

Love your neighbor!



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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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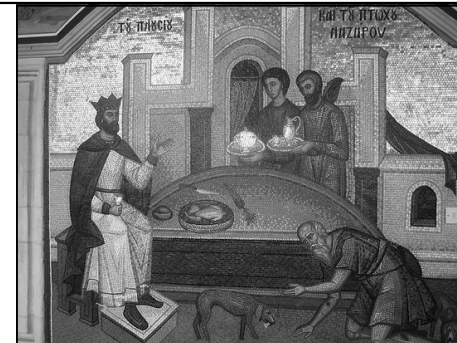
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Lazarus...and the rich man

Can you think about a relative or family friend who has died? Do you remember the good things that person did, or the happy times you had together? Maybe you've heard stories about him or her that make you happy. Usually we remember the nice things about somebody, don't we?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story that Jesus told. It's the story of the rich man and poor Lazarus. The rich man lived with lots of good stuff—good food, lots of people around him, a great big place to live. Lazarus didn't have anything. He begged for food, but nobody would help him (even the rich man, who saw him all the time). With this story, Jesus wanted to show us how we should try to live our lives.

One of our great saints, Saint John Chrysostom, writes about this Bible story. He reminds us that we know the poor man's name (Lazarus), but we don't ever hear the rich man's name! He didn't help anybody. He didn't care enough to help anybody. We remember good things about people, but the rich man didn't do anything good, so we don't even hear his name in the story!

At church, we pray for people who have died. We say "May his memory be eternal!" In other words, may God remember him forever in heaven! Let's try not to be like the selfish "rich man" in the story today. We want God to remember us forever in heaven!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Alms
- Church
- Generous
- George
- Help
- Lazarus
- Lydda
- Neighbor
- Parable
- Relics
- Rich man
- Sumptuous

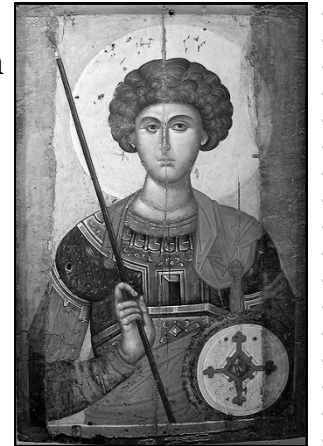
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ANOTHER FEAST FOR SAINT GEORGE

THE CHURCH IN LYDDA

Did you know Tuesday is Election

Day in the United States? You have probably been hearing about the candidates who want to be president, or senator, or congressmen, or even on school boards other positions. Many times, people have good reasons for getting elected. But sometimes those people just want to feel important. Sometimes they want to get elected to be powerful.



Today, we will celebrate another day for our friend, Saint George. He was a saint who could have been important and powerful in the Roman army. But he chose to follow Jesus Christ instead.

Saint George's big nameday is in April, but today we remember when the people built a church for Saint George. That was 1,700 years ago! We remember that special day even today because Saint George is such a special saint. That first church was destroyed. Then it was rebuilt. Then it was destroyed again and rebuilt again. This last one was built almost 150 years ago. You can visit it if you ever go to the Holy Land, in the Middle East. You can pray in this amazing place. Saint George's tomb (his body) is still there. And you can see how Saint George is important to us. And his prayers are powerful, too!



The tomb of Saint George

We celebrate this feast today, November 3rd (OC: November 16th).

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here are two icons of Saint George.

The one on the left is from Ethiopia.
The one on the right is from Greece.

What do you see that is the same?
What do you see that is different?

