

Christ is risen!



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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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Who will roll away the stone?

Have you ever had to ask for help for something that you just couldn't do on your own? Maybe something was too heavy, or too high up, or too hard to open. When we know something is too hard for us, we ask somebody who can help!

Do you remember the story from the Gospel about the women and the myrrh? How they went to Jesus's tomb with myrrh and with spices so they could anoint His body? They were worried about how they were going to open the tomb. Remember, they said to themselves, "Who will roll away the stone in front of the tomb?" They knew they would need help to move such a big stone.

When they came to the tomb though, the stone had been moved! Christ had risen! God took away those worries and helped them more than they ever could have imagined!

Today on this awesome feastday of the Resurrection, let's remember how Christ can take away our worries too. Let's remember we can ask Him for help when we need it. Let's remember how Christ can help us more than we ever can imagine! Who will roll away the stone? Well, God can and He did! Christ is risen!



WORD SEARCH

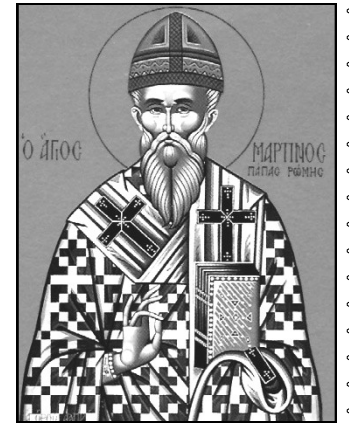
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Bishop
- Christ is risen
- Good news
- Heaven
- Help
- Hope
- Joy
- Martin
- Martyr
- Resurrection
- Stone

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THE STRONGEST FAITH SAINT MARTIN, BISHOP OF ROME

When we come together for Liturgy each week, we say the Creed together, don't we? We say out loud what we Orthodox Christians believe. Today we celebrate the Resurrection, and we want everybody to know about it!



Tomorrow, we celebrate the nameday of somebody who said out loud what we believe...but he was hurt again and again for that. Sometimes, he was even very hungry and thirsty, but still Saint Martin wouldn't stop saying the truth.

Saint Martin (who was the bishop of Rome, Italy) lived many years ago, and he died in the year 655. At that time, the emperor wanted all the Christians to believe something about Jesus Christ that just wasn't true. In fact, it was a heresy (a heresy is a belief that goes against the truth)!

The emperor was so angry that he even sent somebody to kill this saint! But something kept the person from doing this awful thing, and he was even blinded on the way back home. Again and again, the emperor did such cruel things to Saint Martin. Finally, the emperor sent Martin to be a prisoner on a little island, and he gave him hardly any food or water. Saint Martin never gave up saying the truth about Christ. He is called a "Confessor" because he was hurt for believing in Christ. (A martyr is somebody who died for believing in Christ.) Always remember—God wants us to stick up for the truth, and Saint Martin did just that!

We remember St. Martin tomorrow, April 13th (OC: April 26th).

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Did you know there are two main icons for Pascha (Easter)?

Which one is Christ raising the dead (Adam and Eve)?

Which one is the angel at the empty tomb?

