

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians****Brothers and sisters:**

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed,  
we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands,  
eternal in heaven.**

**We are always courageous,  
although we know that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.**

**The word of the Lord.**