

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Aug 16th 2012**

If we have the blessed gift of forgetfulness, let us not criticize ourselves for it. A naturally forgetful person cannot bear a grudge for long, as King Darius knew when he commissioned a slave to shout in his ear three times a day: “Sire remember the Athenians!” But can we simply choose to forget?

There is a difference between simple recollection and a willful harboring of resentment. But we can choose not to nurse and feed our resentments; then they may eventually die of malnutrition.

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