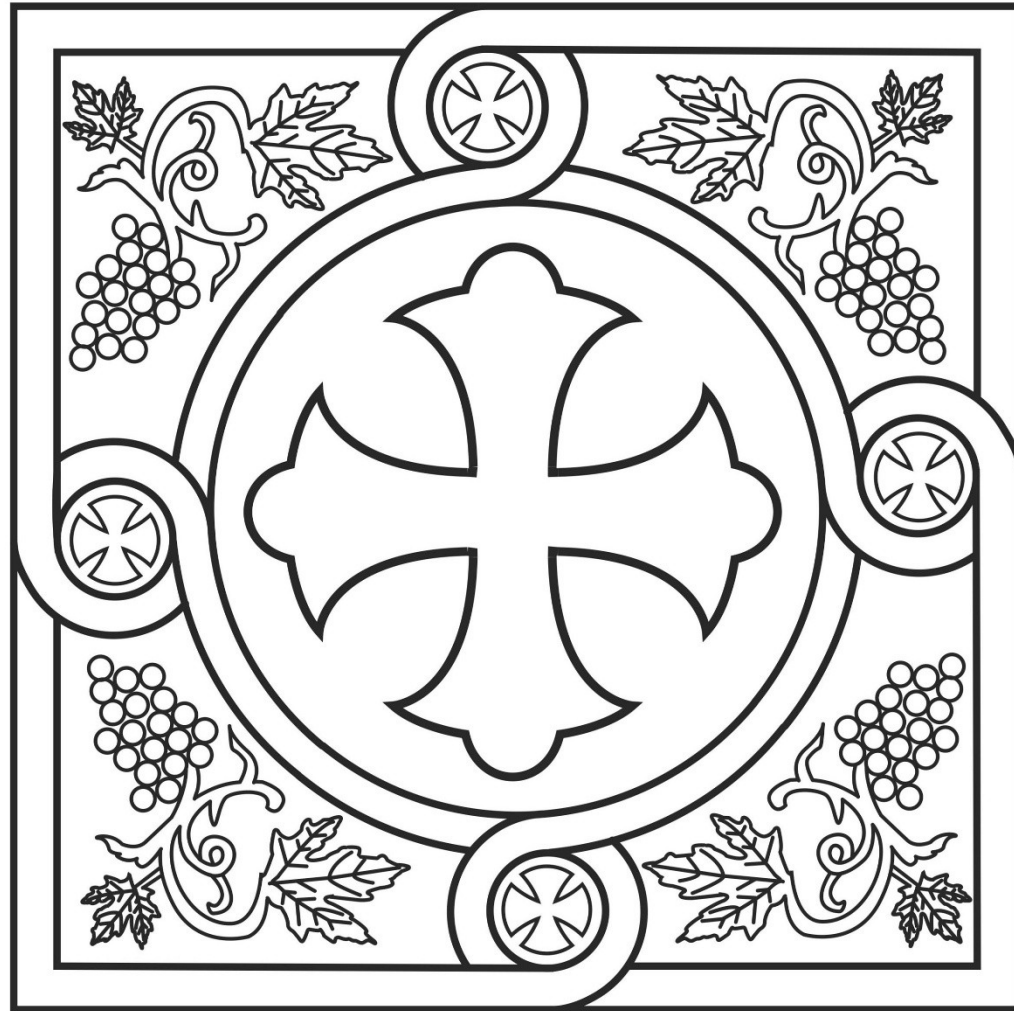


Lord, have mercy!



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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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## Don't forget!

**Can you think of a time you left home, and your parents gave you some instructions? Maybe you were going off to school, and you heard your mother say, "And don't forget to..." Those might have been the most important words she told you!**

In today's epistle reading, we hear some of the last words Saint Paul said to the early Christians. He was giving the Christians in Ephesus some last instructions. "And don't forget to..." Saint Paul might have said. But what did he tell these Christians? What was so important?



Saint Paul told them, "We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" St. Paul tells the Christians how we must help others. We help poor people. We help sick people. We help lonely people. We help older people. We help little children. We help sad people. Saint Paul reminds us to help the weak, the people who need us!

After Saint Paul said these things, he was sent off to Jerusalem, where he wasn't allowed to teach the new Christians anymore. So, that's why these were his last instructions. We are Christians too, so let's remember St. Paul's important words. Don't forget to help the weak, the people who need us!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Blessed
- Ephesus
- Instruction
- Justin
- Martyr
- Philosopher
- Saint Paul
- Thekla
- Truth
- Wisdom

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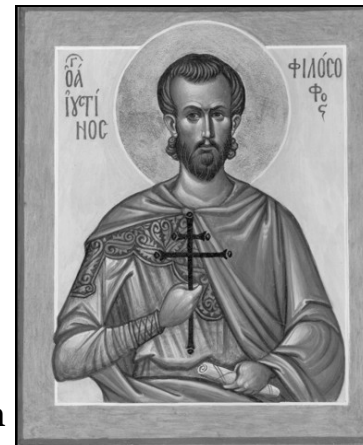
This is a picture or icon of Saint Paul in the city of Ephesus. It is painted on the wall in a cave.

You can see Saint Paul preaching, and if you look closely, you can see Saint Thekla. She listened to his words and became Christian too!



# SAINT JUSTIN THE PHILOSOPHER

**Maybe you have a friend who is not an Orthodox Christian. Maybe you have a friend who isn't a Christian at all. God wants the whole world to know about Him, doesn't He? He wants the whole world to know the truth, to know the good news.**



Today we celebrate a saint who spent a big part of his life trying to find out the truth. When Saint Justin was young, he was a pagan and his family worshipped false gods, or idols. Then he studied with many, many smart people. He talked about ideas and he always wanted to learn more. He wanted to know the truth.

Once, he was talking with an old man in the city of Ephesus (That's the same city Saint Paul was talking with, that we read in the epistle today!). This old man told him Justin could stop searching for the truth because the truth is Jesus Christ. He is the one Justin was looking for! Saint Justin learned to be a Christian. Then he spent the rest of his life telling others about Him. We call him Saint Justin the Philosopher, because he loved wisdom and truth. And he found wisdom and truth in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Saint Justin died for his faith because he was so sure that he had found what he was looking for. He thanked God for giving him this wisdom, and we can too!

**We celebrate Saint Justin today, June 1st (OC: June 14th).**