

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

Be careful always to choose the right course; be brave under trials; make the preaching of the Good News your life's work, in thorough going service.

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Word of the Lord.