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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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## **God has visited His people!**

**Do you remember what happens** in the springtime? If you live in a cold place, maybe you get excited to see that winter is over. Maybe you've seen little buds on the trees and plants, and you know what is going to come next. Those buds give you a hint that you will see flowers soon.

Many times, when we hear the Gospels, we hear about some special miracles that Jesus did. In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus saw a man who had died. Everyone was very sad, especially



his mother, who was crying. Jesus had compassion on her, and He raised up the young man. He wasn't dead anymore; he was alive!

What a miracle that was! But did you know that lots of Christ's miracles give us a hint about what He is going to do for us? Jesus came to raise us up one day too. He came to save us from death. He came to give us a place with Him in heaven.

This special miracle makes us happy even today. It makes us happy because we think about what God will do for His people. It's a hint that something is coming. When the people saw this great miracle, they said, "God has visited His people!" And that is what we can say too, because God has visited us too! He came to raise us up too!

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## SAINT PHILIP THE DEACON AND APOSTLE

## Do you have a deacon at your

church? Do you watch him lead the church in prayer? Does he offer you Holy Communion? Sometimes deacons visit sick people in hospitals and help with other things around the church.

Did you know that the Bible tells us how the
Christian Church first started having deacons?
We can read about how the Church chose seven
men to help the apostles care for the poor. One of
these first deacons was Saint Philip, and we celebrate his nameday this week!

Saint Philip served as a deacon in Jerusalem, but then he left to go preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. He preached in Samaria, and a famous

magician (who believed in false gods) wanted to be baptized after he heard Philip.

Later on, he preached the Good News to a servant of the queen of Ethiopia. The Bible tells us how the man was traveling in a chariot, and he was reading part of the Bible. He didn't understand part of it, and Saint Philip ran up and helped him understand about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then, that man was baptized too!

Saint Philip worked hard to spread the Gospel, and we can thank God for him this week!

We celebrate St. Philip on Saturday, October 11th (OC: October 24th).

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