

Homily of the Assumption of our Lady into Heaven : Mary the New Ark

The Story of a priest and his friend on the role of Blessed Virgin Mary.... The letter and the envelop (which is more important?)

The four Marian Dogma's

1. Mary conceived Jesus as a virgin (Virginal conception)
2. Theotokos (431 council of Ephesus)
3. Immaculate conception (1854 by Pius ix) confirmed by Mary's apparition at Lourdes
4. The Assumption of Mary (Nov 1st 1950 by Pius XII) by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ

"We pronounce declare and define it to be divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her Earthly life was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory"

Eight days from today, we shall celebrate the queenship of Mary.

Sacred scripture: Gen 3:15 "...I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers.... Mary (The New eve, crushes the head of the serpent, The offspring of Mary is Jesus who crushes Sin and death.) Because of the offspring of Mary conquering sin and death, Mary cannot suffer sin an its effects (bodily corruption). She is assumed into heaven.

Mary is also the New Ark of the covenant: The Old Ark contained; ***the ten commandments, the Manna, and the staff of Moses.*** The New Ark contained the word made flesh, the bread of life and the high priest of God.

When you compare the account of David bringing the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem in 2 Samuel 6, with the account of Mary going up to the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth in Luke 1, there are several striking parallels that show that Luke is deliberately drawing out the parallels between when Mary Visited Elizabeth and when David brought the Ark into Jerusalem to show that Mary is the true Ark of the Covenant.

In the Old Testament, number one, ***the Ark of the Covenant is described as having the glory of the Lord*** and the glory cloud come down upon the tabernacle and "overshadow them" (episkiazó) in the book of Exodus 40. In the New Testament, it says the Holy Spirit comes upon Mary, and the power of the Most High "overshadows her" (episkiazó, same verb) in the Annunciation.

Second, in the Old Testament in 2 Samuel 6, David "arose and went" to the hill country of Judah to bring up the Ark of God into Jerusalem. In the New Testament, Luke says that Mary "arose and went" to the hill country of Judah to enter the house of Elizabeth (Luke 1).

Third parallel. In the Old Testament, when David comes into the presence of the Ark, he exclaims: "How can the Ark of the Lord come to me?" (2 Samuel 6:9) In the New Testament, when Mary enters into Elizabeth's presence, when Elizabeth hears Mary's greeting, she exclaims: And why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (Luke

1:43). So notice, in her words, “mother of my Lord” takes the place of “Ark of the Covenant” in David’s words.

Number four, when David is in the presence of the Ark, it says that he leapt before the Ark as it was brought in “with shouting” in 2 Samuel 6. In the Gospel of Luke, it says that John the Baptist (as an infant) leapt in Elizabeth’s womb at the sound of Mary’s voice, and that Elizabeth cried out with a loud shout.

in the Old Testament, it says that the Ark of the Covenant remained in the hill country in the house of Obed-edom for “three months”. And then in the New Testament, it tells us that Mary remained in the hill country of Judah in Elizabeth’s house for “three months.” Now this one always struck me as interesting, because what Luke obviously means is that Mary remains in the house of Elizabeth until the birth of John, because he’s told us earlier that Elizabeth was six months with child, and now if she stays with her for three more months, the obvious implication is that she’s going to stay until the birth of the child. So why does he say three months instead of just “until the birth of the child”? Well, scholars have argued — and I think this is right — that Luke is deliberately echoing the account of David bringing up the Ark to Jerusalem, and it remaining in Obed-edom’s house for three months. If he had just said, “She stayed there until the birth of John”, you would have lost the allusion.

Mary is the New Ark of the covenant, Mary is the queen of heaven and earth, Mary is our Heavenly Mother, She is the supreme model of all virtues and hence our role model, she intercedes for us. She bears the bread of life as the new ark. Let us therefore honor her by worthily partaking in the bread of life -the Eucharist.