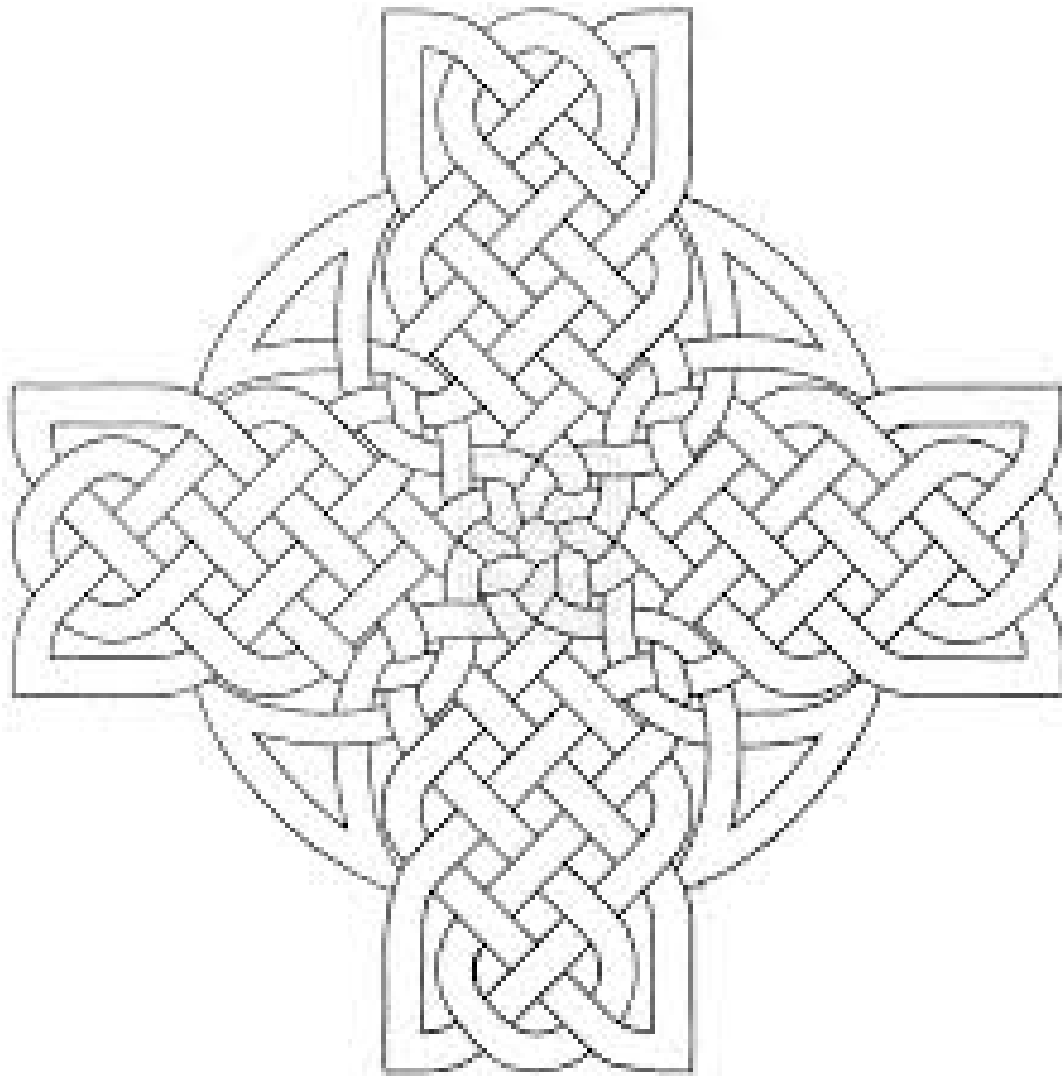


Always remember the Cross!



