

SUNDAY CAPSULE

JESUS HEALS CANANITE WOMAN'S DAUGHTER



Today let us learn about

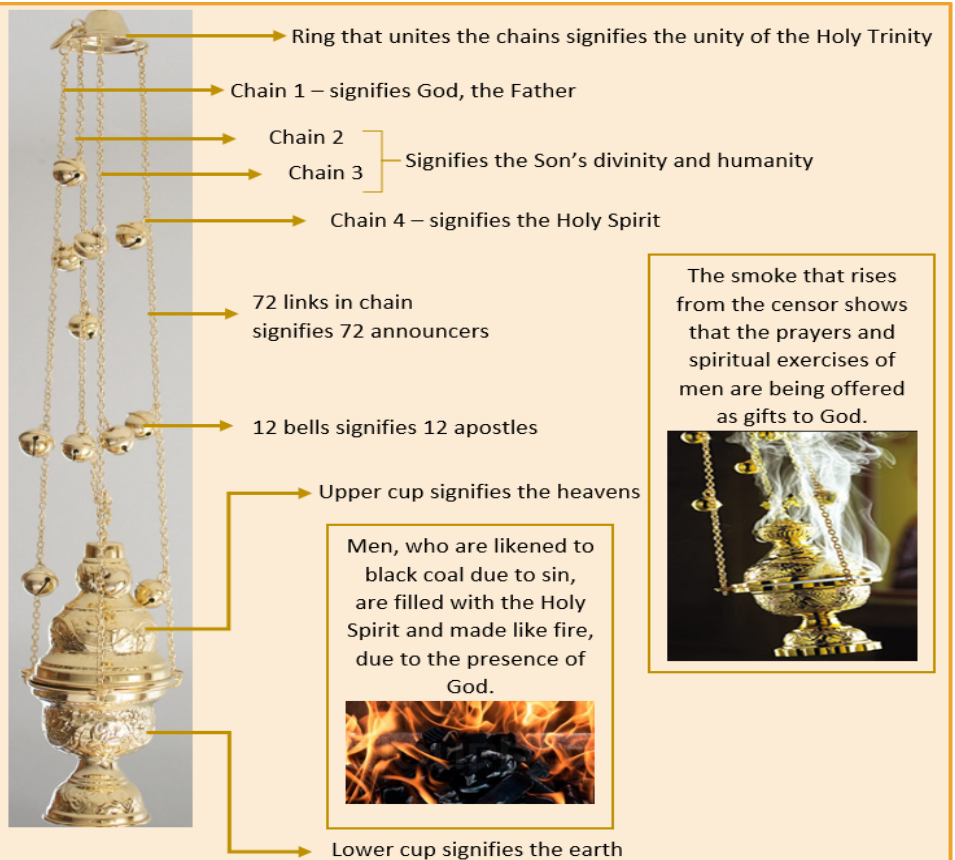
The Censor (*Dhoopakutti*)

The Censor signifies the Mother of God and the fire, God who dwelt in the womb of the Blessed Virgin.

The Censor has 4 chains, 12 bells on the chains and each chain has 72 links.

- 12 bells signify the 12 apostles
- 72 links represent the 72 announcers (Luke 10:1)

The coal in the cup signifies the sinners and the fire signifies the Holy Spirit.



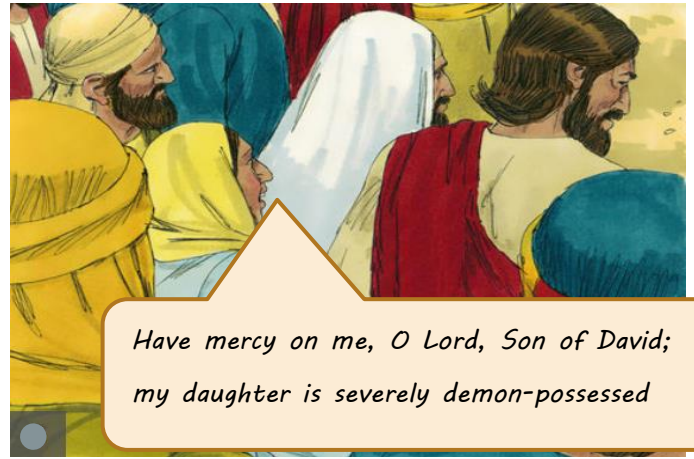
The smoke that rises from the censor shows that the prayers and spiritual exercises of men are being offered as gifts to God.



CNANOITHO SUNDAY

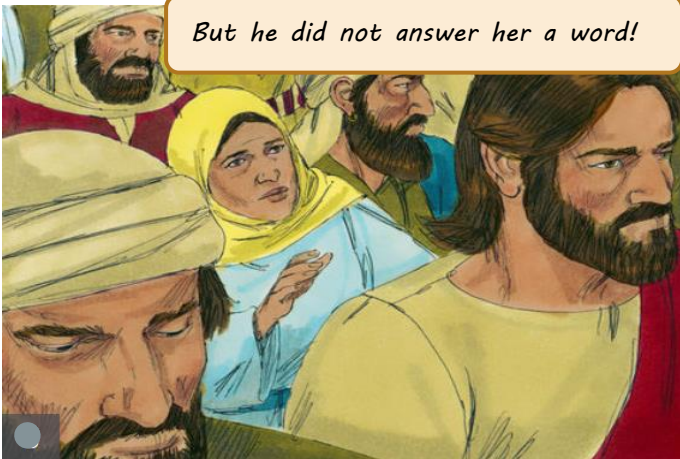
Fourth Sunday in the season of the Great Fast. The passage that is selected by the Church to be read as the Holy Gospel reading on Cnanoiho Sunday is Matthew 15: 21-28.

