

Love your neighbor!



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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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Taking from God



Has anybody ever stolen something from you? Maybe somebody stole a toy of yours or even a bike. Maybe you left your dessert on the table and your sister ate it when you got up from the table! It is not a good feeling when somebody takes something that belongs to you!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story of the rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. We hear about how the rich man wouldn't help the poor man. He ignored Lazarus, even though Lazarus begged every day outside his gates. Inside, the rich man ate delicious food, but outside, the poor man didn't have anything. This story reminds us that we have to help the poor! As Christians, we can't just ignore them like the rich man did in the story today.

Our great saint, Saint John Chrysostom, was a bishop who gave many, many sermons about helping the poor. He wrote about this same story from the Bible, and he tells us how important it is. St. John said that when we don't share our money and our wealth with the poor, it "is theft from the poor. We do not have our wealth, but theirs." St. John means that when we don't share what we have, we are taking something that doesn't belong to us! In other words, we're stealing! That's because God gives us everything. He asks us to love one another. He asks us to take care of one another, including the poor. When we don't do that, we are taking something that belongs to God. Let's always remember to share with others, especially the poor people in the world.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

CHURCH
GOSPEL
HUNGRY
LAZARUS
LYDDA
READING
RICH AND POOR
SAINT GEORGE
SCRIPTURE
THEFT

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

What's in an icon?

Here are two icons of Saint George.

The one on the left is from Ethiopia.
The one on the right is from Greece.

What do you see that is the same?
What do you see that is different?



ANOTHER FEAST FOR ST. GEORGE THE CHURCH IN LYDDA

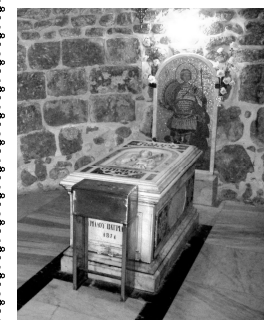
Did you know Tuesday is Election Day in the United States?

This week, you might hear about people who want to be on school boards or have other positions. Many times, people have good reasons for getting elected. But sometimes those people just want to feel important. Sometimes they want to get elected to be powerful.



Today, we will celebrate another day for our friend, Saint George. He was a saint who could have been important and powerful in the Roman army. But he chose to follow Jesus Christ instead.

Saint George's big nameday is in April, but today we remember when the people built a church for Saint George. That was 1,700 years ago! We remember that special day even today because Saint George is



The tomb of Saint George

such a special saint. That first church was destroyed. Then it was rebuilt. Then it was destroyed again and rebuilt again. This last one was built almost 150 years ago. You can visit it if you ever go to Palestine, in the Middle East. You can pray in this amazing place. Saint George's tomb (his body) is still there. And you can see how Saint George is important to us. And his prayers are powerful, too!

We celebrate this feastday today, Nov. 3rd (Nov. 16th OC).