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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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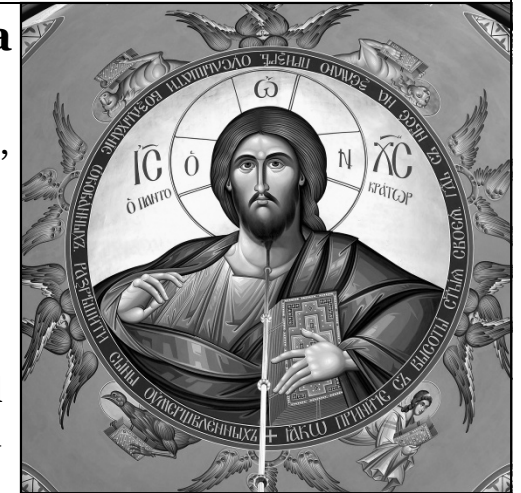
Salvation is a gift!

Has anybody ever given you a gift...and you never gave anything back? Sometimes you might get a present, and you just say "thank you!" You might not give a present back.

Today's epistle reading reminds us of the great gift that God gives us...and we can never give anything back for it. Saint Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."

God has given the world a great gift—the best gift! When God sent His Son, He wanted to save the world. He wanted to give people a place in heaven with Him forever. When Saint Paul wrote, "By grace you have been saved," he meant that saving the world was a gift. God gave us this gift because He loves us. He didn't save us because of something we did, or because of a gift we gave God. God saved us because He loves us.

On Christmas or on our birthdays, sometimes our parents have to remind us to say thank you for all of our presents. But today, when we hear the epistle, let's remember to say thank you to our Lord for the best gift anybody could ever give—joy in heaven forever!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

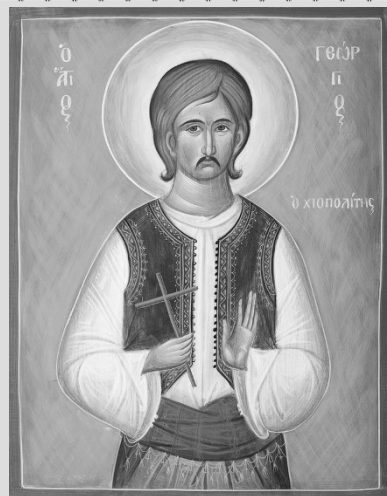
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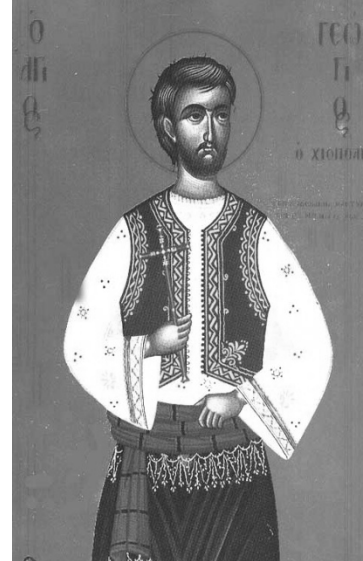
Here is another icon of Saint George of Chios (an island in Greece).

What is he holding onto so tightly?



HIS BIG MISTAKE

SAINT GEORGE OF CHIOS



New Martyr George of Chios

Think to yourself: What's the biggest mistake you've ever made? Sometimes we might make mistakes that we feel bad about for the rest of our lives!

This week we remember a Saint George who made a mistake when he was a boy, and he regretted it very much. Once, young George was caught stealing some fruit. The owner brought George to the authorities, who told him he could be free if only he would give up his Christian faith. George said okay, and became Muslim. Now, he had a new name, Ahmed. But George felt so bad about his mistake. He cried all the way home, and he told his parents what he had done.

George grew up and lived as a Christian. But somebody told the authorities what he had done as a child. Now George was in big trouble! But this time, George was not going to make the same mistake. He would not deny Christ. He told the authorities about his love for his Lord, Jesus Christ. The rulers hurt him again and again, but all the time, George prayed to God and to Mary, the Theotokos. This time, George stayed strong in his faith. When he died, God welcomed him to heaven.

We celebrate *this* Saint George Wed., Nov. 27th (Dec. 10th OC).