

Sunday of Orthodoxy



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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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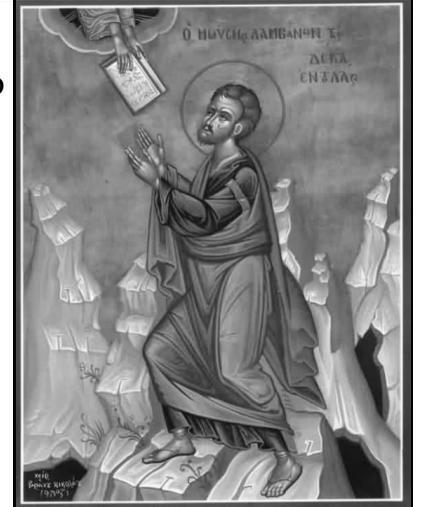
Choose God first!

If you had a choice, would you choose to be a prince or would you choose to be close to God? Would you choose to have lots of riches, or would you choose to do what God wanted from you?

Did you know that Moses had that choice? Do you remember how the Pharaoh's daughter found baby Moses in a basket and she took care of him? If he had wanted to, Moses could have been a prince!

But the epistle reading today tells us, "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God." Moses was faithful to God, and he knew that God wanted his help. God wanted Moses to be close to Him, and God wanted Moses to help His people. The Bible tells us that Moses gave up being a prince so that he could be close to God.

Today, on this great Sunday of Orthodoxy, our Church reminds us to always choose to be close to God first. Lots and lots of saints gave up lots of things, just so they could be close to God, so they could do what God wanted them to do, and so they could have the reward that wanted to give them—joy and peace and life with Him!



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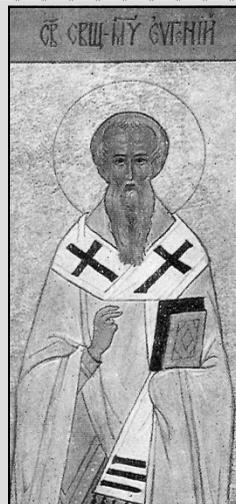
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Baptize
- Bravery
- Cherson
- Eugene
- Faith
- Martyrs
- Mission
- Moses
- Orthodoxy
- Preach

B S L M F M I S S I O N F B E
 H A T T A Q R W B K N M R I N
 O N P D O R T H E N A A Q Q E
 N S D T S Y Y N N U V U S C G
 I Q L R I C H T S E U L O H U
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 F H T O R T H O D O X Y O S V
 R K W G R Z E Z K Q H T I A F
 A E M D D T D G H P I Y V C P

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

This is one of the saints of Cherson we celebrate this week. It is Saint Eugene. St. Eugene went off to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to people who had never heard the good news. He carries his greatest tool with him...the Bible. This is our greatest tool too!



7 HERO HIEROMARTYRS OF CHERSON

What kind of person is brave? A fireman fearlessly running into a burning building? A policeman chasing a dangerous criminal?

These seven saints were some of the bravest you'll find. They are brave because they knew they had a dangerous job, but they happily did it anyway!

God called His disciples to "make disciples of all nations." God wants us to spread the good news about Jesus Christ to the whole world. In the 300's (1700 years ago), the bishop of Jerusalem sent bishops to spread the good news in Cherson (on the Black Sea— now in Ukraine). But the problem was that people were not so happy to hear the good news. The first two, Bishop Basil and Bishop Ephraim were killed. Then three more bishops were sent. They too were martyred (killed for their Christian faith). Then two more were sent. Finally, being a Christian was legal now, so they should have been safe, but one of these was still killed for being a Christian.

These seven men knew they had a dangerous job to do. But they knew it was an important one—a job that God had given them. That's why they bravely and joyfully did it.



Saints Basil, Ephraim, Eugene, Elpidus, Agathadorus, Aetherius, and Capiton

We celebrate these special saints on Saturday, March 7th (OC: March 20th).