

“See? You are well.”



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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“Jesus Christ heals you”

Do you have a favorite saint?

Maybe you pray to one saint more than any other. Maybe it's your own patron saint or any other one. You might ask this saint for help.

Today, we hear about two different stories. In the Gospel reading, we hear about a man who was paralyzed—he couldn't walk. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, saw this man and took care of him. He healed him and let him walk again.

But before the Gospel reading, we hear a story about another man who couldn't walk. This story happened after Jesus had died and had risen and had left the world for heaven! But still, one of Jesus' followers, St. Peter, took care of this man. Peter told him, “Jesus Christ heals you. Rise and carry your bed.” You know, it wasn't Peter who had the power; it was Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ heals you!

When we pray to saints, let's always remember that it's God who works through them. God gives them the power to work miracles. God gives the saint the power to help us, even after they have left this world. God has given us so many wonderful saints, who listen to our prayers. But remember, just like Saint Peter did, saints always give credit to God.



In the Gospel reading, we hear about the paralyzed man Jesus

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

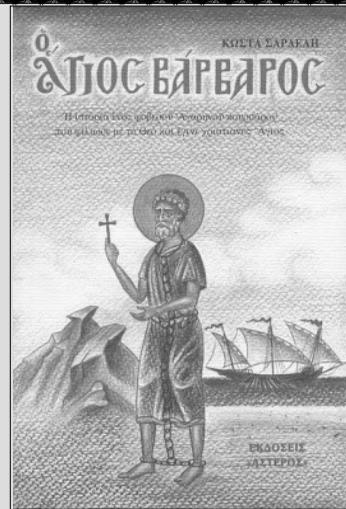
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

This isn't really an icon, but in the picture, you can see Saint Barbaros in his chains.

Do you see the ship in the background?



THE PIRATE WHO BECAME A SAINT

SAINT BARBAROS

Sometimes kids like to pretend to be pirates, but real pirates are pretty scary. You wouldn't want to meet one!

This week, we remember a pirate who became a saint! This saint was part of a fierce band of pirates who did their awful "work" around the Greek islands, Italy, and northern Africa. Finally, after many years of robbing, the people had had enough and they fought the pirates. This soon-to-be-Saint Barbaros was the only one who escaped. After that, he lived by himself for a while, and he still did awful things.

Once, he was going to destroy a little church called St. George, but when we went there, something else happened. The people were having Divine Liturgy, and this old pirate finally knew that he couldn't keep doing these wrong things. He fell at the feet of the priest and confessed what he did wrong. Soon, he became a monk and he spent the rest of his life praying and changing his ways. He became a very holy man.

At his grave, many miracles have happened. Our Church calls him Saint Barbaros, "the myrrh-gusher" because sweet-smelling myrrh perfume comes from it! With these miracles, God shows that He forgave Barbaros and that now he is on God's side!



We celebrate Saint Barbaros on Thursday, May 15th (OC: May 28th).