

“That they may be one!”



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# 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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## Praying for our Church

**Do you pray to God sometimes,** all by yourself? Before Christ was arrested and sent to the Cross, He prayed by Himself too. In today's Gospel reading, we hear how He prayed to His Father for His disciples. Remember, the disciples were Jesus's great helpers. Now that Jesus was going to leave, He needed His disciples to keep working.



**Jesus watches over all of His sheep!**

These disciples were going to tell people all about God. They would tell all about what they had learned from Jesus when He was still with them. But that was a hard thing! They could get bored. They could get lazy. They could get tired. They could get scared. But Christ prayed for them. “Holy Father, keep them in Your name.” Keep them strong in the faith, Christ meant. Keep them focused on God.

Now, the disciples are with God in heaven too! And we still have work to do. We have to tell people and show people what we have learned about Jesus Christ. Sometimes we can face the same problems that the Lord's disciples faced. We can get bored, lazy, tired, or scared! We need God's help. Can you remember to pray for our holy Orthodox Church? Can you pray, just like our Lord prayed? “Holy Father, keep us in your name.” Keep us strong. Keep us together. Keep us focused on our Lord!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- DISCIPLES
- ECUMENICAL
- GLEN DALOUGH
- GOSPEL
- HOLY FATHERS
- IRELAND
- KEVIN
- MISSION
- MONASTERY
- PRAYER

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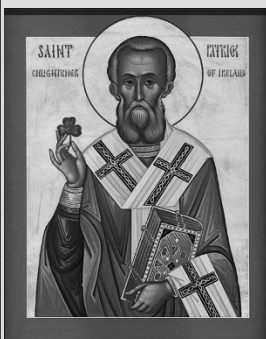
# What's in an icon?

St. Kevin is one of our saints from Ireland. But here are three more!

Can you see the Irish countryside behind St. Bridget and St. Brendan?



St. Bridget



St. Patrick

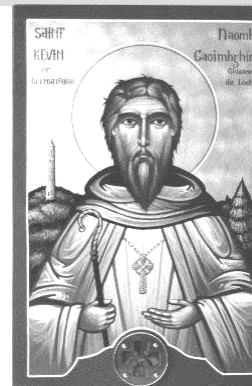


St. Brendan

# SAINT KEVIN

## A SAINT AND MONK FROM IRELAND

**Where do saints come from?** You've heard of saints like St. Demetrios and St. Nektarios. Those ones lived in Greece. But saints come from all over the world, because God has good followers all over the world. In Ireland we have St. Patrick, St. Bridget, and St. Kevin (and lots more, too!).



Saint Kevin

On Wednesday, we remember Saint Kevin of Ireland. Saint Kevin was born 500 years after Christ was born—on the beautiful, green island of Ireland. He became a monk and a priest. He lived as a hermit, living all by himself in the wilderness—with only the wild animals for neighbors. He did this so he could spend most of his time praying to God. He wanted to stay as a hermit, but the Church needed Saint Kevin, so he left this life behind.

St. Kevin started a monastery in an area in Ireland called Glendalough. Many, many people wanted to learn from Saint Kevin, and they became

monks at this monastery. If you visit Ireland someday, you can even see where the monastery was!



The little chapel of Saint Kevin, in Glendalough, Ireland today

If you like stories about animals, you should try to find out more about Saint Kevin. He loved animals, too! St. Kevin was very gentle, like many other saints who lived in the wilderness. The animals knew that and felt safe with him!

We remember Saint Kevin on Wed., June 3rd (June 16th, OC).