We worked all night, and caught nothing!



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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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Rich and poor



Do you think somebody can be rich

and poor at the same time? They're opposites, aren't they?

Well, in today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells how *he* was rich and poor, all at the same time. Saint Paul tells us of all the awful things that happened to him, as he traveled around, preaching the Gospel. And he writes that he is "poor, but making many rich."

Saint Paul *was* poor because he didn't have much money or many things. But at the same time, he was rich, because he had the best thing of all. Saint Paul had the good news that our Lord Jesus Christ had opened heaven for him! He had the good news that he could live in heaven with Him forever!

Saint Paul was poor, but he was "making many rich," because he had the good news, and he was telling everybody about it. He was making other people rich with this good news too! These new Christians didn't mind being poor when they were rich in this other, better way.

Do you know how *you* could make other people rich? Do you think you could follow Saint Paul's example in some way?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

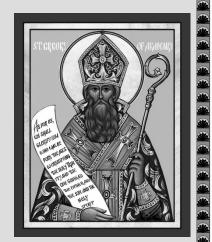
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What's in an icon?

Sometimes in icons, saints hold a scroll showing something they said or wrote.

Here is Saint Gregory of Armenia. His scroll says, "As for us, we shall glorify Him who was before the ages, worshipping the Holy Trinity."



THE FIRST CHRISTIAN COUNTRY SAINT GREGORY OF ARMENIA

Sometimes saints' lives are filled with wild adventures!

Saint Gregory was a saint who lived around the year 300. His family were nobility, and once, his father did a very wrong thing. He wanted more power, so he killed the king. Gregory was going to be in trouble too, so he escaped and went off to live somewhere else.



Saint Gregory of Armenia

Gregory learned how to be a strong Christian. And later, he wanted to try to make up for what his father had done. Gregory decided to go all around his country of Armenia to tell the people about Jesus Christ. (The people there still worshipped idols at that time). He became bishop and baptized many, many people.

Saint Gregory even baptized the new king! Then even more people wanted to become Christian. Armenia became the very first Christian country. We call this Saint Gregory "the Illuminator." That means that he brought light to the people of Armenia. He showed them the light of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Do you see how Saint Gregory also "made many rich"? He followed the example of Saint Paul too!

We celebrate Saint Gregory on Wednesday, Sept. 30th (OC: Oct. 13th).