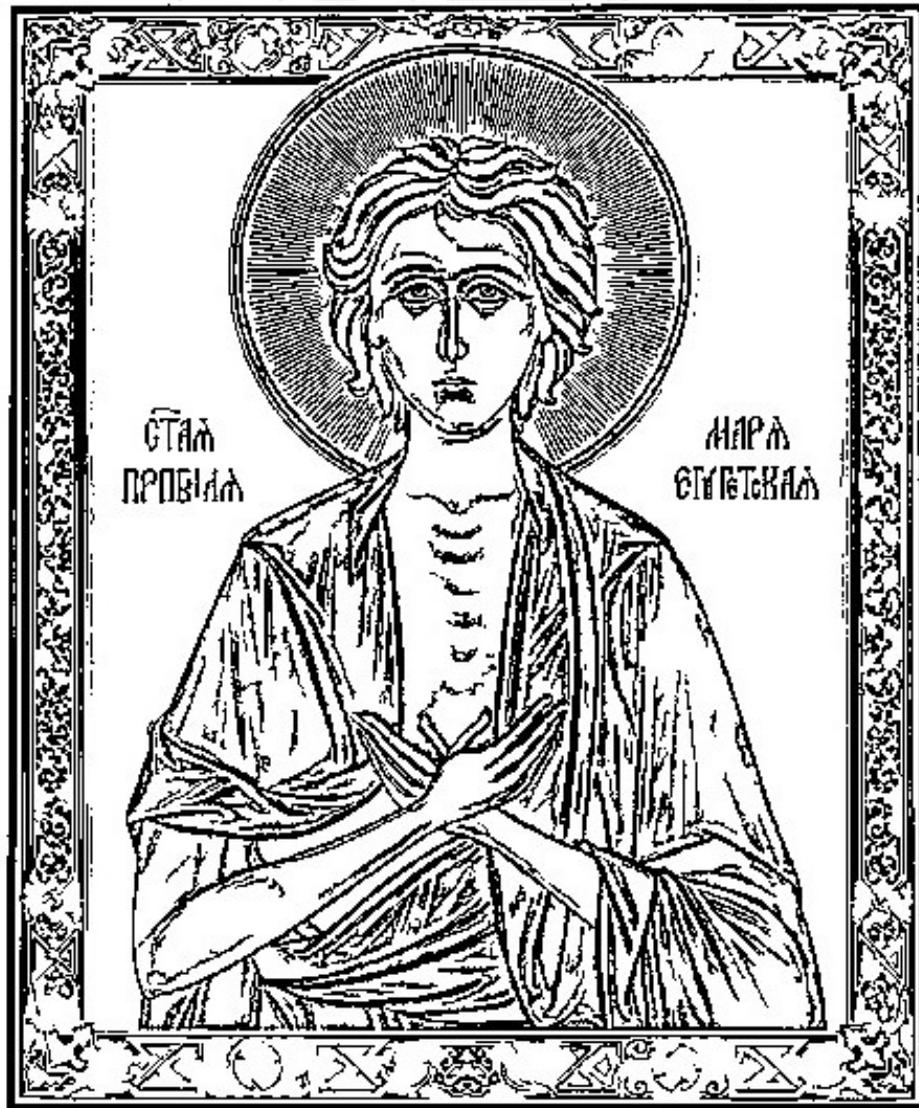


St. Mary of Egypt, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"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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## We trust Christ's words!

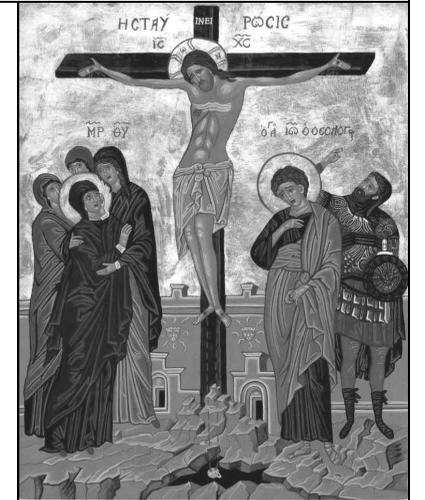
**Can you think of somebody you really trust?** When you trust somebody, you've heard what he or she has said in the past. You believe him, because what he said was true!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a time Jesus was with His disciples, walking to Jerusalem. As they were walking, Jesus "began to tell them what was going to happen to him, saying, 'Behold we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death,...and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise.'"

Jesus was telling his disciples what was going to happen to Him.

Starting next week, with Holy Week, we will hear about all these things that really happened to our Lord. We will hear how Jesus was condemned to death, about how they made fun of him, how they beat him, and killed him. They on Pascha (Easter), we will hear about how He rose from the dead!

Our Lord Jesus Christ knew that all these things were going to happen to Him. We trust His words when we read the Bible, because we know that He told the truth then. We can read His words in the Gospels, and we can trust that they are true!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Fifth Sunday
- Grace
- Icon
- Mary of Egypt
- Miracle
- Panagia
- Portaitissa
- Prayers
- Strong
- Trust

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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

If you look very closely, can you see the jewelry and chains hanging on the bottom of this icon?

This is the special icon of Panagia Portaitissa (the icon of the holy Theotokos, “of the door”). People have left jewelry to show their love for the Theotokos. They show thanks for the miracles she has given.



## A WONDER-WORKING ICON THE PANAGIA PORTAITISSA ICON

**Do you have icons in your house?** In your family’s car? In your room? We use these icons to remember Christ and His saints. But God sometimes uses icons in other special ways too. This week we’ll remember a very special icon called the Portaitissa Icon.



More than a thousand years ago, iconoclasts tried to destroy icons all over the Christian world. A Christian lady kept an icon in her house. Once, these icon-hating men came into her house and stabbed this icon with a spear. Blood poured out of it!

Then, of course, she knew it was a very special icon. With this miracle, God wanted to show how important icons are to our faith. The lady asked the soldiers to wait until the morning to take it. When they left, she put it in the sea, and it floated away. It floated to Mount Athos, a place in Greece that is filled with monasteries and churches.

This amazing icon has been at a monastery on Mount Athos ever since then. Today we celebrate this miracle that God worked through this special icon.

We celebrate this special icon on Tuesday, March 31st (OC: April 13th).