

Saint Olga, 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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## Many will come!

**Have you ever had a birthday party** and invited some of your friends? Who was on your list? Were they all from your class or sports team? Were they all boys or all girls? Did they all live in your same town? Chances are, your friends had *something* in common with each other.

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear about a Roman authority who came to find Jesus. His servant was sick, and he knew Jesus could heal him. He didn’t expect Jesus to come and touch the sick man. He knew He could just say the word, and he would be healed! He really had great faith, but the funny thing was that the Roman authority wasn’t even Jewish, like Jesus was! That’s why Jesus praised this man: “Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

When you have a party, you usually invite people like you, but our Lord invites *everybody* to be with Him. He says, in the Gospel today, “Many will come from east and west...in the kingdom of heaven.” Heaven will be full of all types of people, because our Lord invites them all. God invites us all, but remember, we have to take His invitation! We take His invitation when we follow our Lord. We take His invitation when we believe in Him, like the man in the Gospel today!



## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

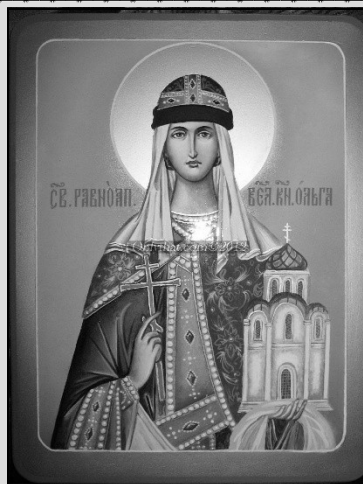
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## WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Do you remember what Saints Peter and Paul were holding together in their icon?

Here is Saint Olga. Do you see what she is holding in this icon? She is holding a church too! Can you guess why?



## SAINT OLGA

### A PRINCESS WITH A MISSION

**If you were a princess or prince,** what would *you* do? Maybe the first thing you might think about are the fancy clothes, the fancy dinners, the fancy trips. But this week we remember a saint who saw past these things.



Saint Olga was the princess of Kiev more than 1,100 years ago. She ruled over what is now Russia, Ukraine, and more. Now, the people there are almost all Orthodox Christians. But then, things were different. Most people were pagan—they did not worship our one, true God.

Once, Saint Olga visited the great city of Constantinople. She learned about the Christian Church and wanted to be baptized. Then, she went back to Kiev (where she lived), and took care of her grandsons. Many years later, one of her grandsons, Vladimir, became emperor. He remembered the faith of his grandmother, and then Vladimir was baptized, too! Thousands of people were baptized with him.

We know that Saint Olga had a great mission in life—to teach others about the true faith she knew. But what would have happened if she had had a different mission, a mission to have fancier clothes and jewelry, fancier dinners, and more?

Over the years, millions and millions of people have worshipped God as Orthodox Christians, thanks to this princess with a mission—St. Olga!

**We celebrate Saint Olga on Friday, July 11th (OC: July 24th).**