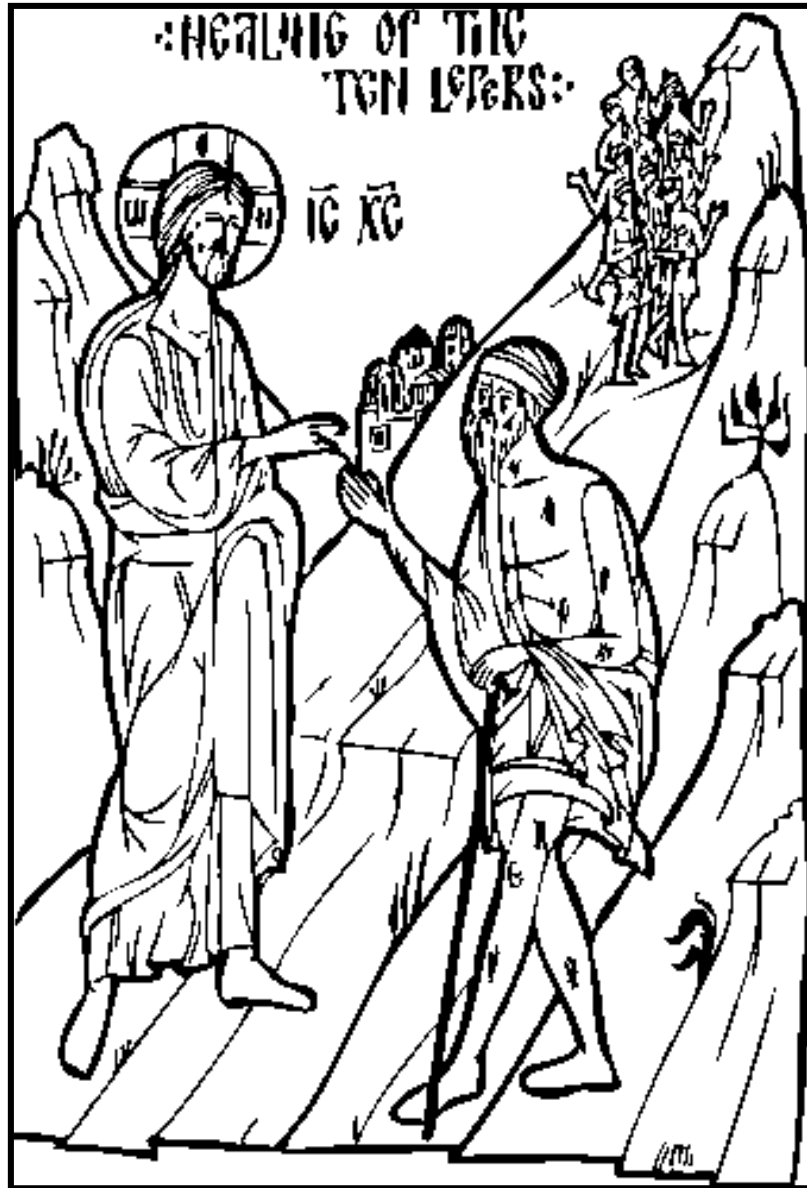


Remember to thank God!



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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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Be Truthful!

Has anybody ever told a lie to you? Have you ever been untruthful about something too?

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul writes, "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature and have put on the new nature." Saint Paul knew that "Do not lie" was one of the Ten Commandments. And in the epistle, he tells others who were new to Christianity not to lie too. When we read the epistle, we know that Saint Paul is telling us today not to lie too.

As Christians, we always want to try to be more like our Lord, Jesus Christ. We know that God is always truthful. Jesus even said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." God is Truth, because He is always truthful and honest. What we hear from Him is always right.

God gives us lots of instructions, and today we hear some of those instructions from His saint, the apostle Paul. Saint Paul reminds us that Christians must act differently from others! Even if everyone around you is acting one way, we always try to act like Christ. Even if everyone lies to you, you tell the truth, because that's one way we can be like God, the Truth!



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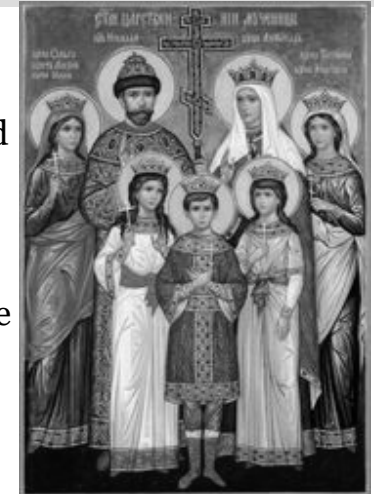
Can you find these words in the jumble?

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- CHRISTIAN
- COMMANDMENTS
- MARTYRS
- NICHOLAS
- RUSSIAN
- SAINT PAUL
- TRUTHFUL

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THE NEW MARTYRS OF RUSSIA

Is it easy to be a Christian? Sometimes, people try to tell us that life is fun and easy if we just follow Christ. But when we read the lives of the saints, it sure doesn't seem that way! So many of them were poor and uncomfortable during their lives. So many of them were made fun of. So many of them were even killed just for being Christians.



The Russian Royal family were just a few of the Christians who were killed by the Communists.

On Saturday, we remember a big group of Christian saints. THEY did not have easy lives. These saints are the Orthodox Christians who died about a hundred years ago in Russia. Why? And how? They died simply because they were Christians! They were killed because the bad rulers did not believe in God, and so they didn't like Christians.

Imagine if you could ask these saints, "Is it easy to be a Christian?" What would they say? Maybe they would tell you that it was hard to be a Christian when the rulers hated them. But now they are with our Lord in heaven, and things are easy now. Life is easy for them now, without any pain or suffering. Which easy life do *you* think we should try for?

If you get to be a Christian in peace, thank God for that freedom! If you live in a country where life is hard as a Christian, pray to these special saints to give you strength!

We celebrate these saints on Sat. Jan. 25th (Feb. 7, OC).

What's in an icon?

Can you find the crowns of the Russian royal family saints?

Their names are Tsar Nicholas, Tsarina Alexandra, and Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia, and Alexei.

