

“Your faith has made you well. Go in peace!”



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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Our Lord's Touch

Can you think of a time you got hurt?

Maybe your father or mother gave you a hug or touched you, and you felt better!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about how Jesus touched people—and they felt better too! We hear about two miracles that our Lord did to heal people. In the first story, a girl had even died. Her father found Jesus and said, “Come and lay your hand on her and she will live.” Our Lord did just that. He touched the girl, and she did live. He made her better.



In the other miracle, a woman had been sick for 12 years. She looked for Jesus too and said, “If I only touch His cloak, I will be made well.” And Jesus made her better too! When we read the Bible, we can find lots of other miracles that our Lord did. Lots of times, he touched the sick person, and healed him or her. He touched them, and they got better.

God wants us to get close to Him. He lets us touch Him and taste even His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. When we receive Holy Communion, we can get better too. Jesus can make us better when our bodies are sick. Our Lord can also make us better when we feel like we are far away from Him, and when we do the wrong thing. God wants to help us and heal us. Let's come close to Christ, just like the two people in the miracle stories today!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Communion
- Georgia
- Go in peace
- Gospel
- Hymns
- Nicholas
- Star
- Touch
- Translate

N X F G A R R E R V G G F S C
 S G Y S I H S C H O T X A E O
 O Y U I G I G C S K S L S C M
 E B C E R O E P A V O Q E A M
 T T I P O L E F I H Q W Z E U
 S T A R E L O O C U O J W P N
 J K D L G I H I R T B R C N I
 C G D B S W N T X E O R Y I O
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 L V P T B I T A T K V U O E X
 D K F R K B F X B S U J Z X P
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here are two icons of the miracles in the Gospel reading today.

Which one is of the little girl who had died? Which one is the sick older woman? Jesus healed both of them!



GOOD SAINT NICHOLAS

THE RADIANT STAR OF GEORGIA

In a month, we'll celebrate the feastday of Saint Nicholas. That's the Saint Nicholas we all know about. The one who became Santa Claus, the one who brings gifts, the one who helps children and people who are travelling.



But before that, we'll remember a Saint Nicholas you might *not* know about. This Saint Nicholas came from the country of Georgia, which touches Russia and Turkey.

We don't know much about St. Nicholas, but we do know that he is called "the radiant star of the Georgians." He is a star, because he did so much to help the Christians in Georgia worship God. He translated different hymns and church services from Greek to a language the Georgian people could understand—Georgian! Saint Nicholas also once wrote a special church service to ask God to bring rain.

Saint Nicholas wrote many hymns, too, but we don't have many of them anymore because he lived so long ago.

Today, most of the people in the country of Georgia are Christians, and Saint Nicholas was one saint who helped them worship as Christians. Saint Nicholas died about 700 years ago, but he is still a radiant star!

We celebrate this Saint Nicholas on Friday, Nov. 3rd (OC: November 16th).