

Our Lord preaches to us!



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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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What to do on the Sabbath

How many times have you asked your parents, "What day is it?" or "What are we doing tomorrow?" When we go to church every single Sunday, sometimes it makes it easier to keep our days straight!



In today's Gospel reading, we hear how our Lord went into the synagogue (like a church) to worship. The Gospel says, "He came to Nazareth, and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day." From just this little sentence, we know that our Lord worshipped together with other people in the synagogue once a week. That was His custom!

Sometimes we might make our own customs, but isn't it great to follow Christ's custom too? We come together once a week on our Sabbath, on Sunday. We come together to pray with other Christians. We come together to hear the words from the Bible together. We come together to receive Christ in us with Holy Communion. Isn't it great that we share that custom with our Lord?

Let's try to keep that custom, even when we are busy, even when we are in college, even when we are all grown up! We follow the same custom the Lord had...to worship together on the Sabbath!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- CHRIST
- CUSTOM
- NEW YEAR
- RESOLUTION
- SABBATH
- SCRIPTURE
- SYNAGOGUE
- WORSHIP

U S H Q C V S M A R A R P V B
 V M T H N U E P E S A E Q Y R
 Q R A A E F S S W E W U F N H
 N H B P K R O T Y O D N M V F
 X T B Z W L U W O T Y P R M O
 S A A Z U T E T H M A X I M S
 I C S T Q N I K P E U D Q X C
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Happy new year? In September?

Yes! Today is the first day of the church new year. That means that today, we start over with all of our church holidays. Many years ago, people would think of this time of year as the beginning of the year. That's because farmers would just be finishing their harvest around now—the crops would all be ready to pick. Then it's time to plant everything again—to start over.



Our Church gives us lots of chances to make changes in our lives. On January 1st, lots of people might ask you, “Have you made any new year’s resolutions?”

Now it’s a new year in our Church! Can you think of anything you would like to change about yourself—to make yourself more like our Lord, Jesus Christ? You could make a little list, even in your head.

Today we hear a special hymn that reminds us to trust in God for everything! “Creator of the universe, you set times and seasons by your authority. Bless the cycle of the year of your grace, O Lord, guarding our rulers and Your nation in peace, with the prayers of the Theotokos, save us.” Now isn’t that a great way to start the new year?

We celebrate the beginning of the Church Year Sept. 1 (Sept. 14, OC).

What's in an icon?

Here is another icon of Christ preaching in the synagogue.

The Gospel says “the eyes of all were fixed on Him.” Do you see everyone watching and listening to Him?

