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RESURRECTION



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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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Have you ever stopped to think why we go to church on Sunday?

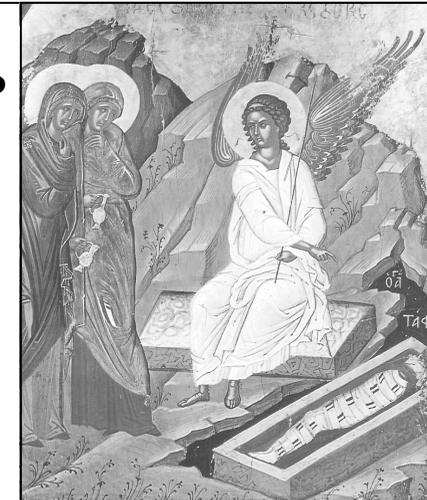
What's so special about that day? Well, we find out today, on Pascha, the greatest day of the year.

Today, you know, we celebrate the greatest feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the day He rose from the dead! Today, and all through this beautiful season, we hear a special hymn that tells us just how great this day is. "This is it, the day which is chosen and holy, Day One of the Sabbaths. It is the queen-day, the Lord's day, and the Feast of all feasts."

We celebrate today, on this Easter Sunday, because it is the Feast of all feasts. But we celebrate every Sunday, because each one is like a little Easter. We remember back to the big Feast, and we celebrate some more together!

Always remember that today is the biggest, best feast of the year! Today, we don't mow the yard or go to a baseball game or fold our socks or do our homework! Today is the best day ever! "This is it!"

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WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- CHRIST IS RISEN
- FEAST
- IRENE
- NICHOLAS
- PASCHA
- RAPHAEL
- RESURRECTION
- SAINTS
- THIS IS IT

C T I S I S I H T R A U X U V
 F H E Q Y P M C M E H C R S K
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What's in an icon?

For Pascha, we have two different kinds of icons!

In one of them, you see our Lord raising others from the dead too. That's Adam and Eve He is holding.

In the other, you see the angel showing the grave clothes to the women.



A NEW DISCOVERY

SAINTS NICHOLAS, RAPHAEL, AND IRENE

Have you ever gone exploring?

You might have gone out in the woods and discovered something new, something you never saw or knew before.

On this Bright Tuesday, we celebrate the nameday of three saints who lived more than 500 years ago. The funny thing is that we didn't know about these saints until just recently! Here's how this amazing story went:



For many, many years, people on the Greek island of Lesbos would visit some old ruins, on a special day each year—the Tuesday after Pascha (Easter). But time went on, and after a while, nobody remembered why they went on that special day. It was just habit! About 50 years ago from today, a man decided to build a little chapel there. Soon, people on the island began to find out about some special saints who had been killed just for being Christians. Saints Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene had died right there, where the people had visited and prayed for so many years.

These saints were alive in Christ, even though they had died on earth. They visited the people, and told their stories. We know that there are thousands of saints that we might not know about, but God knows about! These saints are new favorites to lots of people. Lots of new churches have been named after them, including two in the United States!

We celebrate these three saints on the Tuesday after Pascha.