

Holy Apostles Peter and Paul



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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Seek first God's kingdom!

Have you ever done something in the wrong order? Maybe you tried to put your shoes on first, and then your socks. Or maybe you ate lunch before you washed your hands. Or cooked something in a mixed up way. Sometimes, when we do things out of order, it doesn't make sense. Sometimes, it doesn't even work right!



In today's Gospel reading, our Lord gives us advice for our lives. He tells us not to worry about things like food or drink or clothes. Why not? Because the Gospel tells us, "Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." Our Lord tells us not to worry about these things, because we have to do things in the right order!

Then what comes first? Seek first God's kingdom. Think about God and about life with Him *first*. God knows we need all these good things like food and drink and clothing and a home. Our Lord wants us to do the right things first, and He will provide for us.

Let's always try to do things in the right order. Let's try to be close to God first, and then we can see how He will take care of us in the way that He knows best.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- APOSTLES
- ICON
- KINGDOM
- LOVE GOD
- ORDER
- PAUL
- PETER
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- SAINTS
- SEEK

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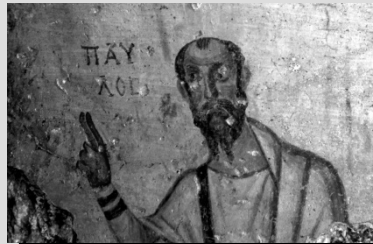
What's in an icon?

How old are our pictures of Saint Paul?

Did you know archaeologists have found pictures of this great saint from 1,700 years ago?

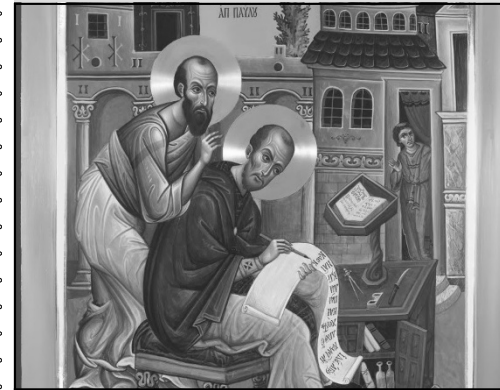


around 1,700 years



around 1,500 years ago

SAINT PAUL THE GREAT APOSTLE



This is an icon of Saint Paul helping Saint John Chrysostom with his beautiful sermons

We have all heard of superstars, haven't we? A superstar is somebody who is super famous, maybe an actor who has been in a bunch of movies or an athlete who has helped his team win a ton of games.

But in our Church we have the right kind of stars, and these are the saints. We know about these stars because

they have done great things for the Christian Church. They are examples to us!

Well, tomorrow we celebrate a real superstar of our church, Saint Paul. We know so much about Saint Paul because he wrote some of the books of the Bible. In the Acts of the Apostles (in the Bible), we hear about how he helped build up the Christian Church.

A few hundred years after Saint Paul lived, Saint John Chrysostom wrote about how great this superstar saint really was. He wrote, "Paul has shown us what man really is." Saint John wrote about how Saint Paul always tried harder and harder to do what God wanted him to do. Even when things were bad for him, Saint Paul thanked God for it. He knew that Christ had already won the big victory for us! The best way to learn more about this superstar saint is to read the Bible. And that is exactly the advice Saint John Chrysostom would give us, too!

We celebrate Saints Peter and Paul day on Mon., June 29th (OC: July 12).