

Come, O Blessed of My Father!



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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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Feeding the Lord

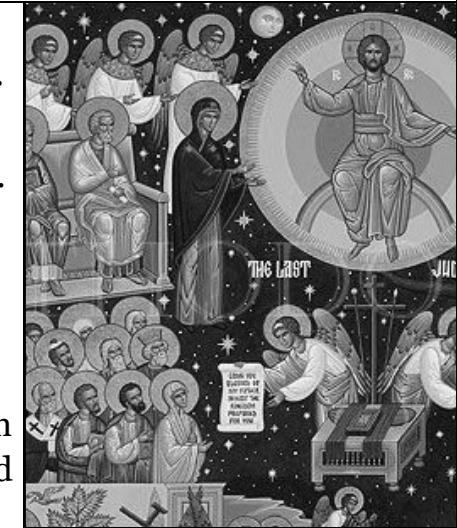
Have you ever had a chance to

help the hungry? Not just making a snack for yourself, but really helping some people who don't have much to eat or money to buy food. Have you packed meals, or have you given money to IOCC or a local food shelf? Have you helped at a soup kitchen?

In the Gospel today, we hear about how God wants us to help the hungry and the needy. In the story, God will welcome these faithful and helpful people into heaven. Why? Well, because our Lord Jesus Christ will say, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

Then, these happy people will ask, "When did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?" And He will answer, "Truly, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

God wants us to know that when we help others, it is like we are helping our Lord Jesus Christ Himself! When we give money to help the hungry or make meals at a soup kitchen, it is like we are helping Christ Himself! When we do anything to help somebody, we are helping the Lord. And that's why we want to help others—because we love God so much. We want to feed Him, and clothe Him and visit Him!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Commander
Compassion
Faithful
Freedom
Hungry
Martyr
Poor
Recruit
Soldier
Theodore
Thirsty

F	V	G	K	N	T	Y	S	X	C	V	H	H	A	P
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Just more than a week ago, we celebrated another Saint Theodore who was a soldier saint.

This is an icon of the two of them! It is an icon from the famous Rila Monastery in Bulgaria.



A SOLDIER SAINT SAINT THEODORE THE RECRUIT

Saint Theodore lived about 250 years after Christ lived. Just think... what happened 250 years ago for YOU? America was about to become its own country. Men were wearing funny wigs. Women were wearing long, poofy skirts. It seems like so long ago, doesn't it?

But for Saint Theodore, Christ's death and resurrection was as alive to him and as real to him as if he had known Christ on earth himself. That's because he had such a strong faith in our Lord!

St. Theodore was a young soldier. He is called "the recruit" because he had just been recruited to serve in the Roman army. In those days, being a Christian was absolutely forbidden. But St. Theodore knew what was important. He wasn't trying to become emperor. He wasn't trying to become rich or powerful. He loved God, and nothing could stop him from serving Him! So when he told the ruler he was a Christian, St. Theodore was punished a little. The ruler thought he'd come around and change his mind. But our saint did not. Instead, he burned the popular temple where people worshipped idols!

THAT was the last straw. St. Theodore was killed for his faith, and now he is alive again with Christ in Heaven!

We celebrate Saint Theodore on Tuesday, February 17th (OC: March 2nd).