

Always remember the good news!



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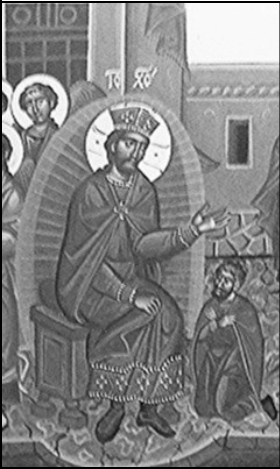
# The Children's Word

"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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## Forgive, and be forgiven!



**Have you ever told on somebody...** about something *you've* done too? You might have told your parents or your teacher on a brother or sister or classmate. "He hit me!" "She called me a mean name!" "He wrote on the wall!" "She broke my Lego creation!" But maybe you did that same thing too!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about just that same thing. A king asked his servants to pay him back what they owed him. Well, sadly, it was a lot of money, and one servant couldn't pay it all. He begged the king, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything!" The king felt sorry for him, and he said the servant didn't have to pay it. The king forgave him.

After that, that same servant found somebody who owed *him* money. He told him to pay him the money back. Remember, even though the king forgave him, he wouldn't forgive the other guy!

That story in the Bible is about forgiving others. It is about treating others as *you* would want to be treated. It is about not complaining about our friends and our classmates, when we've done the same wrong thing!

Let's remember how much our Lord forgives us every day. When we remember that, we will know we shouldn't talk about other people who do the same wrong things!

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

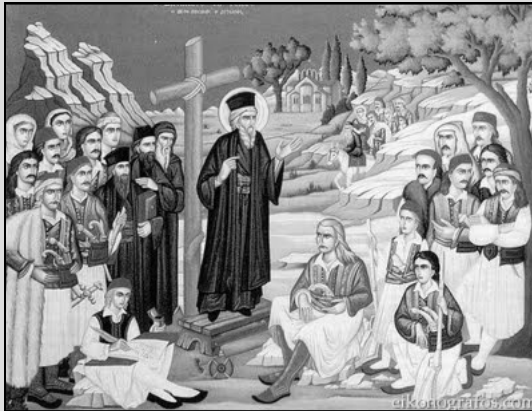
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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

St. Kosmas listened to the words of the Gospel: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Here is St. Kosmas telling the people all about the good news of Jesus Christ. Everywhere he went, he would make a little stand with a cross, where he could preach.



## SAINT KOSMAS AITOLOS REMEMBERING THE GOOD NEWS

**Do you know what happened** in around 1776? That's when America declared her independence and broke free from Great Britain. But do you know what was happening in Greece at this same time?

For many, many years lots of Orthodox Christians were under the power of the Turkish Ottomans. Sometimes they made it hard for Christians to worship our one, true God.

Even though they came from Christian countries, many years had passed. Lots of people had forgotten about Christ! St. Kosmas wanted to remind them about our Lord. He knew they needed to hear about Him.

St. Kosmas is a wonderful saint who went to so many places in Greece and Albania, telling people about Jesus Christ. He reminded them of the Gospel and of all Christ's miracles. He told them the good news—that Christ rose from the dead and wants to save us! St. Kosmas baptized lots and lots of people, and told them how to be good Christians once again. He gave many little sermons and advice that we still have and that we can still read.

St. Kosmas died in 1779, while America was still fighting the Revolutionary War. St. Kosmas died in Albania, fighting for Christ!

**We celebrate Saint Kosmas Aitolos today, August 24th (OC: September 6th).**