**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Holy Mary

Holiness is God’s own nature. Holiness is the absolute perfection both of the nature and of the three divine persons, subsistent in the unique and only eternal, divine, immortal nature. Holiness is thus proclaimed by the Seraphines: *“In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft. "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!" they cried one to the other. "All the earth is filled with his glory!" (Is 6,1-3)*. The same proclamation is raised in the Book of Revelation: *“In front of the throne was something that resembled a sea of glass like crystal. In the center and around the throne, there were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back. The first creature resembled a lion, the second was like a calf, the third had a face like that of a human being, and the fourth looked like an eagle in flight. The four living creatures, each of them with six wings, were covered with eyes inside and out. Day and night they do not stop exclaiming: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come." (Rev 4,6-8)*. God’s holiness is concretely manifested in history as most pure love, most pure mercy, most pure faithfulness to every Word come out from his mouth, most pure compassion, most pure truth, but also most pure and eternal righteousness. Yes, also the judgement of every action of people both in time and in eternity are essence of the holiness of our God and Lord. Here is how this truth of the utmost righteousness is revealed to Moses: *“Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with him there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity, continuing his kindness for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness and crime and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but punishing children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation for their fathers' wickedness!" Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."* (Ex 34,5-9). Here is a wondrous revelation about the slowness of the wrath that we find in the Prophet Isaiah*: “Get behind the rocks, hide in the dust, From the terror of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty! The haughty eyes of man will be lowered, the arrogance of men will be abased, and the LORD alone will be exalted, on that day. For the LORD of hosts will have his day against all that is proud and arrogant, all that is high, and it will be brought low; Yes, against all the cedars of Lebanon and all the oaks of Bashan, Against all the lofty mountains and all the high hills, Against every lofty tower and every fortified wall, Against all the ships of Tarshish and all stately vessels. Human pride will be abased, the arrogance of men brought low, And the LORD alone will be exalted, on that day. The idols will perish forever. Men will go into caves in the rocks and into holes in the earth, From the terror of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he arises to overawe the earth. On that day men will throw to the moles and the bats the idols of silver and gold which they made for worship. They go into caverns in the rocks and into crevices in the cliffs, From the terror of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he arises to overawe the earth. As for you, let man alone, in whose nostrils is but a breath; for what is he worth? (Is 2,10-22).* Today the God we adore is no longer the God who has revealed himself. We have deprived Him of his holiness. It is sufficient to deprive our God even of an atom of his holiness and He is no longer the true God. He is a God thought by man. he is not the God in his eternal truth.

Invoking the Virgin Mary with the title “*Holy Mary*”, we intend to manifest that in her nature, soul, spirit, body She lacks none of the virtues that are the eternal nature of our God. However, She is not as holy in Herself as God is holy, He is the Holy with no beginning and no end. He is the eternal Holy since eternity for eternity. Instead, the Virgin Mary is Holy by participation of the divine nature. Not only. She is Holy since the first moment of her conceiving. Since the first moment of her conceiving, She has been interwoven by the Lord God Almighty with grace and light, with truth and love, with piety and compassion, through a most pure obedience to the entire divine will. God has created the Virgin Mary as entirely Holy. The Virgin Mary has grown with no measure in this participated holiness through her ever prompt and immediate obedience to her Lord and God. Not only has She never known the mortal sin, not only has She known the venial sin, neither has She known any imperfection in all the virtues. They have all been lived by Her at the utmost of the possibilities granted to the human nature. We can compare our possibilities to what is contained in an amphora. On the contrary we can compare the possibilities of the Virgin Mary to a boundless ocean. In holiness She has reached the limits that no creature, but the true God who is the Eternal Word of the Father, might ever reach. The Virgin Mary is Holy by creation, by participation of the divine holiness and She is holy by obedience, by listening, by always having done the divine will. She could also say to the Father, like her Son on the Cross: “*It is finished. I have done everything You asked me to do.*” She has done all of that with all the richness of her love, of her light, of her grace, of truth and of righteousness, virtues that always enriched her heart in the highest and most perfect way. Holy Mary, help us imitate you in your holiness. **28 January 2024**