



Finding Refuge in Him

“Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt...” – Matthew 2:13



The Chosen

- Everyone whom the Lord chooses will face a certain level of persecution, suffering, or hardship
- EX: St. Mary and Joseph
- EX: St. Paul
- “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. “For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.” (Acts 9:15-16)

The Chosen

- ▶ EX: Abraham
- ▶ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Get out of your country, from your kindred and from your father’s house, to a land I will show you.” (Gen. 12:1)
- ▶ “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...” (2 Cor. 4:17)

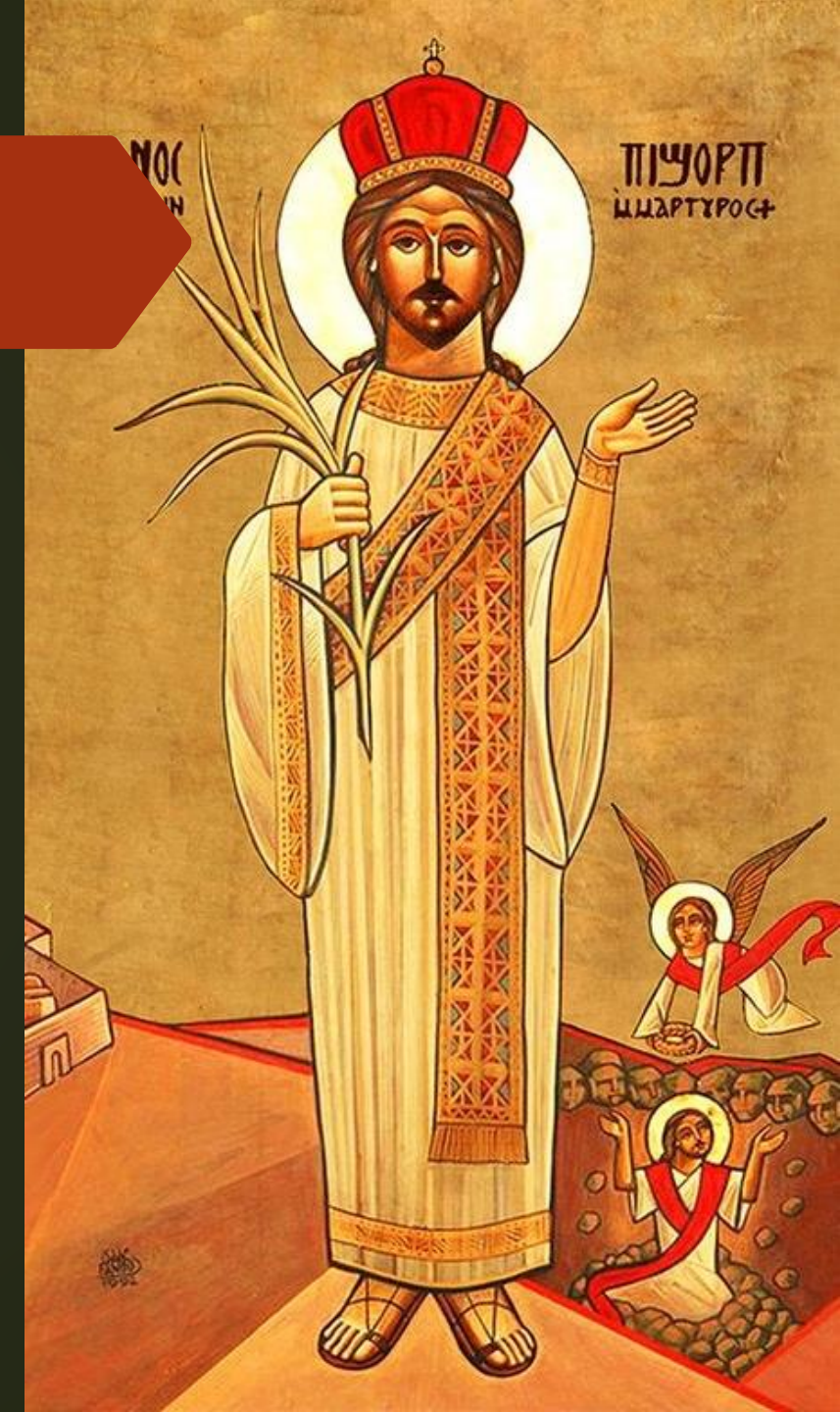


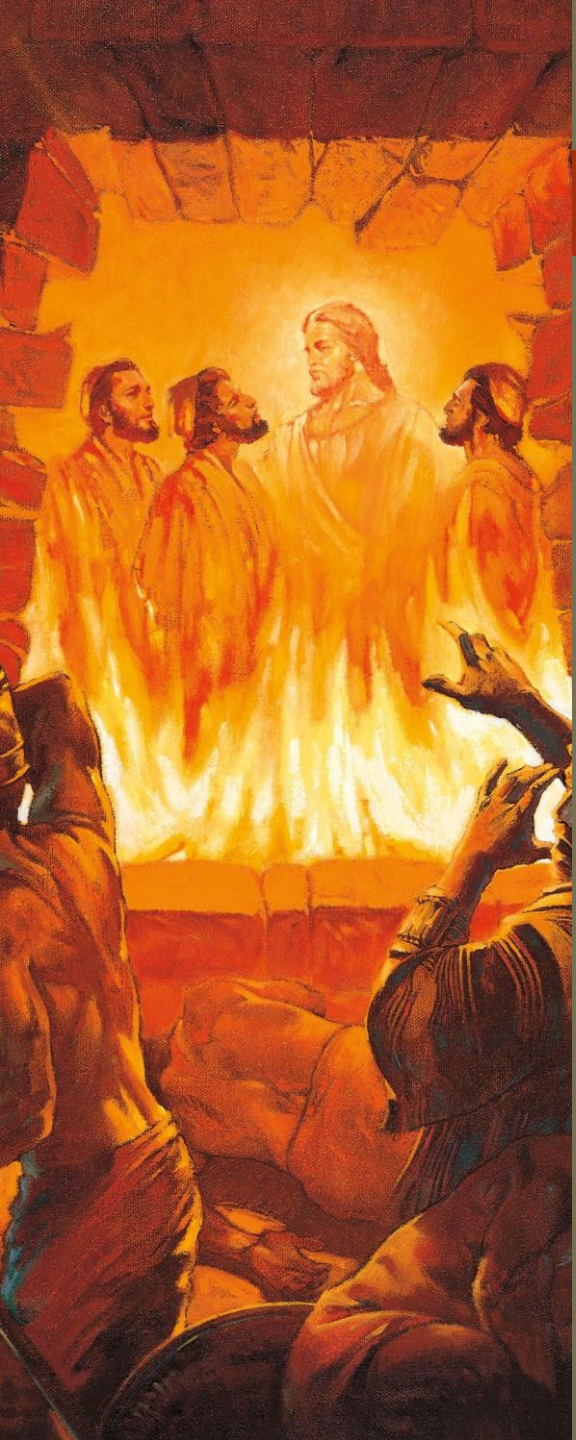


Examples of those who
took refuge in Him

St. Stephen

- ▶ “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business...” (Acts 6:2-3)
- ▶ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (Acts 7:55-56)
- ▶ He took Refuge in God's Promises





Three Holy Youth

- ▶ “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.” (Dan. 3:16-17)
- ▶ They took refuge in His security.

Rahab

- ▶ “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.”
(Jos. 2:9)



St. Mary and St. Joseph



- ▶ They took Refuge in His GUIDANCE
- ▶ “If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.” (Ps. 139:8)