

Holy Apostles, pray for us!



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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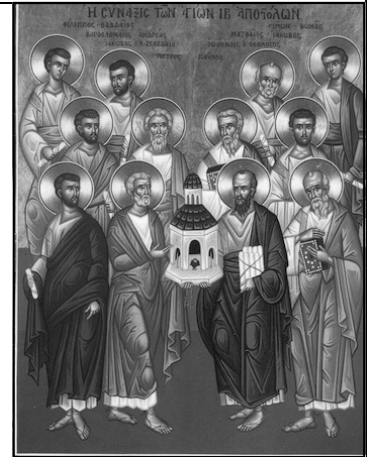
Freely give!

Have you ever gotten a gift from somebody, but you never gave anything back? Maybe for Christmas, somebody gave you a present that you didn't expect...and you didn't have anything to give back!

After our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead and went to stay in heaven, He needed helpers to carry on His work! He needed helpers to help spread the news of God's love for the world. These are the holy apostles, and we celebrate them today.

The apostles knew that God had given them so much. God gave the apostles power to heal the sick and even to raise the dead. These were definitely great and amazing gifts! But Christ also told them, "Freely you have received, freely give." Our Lord gave the apostles those gifts, but He wanted them to use them. He wanted them to go out and heal people and to help them. And that is exactly what they did!

We can learn from the apostles, can't we? God has given us so many gifts too. Can you spend some time thinking about them? But just like for the apostles, God wants us to know, "Freely you have received, freely give." That means we can't keep these gifts for ourselves. We give something back to God and to our neighbor. We can help others in many ways. Can you try to think of some?



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- APOSTLES
- FREELY GIVE
- GIFTS
- GOSPEL
- HELPERS
- MONASTERIES
- RADONEZH
- SERGIUS
- WILDERNESS

G B G D R D M G V C F W K T U
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What's in an icon?

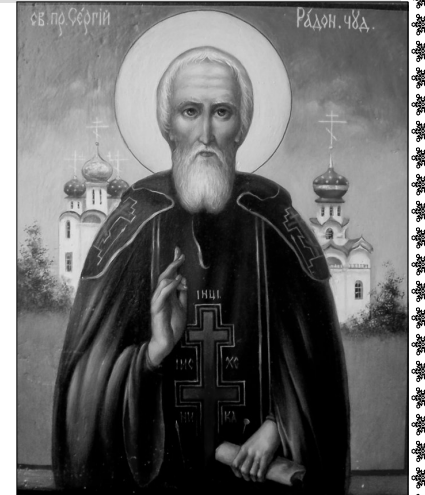
Here is an icon of Saint Sergius of Radonezh. He is the one kneeling.

Once, Saint Sergius was praying, and he had a vision of the Holy Theotokos, along with Saints Peter and John. Can you find them in the icon?



A LEADER OF MONKS SAINT SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

When was the last time you were all alone, out in the woods? Maybe you went for a hike? Or maybe you went camping? It's very peaceful out there, but after a while you probably wanted to be with other people!



Saint Sergius of Radonezh (in Russia) was born 700 years ago, but we still remember him in our Church. We remember him because he did so much to help people grow closer to Christ!

Saint Sergius wanted to spend time in quiet prayer, so he started to live out in the wilderness, far away from other people. But people found out about him, and they knew he was a holy man. They wanted to learn from him, and they wanted to find out how they could grow closer to our Lord, too. After a while, Saint Sergius sent some of his followers out to different parts of Russia. They started more than 400 monasteries, places where people could pray and learn more about God.

That first monastery that Saint Sergius started was once out in the woods, away from everybody. But now it is huge place with many churches and monks, and lots of visitors too!

We celebrate St. Sergius on Friday, July 5th (July 18th, OC).