

Christ is risen!



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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Let's shine brightly!

Do you have a flashlight or a candle? What does it look like when you shine it in a dark room? When you bring it into the room, the darkness instantly goes away. Everything looks different.

Today, and for the next few weeks, you might hear a beautiful hymn at church. It starts, "It is the day of the Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival..."



How can we shine brightly? We can wear our best, our fanciest clothes. We can hold candles. But the hymn tells us how we can shine the brightest way of all. We can hug one another. We can forgive one another (even people who really don't like us!) We can tell each other the good news that Christ rose from the dead.

Christ is risen! You know that, of course, but we love to say it again and again. When we tell each other the good news, "Christ is risen!" we shine brightly.

Just like when you shine a flashlight or a candle in a dark room, when we have the good news of "Christ is risen!" everything is different! We are full of joy. Then, we can shine brightly too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Adam
Eve
Feastday
Fountain
Light
Pascha
Resurrection
Shine
Spring
Theotokos
Zoe

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Do you know who our Lord, Jesus Christ is pulling up?

It is Adam and Eve. Christ rescued them too, and invited them to be with Him in heaven!



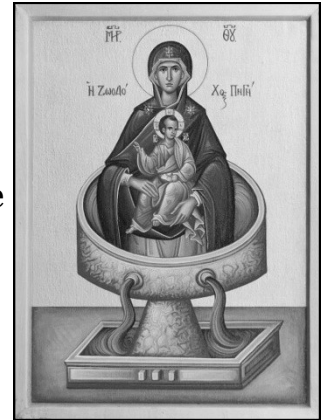
THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING

A FEAST OF MARY, THE THEOTOKOS

Have you ever seen a waterfall?

The water spills over and over from the top, and it never seems to end!

On the Friday after Pascha (Easter), we celebrate the feast of the “Life-Giving Spring.” The icon is kind of strange. In the icon, you see Mary, the Theotokos, in a fountain, with water flowing out of it!



The icon of the Life-Giving Spring

Once, more than 1,500 years ago, Emperor Leo (but before he became emperor) tried to help a blind man find water. Leo heard a voice telling him where to go. He found a spring, flowing with water. He put some of the water on the blind man and the man suddenly could see.

Later, Emperor Leo built a big church over the spring, and he dedicated it to the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. Lots of sick people came to the spring and came back all better.

We remember this special church, because we know that Mary, the Theotokos, always gives life to us. She is like a waterfall, because her help flows and flows, and it never seems to end. It was Mary who became the mother of God. And today, on Easter, He gave life to us, too!

You might have a friend named Zoe. Do you? Her name means “life” in Greek, and every year, on Bright Friday, we celebrate her nameday.

We celebrate the feast of the Life-giving Spring on Bright Friday, April 25th.