

Jesus Christ conquers!



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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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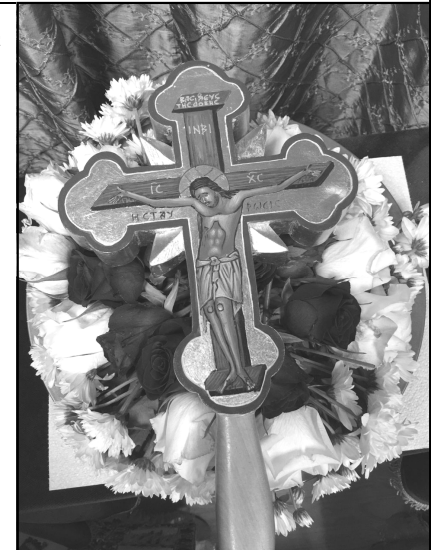
The Cross gives us life!

Have you ever wondered why we wear crosses? Have you wondered why we make the sign of the cross when we pray? Do you know why, today, on the Sunday of the Holy Cross, we decorate a cross with flowers and see a procession around the whole church with it?

We remember that our Lord, Jesus Christ was killed on the Cross. We remember that the people were angry at Him, and we remember how they shouted "Crucify Him!" when they wanted Him to be killed on the cross. That doesn't sound so great, so why do we make such a big deal about the cross in our Christian faith today?

When we think about the Cross, we think about what our Lord, Jesus Christ did for us. We think about how He gave up His life for us, so that we could live in heaven someday with Him. When we think about the Cross, we think about how it didn't stop there... our Lord came out of the tomb, and He rose from the dead!

So for us, the Cross wasn't a bad thing. It is the best thing ever because it gives us all life!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

CRUCIFIXION
HOLY CROSS
ICON
LIFE GIVING
MIRACLES
PRAYER
THEOTOKOS
THIRD SUNDAY

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

What's in an icon?

If you look very closely, can you see the jewelry and chains hanging on the bottom of this icon?

This is the special icon of Panagia Portaitissa (the icon of the holy Theotokos, “of the door”). People have left jewelry to show their love for the Theotokos. They show thanks for the miracles she has given.



A WONDER-WORKING ICON THE PANAGIA PORTAITISSA ICON

Do you have icons in your house? In your family’s car? In your room? We use these icons to remember Christ and His saints. But God sometimes uses icons in other special ways too. Tomorrow we’ll remember a very special icon called the Portaitissa Icon.



More than a thousand years ago, iconoclasts tried to destroy icons all over the Christian world. A Christian lady kept an icon in her house. Once, these icon-hating men came into her house and stabbed this icon with a spear. Blood poured out of it!

Then, of course, she knew it was a very special icon. With this miracle, God wanted to show how important icons are to our faith. The lady asked the soldiers to wait until the morning to take it. When they left, she put it in the sea, and it floated away. It floated to Mount Athos, a place in Greece that is filled with monasteries and churches.

This amazing icon has been at a monastery on Mount Athos ever since then. Today we celebrate this miracle that God worked through this special icon.

We celebrate this special icon today, Mar. 31st (April 13th, OC).