

The Prophet Ezekiel



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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

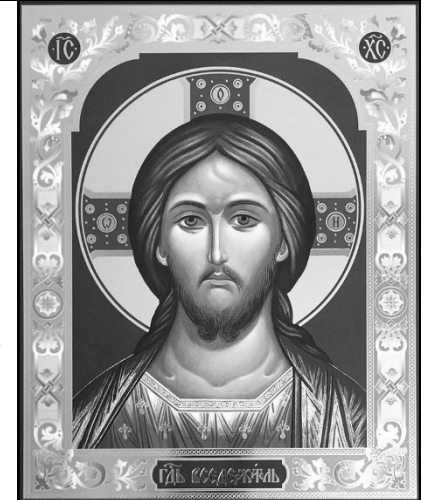
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Focus on Christ!

Have you ever argued about something? Sometimes we argue about things that don't even matter. Sometimes we might argue just to make ourselves look smart!

Today, in our Orthodox Church, we remember the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council. The council was a huge meeting of church leaders more than 1,500 years ago. These church leaders had a lot to talk about and discuss (and even argue) about. The big thing we remember from this council was that the church leaders agreed about something about our Lord, Jesus Christ. They agreed that Jesus was both human (a person) and divine (God). That is something we Christians still believe today.



On this day, we hear a special epistle reading from Saint Paul to Saint Titus. Saint Paul writes, "Avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless." Saint Paul reminds the early Christian church to focus on Christ. He tells them to focus on the good news of our Lord. Sometimes the quarrels and arguments make us forget about what *really* matters! Saint Paul gives us good advice. Let's try not to argue about little things, especially in church. Let's focus on the good news of Christ!

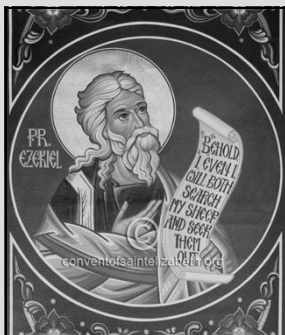
WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Celebrate
- Controversies
- Council
- Dry Bones
- Ecumenical
- Ezekiel
- Fathers
- Focus
- Prophet
- Word

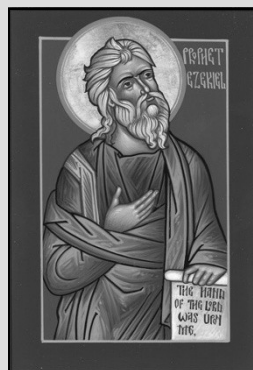
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?



These are two icons of Prophet Ezekiel. Do you see what he is holding?

It's a scroll, and it says something that you can find in the book of Ezekiel, in the Bible.



"The hand of the Lord was upon me."

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL THE WORD OF GOD

Did you know we have saints who lived before Christ? This week we remember two prophets. A prophet, remember, is somebody who speaks for God. God tells him what to say, and then he tells the people. Tomorrow is Prophet Elijah (Elias). But on Thursday, we remember the Prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel lived 600 years before Christ was born. But he is still a saint of our Church because he was close to God and always tried to do what God wanted from him. God's helpers from the Old Testament are saints of our Church!



God wanted Ezekiel to tell the people to stop worshiping idols. So he told them. The people didn't want to hear that, so Ezekiel was even killed for telling them!

On Holy Friday, we remember the day Christ was put on the Cross. During one of the services on that Friday, we read something from the book of Ezekiel in the Bible. We hear about the "dry bones" that will rise up and be alive again. When we hear those words, we think about how we will rise up one day and be with God. God gave us the prophets, so we can know the word of God too!

We remember the Prophet Ezekiel on Thursday, July 23rd (OC: August 5th).