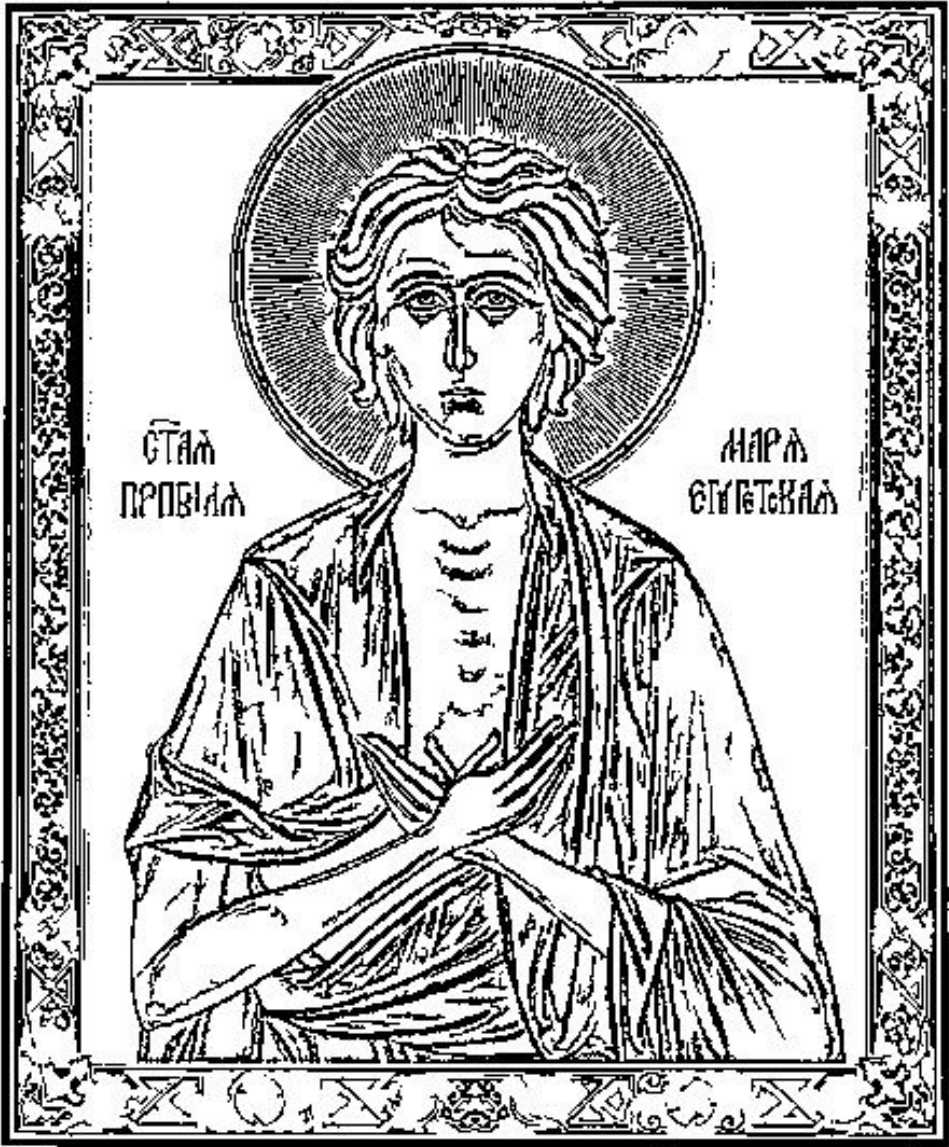


Saint Mary, pray for us!



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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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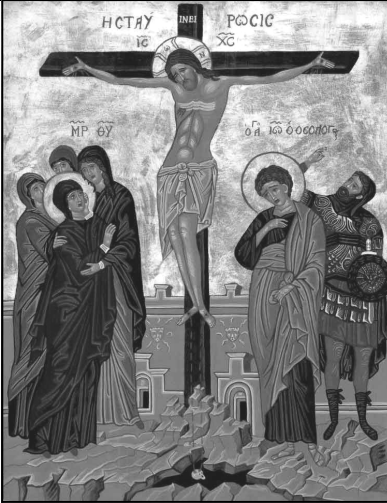
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We trust Christ's words!

Can you think of somebody you really trust? When you trust somebody, you've heard what he or she has said in the past. You believe him, because what he said was true!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a time Jesus was with His disciples, walking to Jerusalem. As they were walking, Jesus "began to tell them what was going to happen to him, saying, 'Behold we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death,...and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise.'"



Jesus was telling His disciples what was going to happen to Him.

Starting next week, with Holy Week, we will hear about all these things that really happened to our Lord. We will hear how Jesus was condemned to death, about how they made fun of Him, how they beat Him, and killed Him. Then on Pascha (Easter), we will hear about how He rose from the dead!

Our Lord Jesus Christ knew that all these things were going to happen to Him. We trust His words when we read the Bible, because we know that He told the truth then. We can read His words in the Gospels, and we can trust that they are true!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

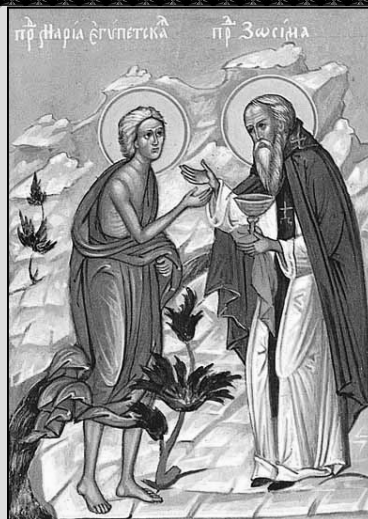
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What's in an icon?

This is an icon showing Saint Mary of Egypt with the priest who gave her Holy Communion, even out in the desert! His name was Father Zosimas.

Saint Mary lived out in the desert for many years, so you can see that her clothes were not so fancy and neat!

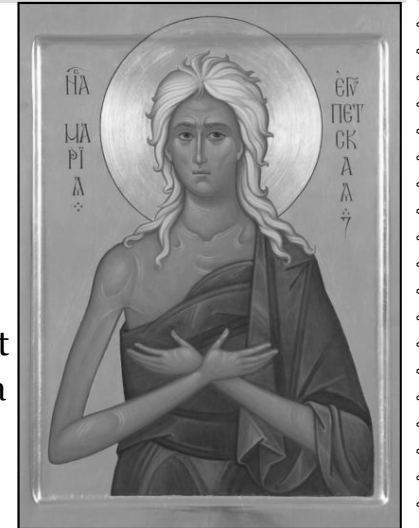


EVEN SAINTS CAN MAKE MISTAKES

ST. MARY OF EGYPT

Did you know that even saints can make mistakes? Today we remember a very special saint who made A LOT of mistakes.

When Saint Mary of Egypt was a young woman, she did not even *try* to be a good person. She had many, many sins and didn't even care. But one day, she tried to go into a holy church in Jerusalem, and she felt a force that would not let her go in! She couldn't see anybody pushing her out, but as hard as she tried, she still could not enter the church.



St. Mary then knew that she had to change her life. She left Jerusalem to live in the desert, where she lived for 48 years! She spent her time there praying and asking God to forgive her. Finally, before she died, she received Holy Communion from a priest who found her in the desert.

Sometimes, when we think of the saints, we might think they were born perfect and were perfect all their lives! But then we know that only Christ lived a perfect life! Today, let's all remember that nobody is perfect. But God still wants us to try to be perfect, like He is! St. Mary of Egypt is a great example of somebody who changed her life so she could follow Christ.

We celebrate St. Mary today, the fifth Sunday of Lent.