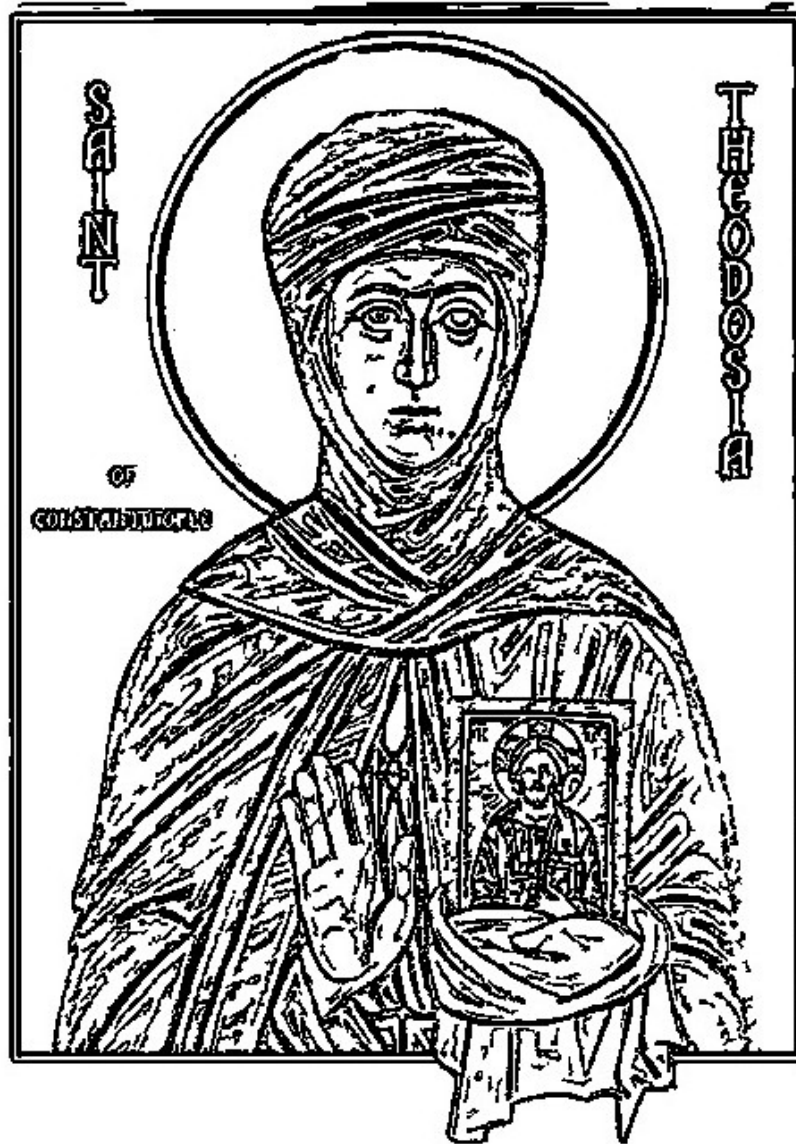


Saint Theodosia, pray for us!



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

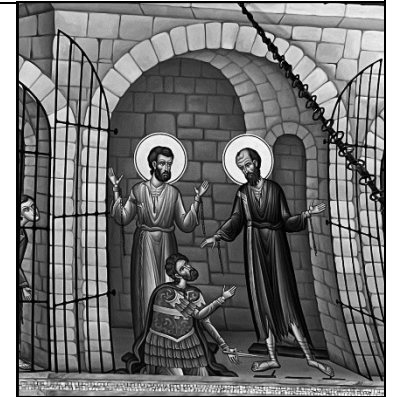
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Praying and singing hymns to God

What do you do when things don't go your way? Do you complain? Or cry? Or worry? When things go bad, do you yell and scream?

In today's epistle reading, we hear a story of Saints Paul and Silas. We hear about how they were dragged in front of the rulers. We hear how they were beaten with sticks. We hear how their clothes were torn off of them. We hear how they were thrown into prison. Things weren't great for them. Things were not going well!



But then we hear about how something happened. The epistle says, "About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them." Even when they were tired and sore and worried and hurt, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God!

God hears our prayers, and He sure listened to the prayers and hymns from Saints Paul and Silas too! God opened the doors of the prison with an earthquake. The men were free! God knew they trusted in Him, and God knew they only wanted to do what God wanted.

These words in the Bible today remind us to remember God first, just as Saints Paul and Silas did. When things are good, and when things are bad, let's follow their example, praying and singing hymns to God.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Apostles
Constantinople
Earthquake
Hymns
Icons
Paul
Praying
Prison
Protest
Silas
Theodosia

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here's the icon for the Gospel today!

Can you find Jesus, healing the blind man by touching his eyes with mud?

Can you see the blind man going to wash his eyes, just as Jesus had told him to do?



THE RIGHT KIND OF PROTEST SAINT THEODOSIA OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Have you ever heard on the news about some kind of protest? You know, sometimes people might march in the streets with signs and shouts because they want something to change. Sometimes the protesters have good reasons to march around, but lots of times, they don't.



Saint Theodosia was a protester too, but she had a very good reason to protest. She was a young Christian woman who loved the Church very much. When she was around, the Emperor started to make rules that said Christians could not have icons. They started to take down icons around the holy city of Constantinople.

Saint Theodosia wanted to do something about it. She was a young woman, but she led a march around the city, and lots of brave, faithful Christians followed her. When they saw somebody taking down an icon, they kept him from doing it.

Saint Theodosia knew she would be punished for going against the Emperor's rules...and she was. She was hurt so much and thrown into prison when she wouldn't give up. Then she was even killed for her faith. But, isn't it great that now, 1300 years later, we still remember her name, her bravery, her love for Christ, and her place in heaven with Him?

We celebrate Saint Theodosia on Thursday, May 29th (OC: June 11th).