

Christ prayed for His flock.



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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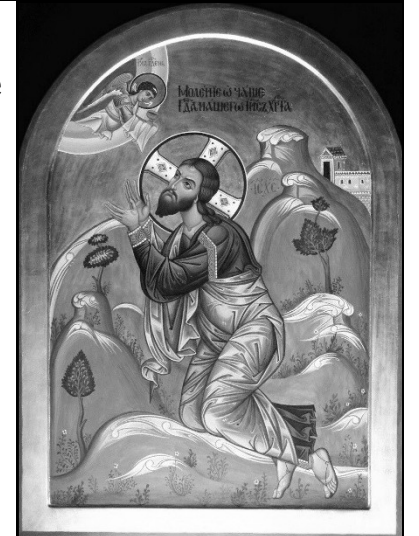
Christ's joy

Have you ever done something to make somebody happy? Have you written a note or drawn a picture for somebody? Have you done a chore for somebody? Have you given somebody a compliment? It's a big deal to make somebody happy or joyful!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ, prayed before His crucifixion. Our Lord prayed for His followers and He prayed that they would come even closer to God. Jesus prayed to His Father, "Now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Did you know that that's what Jesus wants for us? He wants us to have His joy! Now we are His followers too, and God wants us to come to Him. He wants us to have His joy—the joy of life with Him. Joy in heaven with no pain or sadness. That's why God is calling us to Him! He wants us to have His joy.

Sometimes we can think about what we do to make people happy, but today, let's think about what God does to make us happy. Really happy and really joyful! God wants us to give us life with Him forever!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Bede
- England
- Eternal
- Gethsemane
- Gift
- History
- Joyful
- Prayer
- Venerable

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HISTORY LESSONS...IN CHURCH

THE VENERABLE BEDE

Do you study history at school? Do you learn about the presidents or about the founding of our country? Or about battles and soldiers from long ago? All of those things are important, and sometimes exciting! But did you know we have a lot to learn about our history of our Church, too?



Saint Bede, called "The Venerable"

We can learn about things from hundreds and hundreds of years ago! But, you know, somebody had to write those things down. Somebody had to tell the stories so we can learn about them today.

One of those historians was Saint Bede. Saint Bede lived thirteen hundred years ago! He was a monk in England who wrote many things about the Christian Church there. He told about how English people first learned about Jesus Christ. He told about the first English saints who believed in Christ, but who got in big trouble for it. He told about many miracles that happened there. He told about how the Christian Church grew and grew in England.

St. Bede was also a holy man who loved the church services. He believed the angels were with them in church, so we should be there too!

Now, when we hear about saints and stories in our Church, we can thank historians like Saint Bede, who wrote it all down!

We remember St. Bede on Wednesday, May 27th (OC: June 9th).

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

We have other saints who wrote down history too!

Here are Saint Nikolai and Saint Symeon.

