

Sunday of All Saints



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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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A cloud of witnesses!

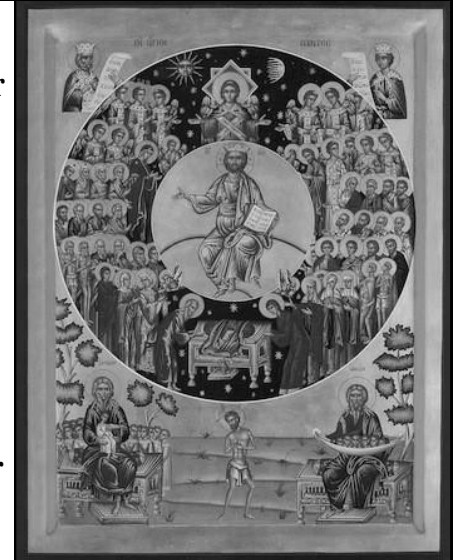
Do you know what a witness is?

A witness is somebody who saw something or heard something. A witness knows something because of what he saw or heard.

Today is All Saints Sunday, the day we remember all the wonderful saints we have in our Church. As the Gospel tells us today, these wonderful saints are witnesses! But what did these witnesses see or hear? They heard about Jesus Christ, and they lived their lives in a special way because they learned to love God so much!

The Gospel says, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely." We have a cloud of witnesses, a whole bunch of saints. And our saints all point us to our Lord, Jesus Christ!

When we look to all these witnesses, we are looking to our Lord! When we follow all these witnesses, the saints, we can try to be part of the cloud of witnesses too! We can see or hear something about God that makes us live our lives in a special way too. Then, that means that we can show other people the way to God too, just like the saints have done for us!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

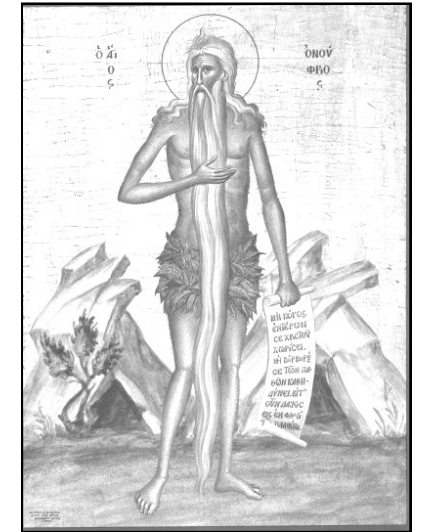
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A DESERT FATHER

SAINT ONUPHRIOS OF EGYPT

Have you ever been to the desert? Maybe you've visited Arizona or maybe even somewhere like Egypt. Everybody knows that the desert is a very hard place to live. Today, we can bring water into the desert with canals and irrigation. But long ago, it would have been hard to survive. In the daytime, it can be awfully hot. At nighttime, it can be extremely cold. And if you don't have enough water, you just can't live there.



So why would somebody go to live there—without food, without water, without clothes? Saint Onuphrios lived in the harsh desert in Egypt. He went there so he could focus on praying to God. He could focus on growing closer to God. In the desert, all by himself, Saint Onuphrios wouldn't have to worry about the things we worry about—money, school, our neighbors, and so on. He could just think about God. St. Onuphrios grew very close to the Lord, and God granted many miracles to happen because of his prayers.

You probably aren't going to leave for the desert anytime soon. But you can think of Saint Onuphrios. What would you pray to him about? Maybe you can ask him to help you with praying? Maybe you can ask him to help you focus on God, too!

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

St. Onuphrios is one of our holy saints from the desert of Egypt. Do you know about another desert father saint from Egypt?

Here is an icon of Saint Anthony, who lived less than 100 years before Saint Onuphrios did.



Saint Onuphrios



Saint Anthony

We remember St. Onuphrios on Friday, June 12th (OC: June 25th).