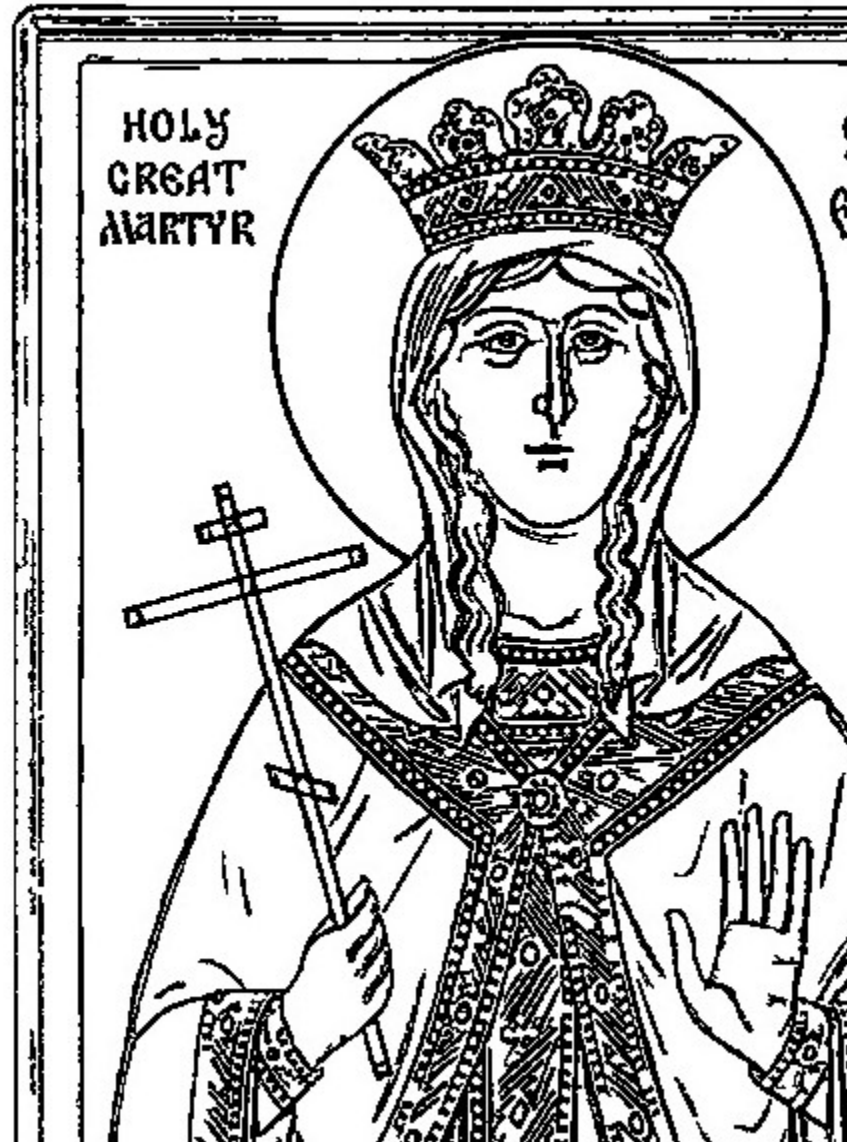


Saint Katherine, pray for us!



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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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## Boasting in the Cross

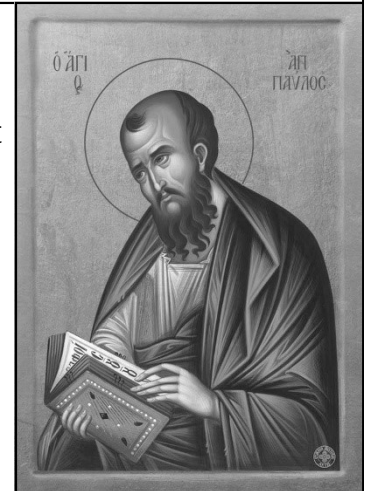
**Have you ever bragged about something?** Maybe you won a game. Or maybe you got a toy that nobody else got. Or maybe you got the best grade in your class. Sometimes it's hard to keep from bragging and boasting when something good happens to you.

In today's epistle though, Saint Paul tells us we shouldn't boast and brag about these things. Saint Paul tells us he boasts about only one thing, and that thing is what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us.

Saint Paul writes, "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Saint Paul had a lot to boast about. He was one of the best helpers the Church had. He was really great, and he had a ton of followers. He could have boasted about how great he was. But he didn't.

Good things happen to us all the time, and we may be happy about them. But the thing that we can boast about is how Christ died on the Cross for us so we can have life forever with Him. That's what we can boast about!

When we boast about Christ's Cross, we tell other people about the Good News. When we boast about Christ's Cross, we aren't showing off what we did, but we're showing off what Christ did. Let's boast like Saint Paul did!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Boast
- Cross
- Emperor
- Epistle
- Faithful
- Katherine
- Martyr
- Saint Paul
- Symbols
- Witness

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?



Did you know that everything in an icon means something? Look at the icon here and in the icon of Saint Katherine. What are the saints holding? Holding the cross means they are all martyrs—they died for their faith!

# SAINT KATHERINE

## STANDING UP FOR THE FAITH



**When you think of a strong person, who do you think of? A weight lifter? A super hero? Today we remember a saint who reminds us all to be strong people, not with our muscles but with our faith! She reminds us to be strong Christians. Saint Katherine lived many, many years ago, when Christians were not allowed to be Christians—or at least not out in the open.**

But Saint Katherine knew that it was more important to be on God's side than to be on the emperor's side. So, Katherine visited the emperor and told him she was a Christian. She told him why he was wrong to believe in idols. She told the emperor the only God was her God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The emperor was really angry then! He brought together 50 of the smartest men around—to show Katherine SHE was wrong. But Saint Katherine, who was only a teenager, convinced these men that her God was the true God—not their silly idols. When these men became Christians too, that was too much for the emperor.

He ordered Saint Katherine to be awfully hurt and to be killed. But all the time, Saint Katherine was strong in her faith. And for that, she is a saint in Heaven forever!

**We celebrate St. Katherine tomorrow, November 25th (OC: December 8th).**