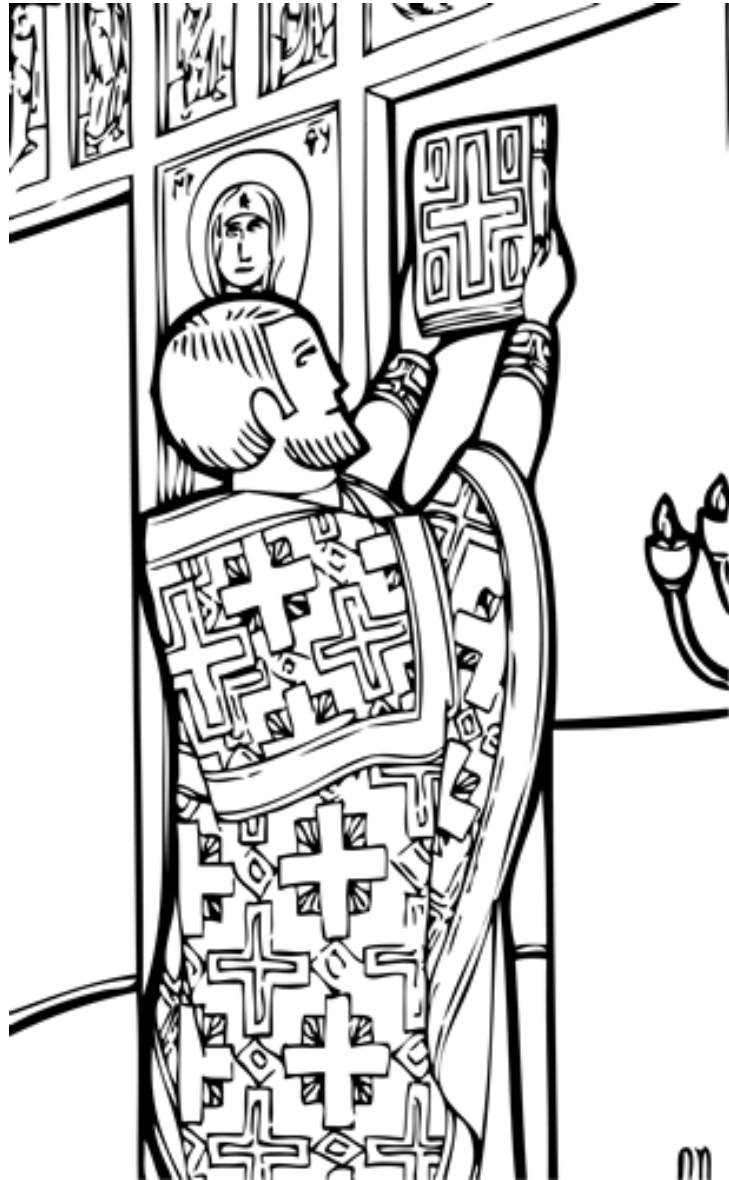


Wisdom!



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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

Sunday, October 7, 2018

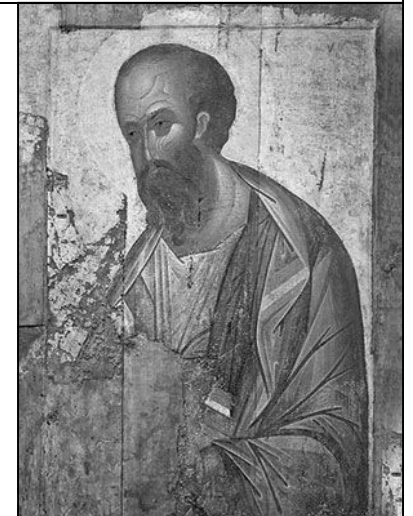
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Boasting

Have you ever boasted about something? Did you show off for something great you did, or something cool you have? A goal you made in soccer, a toy you got for Christmas, a score you got on a test, some new clothes you bought?



We've all boasted about something. In today's epistle reading, we find out that Saint Paul boasted too! But when we read the words, we hear how Saint Paul boasted about something *we* probably haven't. He didn't boast about the things that made him look great. He boasted about things that made him look weak!

Saint Paul tells how much he suffered, how he was hurt and in danger. Saint Paul boasted because he knew God was on his side. He knew that he was doing what God wanted him to do.

Saint Paul writes, "I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

God wants us to be humble, and He doesn't want us to show off. Usually, boasting is not a good idea! But when Saint Paul boasted, he was showing off about the power of God!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- APOSTLE
- BOASTING
- DEACONS
- ETHIOPIAN
- HUMBLE
- PHILIP
- SAINT PAUL
- WEAKNESS

U T P B G Q N W B M G D K K V
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What's in an icon?

This icon tells the story of Saint Philip and the Ethiopian servant.

Can you find Saint Philip? Can you find the Ethiopian servant?

Now, can you find the angel who brought Saint Philip there to preach the Good News?



SAINT PHILIP

THE DEACON AND APOSTLE

Do you have a deacon at your church? Do you watch him lead the church in prayer? Does he offer you Holy Communion? Sometimes deacons visit sick people in hospitals and help with other things around the church.

Did you know that the Bible tells us how the Christian Church first started having deacons? We can read about how the Church chose seven men to help the apostles care for the poor. One of these first deacons was Saint Philip, and we celebrate his nameday this week!

Saint Philip served as a deacon in Jerusalem, but then he left to go preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. He preached in Samaria, and a famous magician (who believed in false gods) wanted to be baptized after he heard Philip.

Later on, he preached the Good News to a servant of the queen of Ethiopia. The Bible tells us how the man was traveling in a chariot, and he was reading part of the Bible. He didn't understand part of it, and Saint Philip ran up and helped him understand about our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then, that man was baptized too!

Saint Philip worked hard to spread the Gospel, and we can thank God for him this week!

We celebrate St. Philip on Thursday, Oct. 11th (Oct. 24th, OC)

