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which he purchased with His own blood. "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are

sanctified. "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Thessalonians,  
Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Thessalonians 4: 13 – 5: 11  
But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. The we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who dies

for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SUNDAY OF ALL THE DEPARTED FAITHFUL**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of General  
Epistle of St. James, the Just, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        St. James 3: 1-12  
My brethren, let not many of you become teachers knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and

sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.       Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
                  Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       I Corinthians 15: 20-28

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. Ahai Barekmore.

**SUNDAY OF CANA  
(FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT)  
(KOTHINE SUNDAY)  
(PETHRUTHA OF THE GREAT LENT)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            Acts 11: 19-26

Now those who were scattered after the persecution arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Or

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Revelation of Jesus Christ,  
By the Holy Apostles, St. John, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Revelation 2: 1-7

"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you can not bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-unless you repent. "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Colossians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* I Colossians 3: 1-17

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the

bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Ahai Barekmore.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (LEPERS' SUNDAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 9: 22-31

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ. Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket. And when Saul

had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus. Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 3: 27- 4: 5  
Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what

law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? For Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

Ahai Barekmore.

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (PARALYTIC SUNDAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 5: 12-16, 19: 8-12

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwell in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or

aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.      Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Romans 5: 1- 11  
Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance, and perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, **having**

now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Ahai Barekmore.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (CANANITE WOMAN SUNDAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            Acts 4: 1-12

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the

number of the men came to be about five thousand.

And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. "This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 7: 14- 25

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice, but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (That is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warning against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I think God- through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

Ahai Barekmore.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (KPIPTHO/CRIPPLE WOMAN)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the book of First General  
                         Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles  
                         Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            I Peter 3: 8-16

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this that you may inherit a blessing. For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threat, nor be troubled." But sanctify the Lord God in your

hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.      Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)      Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*      The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*      Romans 12: 1- 15

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and

individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT (BLIND MAN/CATHOLICATE DAY)**

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Peter 4: 12-19

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* II Corinthians 9: 6-15

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in every thing for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgiving to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Ahai Barekmore.

Or

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 5: 1-14  
Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." Ahai Barekmore.

## **PALM/HOSANNA SUNDAY (BOYS AND GIRLS DAY)**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the book of the First  
                         Epistle of John the Holy Apostles  
                         Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            I John 5: 1-12  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God

overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world- our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **Habibai, Barekmore.**

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 8: 18- 25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Ahai Barekmore.

(FOR THE BLESSING OF THE PALM LEAVES)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of the First Epistle of John the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* I John 2: 7-14

Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God

abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.           Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       Romans 11: 13- 24

For I speak to you Gentiles; in as much as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you

stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but towards you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Ahai Barekmore.

## EASTER SUNDAY

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            Acts 2: 22-36

Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and sign which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know- "Him, being delivered by the determined

purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he poured out this which you now see and hear. "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said

to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."      Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)              Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*              The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*              I Corinthians 15: 1-19  
Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that he was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born

out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is preached that he has seen raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yet, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up- if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. *Ahai Barekmore.*

**NEW SUNDAY  
(SUNDAY AFTER EASTER)  
(THE SUNDAY OF THE YOUTH)**

(Hymn)      Those Apostles .....  
                  For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles **Habibai, Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Peter 2: 19-25

For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully For what credit is it, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth", who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness- by whose stripes you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. **Habibai, Barekmore.**

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Timothy, **Ahai Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Timothy 2: 1—13

Therefore I exhort of all that supplications, prayers intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desire all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle- I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying- a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with priority and moderation, not with braided hair or gold pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

Ahai Barekmore.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER NEW SUNDAY

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 13: 26-39

“Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. “For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. “And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. “But God raised Him from the dead. “He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. “And we declare to you glad tiding- that promise which was made to the fathers. “God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ “And that He raised

Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' "Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; "but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; "and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 6: 10-20

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against

powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I out to speak. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER NEW SUNDAY**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 4: 8-21

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying. "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name." So they called them and commanded them

not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 3: 1-13  
Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but he who built all things is God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things

which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, they always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest."

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Ahai Barekmore.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER NEW SUNDAY

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of the First  
Epistle of John the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I John 5: 13-21

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and he will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 11: 3-6

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who come to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Ahai Barekmore.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER NEW SUNDAY**

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Peter 3: 17-22

For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also he went and preached to the spirit in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. There is also an antitype which now saves us- baptism )not the removal of the fifth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 11: 32-40

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were swan in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided some thing better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Ahai Barekmore.

