**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

First of all, let us offer an insight on what happened in the Council of Ephesus, Council in which the Dogma of the Divin Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been defined. This Dogma is intimately connected to the other dogma dealing with Christ Jesus, who is true God. The One who is born of the Virgin Mary is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the Eternal Word of the Father or his eternal Only Begotten Son. Here is this what is written in this Council: *“Background: Nestorianism emphasized the distinction between Christ's human and divine natures. The Council condemned the teachings of Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who held that the Virgin Mary gave birth to a man, Jesus, not God, not Logos (The Word, Son of God). The Logos was in Christ, He was kept in his Person as in a temple. Therefore, Christ was only Thephoros, a Greek word which means “God-bearer”. Consequently, Mary should be called Christotokos (Christ-bearer) but not Theotokos, “God-bearer.” Historians have defined the arguments between the supporters of both positions “Christological controversy.” The Council decreed that Jesus was one only Person, not two separate Persons, completely God and completely man, with a rational soul and body. The Virgin Mary is Theotokos for She gave birth not to a man, but Gd as a man. The union of two natures in Christ was fulfilled in a way that did not interfere with the other. The council also declared the text of the Nicaean Creed dated 325 as complete and prohibited any further change (adding or cancellation). The council also condemned Pelagianism.” (cited)*

*“First session: the condemnation of Nestorius and the dogmatic definition of Theotókos. On 22 June 431 Cyril, as a president, was summoned three times but did not come. Since Nestorius refused to come, Cyril asked the council fathers to compare the two declarations of faith proposed by him (supported by Pope Celestine I and by Nestorius) and decide which one was closer to the declaration of Nicaea. Moreover, the fathers who were present that day adopted the thesis contained in the Second Letter of Cyril to Nestorius, in which the Alexandrian patriarch stated that Mary is “Mother of God”, Theotókos, for She gave birth not to a man, but to God as a man. Accepting Cyril’s doctrine, 197 council father condemned Nestorius teachings and declared that Jesus is one only Person, not two separate Persons, completely God and completely man, with a rational soul and body. When John of Antioch came to Ephesus on 26 June to argue Cyril’s positions, he realised it was too late. The Antiochene patriarch promptly organized a counter-synod to reply to the pro-Nicaean dogmatic definitions, deponing and excommunicating Cyril and the main bishop faithful to him, Mnemon of Ephesus. Although the last canons had already been undersigned by the fathers on 31 July at the end of the five sessions, the continuous political tensions and the turmoil even among the people of Ephesus and Constantinople did not allow an effective conclusion of the synodal work, which forced Theodosius II to impose his authority, proclaiming the Council disbanded in October of the same year” (Cited).*

*“22 June: opening of the council. The Roman Emperor, Theodosius II, convened the Council of Ephesus in 431, third ecumenical Council in history. At that time, the unity of the Church was particularly threatened by some thesis advanced by the Patriarch of Constantinople, Nestorius, Syrian Archbishop and theologian. Nestorians’ thesis became particularly concerning since they denied what already affirmed in Nicaea, namely the fact that the human and the divine nature coexisted in Christ. The concerns led his opposant Cyril of Alexandria to demand the imminent convenance of an ecumenical Council to the Emperor. Summoned about 200 Bishops of the Church, the works started on 22 June of that year. The nature of Christ and the figure of the Virgin Mary: not only did the Council, on its part, manage to solve the controversy linked to the Nestorian thesis, defining, once again, the double nature of Christ, but, at the same time, also clarified the figure of the Virgin. Indeed, because of the Nestorian thesis, also the title of Mary was besmirched, since Nestorius had defined Mary “Mother of Jesus” and, according to his thesis, did not have the title to be defined Mother of God”. The definition of the dogma: the Council fathers, present that 22 June 431, accepted Cyril’s thesis, contained in what came to be known as “Second letter of Cyril to Nestorius.” In this letter, Cyril of Alexandria defined the Virgin Mary as Theotókos, namely Genitrix (therefore, Mother) of God, for She gave to birth not a man, but God as a man. On that occasion, 197 council fathers definitively condemned the Nestorian thesis and officially defined the dogma of Mary Mother of God. The Festivity of Mary Mother of God: the Catholic tradition, in the joy of having accepted this dogma, has dedicated a particular festivity to the Most Holy Virgin Mary. The Catholic liturgical tradition, indeed, dedicates the first day of the solar year, the first of January, to the Mother of God. This particular day also coincides with the circumcision of Jesus, on the octave day from his birth. This particular event is narrated in the Gospel according to Luke.” (Cited.).*

