

“Come, you that are blessed by My Father!”



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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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## What did God prepare for us?



**What is the best reward you've ever received?** A trophy? A bag of candy? A ribbon? A certificate?

In today's Gospel, you will hear about the reward God wants to give each one of us.

Did you know that God wants us to take care of each other? He wants us to feed the hungry, give something to drink to the thirsty,

take care of the sick, and so on.

When we do these kinds of things, God will reward us. No, not with a trophy or a certificate for your wall, of course. This is the best reward you could think of. He wants to give us life forever with Him in heaven!

Let's listen to what the Bible says. When we love and help one another, God will say, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.”

That's right! Ever since the creation of the world, God has known about you. He has prepared a place for you in heaven. He wants us to receive our reward! It's hard to think of these words *all* the time, but let's try! “Come, you that are blessed by my Father!”

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

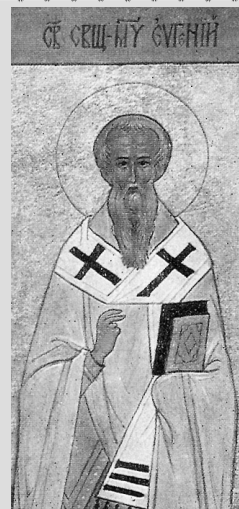
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- JOY
- JUDGMENT
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# What's in an icon?

This is one of the saints of Cherson we celebrate this week. It is Saint Eugene. St. Eugene went off to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to people who had never heard the good news.

He carries his greatest tool with him...the Bible. This is our greatest tool too!



# 7 HERO HIEROMARTYRS OF CHERSON

**What kind of person is brave?** A fireman fearlessly running into a burning building? A policeman chasing a dangerous criminal?

These seven saints were some of the bravest you'll find. They are brave because they knew they had a dangerous job, but they happily did it anyway!



Saints Basil, Ephraim, Eugene, Elpidus, Agathadorus, Aetherius, and Capiton

God called His disciples to “make disciples of all nations.” God wants us to spread the good news about Jesus Christ to the whole world. In the 300’s (1700 years ago), the bishop of Jerusalem sent bishops to spread the good news in Cherson (on the Black Sea— now in Ukraine). But the problem was that people were not so happy to hear the good news. The first two, Bishop Basil and Bishop Ephraim were killed. Then three more bishops were sent. They too were martyred (killed for their Christian faith). Then two more were sent. Finally, being a Christian was legal now, so they should have been safe, but one of these was still killed for being a Christian.

These seven men knew they had a dangerous job to do. But they knew it was an important one—a job that God had given them. That’s why they bravely and joyfully did it.

**We celebrate these saints on Thursday, Mar. 7th (March 20th, OC).**