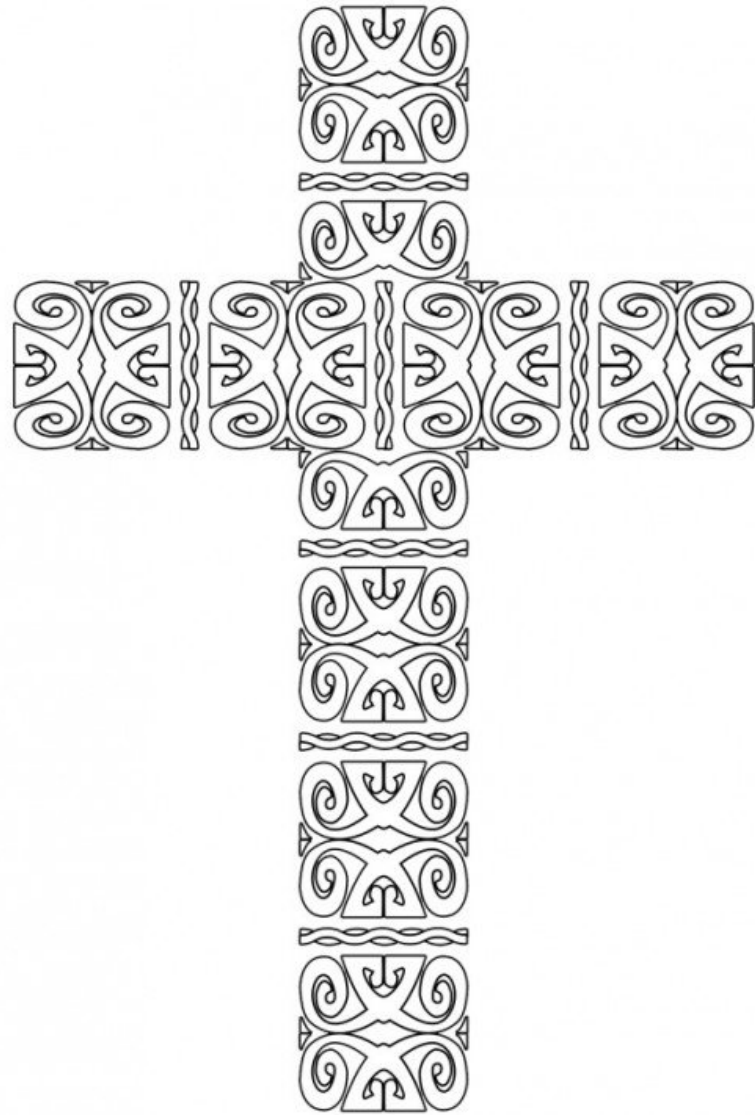


Take up your Cross!



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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 do you want to be?



Has anybody ever asked you what you want to be when you grow up? Some kids know right away what they want to be, and some grownups don't even know how to answer that question!

Yesterday, we celebrated the great feastday of the Cross. We remembered again what our Lord, Jesus Christ, did for us. We remember how He died for us on the Cross. And today, in the Gospel reading, we hear how we Christians have to show that we follow Christ! But how do we do that? Well, we show we are Christians in everything we do!

Sometimes things might be hard for us, but we always have to choose to follow our Lord. The Gospel tells us, "For what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" In other words, we can get everything in the world—lots of money, lots of friends, lots of fame, and even lots of fun. We can grow up to have the best job in the world. But the Gospel tells us that those things aren't the things that matter the most!

We want to grow up to follow Christ in everything we do! So, when somebody asks you what you want to be when you grow up, you can tell him. But what we *really* want to be is a good follower of Christ!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- BAPTISM
- CROSS
- DENY
- EMPEROR
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GRACE
- MARTYR
- MIME
- PORPHYRIOS

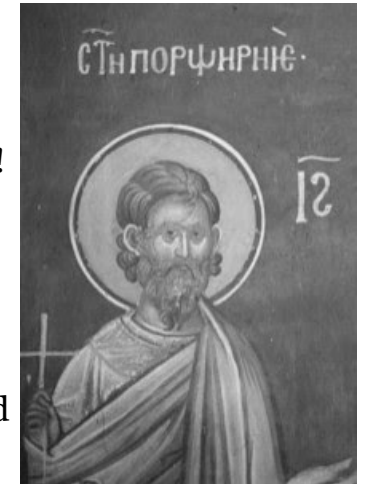
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POKING FUN

SAINT PORPHYRIOS THE MIME

Have you ever made fun of something or somebody...that maybe you shouldn't have? It might have felt good at the time, but then afterwards, you probably felt really awful!

Today we celebrate a saint who did just that. Saint Porphyrios lived many, many years ago. That was, of course, a time with no TVs, no internet, and no movies! St. Porphyrios worked in the court of the Emperor Julian, and Porphyrios's job was to entertain him.



On his birthday, Emperor Julian (who wasn't a Christian) wanted to be entertained. He wanted Porphyrios to poke fun at Christians, and do a little skit about Christian baptisms. So, Porphyrios got into a big water font, and he said, "Porphyrios is baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." (Those are just the words the priest said for *you* when you were baptized as a Christian.) Then, Porphyrios came out of the font and put on white clothes, and he declared that he was now a Christian. Everybody thought he was still joking around, but Porphyrios wasn't! He had really changed. He knew that God had given him the grace of Holy Baptism.

Then, of course, the emperor was furious. He sentenced him to be hurt and even killed. But Saint Porphyrios knew that he would be with his Lord forever, and that was something he wouldn't give up!

We celebrate St. Porphyrios today, September 15th (Sept. 28, OC).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is another icon of St. Porphyrios the mime.

He is holding a scroll with some words. They say, "The servant of God Porphyrios is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," just what he said to the emperor!

