

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

**No one lives for oneself,
and no one dies for oneself.**

**For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**

**For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.**

Why then do you judge your brother?

Or you, why do you look down on your brother?

**For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God;
for it is written:**

***As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.***

So then each of us shall give an accounting of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.