Since some years ago, as soon as the defenders of faith heard even one only word causing a great harm to the mystery of Christ Jesus, mystery from which the truth of every other mystery arises, would intervene with sudden and immediate promptness in order to uproot every falsity contaminating and destroying the most pure truth revealed about the mystery of Christ Jesus since its beginning. The Apostle Paul, the Apostle Simon Peter, the Apostle John, the Apostle Judas had no fear of putting on the lampstand the most pure faith dealing with Jesus the Lord and every other truth that arise from the mystery of Jesus for the entire humanity. Instead, today one not only lets falsity conquer every heart, it is often taught by those who should uproot it from the heart and from the mind of the disciples of Jesus. If we wanted to enumerate all the falsities about Christ Jesus, we could it neither, for by now the mystery of Jesus the Lord has entirely been abrogated in its most pure truth of Incarnated Word and of Unique and Only Redeemer of humanity. So far one has made Christ Jesus only a man and his Gospel one word like all the other words. The Church a building like the other being in the world, with no longer any obligation to profess the righteous faith in Christ, in accordance with the Word of the Divine Revelation. Fallen Christ under the machete of falsity and of lie, nothing remains still: both the Church as a sacrament made by Christ Jesus for the salvation of every man and every divine reality making the Church the true body of Christ, the unique and only body of Christ, always animated and led by the Holy Spirit to the entire truth lack their mystery. Here is the specificity or the particularity of the falsity about Christ Jesus and about all the divine mystery revealed to us and kept to bear fruit of eternal life from them for every man: falsity does not present itself clear and distinct as in the past. Today Satan has devised a most subtle way: nothing is denied of what has been dogma or revealed truth, incontrovertible truth until today. Today the man needs: another God, another Christ, another Holy Spirit, another Church, another Gospel, another Divine Revelation, another Morality, another Doctrine, another Hermeneutics, another Exegesis, another Knowledge of the Holy Scripture. Everything that was of yesterday must been abandoned. Today one must work on the new. New is only the thought of man, that certainly must never become the thought of Christ Jesus, the Thought of the Father, the Thought of the Holy Spirit, the Thought of those who are ruled and moved by the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Here is what the Lord already cried out through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah: *“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, So shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, Because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; Let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. (Is 55,1-11).* Today Satan has managed to pass off his thoughts as true thoughts of God. Yesterday he tempted Eve in the garden planted by God in Eden. Today he is tempting all the defenders of faith.

If the mystery of Christ Jesus falls under the blows of the machete of falsity and of lie or of the machete of Satan’s thought, also the mystery surrounding the Virgin Mary, who is Holy and True Mother of God, Holy Genitrix of God, falls under the same blows. In fact, one already hears those who say that no appearance of the Angel Gabriel in the house of Nazareth has never existed and that everything is a literary genre. In order to reinforce this thought, they state that Mary has conceived a man, only a man, as all the other women do. Thus two essential truths for our faith fall: *“The divine maternity of Mary and her perennial virginity.”* If Christ is a man like all the other men, his Word also suffers the blows of Satan’s machete. His is a word equal to all the other words: *“The Gospel and the other religious texts are equal”.* We can say that so far Satan has taken the wheel of the boat of the Lord, if one all the sailors do not mutiny, and every disciple is a sailor of Jesus and, particularly, the sailors specialized in the defence of the most pure truth, very hard times will come for the existence itself of faith. We believe, upon the foundation of the Sacred Texts, that Jesus, the Eternal Son of the Father, truly, substantially, really is born of the Virgin Mary through the work of the Holy Spirit. Since the one who is born of Her, true man, is the Only Begotten Son of the Father, is the True Son of God, consubstantial with the Father in divinity, the Virgin Mary id true Mother of God. Not only is true Mother. She is True Holy Mother of God. Since this faith is our faith, we ask the Virgin Mary, the True Holy Mother of God, this most pure truth to become most true faith of every disciple of Jesus and particularly of those who have been made defenders of this truth and of this most pure faith. Defending this faith, they will also defend the most pure faith of Jesus the Lord. Grant us this faith, Holy True Mother of God. Thus the truth of Christ shall enlighten again the face of many of your children.

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