

## **FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

In the days of Noah, for forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth. All creatures that moved on earth perished. However, those who entered the ark, Noah and his family were safe. Nowadays, there is another type of flood, the flood of virus. Many people are suffering from and died of this flood of virus. Where is the ark for us?

I believe that the ark is the family, the individual family and as well as the big family which is our church. There are some churches which are shape of the Ark. But those look like upside down. It's like the tree which has its root toward the heaven. The Ark is voyaging to heaven.

As Jesus began his public ministry, he spent forty days in the desert, tempted by Satan. In the days of Noah, people had temptations. Their temptations were to ignore God's message. As results they died. Still now, we have same temptations with theirs.

However, we are different from them, because we know how to overcome these temptations. Jesus taught us this. The only way to overcome these temptations is to love. If we don't practice love, we are ignoring God's message. We have to show our love to God, our neighbors, and even all the creatures. We are in the Ark. In this Ark, we have to invite all others to come in.

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