

Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul
June 29, 2008
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Theme: Lift your voice in prayer and receive your deliverance.

This weekend the Church all over the world celebrates the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the church.

Our Lord Jesus laid the foundation of the church on Peter (Rock), the leader of the apostles. Christ gave Peter the keys of the kingdom of God, mandating him that whatever thing he loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven and whatever thing he binds on earth will be bound in heaven. Jesus further commissioned Peter to feed and shepherd his flock. Peter carried out this mission from Christ the Lord and laid down his life for it.

St. Paul, on the other hand, after his encounter with Christ (conversion) on his way to Damascus, became an apostle of Christ. Paul was the one who carried the message of the gospel to the Gentiles. Most of his preaching was done through his letters. He also laid down his life for the message of the gospel.

In our first reading today, from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the miraculous liberation of St. Peter from prison. An angel of God touched Peter and the chains fell off his wrists. In our lives, today, we need this divine touch from God to free us, for a lot of things have chained us. For instance, when family problems have made it difficult for you to move around, you are in chains, marriage problems, financial difficulty, sickness, sin, fear, etc. In all of these just like Peter, we need divine deliverance. We need that divine light from Christ to touch us and make us free and happy again.

Do not allow yourself or your family to continue to be in these chains again. Lift your voice to God in prayer, render him praises, for with Christ we shall be victorious.