

ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟΣ ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
Apostolic Church of the Pleroma

*Delivered by Tau Bruno II
to the Parish of St. Ambelain
on Sunday, September 24, 2017*

YEAR A - PROPER 20

Welcome brethren. Today's readings are quite extensive and contain a lot of material which it would behoove us to cover. Unfortunately we won't be able to come near a complete exegesis on today's readings, and so I urge you all to find some free time to read them carefully and meditate on them fully when you're able to do so.

Find some free time. In today's world this is hard to do. We are consumed with work or school, doing laundry and grocery shopping. We are "bound with dimensions, times, and seasons...", forced through this physical existence to focus upon our physical needs, along with those we love. But it goes further than that. We have transcended the days when sun-up to sun-down was spent toiling in the fields or factories while night was spent in utter exhaustion. Now our leisure time is filled with social activities and video games. Most of us work just as hard at our leisure as we do towards our physical necessities.

Because of the machinations of the Demiurge and his archontic rulers, we are fated to walk this world until our scattered superior principle, our divine Spirit, can be rectified back into the heavenly Geradamus. Time did not exist until the matter of the world was created and mankind's enslavement into it occurred. And from this fate came "all iniquity, and injustice and blasphemy, the bondage of forgetfulness, and ignorance, and all burdensome order, weighty sins, and great fear." When Adam, our heavenly father, fell from the paradisaical fullness of the Pleroma into this material world, eventually dividing into all of mankind, we forgot whom we were. That our origins are above the materialistic heavens most of see referenced, with its streets of gold and gates of precious stones and metals. By limiting our spirit within this earthly body, we see a limit on our perception and conception of the superior realms. We are hampered by our physical senses, the physical burdens placed upon us by this material world, as well as the psychical turmoil caused by all the lower emotions which dwell within us: anger, jealousy, grief. Even emotions like love, joy, and excitement are able to be exploited and perverted by our physical and psychical existence, turning into obsession and addiction.

Falling from a state of perfection, we find ourselves mired in this lower realm. We forget not only where we have come from, but how we may return. We get caught up in the problems of this world, and sometimes we get lost in the joys of it. Listen carefully to the following from our First Reading: "Those upon whom the spirit of life will descend and whom the spirit will empower will be saved, and will become perfect and worthy of greatness, and will be cleansed there of all evil and anxieties of wickedness, since they are no longer anxious for anything except the incorruptible alone, and concerned with that from this moment on, without anger, jealousy, envy, desire, or greed for anything."

This week, when you find yourself accomplished of those things needing accomplished for your physical survival, spend your leisure time meditating on scripture and contemplating the divine. Let your Spirit rise above this base limitation.