

“Truly, You are the Son of God!”



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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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Can you *really* do anything?

Has anybody ever said to you, “You can do anything...as long as you try”?

Sometimes that sounds a little silly, doesn't it? A short little kid who isn't so good at sports probably won't ever be in the Olympics...no matter how hard he tries! And chances are, you won't become a movie star, even if you really love acting, and even if you spend *a lot* of time doing it!



But in today's Gospel reading, we hear about how the Lord let Saint Peter do something that was really impossible. We hear about how the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water! Peter asked Jesus to let him walk to Him, on the water. “Come,” the Lord said. And Peter started to walk on the water, to Jesus. That was an amazing thing, of course!

Let us always remember that we can do great things and amazing things...but only when God blesses it! Peter could never have walked on the water, until God blessed it. Sometimes we spend a lot of time working at something—sports, music, even extra work at school—but we forget to ask God if it's the right thing to do. Can you remember to ask God to bless your work, your play, your time with your family, your trips in the car? When God blesses something, we really can do anything.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

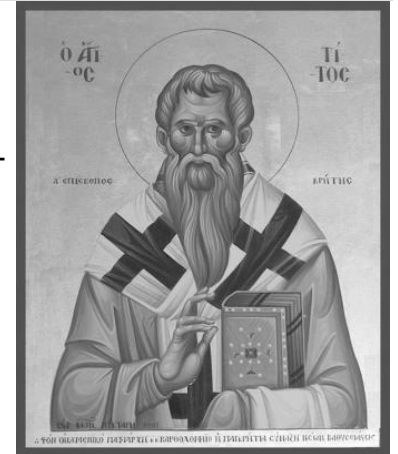
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SAINT TITUS

ONE OF THE 70 APOSTLES

Have you ever changed your mind about something? Well, of course you have. But usually it's about something that doesn't matter so much, isn't it? Like what you want for dinner, or what you want to play today.



Titus is a saint of our Church who changed his mind about something very big. Saint Titus grew up on the island of Crete, in Greece. He and his family were pagans, and they worshipped false gods. Titus tried to be a good person though, and once, he had a vision from God! God told him to stop worshipping these false gods; instead he should worship the God who would save him.

Titus learned more and more about our one, true God. He even went to Jerusalem, where he met Jesus Christ Himself! He saw Christ on the Cross, and was there when He rose from the dead! Saint Paul baptized Titus to be a Christian. After that, Titus wanted to tell others about the true God, and he went back to Crete to spread the Good News.

If you ever get to go to the beautiful island of Crete, you have to go to the city of Heraklion. In the Church of Saint Titus, you can pray before his relics (his holy body). You can also see places he preached!

We celebrate the feastday of Saint Titus on Thursday, August 25th.

What's in the icon?

Here is an icon of Saint Paul with his good friend and helper, Saint Titus.

What are they holding together? It's the island of Crete. They both worked so hard together to make it a Christian place. And it still is!

