

**JANUARY 5,
SARAH, THEODORA, AND SYNCLETICA OF EGYPT,
DESERT MOTHERS, 4TH - 5TH CENTURY: MASS**

The First Lesson. The Reader begins

A Reading from the Proverbs

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her maids to call from the highest places in the town, "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who is without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave simpleness, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

Please turn the page and lead the appointed Psalm.

Psalm 119: 65–72

At Said Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 65 through 72, found in the red Prayer Book on page 768.

(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)

At Sung Mass the Reader says

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 as found in the service bulletin.

65. O LORD, you have dealt graciously with
 your servant, *
 according to your word.

66. Teach me discernment and knowledge, *
 for I have believed in your commandments.

67. Before I was afflicted I went astray, *
 but now I keep your word.

68. You are good and you bring forth good; *
 instruct me in your statutes.

69. The proud have smeared me with lies, *
 but I will keep your commandments with my
 whole heart.

70. Their heart is gross and fat, *
but my delight is in your law.
71. It is good for me that I have been afflicted, *
that I might learn your statutes.
72. The law of your mouth is dearer to me *
than thousands in gold and silver.

The Gospel Acclamation

The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.

- Reader* Alleluia.
People Alleluia.
Reader Blessed are the pure in heart, *
 for they shall see God.
People Alleluia.

The Reader returns to his or her seat.

Please turn the page for the Gospel Lesson.

The Holy Gospel

The Minister says

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Minister

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sad'ducees, who say that there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the wife, and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no children; and the second took her, and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; and the seven left no children. Last of all the woman also died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife." Jesus said to them, "Is not this why you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the

God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong."

The Minister says 'The Gospel of the Lord.