

This is the faith of the Apostles!



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

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Greater things than these

Have you ever said, "I can't wait!"?

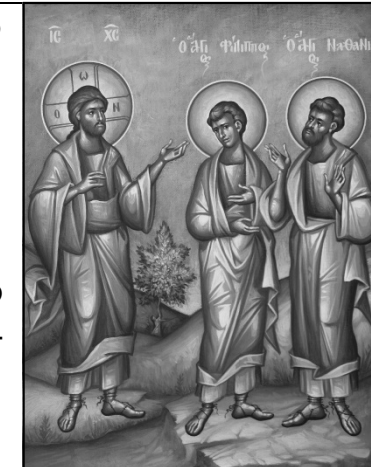
Maybe you couldn't wait to see a new movie, or maybe you couldn't wait for somebody to come over and visit. Maybe you couldn't wait to see what you got for Christmas.

In today's Gospel reading we hear the story of two men who became Jesus's good friends and followers. They couldn't wait to see the Messiah, the Savior! Jesus knew about *them* before they knew about *Him*, and Nathaniel was really impressed.

He said, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

Nathaniel couldn't wait to see the Savior and he couldn't wait to see these things Jesus spoke about. He wanted to see "greater things than" what he already saw. And just think about all the glorious miracles that our Lord has already done for us since then! All the healings and all the people He has saved.

Today is only the first Sunday of Great Lent, but we can't wait to see the awesome Resurrection in just a few weeks. Philip and Nathaniel and the other disciples saw "greater things than" the miracle in the Gospel today, and our Lord lets us see them too!



WORD SEARCH

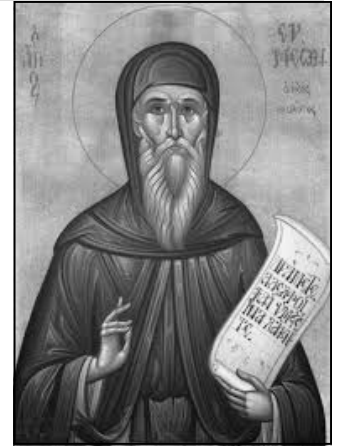
Can you find these words in the jumble?

CHURCH
COME AND SEE
FOLLOW ME
NATHANIEL
ORTHODOXY
PHILIP
SYMEON
THEOLOGIAN
WAITING

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

SAINT SYMEON THE THEOLOGIAN

Have you read any books about God and His saints? Of course, it's good to read the Bible and to learn about God with other stories too. We can learn how to be more like Him. As you grow older, you will probably read more and more so you can try to know what God wants us to do and how to do it!



But we can also grow closer to God in another way. This week we celebrate a saint who learned how.

Saint Symeon grew up in a noble family and he had a good education. He studied hard so he could grow smart. But when he was 14, he learned from another Symeon, who was a monk. The older Symeon told him about prayer and about a more simple life. Then, the younger Symeon wanted to change to follow this simple, holy life.

Saint Symeon died just about a thousand years ago, but he wrote many things that we can still read today. He tells us how he knew God so well and so closely, and how other Christians can too.

In our Church, we have three saints we call “theologians.” They are called that because they studied and knew God (o Theos) in a very special and close way. They knew God not from reading a ton of books, but from knowing God Himself. Let’s ask St. Symeon to help us know God better too!

We celebrate St. Symeon on Thursday, March 12 (March 25, OC).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

In this icon, we see Saint Symeon again. Do you see the glow around him as he looks up to Christ?

This is like the same holy light we see around our Lord, Jesus Christ. We see it in the icon of the Transfiguration!

