

Lord, have mercy on us!



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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

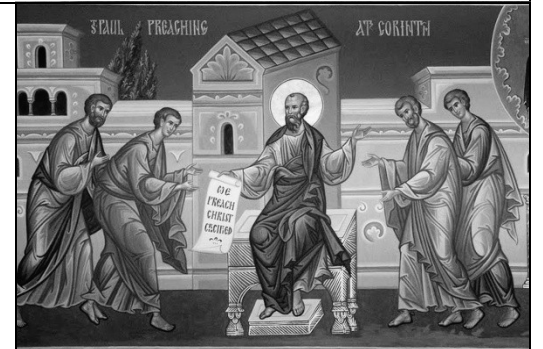
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## My beloved children!

**Have your parents ever told** you not to do something? Have they ever told you not to say something or wear something or act a certain way? Sure! That should happen to every kid!

Sometimes when our parents tell us not to do something, we might feel sad or embarrassed or even angry. But our parents tell us these things to help us, and to lead us the right way.



In the epistle today, we hear how Saint Paul did the same thing to *his* children. When Saint Paul says "children," he means the new Christians...the ones he taught about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today we read from the book of the Bible called First Corinthians. That book is mostly a kind of writing called "admonishment," when the writer is telling the readers they are doing the wrong thing.

But Saint Paul writes, "I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish (warn) you as my beloved children." Saint Paul tells the Christians he wants them to live the right way as Christians. Just like our parents, Saint Paul tells them these things because he loves them. He wants to see them live a good Christian life. So, whenever we get corrected, try to remember Saint Paul's words too. Remember that our parents love us, just as Saint Paul loved *his* children!

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Afraid  
Apostles  
Boat  
Dormition  
Gospel  
Heaven  
Mother  
Prayer  
Save me  
Storm  
Theotokos

I	Z	U	U	X	A	X	P	S	F	B	D	H	N	G
B	D	N	Q	A	F	R	A	I	D	P	D	S	E	O
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A	L	G	Z	X	E	H	X	Z	H	C	K	L	Q	T
S	J	Q	C	A	N	T	T	Y	G	R	Y	V	K	X

## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Sometimes icons aren't so peaceful!

This icon shows two of the saints we hear about on page 3. They are Saints Agapius and Thekla, and they are being attacked by wild animals. That's because the emperor had them punished for their strong Christian faith!



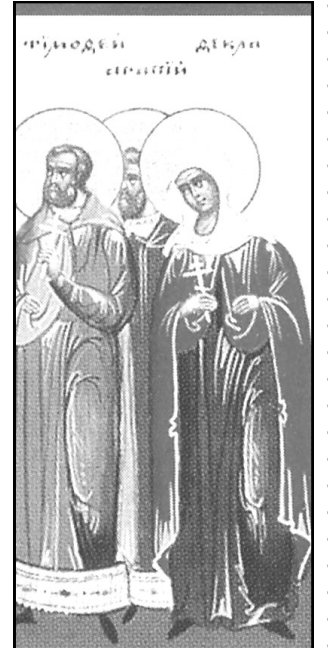
## IN THE HISTORY BOOKS

### SAINTS TIMOTHY, AGAPIOS, AND THEKLA

#### Do you like to read about history?

Do you like to hear stories about people who lived long ago? Sometimes, you might hear a story about somebody in history...that might not actually be true! Like George Washington and his wooden teeth. Sometimes people make up stories over the years, and we have to sort out what is true or just a story.

Many, many years ago (only 300 years after Christ's birth), a church historian named Eusebius wrote down stories about things in the early church. He wrote about some saints too—what they did and why they were so special.



This week, we celebrate three saints who lived during the same time as this famous historian, Eusebius. Saint Timothy, Agapius, and Thekla lived in Palestine. They were Christians who lived when the emperors were really cruel and really hated Christians. These emperors did everything they could to totally wipe out the Christian faith. But remember, God is stronger than emperors! And these three saints knew that. When the emperors had them arrested, they trusted in God. They trusted in God, even though they were going to be killed and hurt and even attacked by wild animals. These three saints knew they would soon be with their sweet Lord in heaven!

We celebrate these three saints on Tuesday, August 19th (OC: September 1st).