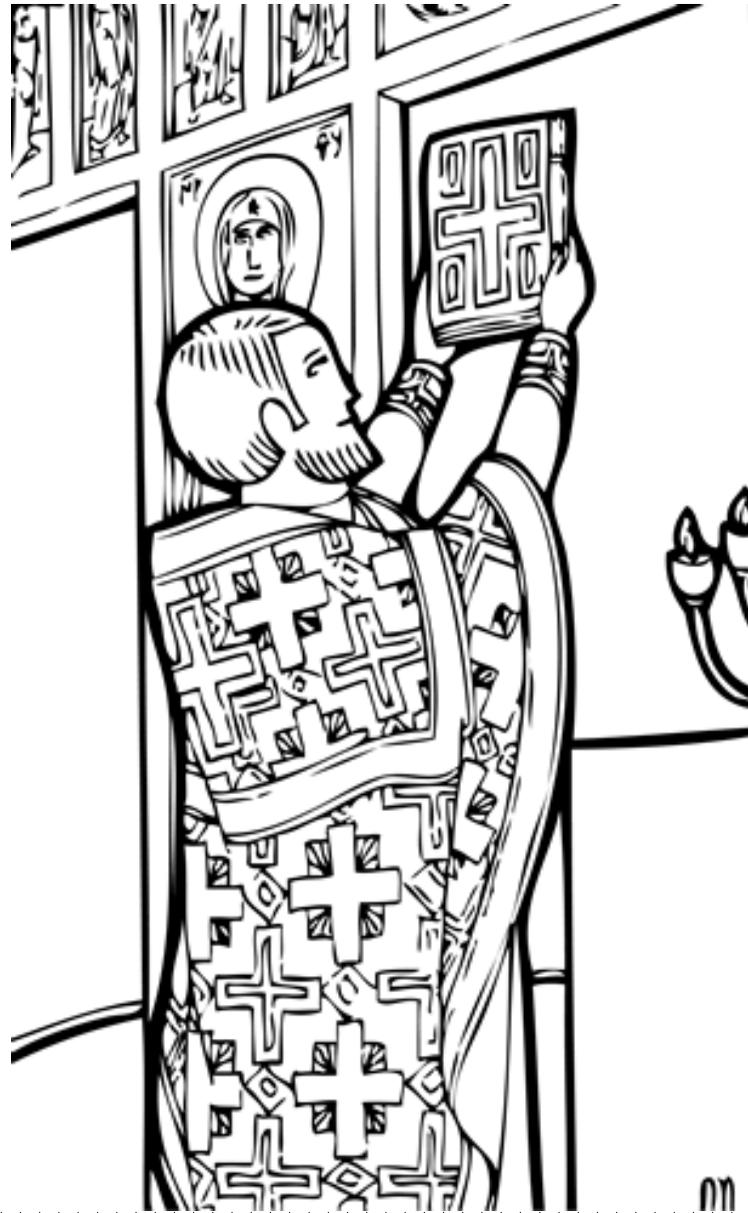


The Seed is the Word of God!



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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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"In one ear...and out the other"

You've heard the expression, "in one ear and out the other," haven't you? It means you hear something, but the words don't mean anything to you. You hear them, but then you forget them!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story about the man who went out to plant his seeds. He spread the seeds everywhere, but not all the seeds grew up into nice, healthy plants. Some fell on the rocks and didn't grow roots. Some plants started out fine, but then they withered with weeds. But some seeds grew up into big plants with hundreds of fruits.



The Sower plants the seeds

This story isn't just some interesting story. Our Bible is teaching us something! The seed is the word of God, the words that God wants us to hear. God sends His word everywhere, doesn't He? But some people are like the rocks. They don't even hear the Word. Some people are like the weedy ground. They hear the Word, but it goes in one ear and out the other! They hear it, but then they forget it.

Did you know something? It's easy to read the Bible! The hard part is really trying to understand it. Then, the *really* hard part is doing what it says!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

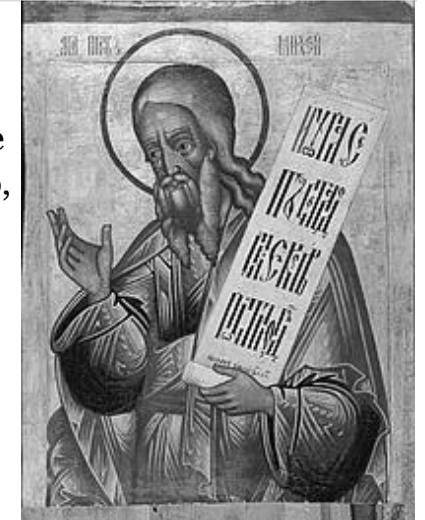
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THE PROPHET HOSEA "I WILL SHOW LOVE TO THEM"

This week we remember a

saint who definitely knew the idea of “in one ear and out the other”! This saint is the prophet Hosea. God gave Hosea a job to do, and that job was to tell the people to turn back to God. Turn back? Where had they gone?



The Prophet Hosea, a saint of our Church

God’s people had turned away from Him, and they had started worshipping other things—like the golden calves and another idol, too. Hosea’s job was to tell them to turn back to God. That was a hard thing, because people didn’t want to listen. They heard Hosea, but his words went in one ear and out the other!

The Prophet Hosea lived 800 years before our Lord, Jesus Christ was born, but he still reminds us of one thing: we can always turn back to God. In the Bible, the book of Hosea tells us that God still loves His people, even when they do the wrong thing. “I will show love to them and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the LORD their God.”

Let’s try to remember this love that God has for us. And let’s remember never to turn away from Him!

We celebrate Prophet Hosea on Thursday, Oct. 17th (Oct. 30, OC).

What's in an icon?

Here is another icon of the Prophet Hosea. Do you see what he holds in his hand? It’s a scroll.

You can find the book of Hosea in your Bible!