One day, Jesus was travelling in the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying,

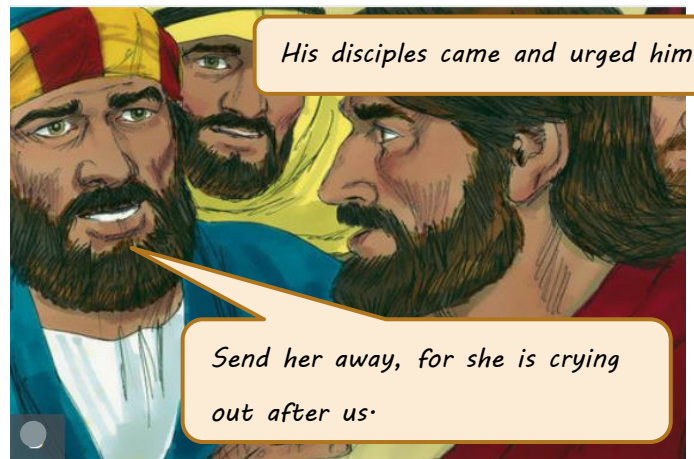


Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely demon-possessed

But he did not answer her a word!

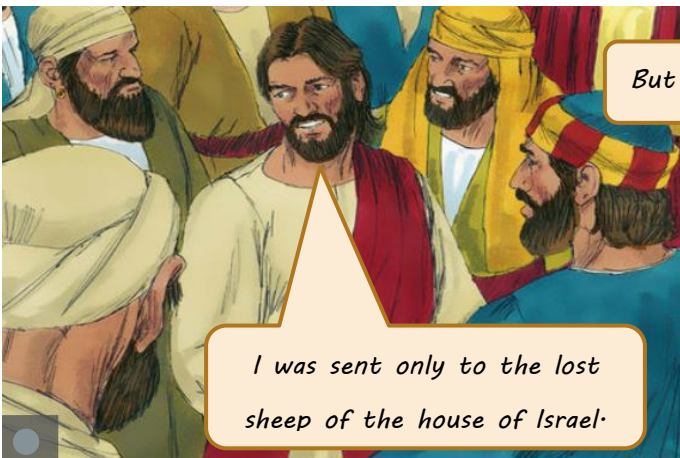


His disciples came and urged him

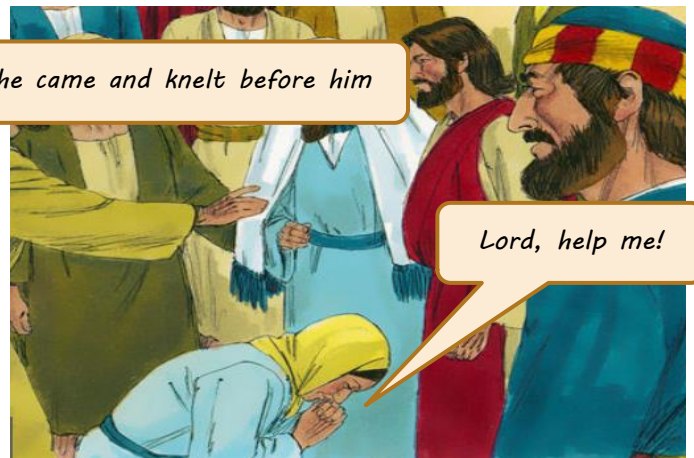


Send her away, for she is crying out after us.

But she came and knelt before him

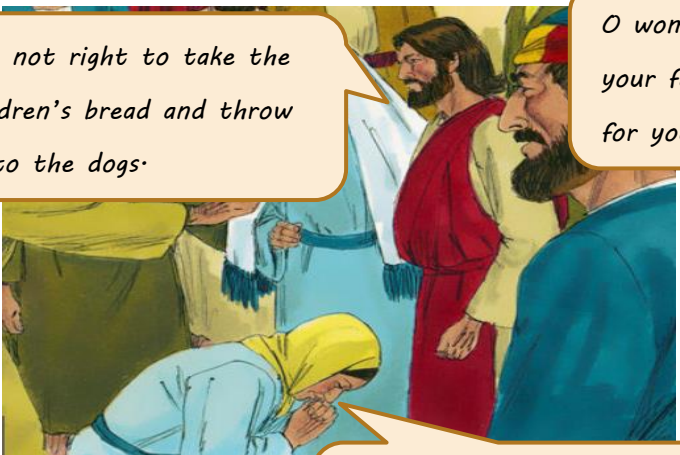


I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

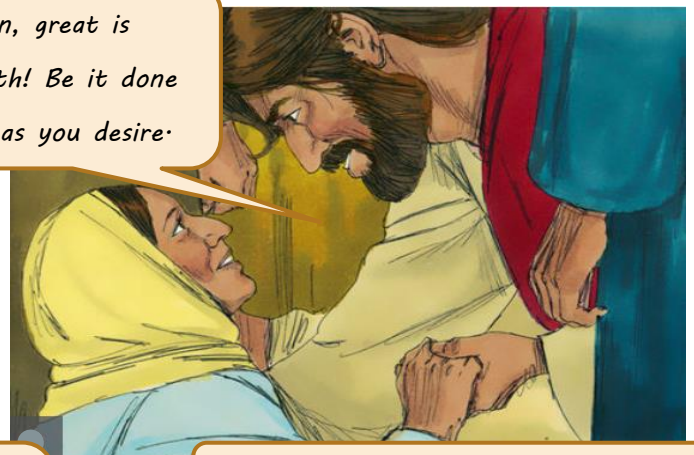


Lord, help me!

It's not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.



O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.



Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.

And her daughter was healed instantly.