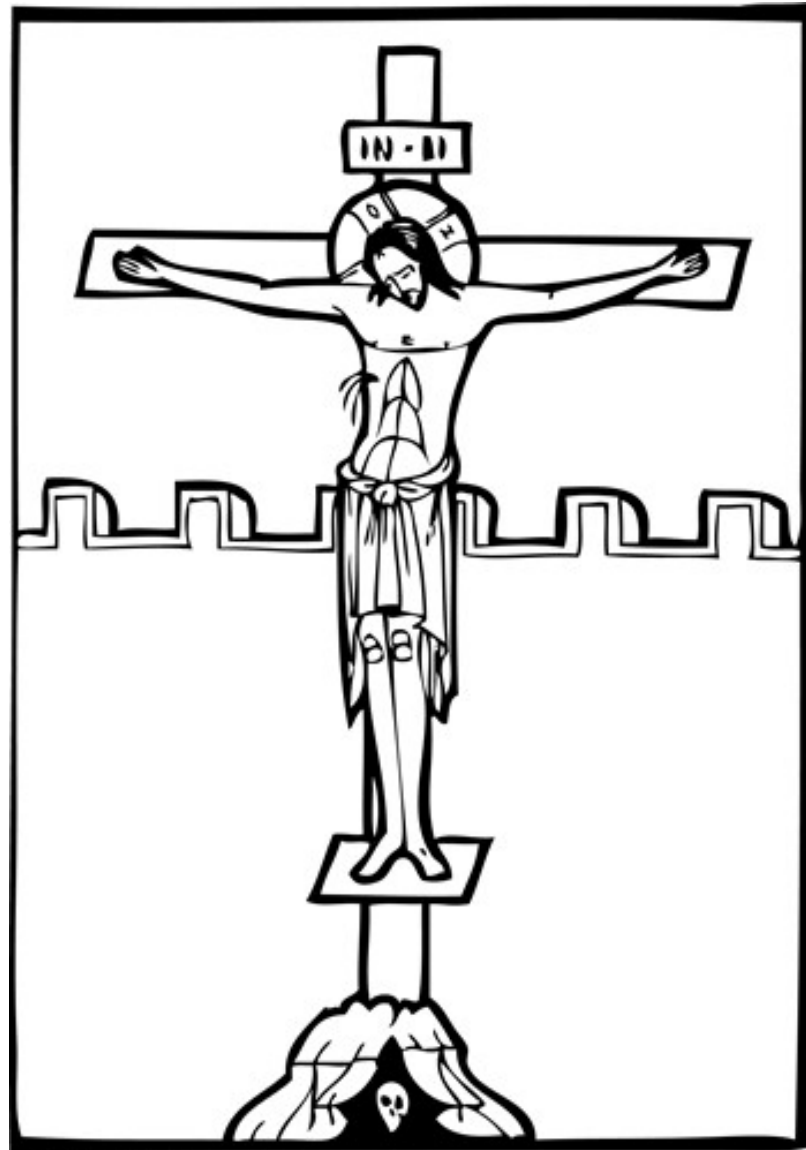


He loves me, and He gave Himself for me.



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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

Sunday, September 15, 2024

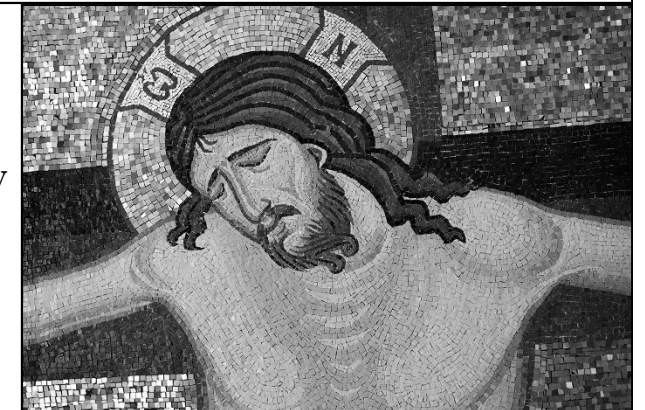
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God loves us!

Do your parents do things for you? Do they give you food and clothes and a place to live? Do they read to you and play with you? Do they try to help you when you are sad? Do they give you treats sometimes and presents too?



Why do they do these things for you? Well, because they love you and they care for you! They do what they can to make you grow up happy and healthy.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us what our Father *in heaven*, God Himself, does for us. He tells us that God gave His Son, Jesus Christ. He let Him be crucified, so that He would rise from the dead and open heaven! Saint Paul says Jesus Christ, "loved me and gave himself for me."

Do you know that our Lord Jesus Christ loves *us*, and that He gave Himself for *us*? Jesus died so that we could live forever with Him in heaven.

When we think about the things our parents do for us, we are happy and thankful. They do so much! But God does even more. He loves us even more. He has given us even more! God has given His own Son, who loves us and gave Himself for us!

WORD SEARCH

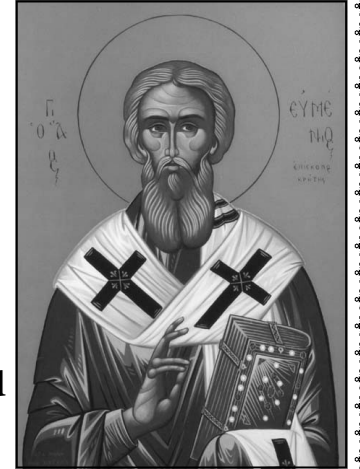
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Bishop
- Crete
- Cross
- Crucifixion
- Eumenios
- Father
- Give
- Gortyna
- Heaven
- Love
- Saint

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SAINT EUMENIOS THE WONDERWORKER HERO OF GORTYNA, CRETE

Have you ever watched a big sports game on TV or maybe even in person? Did you watch the other fans? Did they cheer for their favorite players? Did they chant his name?



This week we celebrate a special saint from the city of Gortyna, on the Greek island of Crete. Saint Eumenios lived about 1400 years ago, and he became a very holy man, because he always tried to do what God wanted for him. He became a bishop of Gortyna, and he showed the people the right way. (At this time, some leaders of the Christian Church were teaching things about Jesus Christ that weren't true.)

Saint Eumenios had courage to set things straight. He traveled around, and he even went to Egypt and Rome. People noticed that wherever he went, Eumenios could do miracles, always with God's power, of course. That's why he is called a "wonderworker."

Saint Eumenios is a special saint for all Christians, but he is especially special for the people around Gortyna. In fact, the hymns about Saint Eumenios are almost like cheers for the saint! "Rejoice, Gortyna's guide and watchful eye of all Crete. Rejoice for your miracles and help of the faithful, three-times blessed Eumenios!" It is great to have a saint from your hometown, but we can cheer for him too!

We celebrate St. Eumenios on Wednesday, Sept. 18th (OC: October 1st).

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Sometimes in an icon of a saint, you can see something in the background that makes you think of the place he was from.



Does this icon of Saint Eumenios look like the photograph of Gortyna today?

