

Saint George of Cernica, pray for us!



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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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You're never alone!

Have you ever been somewhere when you didn't know *anybody* there? Maybe on the first day of school, or even at a party or another activity, you looked around the room and didn't know anybody! Sometimes we can feel so alone, even when we are with others!



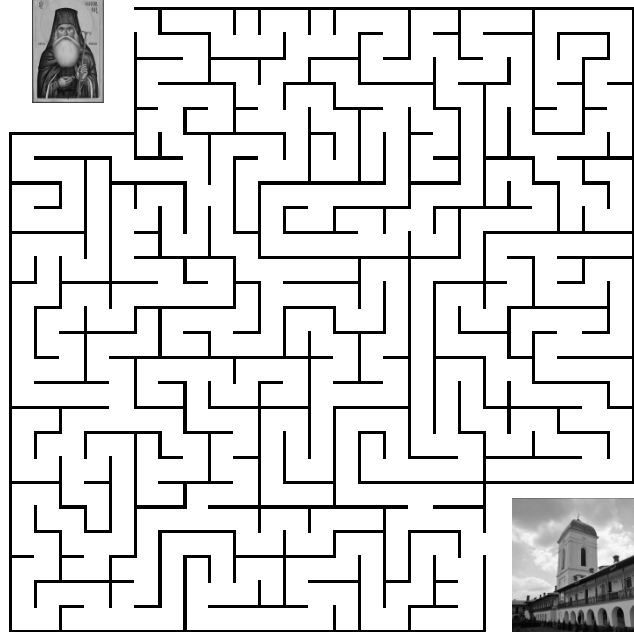
In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul tells us that when we are Christians, we are never alone. He writes, "Then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."

Saint Paul means that, when we are Christians, we are part of a community. We are part of a family. We are part of a "household of God." And when we are part of these things, we aren't alone. Even when you go to a church you've never been to before, you aren't a stranger. You are part of the Christian family!

As Christians, we are always joined together with the saints and the other members of the Church! We can always know we have a friend with us. And all of us are joined together to our Lord Jesus Christ.

A-MAZE-ING SAINTS

Help Saint George of Cernica find his way back from Mount Athos to the Cernica Monastery in Romania!



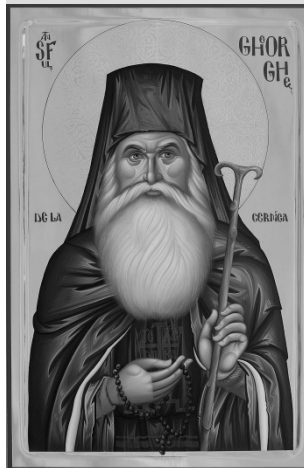
WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

This is an icon of another saint from Cernica Monastery in Romania. This is Saint Callinic, and Saint George was his teacher!

Do you see the beautiful monastery in the background?



SAINT GEORGE OF CERNICA FIXING UP MONASTERIES IN ROMANIA



Have your parents ever told you to clean your room? Or, have you ever done it yourself...without being told? You might not like to do it, but afterwards, it feels good to have a neat and clean place!

Saint George of Cernica was a saint who fixed up—not just a room—but a whole monastery, and then another one too! When Saint George was young, he knew he wanted to grow closer to God. And the way he chose to do that was to become a monk.

Saint George learned the life of a monk on Mount Athos, in Greece. But later on, he came back to his homeland of Romania.

The bishop then wanted to have more monks and nuns in Romania, and he asked the monk George to fix up one of the most important ones in Romania, Cernica Monastery. For many years this beautiful monastery had been attacked and almost destroyed. It was really in ruins. Saint George had the church and the little rooms for monks (the cells) fixed up. Then he fixed up the daily life there too. The monks began to have daily church services. They had other work to do too. Saint George made sure the Cernica Monastery was neat and in order.

Saint George was a holy man too. Many men wanted to learn from him, and the monastery grew and grew. Saint George also fixed up a second monastery in Romania, so people in this beautiful country could have places to grow closer to our Lord!

We celebrate *this* Saint George Mon., Dec. 3rd (Dec. 16th OC).