

Jesus Christ conquers!



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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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The Cross gives us life!

Have you ever wondered why we wear crosses? Have you wondered why we make the sign of the cross when we pray? Do you know why, today, on the Sunday of the Holy Cross, we decorate a cross with flowers and see a procession around the whole church with it?



We remember that our Lord, Jesus Christ was killed on the Cross. We remember that the people were angry at Him, and we remember how they shouted "Crucify Him!" when they wanted Him to be killed on the cross. That doesn't sound so great, so why do we make such a big deal about the cross in our Christian faith today?

When we think about the Cross, we think about what our Lord, Jesus Christ did for us. We think about how He gave up His life for us, so that we could live in heaven someday with Him. When we think about the Cross, we think about how it didn't stop there... our Lord came out of the tomb, and He rose from the dead!

So for us, the Cross isn't a bad thing. It is the best thing ever because it gives us all life!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Cross
- Crucify
- Emperor
- Eukarpion
- Great Lent
- Martyrs
- Resurrection
- Trophimos
- Venerate

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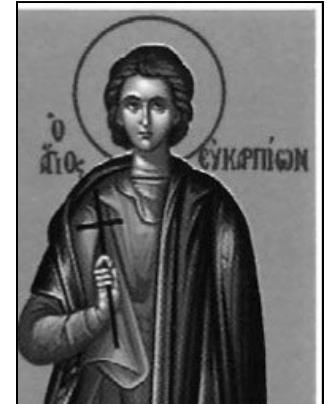
Today is the Sunday of the Holy Cross. Can you find the Cross in the two icons of Saints Trophimos and Eukarpion? The Cross reminds them to follow Christ first!



A SECOND CHANCE SAINTS TROPHIMOS AND EUKARPION



St. Trophimos



St. Eukarpion

Have you ever been given a second chance? A do-over? God gave these two saints a do-over. Saint Trophimos and Saint Eukarpion were soldiers under the evil Emperor Maximian. Maximian did not like Christians (and neither did these two saints, at first).

In fact, their job was to find and arrest Christians—whether they were men, women, or children. Christians knew about these two men, and they were afraid of them!

But one day these two men heard a voice, sent from God. The voice told them to follow Christ! They listened to this holy voice, and immediately, they let the Christians out of prison. Saint Trophimos and Saint Eukarpion told the Christians how to escape. Then they too confessed that they believed in Jesus Christ. Finally, these two saints were arrested by the Romans and were killed for their Christian faith.

St. Trophimos and St. Eukarpion remind us that God can give us a second chance, and sometimes a third, or a fourth. He is always calling us to be strong Christians! When you make a mistake, ask God for a second chance, and make things right again.

We remember these saints on Wednesday, March 18th (OC: March 31st).