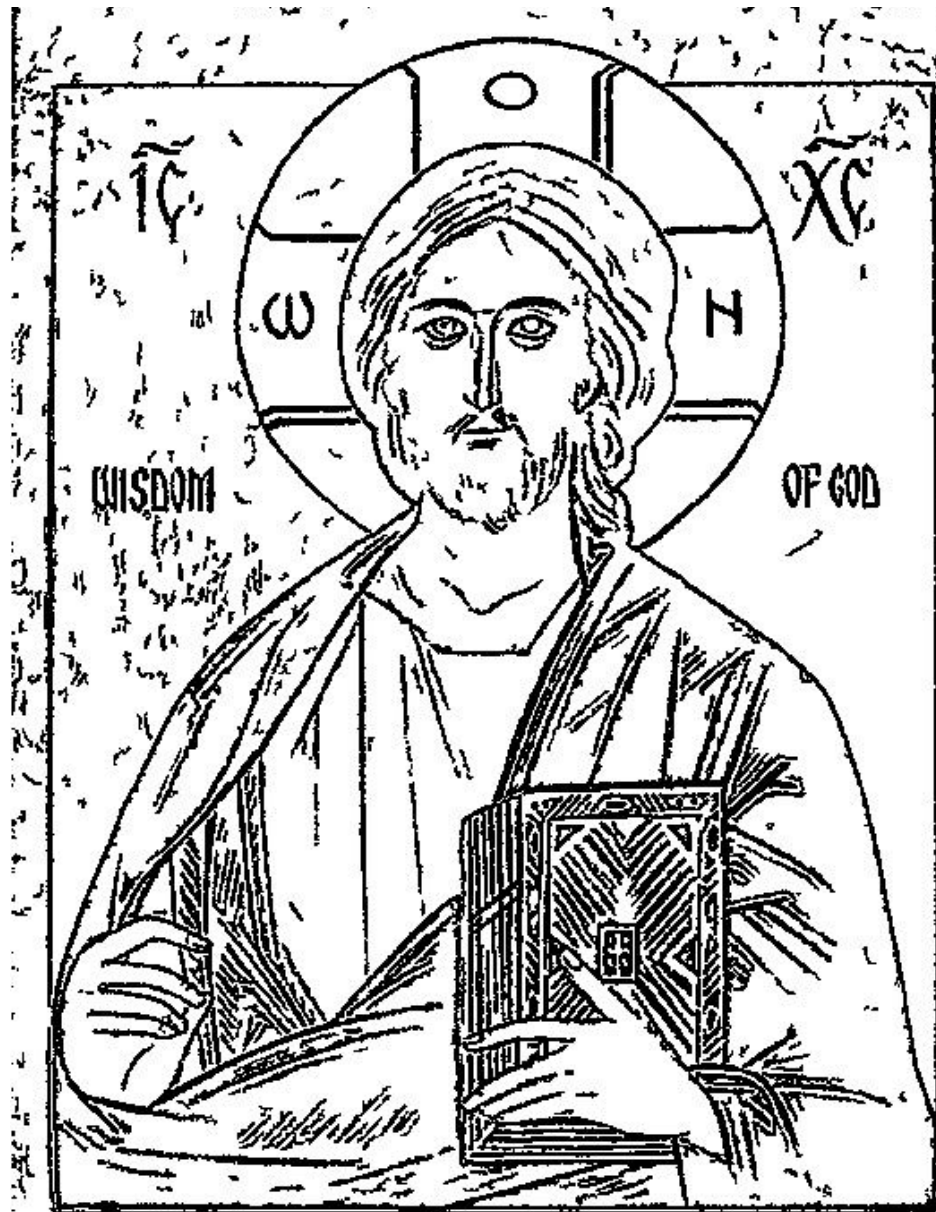


The Saints point to Christ!



# 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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## The only one?

**Do you have friends who are Christians?** Sometimes you might feel kind of alone as an Orthodox Christian. At school, you might not be allowed to talk about your church or about God. You might be the only one to make the sign of the Cross at lunchtime, or maybe the only one to miss school on Holy Friday. Or maybe sometimes, you might be the only one standing up for something you know is right.



But do you know—you always have thousands and thousands of Christians on your side? They are ready to help you be strong. They are ready to help you keep you close to Jesus Christ. Who are these people? The saints! They are on God's side too, and when we pray to them, they listen to us and help us with what we need.

Only God can count how many saints there are!

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about how God wants us to remember Christ in front of other people. That means we have to be strong Christians, even when we feel like we're the only ones! And when we do that, God promises that He will also remember us before His Father. He will keep us close to Him. What could be better than that?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

BRANNOCK  
CHRISTIAN  
DAVID  
GOTHS  
JOHN  
REMEMBER  
SAINTS  
STRONG

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C A S U H R R M E H N J Q Y M  
X V I T X S R V R Z L H I G J  
N I Z T R O U O G T J M V I A  
O D O H S O A B R S A I N T S  
J M U L N I N W J T P Y O K F  
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U V T O R E P N J R K S D A S  
T H R N M Y D Q L B L V U R N  
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V F R G K I U G M D L N J R N  
K G J O B E G K M I Q T C V J

# EVERY DAY IS A SAINT'S DAY! SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

**Do you share a birthday with somebody you know?**  
Maybe a friend or a classmate, or even a family member? You know, you're not the only one with your birthday!

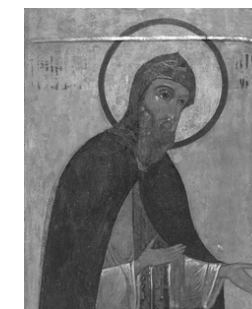
Today is the Sunday we remember all the saints of the Church. Did you know that we celebrate a saint—actually lots of saints—every single day of the year?

Let's look at just some of the saints for today—Sunday, June 26th! They lived at different times, and they all had very different lives...but they all had something in common. Do you know what it is? They loved God more than anything and anybody!



**St. David of Thessaloniki, Greece**

He lived up in a tree for three years, praying to God!



**St. John, bishop of the Goths**

He fought to keep icons in churches. He preached to the people of Georgia and Ukraine.



**St. Brannock of Wales**

This saint taught the children of the ruler of Wales. He became a monk, and he built a church in Wales.

## What's in the icon?

Here is another icon for today, the Sunday of All Saints.

You can see lots of saints in the icon, but who is in the very middle?

The saints all look to our Lord, Jesus Christ!



**We celebrate the feastday of all these saints today, June 26th.**