

Wisdom! Sophia!



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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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His righteousness endures forever!

Have you ever gotten in trouble for something at home or at school? Your parents or your grandparents or maybe your teacher might have told you that you did the wrong thing. They might have told you that what you did was bad. When we do something wrong, we try to do better next time, don't we?



In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul writes something about God that is in the Old Testament too. The Bible says, "His righteousness endures forever." That means that God does the right thing...*all the time*. God doesn't make mistakes. He doesn't do the wrong thing.

Sometimes we might mess up and do something wrong. Our parents or our teachers make mistakes too, and even they might do the wrong thing too! But we can remember that God is always good. He *always* does the right thing, before Christ was born (in the Old Testament) and during Saint Paul's time, and during our time too! We can always look to our Lord as an example of righteousness...doing the right thing. And when we look to the Lord, we can see how we can do the right thing too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

ASCETIC
CEPHALONIA
GERASIMOS
ISLAND
OLD TESTAMENT
PRAYER
RIGHTEOUSNESS
SAINTS
UNDERSTAND

D S B S W E D H A V J U C M G
N S L O U Y Q S D D L T E F E
A E Y C T N C Y T E M F M G R
L N M S Y E D L O R V T S Y A
S S F H T H A E A Y N G M X S
I U Z I O O V W R E C R J P I
B O C I Z H Q A M S Z Q X P M
J E B S T N I A S R T W B H O
X T Z B I S T T G N E A E P S
L H E W Y S G E P U Z Y N P U
D G O C E P H A L O N I A D J
F I Z T Z I W N W M J K F R N
F R D M Q O M R M G Y Z Q W P
E L C C B Y Y I K B M J N E Z
O O I C I E O G S U N G N J B

What's in an icon?

Here is an icon of St. Gerasimos. In the background you can see a beautiful church dedicated to him there.

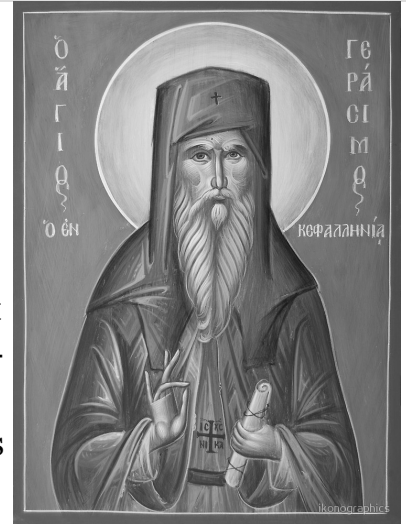
And here is a photo of it too!



SAINTS STILL HELP US! SAINT GERASIMOS OF CEPHALONIA

Sometimes we hear about saints from a long, long time ago. Do you ever wonder if they know about us or if they hear our prayers?

Today we celebrate the feastday of Saint Gerasimos. He was born 500 years ago, just a few years after Christopher Columbus discovered America! But St. Gerasimos still listens to prayers, and he especially protects the people on his island of Cephalonia.



Cephalonia is an island off the coast of Greece. It is right in the middle of an earthquake zone, and the people there notice lots of little earthquakes and tremors all the time. But sixty years ago, a huge earthquake hit, and it destroyed almost everything on the island.

Lots of people said they saw Saint Gerasimos then! He comforted the people who were very scared. He also helped people who were trapped in buildings. The saints care about us very much, and they understand our problems because they lived here too. Do you see how St. Gerasimos understood and cared for the people on his little island?

We can ask saints to protect us and help us! Can you think of a prayer you could say to a favorite saint?

We celebrate St. Gerasimos today, Oct. 20th (Nov. 2, OC).