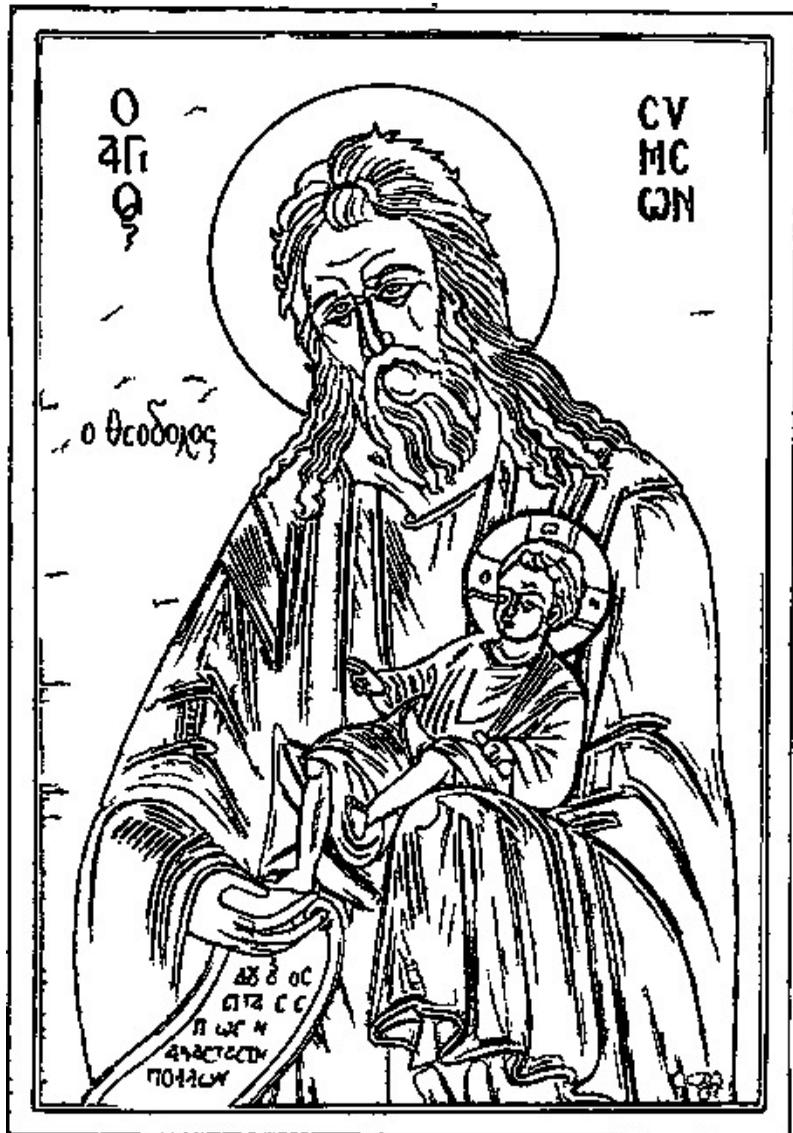


Christ enters the temple!



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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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Great is your faith!

Have you ever wanted something so much that you asked your parents for it again and again? Maybe it was a toy for Christmas or for your birthday. Maybe it was just a special meal or a treat. When we *really* want something, it's hard to give up when somebody tells us "no."



In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the woman who was asking Jesus to heal her sick daughter. This woman was from Canaan, so she probably was a pagan (she believed in false gods). Also the Canaanite people had been enemies of the Jews for a long, long time. So when she came to Jesus asking Him for help, His disciples told her to go away. Jesus even told her "no" at first.

But this woman *really* wanted something. She wanted her daughter to be well! So it was hard for her to give up. Even though she didn't worship the God of the Jewish people, she knew Jesus could heal her daughter. Jesus told her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you want." Our Lord healed the daughter right away. He knew she believed. He knew she had strong faith. And He knew she was an example for us all!

Let's remember the Canaanite woman's strong faith when we pray to God too.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Basil
- Canaanite
- Chrysostom
- Faith
- Gregory
- Hierarchs
- Persistent
- Prayer
- Truth

L C N G J K H O W R X G S Y B
 Z I D B E L I S F O R P E Q V
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3 CHEERS FOR THE 3 HIERARCHS

ST. BASIL, ST. JOHN, AND ST. GREGORY

Do you ever compete against your friends? If you are on a sports team together, you probably do. But sometimes we might get jealous, even of our friends! Sometimes you might want to get a better grade than a friend got, or maybe sometimes you might wish YOU had scored the goal, instead of your friend.



St. Gregory, St. John, and St. Basil

Tomorrow we remember three saints—St. Basil, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory the Theologian. These three saints are now friends together in heaven, but long ago some people fought about which one was the best saint. Each one of these saints did GREAT things for the Church, but people still fought. Some said St. Basil was the best. Some said St. John was the best. And some said St. Gregory was the best. That’s why, about a thousand years ago, another St. John wrote a beautiful service to remember all three saints. Tomorrow is a special day when we remember all three saints together, and we celebrate all the amazing things they did for the Orthodox Church.

By the way, did you know these are the saints you can pray to if you want help with school or with learning? All three men were brilliant teachers who taught us with the things they wrote...so they can teach in a different way now!

We celebrate these three saints tomorrow, Jan. 30th (OC: Feb. 12th).

WHAT’S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of our helpers and friends, the Three Hierarchs.

This icon comes from a very old monastery in Serbia, but you can still tell who is who. Can you compare it to the icon on page 3?

