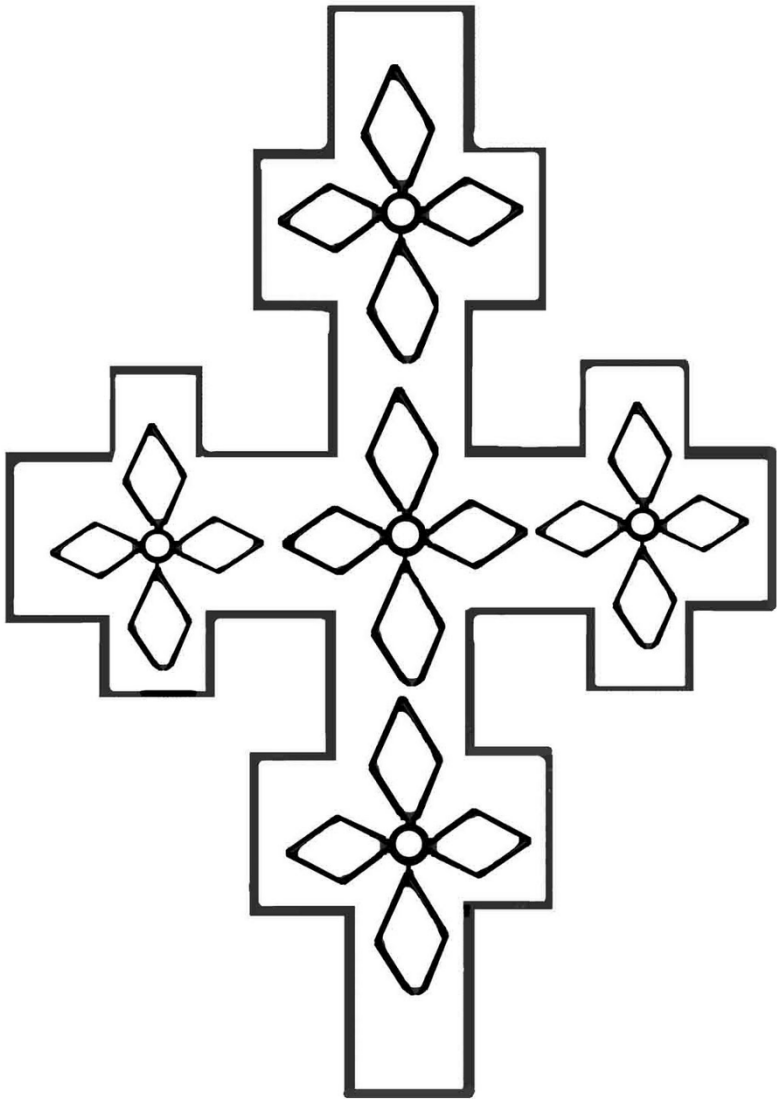


Raise the Cross up high!



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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What happens next?

Have you ever started a movie or a book, and then you never finished it? Maybe you heard the beginning, but you never got to see the end. Maybe you wonder what happened next!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about the horrible things that happened to our Lord, Jesus Christ. We hear how the people cried, "Crucify Him!" We hear how the crowds made fun of Him. We hear how the guards hurt Him. We hear how He had to carry the heavy Cross. We hear how sad His mother was. We hear how He died on the Cross.



If we left right then, how sad we would be! If we never got to hear the end of the story, how horrible things would be! But after the Gospel, we hear so many great things, don't we? We say the Creed together and we say how Christ rose from the dead! We receive Holy Communion together and we remember how God gives us life! We thank God together in our prayers, thanking Him for all He did for us!

Today we remember the feastday of the Holy Cross, and we hear the sad parts of the story of Jesus's crucifixion. But we know the end of the story! We know the joy that God gives us throughout our whole lives! Let's remember what God did for us, but let's try to live our lives with that joy every day.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

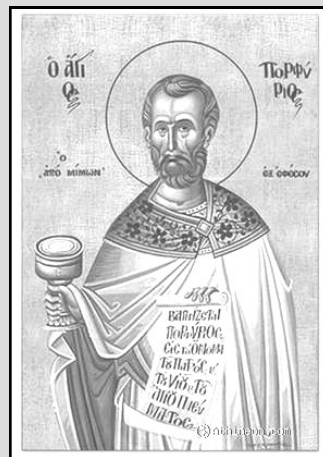
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of St. Porphyrios the mime.

He is holding a scroll with some words. They say, "The servant of God Porphyrios is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," just what he said to the emperor!

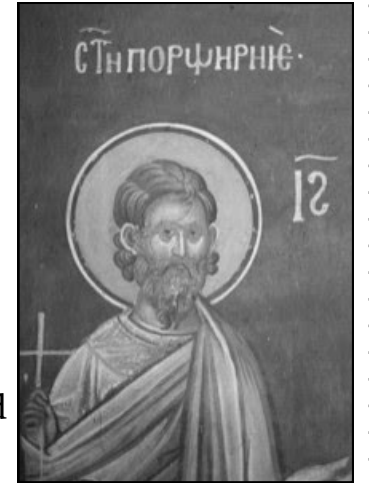


SAINT PORPHYRIOS

THE MIME

Have you ever made fun of something or somebody...that maybe you shouldn't have? It might have felt good at the time, but then afterwards, you probably felt really awful!

Tomorrow we celebrate a saint who did just that. Saint Porphyrios lived many, many years ago. That was, of course, a time with no TVs, no internet, and no movies! St. Porphyrios worked in the court of the Emperor Julian, and Porphyrios's job was to entertain him.



On his birthday, Emperor Julian (who wasn't a Christian) wanted to be entertained. He wanted Porphyrios to poke fun at Christians, and do a little skit about Christian baptisms. So, Porphyrios got into a big water font, and he said, "Porphyrios is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Those are just the words the priest said for *you* when you were baptized as a Christian.) Then, Porphyrios came out of the font and put on white clothes, and he declared that he was now a Christian. Everybody thought he was still joking around, but Porphyrios wasn't! He had really changed. He knew that God had given him the grace of Holy Baptism.

Then, of course, the emperor was furious. He sentenced him to be hurt and even killed. But Saint Porphyrios knew that he would be with his Lord forever, and that was something he wouldn't give up!

We celebrate St. Porphyrios tomorrow, September 15th (OC: September 28th).