

**A Reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

**Brothers and Sisters:**

**We know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,  
should be destroyed, we have a building from God,  
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.**

**So we are always courageous, although we know  
that while we are at home in the body  
we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Yet we are courageous,  
and we would rather leave the body  
and go home to the Lord.**

**Therefore, we aspire to please him,  
whether we are at home or away.**

**For we must all appear before  
the judgment seat of Christ,  
so that each one may receive recompense,  
according to what he did in the body,  
whether good or evil.**

**The Word of the Lord**