

## **A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,  
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”  
He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning  
the Creator ‘made them male and female’ and said,  
‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?  
So they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**