

Sunday of the Blind Man



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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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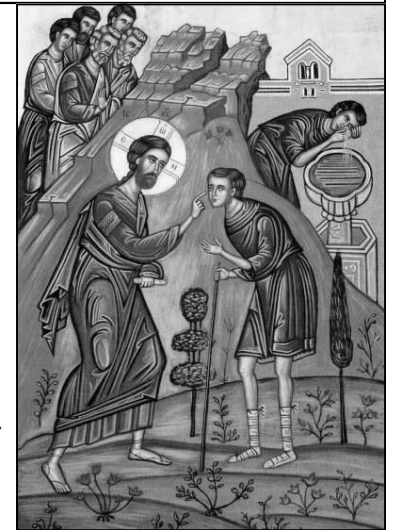
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Noticing people

Have you ever walked into a room, and maybe you didn't notice that somebody was there? Maybe you thought you were all alone, or maybe you just noticed a friend or somebody you really wanted to talk to or see. Sometimes we might not see everything or everybody, or maybe sometimes we just don't care.

In today's Gospel reading (and in lots of other ones too), we hear how our Lord, Jesus Christ noticed somebody who needed help. A young man couldn't see at all, and Jesus's helpers brought him to be healed. Jesus noticed him. He touched his eyes and healed him!



When we read the Gospels, we read so many other stories like this one. We read how our Lord noticed people who needed help. The Bible tells us that God is with us, and God still notices people who need help. When we pray to God, we ask Him to notice us too and to help us.

God wants us to notice others too. When we see people who need help, we can do our best to help them. Remember, Christ didn't ignore the blind or the sick or the lonely people or the people who couldn't walk. He didn't ignore the children either. Can you remember to pay attention to people who need help too?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Ascension
- Blind Man
- Compassion
- Feastday
- Healing
- Heaven
- Miracle
- Notice
- Pentecost
- Sunday

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WHY DID CHRIST ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?

For 40 days after His resurrection (on Easter), Christ stayed on Earth. He talked with His friends, the disciples. He shared meals with them. He explained lots of things to them, so that His disciples would understand what was going to happen.



Then Christ blessed them, and He went up to Heaven. This is called the Ascension, because Christ ascended—He went up—on this day.

But why did Christ have to leave Earth? Why couldn't He stay here with us, even until today? Why did He go up to Heaven?

Well, He Himself told us why! In the Bible, in the Gospel of St. John, Jesus told His friends that He was going to go back to God the Father, in Heaven. He tells them, "I go to prepare a place for you."

That's why this Thursday, the Ascension, is such a happy day for everybody! It's the day that we remember how Christ went up to Heaven. He went there so He could get it ready for us!

Our Lord is in Heaven, but we know that He is also here with us. We know He listens to us when we pray, He is inside of us when we receive Holy Communion, and He notices when we need His help.

We celebrate the feastday of the Holy Ascension on Thursday, June 13th.

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of the Ascension, when Christ left the earth to go to heaven.

Do you see all His disciples looking up to Him? Can you find His mother?

