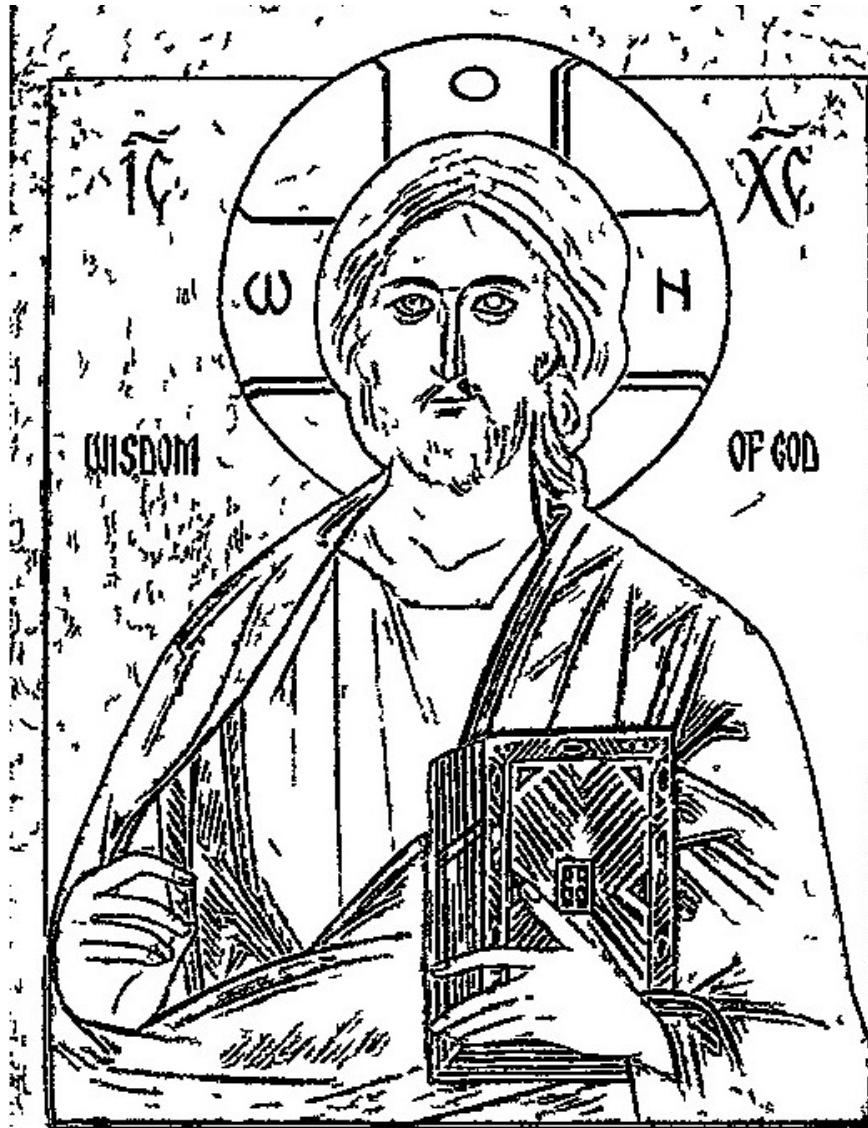


## The Saints point to Christ!



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# 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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## We love God *all* the time!

**How would you feel if a friend of yours said he didn't know you? You could play or talk with this person all the time, but then what would you think if he ignored you or pretended that he didn't even know you? That would be a sad thing, wouldn't it?**



Today, in the Gospel reading we hear what our Lord, Jesus Christ, said about that same thing. He said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." In other words, God wants us to say we are friends with him *all* the time, not just at church and not just when we are with other Christians. God wants us to love Him at church, and He wants us to talk to Him in our prayers. But He wants us to love Him even when it is hard, or even when we feel like the only one.

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We remember all of the saints who loved God so much. They loved God so much that now they are with Him in heaven. The saints stayed with God even when it was hard sometimes. They stayed with God even when they felt like they were the only ones. Let's try to be like the saints!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Acknowledge
- Apostles
- Christ
- Feastday
- Follower
- Gospel
- Holy
- Martyrs
- Prayer
- Saints

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Can you count how many saints are in this icon for today's feastday of All Saints? No way!

This is only a tiny fraction of the saints our Lord has with Him in heaven!

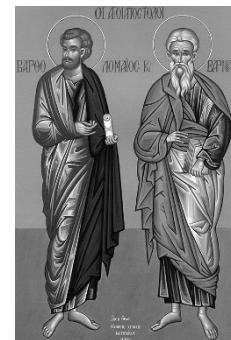


# EVERY DAY IS A SAINT'S DAY! SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

**Do you share a birthday with somebody you know?** Maybe a friend or a classmate, or even a family member? You know, you're not the only one with your birthday!

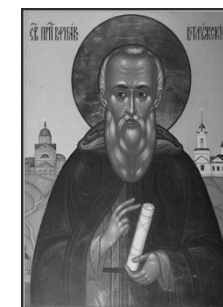
Today is the Sunday we remember all the saints of the Church. Did you know that we celebrate a saint—actually lots of saints—every single day of the year?

Let's look at just some of the saints for today—Sunday, June 11th! They lived at different times, and they all had very different lives...but they all had something in common. Do you know what it is? They loved God more than anything and anybody!



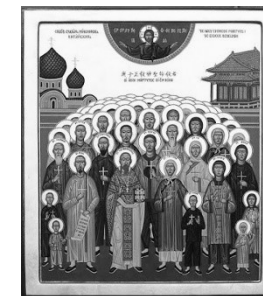
**Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas**

These two followed Christ's call to preach the Gospel!



**St. Barnabas of Vetluga**

This monk-priest saint lived all by himself in the forests of Russia, praying and growing closer to God. He died in 1445.



**Martyrs of the Chinese Boxer Rebellion**

These special saints from China died in 1899. They died for their Orthodox faith.

**We celebrate all of these saints today, June 11th (OC: June 24th).**