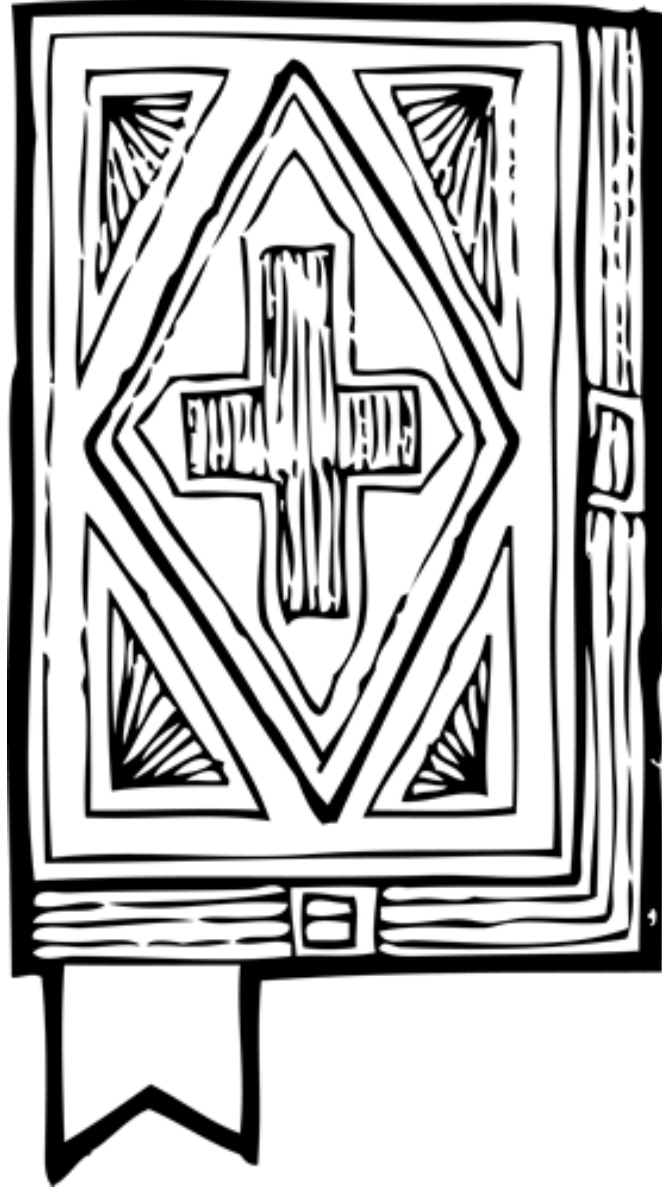


The Bible is THE book!



The Children's Word is a weekly bulletin for Orthodox Christian young people. Copyright 2019 Alexandra Houck.
Email is orthodoxchildrensword (at) gmail.com. Find it each week at myocn.net.

The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

Sunday, December 22, 2019

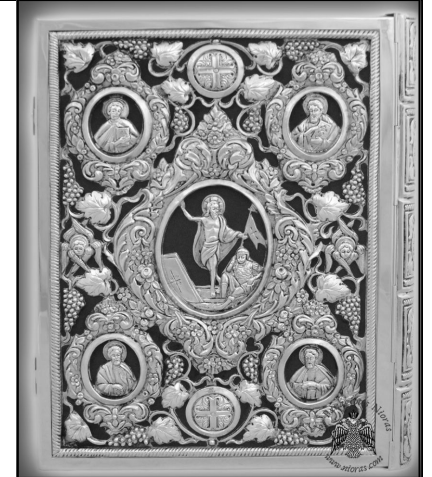
Volume 7, Issue 51

A Ministry of the
Orthodox Christian Network



The Most Important Book

Do you know where the word "Bible" comes from? Well, it comes from the Greek word, "biblos," which means "book." And today's Gospel reading starts with that very word. It starts "The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ." The words "the book" are the very beginning of the New Testament, when we learn about our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Why do we call this book just "the book"? Because it's the most important book in the world! It's the book that tells us the whole history of how God has helped us, how God has helped the whole world. That's why we call it "the book," or "biblos." It's the most important one. It's THE book.

Today the Gospel tells us the whole family tree of our Lord Jesus Christ. It tells us where Jesus came from. When we hear all of the names like Abraham and Isaac and Ruth and David and Josiah and Joseph, we think about all the Bible stories we have heard that happened before Christ was born. We think about all the ways that God helped the world, even before Christ was born.

But now we get to read why this is called THE book. We get to read about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, and how He came to save the world forever!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- ABRAHAM
- BIBLE
- BIBLOS
- CHRISTMAS
- CRETE
- ICONS
- MARTYRS
- NATIVITY
- SALVATION
- TEN

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

THE 10 HOLY MARTYRS OF CRETE— A GREAT DISCOVERY!

Do you know what an archaeologist does? Sometimes archaeologists dig under the ground to find out things from long ago. They might find a piece of pottery or jewelry from long ago.



A little more than a hundred years ago, some people in the great Greek island of Crete discovered something from long ago too. They found the place where ten holy saints had been buried! In the year 1898, a very sick man was healed from the water in a lake in Crete. He drank the water, and he was healed from a bad disease. He told everyone about it, and other people were also healed from this water. The bishop from that area visited it too, and he had the lake drained (dried up). Sure enough, under all that water had been the tombs of the saints.

The bishop had a little church built to the saints, and now faithful people can come and pray before their relics!

People from Crete had been praying to the 10 holy martyrs of Crete for hundreds and hundreds of years, but they never knew where their bodies were. They lived many, many years ago, but they were still alive with Christ, and they still help people today!

We celebrate these 10 saints on Mon., December 23rd (Jan. 5th OC).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

How long have we had pictures of the Christmas story? For a long, long time!

Here is a carved picture of the Nativity from 1,700 years ago! Can you find Jesus in the manger? Can you find Mary and the animals?

