

Sunday of the Blind Man



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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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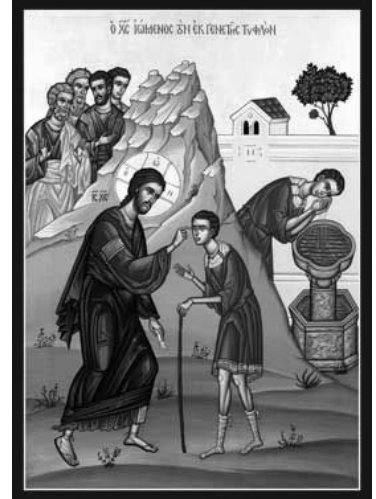
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Never since the world began...

Can you think of a time that you saw something you had never ever seen before? Maybe it was an interesting animal or car or even food. Maybe you said to yourself, "I've never seen *that* before!"

In today's Gospel reading we read about something that happened while Jesus visited the people. He healed a man who had been blind since he was born! And after Jesus healed him, everybody seemed to say, "I've never seen *that* before!" Later on in the Gospel reading, the man who had been blind says, "Never since the world began has anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind." Nobody had ever seen *that* before, because it had never happened! Our Lord Jesus Christ did something that nobody had ever done.

One of our wonderful saints, Saint Athanasios the Great, tells us why this miracle is such a big deal. He tells us that there were lots of miracles in the Old Testament, before Jesus came to earth. People even were raised from the dead! But Saint Athanasios reminds us about the prophecy in the Old Testament, the words that were written 700 years before Christ was born. Those words tell us that the savior is here when the eyes of the blind are opened. This miracle was such a big deal because nobody had ever done it before. This miracle showed that Jesus was the one who would save the whole world!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Andronikos
- Blind Man
- Healing
- Junia
- Martyrs
- Miracle
- Paul
- Prison
- Resurrection
- Savior
- Silas

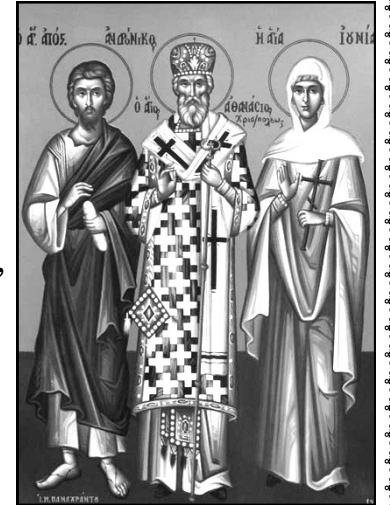
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HOW MANY APOSTLES?

SAINTS ANDRONIKOS AND JUNIA

Do you know how many apostles there were? Well, that’s a trick question! Remember, Jesus had 12 disciples at first, the apostles. But the word “apostle” means “sent out.” These faithful people were “sent out” to tell the world about Jesus Christ, and about all He did for us.

Besides those 12, the Bible also talks about 70 more apostles, who were sent out to tell the good news. Today, we celebrate the nameday of two of those 70 apostles—Saints Andronikos and Junia. We don’t know too much about these saints. We don’t know if they were husband and wife, or brother and sister.



Here are Saints Andronikos and Junia, along with Saint Athanasios, another saint of the day

But in the Bible, in the book of Romans we read what Saint Paul wrote about them: “Greet Andronikos and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.” So we know that these two were sent out to tell about Christ, but they suffered for doing that. They even went to prison with Saint Paul! Our Lord asks us to go out to all the world and tell others about God. He really sends us out! So we can try to be faithful and brave apostles too...like these two saints!

We remember these two saints today, May 17th (OC: May 30th).

WHAT’S IN THE ICON?

Did you hear the story of Saints Paul and Silas today?

Here is an icon of these two saints in prison. Do you see them coming out of jail? Do you see the guard? Do you see the angel protecting them?

