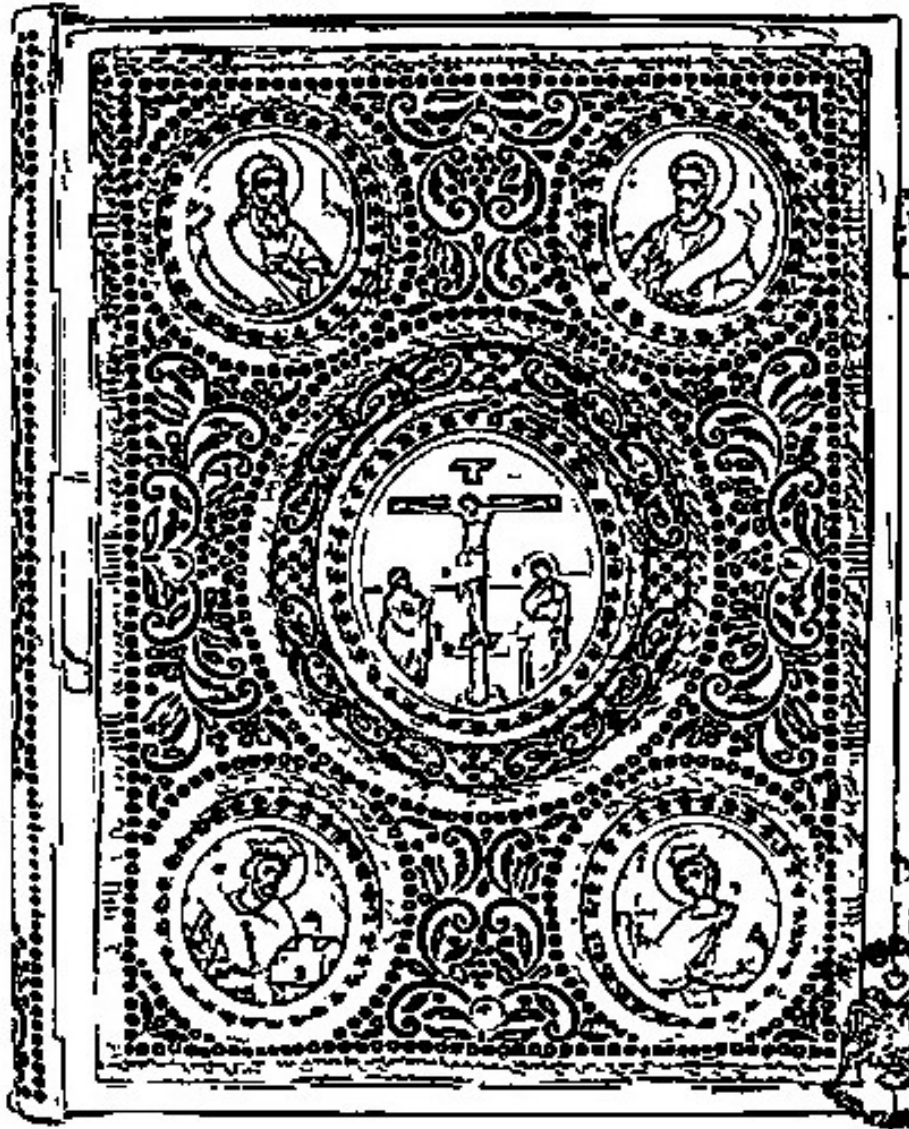


“Pay careful attention!”



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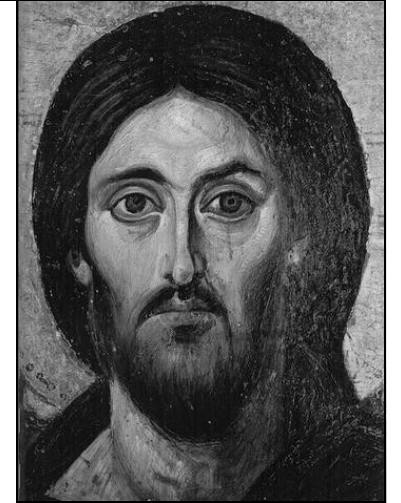
“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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Pay attention!

Has anybody ever told you to pay attention? Probably...maybe every day. Maybe lots of times a day! Your parents might tell you to pay attention to something important, like the cars when you cross the street or what you have to do today. They tell you to pay attention, because it's important!



In today's epistle, we hear that we have to “pay attention” to our faith too. We read, “We must pay the most careful attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.” We have to pay attention, because it's important. We pay attention to the Bible. We pay attention to saints' lives. We pay attention to what we hear our priest says. We pay attention because it's important.

But what's so important? Well, our life with our Lord, Jesus Christ. God loves us so much. God wants us to be with Him. God wants to save us. God wants us to pay attention, so we don't ignore the life we can have with Him.

We have a lot to “pay attention” to—our school work, our life at home, sports, and more. But “we must pay the most careful attention” to our life with our Lord. How? Can you think of some ways you can pay attention to your life with God? What can you do during Lent that helps you pay attention to Him?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Attention
- Britain
- Celebrate
- Cuthbert
- Drift
- Epistle
- Gospel
- Missionary
- Saints

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Cuthbert, whom we celebrate this week.

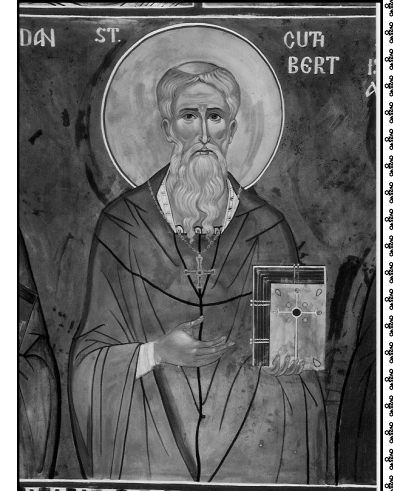
Can you find some of the animals St. Cuthbert was kind to?

They're otters!



EVERY DAY IS A SAINT'S DAY! SAINT CUTHBERT OF LINDISFARNE

You probably didn't know that Thursday is Snowman Burning Day. This is a wacky holiday that some Swiss people (and Americans too) celebrate to officially say goodbye to winter. You can find something funny to celebrate on any day of the year. But did you know that every day is a saint's day too?



St. Cuthbert of Britain

On Thursday, we celebrate St. Cuthbert of Britain. St. Cuthbert lived in the 600s, and when he was eight years old, a three-year-old foretold that he would become a priest and then a bishop! As a monk, St. Cuthbert was very strict with his prayers. For many years, he lived on a little island, way up in the northern part of England. He lived by himself for many years, and he was especially kind to the animals that lived there on the island.



Cuthbert also traveled all around Britain, telling all about Jesus Christ to people who had never even heard of Him. And St. Cuthbert did become a priest and later a bishop, just as the three-year-old had predicted.

If you go to the little island of Lindisfarne, you can see where St. Cuthbert lived, by himself, but always close to God!

We celebrate St. Cuthbert on Thursday, March 20th (OC: April 2nd).