**SUNDAY BEFORE PENTECOST  
SUNDAY OF THE MONKS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 21:7-9

And when we had finished our voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
                         Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the first Epistle of St.  
Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Corinthians 7: 1-2, 25-34, 9: 1-10

Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: it is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman

have her own husband

Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress- that it is good for a man to remain as he is: Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, who has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you. But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away. But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord- how he may please the Lord. But he who is married cares about the things of the world- how he may please his wife. There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world- how she may please her husband.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, You shall not muzzle an ox while God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. Ahai Barekmore.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY**

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Acts of the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 2:1-13

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. Cretans and Arabs- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever

could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Galatians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Galatians 5: 16-26  
I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its

passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Ahai Barekmore.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY FIRST SERVICE ON KNEELS DOWN**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 19: 1-7

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the

name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 14: 20-25  
Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me." Says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus

the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

Ahai Barekmore.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY SECOND SERVICE ON KNEELS DOWN**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 10: 34-48

Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ- He is Lord of all- "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. "And we are witnesses of all things

which he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God . Then Peter answered, "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 12: 12-27

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body

which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. Ahai Barekmore.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY THIRD SERVICE ON KNEELS DOWN**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 2: 1-21

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house

where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" "And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, "Cretans and Arabs-we hear them speaking in our own languages the wonderful works of God." So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. "For these are not

drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.’

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God’s truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

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be mature. In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me, says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, each there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. And the spirits of

the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. Ahai Barekmore.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 17: 10-15

Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. So those who conducted Paul brought him

to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.           Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       II Corinthians 5: 14- 6: 10  
For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Ahai Barekmore.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)        Those Apostles .....  
                  For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                  Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 4: 23-31

And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God, with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, "who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: 'Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things? The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.' "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs

and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God’s truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh –who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands –that at that time you were with out Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself

one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And he came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ahai Barekmore.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 13: 26-39

“Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. “For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. “And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that he should be put to death. “Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. “But God raised Him from the dead. “He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. “And we declare to you glad tidings –that promise which was made to the fathers. “God has fulfilled this for us their children in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ “And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’ “Therefore he also says in another Psalm: ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’ “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; “but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that

through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; "and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Galatians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* Galatians 6: 10-18  
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything,

but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. Ahai Barekmore.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 6: 1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; "but we will give ourselves

continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 16: 14- 22  
Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren –you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints- that you also submit to such and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours.

Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand –Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! Ahai Barekmore.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 9: 10-18

Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard

from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. "And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. "For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response:* :

*Acolytes:* II Corinthians 5: 14- 20  
For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for

them and rose again.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation . Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Amen.

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 1: 15-20

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; "for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it', and 'Let another take his office.' Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the first Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 8: 1- 6  
Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up,

but love edifies. And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. For even if there are so –called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

Ahai Barekmore

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 4: 32-37

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the

resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.     Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
                    Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       Ephesians 2: 11 – 22  
Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh –who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands –that at that time you were with out Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of

Christ. For he Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And he came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ahai Barekmore.

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First General  
Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles **Habibai, Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Peter 2: 4-10

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

Therefore, to you who believe, he is precious, but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense."

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.      Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)              Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Hebrews, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Hebrews 4: 14 – 5: 5

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." Ahai Barekmore

## **NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 28: 11-22

After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island. And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome. And from there, when the brethren, heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him. And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a

prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans, "who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death. "But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation. "For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." Then they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you. "But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 6: 1-11  
Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matt-

ers? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren! Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. Ahai Barekmore

## **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 28: 23-30

So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. And some were persuaded by the things, which were spoken, and some disbelieved. So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, "saying, 'Go to this people and say: "Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand; And seeing you will see, and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."

Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear it!" And when he had said these

words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves. Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 10: 5-21

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Who ever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So then faith come by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world." But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: "I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation." But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." But to Israel he says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people." Ahai Barekmore.

## **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of the General  
Epistle of St. James, the Just, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        St. James 2: 14-20

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food. And one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe –and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
                         Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the First Epistle of St.  
Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 14: 34-39

Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be submissive, as the law also says. And if they ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Ahai Barekmore.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of the General Epistle of St. James, the Just, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        St. James 4: 7-5: 6

Therefore submit to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will

draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

Come now, you who say, "To-day or tomorrow we will go to such and such city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who know to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in

the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.     Habibai, Barekmore

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
                    Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the  
Apostle, to the Philippians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       Philippians 4: 8 – 20  
Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is

anything praiseworthy –meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that bounds to your account. Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet – smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Ahai Barekmore.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRANSFIGURATION

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First General  
Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles, **Habibai, Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Peter 5: 1-11

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed. Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly not for dishonest gain but eagerly, nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you, Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking

whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.           Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       I Corinthians 10: 1-13  
Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as were

some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. Ahai Barekmore.

