

Christ heals the paralyzed man.



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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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"I am with you always"

Have you ever been all alone? Maybe you were playing with toys or watching a movie by yourself. But did you know that you are never really *all* alone? Did you know that God is with you, always?

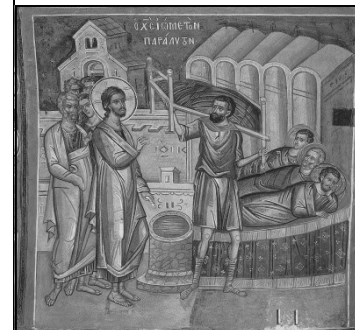
After Jesus rose from the dead, He told His disciples to go and teach the whole world what they had learned about God. That was a big job! But Jesus also told them something else. "I am with you always, forever," He said. Jesus is with us today too!

Today, is the Sunday of the Paralytic. We remember the story of a man Jesus healed. This man was paralyzed and hadn't walked for 38 years. Jesus listened to him, and he stood up and walked. But in the epistle reading today, we hear about *another* paralyzed man. This story happened after Jesus had died and risen from the dead. This happened after He had left for Heaven. Jesus's disciple, Peter, healed *this* paralyzed man.

So we see that Jesus really is "with us always." We know that He did all kinds of miracles when He lived on earth. But after He left for Heaven, He is still with us. We are never really all alone, because our Lord, Jesus Christ is with us. He told us He would be with us always!



St. Peter healing a paralyzed man



Jesus healing a paralyzed man

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostles
- Emilia
- Epistle
- Family
- Gospel
- Healed
- Joyful
- Makrina
- Paralytic
- Resurrection
- Saints

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

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

How is this for a family picture?

You can see St. Makrina (St. Basil's grandmother), along with the rest of the saintly family.



SAINTS EMILIA AND MAKRINA

SAINTS AND MOTHERS OF SAINTS

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Mother's Day, but this week, we will remember one of the best mothers who ever lived! Her name was Saint Emilia, and she and her husband, St. Basil the older, had ten children. They tried very hard to raise their children in a holy and Christian way.



In fact, six of their children are saints in our Church! One of them, Saint Basil the Great, was very, very smart. We still read his writings today. He helped the poor, the widows, and the orphans.

St. Makrina was the oldest daughter, and she helped raise her youngest brother, St. Peter of Sebaste (he became a bishop). Their brother, St. Gregory of Nyssa, also became a bishop, and he also wrote many things for our Church.

St. Makrina (that's St. Basil's sister) was named after her grandmother, Makrina (the older), who was also a saint! The older Makrina and her husband were very wealthy, but they lived at a time when Christians were not safe, because the emperor wanted to get rid of the holy faith. They left their house and they stayed in the forest for seven years! They trusted God to take care of them.

St. Emilia and St. Makrina reached the best goal for any mother—to raise their children to be saints! This holy family can be a model for all of us!

We celebrate Saints Emilia and Makrina on Thursday, May 30th (OC: June 12th).