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Traduction

Texte

*The shepherd of the flock:
another Moses, another Paul*

[trad. éd. Marcus p. 59] [arm. éd. Łewond p. 22] And the blessed Marūtha sealed with the cross of Christ the flock who believed in Him, in order that none should approach to seduce it; for like a spiritual [and] diligent husbandman he uprooted the thorns from the fields and the hearts of all, and sowed righteousness and holiness to the glory of God; for those who hearkened not to the prophets nor gave ear to the preaching of the apostles, God wished to bring the wanderers back

by the hand of Marūtha to knowledge of the truth by the prayers and intercessions of all the saints who were gathered there. For the flock was without a shepherd, cast down by beasts, [that is] evil demons. And through this saint, Christ the good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep, by his shepherd's staff, [that is] his life-giving cross, drove the demons away, and through him [Marūtha] he gathered them back to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the most holy Trinity by pasturing them in a verdant place; and washing them in the waters of baptism and cleansing the impurity of their souls and their bodies, he [**trad. éd. Marcus p. 60**] brought them back to the divine fold which is the church of God; and he found the lost, he gathered the scattered, he healed the sick, that by spiritual birth and lustration and by the life-giving body and blood of the Saviour he might create anew sons of God the Father and heirs of Christ, who gave himself unto death for the salvation of his disciples; and he visited those who were far and near; and the light of the world shineth today through the blessed Marūtha. He was like Moses, who saved Israel from the Egyptian captivity and led them by a pillar of fire and cloud to the promised land; and by his courage and his zeal [he was] like Paul, who surpassed the first apostles both by signs and by miracles [and] moreover by most gracious letters, being the herald and the apostle of the world. In like manner the blessed Marūtha also was a preacher to the land and a teacher who, filled with all virtue, perfectly and by many miracles increased his flock day by day. And the Lord aided him in all ways; and he, who was taught by the Lord, desired all men to receive blessings, blessing his disciples and those who desired to become his companions. [**arm. éd. Lewond p. 23**] And so, telling the truth with love, and obeying the precepts of the Gospel, he drove out from them their satanic imaginings and wicked thoughts, and by the truth which was taught them their religion and spiritual life were shaken by no one. And he himself more and more mortified himself by ascetic practices of all kinds, and he loved God with all his heart and all his might, and he practised righteousness in all things, so that I am not able to relate the wonders and miracles which the Lord manifested through him in all the land.

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