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER SHOONOYO

(1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION OF St. MARY)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First Epistle  
of John the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I John 2: 22-29

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either, he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he has promised us –eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that any one teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Ephesians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Ephesians 6: 10 – 17

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age. Against spiritual hosts or wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER SHOONOYO**

(2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION OF St. MARY)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*    The lesson from the book of Second General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles, **Habibai, Barekmore.**

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* II Peter 3: 8-14

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but it longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, with out spot and blameless.

**Habibai, Barekmore.**

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Thessalonians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* II Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction come upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

Ahai Barekmore.

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER SHOONOYO

(3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION OF St. MARY)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of the General  
Epistle of St. James, the Just, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        St. James 5: 1 – 6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.    Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
                         Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the second Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* II Corinthians 10: 1-7

Now I, Paul, myself am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ –who in presence am lowly among you, but being absent am bold to ward you. But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strong holds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's even so we are Christ's. Ahai Barekmore.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER SHOONOYO**

(4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION OF St. MARY)

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the book of First General Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Peter 2: 1-5

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have lasted that the Lord is gracious.

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.        Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
                         Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 3: 16-23

Do you not know that you are the temple of God  
That the spirit of God dwells in you? If any one  
defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him.  
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you  
are.

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among  
you seems to be wise in this age, let him become  
a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom  
of this world is foolishness with God. For it written,  
"He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; and  
again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,  
that they are futile." Therefore let no one boast in  
men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or  
Apollos or Cephas, or the world or the life or  
death, or things present or things to come all are  
yours. And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.  
Ahai Barekmore.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER SHOONOYO**

(5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION OF St. MARY)

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 11: 2-10

And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, saying, "you went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!" But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, jet down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. "When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. "And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' "But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.' "But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' "Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven.      Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)            Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the  
Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Romans 2: 28-3: 8

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter, whose praise is not from men but from God.

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged." But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world? For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"? –as we are slanderously reported as some affirm that we say, Their condemnation is just.

Ahai Barekmore.

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Acts of the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 3: 21-26

“Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. “For Moses truly said to the fathers, The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. ‘And it shall be that every soul who will not hear the Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ “Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ “To you first, God, having raised up His servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.” Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God’s truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 2: 10-16

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. Ahai Barekmore.

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn) Those Apostles .....  
For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Acts of the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 5: 17-32

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they

feared the people, lest they should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying. "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" But peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. "Him God has exalted to His right hand to be prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."           Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)           Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*       The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*       I Corinthians 2: 14-3: 9  
But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things,

yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. Ahai Barekmore.

### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Acts of the Holy Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 7: 2-5

And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, "and said to him, Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' "Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, he moved him to this land in which you now dwell. "And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his food on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Romans, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Romans 8: 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk

according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Ahai Barekmore.

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 21: 17-26

And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, "You see , brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; "but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs. "What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. "Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. "Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep

the law. "But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality."

Then Paul took the men, and the next day having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 1: 21-29  
For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of

God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.  
Ahai Barekmore.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                      For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                      Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        Acts 22: 22-29

And they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their voices and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live!" Then, as they cried out and tore off their clothes and threw dust into the air, the commander

ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging, a man who is Roman, and uncondemned?" When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, "Take care what you do for this man is a Roman." Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes." The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen." Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.                   Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn)                   Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Timothy, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*            I Timothy 6: 13-21  
I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, he who is the

blessed and only Potentate the King of kings and Lord of lords, who along has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge –by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen  
Ahai Barekmore.

## **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS**

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*            The lesson from the Acts of the Holy  
                         Apostles, Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* Acts 21: 27-40

Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place." (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. For the multi-

tude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him!" Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can you speak Greek? Are you not Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?" But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people.." So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language. Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 5: 6-13  
Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor

with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner –not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore, put away from yourselves the evil person.” Ahai Barekmore.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER FESTIVAL OF HOLY CROSS

(Hymn)            Those Apostles .....  
                         For the faithful bliss.

*Acolytes:*        The lesson from the book of First General  
                         Epistle of St. Peter, the Holy Apostles  
Habibai, Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:*        I Peter 2: 15-17

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men – as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people, Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.  
Habibai, Barekmore.

(Hymn) Paul the blessed.....  
Trust God's truth and holds it fast.

*Acolytes:* The lesson from the First Epistle of St. Paul, the Apostle, to the Corinthians, Ahai Barekmore.

*Response: :*

*Acolytes:* I Corinthians 6: 9-11  
Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. Ahai Barekmore.

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