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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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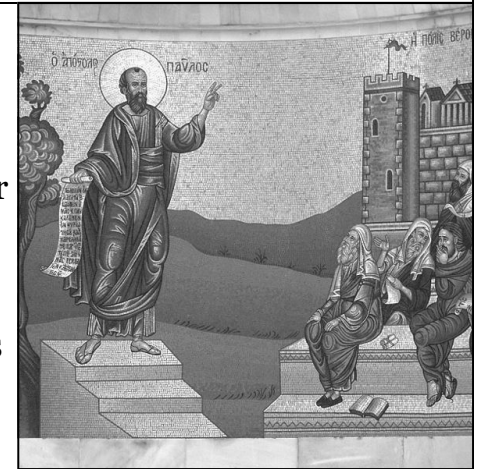
Have you ever been shy to speak up about something?

Maybe you wanted to say something, but you were afraid of what people would say, or what they would think of you. It is hard to have that courage sometimes!

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us how important it is to speak up about what we Christians believe! He writes, "Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, 'I believed and so I spoke,' we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence." Saint Paul was taking that "I believed and so I spoke" from the Psalms in the Old Testament, but it worked for Saint Paul, and for us Christians today too!

We believe that Christ died for us. We believe that Christ will call us to heaven one day. We believe that God loves us and wants to save us. So, Saint Paul says, if we believe it, we should speak it too!

For the last 2,000 years, Christians have believed these things about our Lord, Jesus Christ. And many times, these Christians have been hurt or even killed because they spoke up about what they believed. Saint Paul encourages us today to speak up about our Lord, Jesus Christ. We believe, and so we speak!



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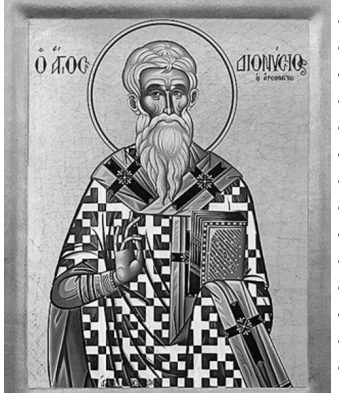
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- AREOPAGUS
- ATHENS
- BELIEVE
- COURAGE
- DIONYSIOS
- FAITH
- PSALMS
- SAINT PAUL
- TEACH

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LISTENING TO SAINT PAUL SAINT DIONYSIOS THE AREOPOGITE

Did you know you can walk where the saints once walked? You can do this all over the world—in Greece, in Russia, in Egypt,...even here in the United States.



St. Dionysios the Areopogite

One very special saint lived at the same time as Saint Paul did, about 2,000 years ago! His name was Saint Dionysios. At first, he didn't believe in God. He believed in many of the Greek gods.

But once, the philosophers in Athens invited Saint Paul to tell them about his God. St. Dionysios heard Saint Paul in a court called the Areopagus in Athens, Greece. St. Paul was giving a big, wonderful speech, and Dionysios listened. After that, he decided to believe in

Jesus Christ! St. Dionysios believed in God so strongly that he even became a bishop.



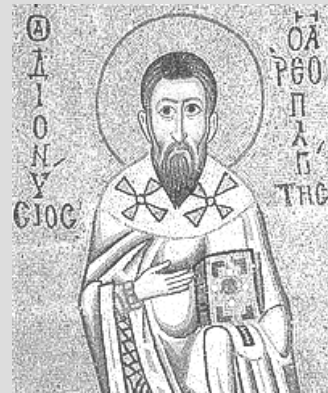
If you go to Athens one day, you can visit the Areopagus. For many tourists, the Acropolis is the very first thing they want to see, but right near there, you can see where St. Dionysios first be-

lieved. That was the very spot where St. Dionysios listened to St. Paul— almost two thousand years ago!

We celebrate St. Dionysios on Thursday, Oct. 3rd (Oct. 16, OC).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

This icon of Saint Dionysios (the Areopogite) is from the famous monastery of Hosios Lukas. It is made up of little tiny stones, called a mosaic.



You can tell that Saint Dionysios was a bishop because he is holding the Gospel. He wasn't shy to speak about his faith, and neither was Saint Paul!