

### If Those Would Keep Silent.....

The history of the great St. Abraam (Ephraim) the Syrian tells us that in the beginning of his life, he used to work as the carer of the candles and the oil lamps in the church. One day he was accused falsely because of a sinful woman who got pregnant. When they asked her "whose son is this?", she said he is the son of Abraam. When this woman gave birth to the son of sin, her father carried the baby to the bishop of the city in Antioch and said to him, "this is the fruit of Abraam's sin".

The bishop called Abraam and said to him, "carry the fruit of your sin...carry the son of your adultery". Then the bishop kicked him out of the church...and Abraam was saddened by this to a high degree...but did not defend himself...and who could have mercy for his tears except God who feels the mourn of the oppressed.

Then one morning, Abraam entered the church carrying the suckling baby in his arms and begged the father the bishop to stand in front of the people, even for the last time in his life. In front of the heavy tears which the bishop could not resist, he gave him a permission.....so, he stood in front of the people and put the baby on top of the reading stand (where the Gospel is read) and said, "O you innocent baby to whom there is no fault...am I your father?" ...the baby raised his finger and moved it in a negative response in the midst of peoples' amazement.....So, Abraam walked out, leaving the baby over the reading stand, after God revealed his innocence....

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