Saints Eulampios and Eulampia, pray for us!





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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Be like your Father!



Has anybody ever said you look like your father or your mother...or some other relative? Or maybe somebody told you that you act a little like one of your parents or grandparents—maybe your personality or your jokes or your interests.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about how our Lord, Jesus Christ, wants us to be like His Father. And His Father is our Father, God

Himself! The Gospel reading tells us to, "love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back." Christ tells us to love everyone, even the people who are mean to us. We know that God does the same. God shows love and mercy to everyone, even the people who are mean to Him! He shows love and mercy to everyone, even the people who say awful things about Him, and even the people who don't believe in God at all! God shows love and mercy to everyone.

The Gospel today tells us to be like God. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

You might look like your father or mother, or you might act like your father or mother. But as a Christian, the most important thing is to always try to act like your Father in heaven. God loves everyone. God wants us to love everyone too!

WORD SEARCH Can you find these words in the jumble? Brother Eulampia Eulampios Examples Father Love Your Enemies Martyr Merciful Shining Sister OSRZI CZMWGLYUCST

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of Saints Eulampios and Eulampia. Between them is another saint, Saint Theophilos of Bulgaria. The three of them have the same nameday!

They lived at different times and in different places, but now they are together with the Lord in heaven!



BROTHER AND SISTER SAINTS SAINTS EULAMPIOS AND EULAMPIA

If you have a brother or a sister, you might not agree on *everything*. Every once in a while, you might argue or even fight.

Soon, we'll celebrate the feastday of two saints who were brother and sister—Saint Eulampios and Saint Eulampia. Their names mean "good shining." And they were good shining lights because they shone brightly as examples of good Christians!



About 1,700 years ago lived the Emperor Maximian, who hated Christians. He made a law that made it so Christians would be persecuted, or hurt, for their faith. Saint Eulampios tore up the paper with the law. You can bet that he got in big trouble for it. He told the judge he was a Christian and that he lived for Jesus Christ! But that just put him into even more trouble.

His sister, Eulampia, heard what had happened to her brother, and she told the authorities she was a Christian too. Then the brother and sister suffered and were then killed. As siblings, Saints Eulampios and Eulampia might not have agreed on *everything*, but they definitely agreed on one thing—that they loved God more than anything, and that they wanted to be with Him in Heaven!

We celebrate these two saints on Friday, October 10th (OC: October 23rd).