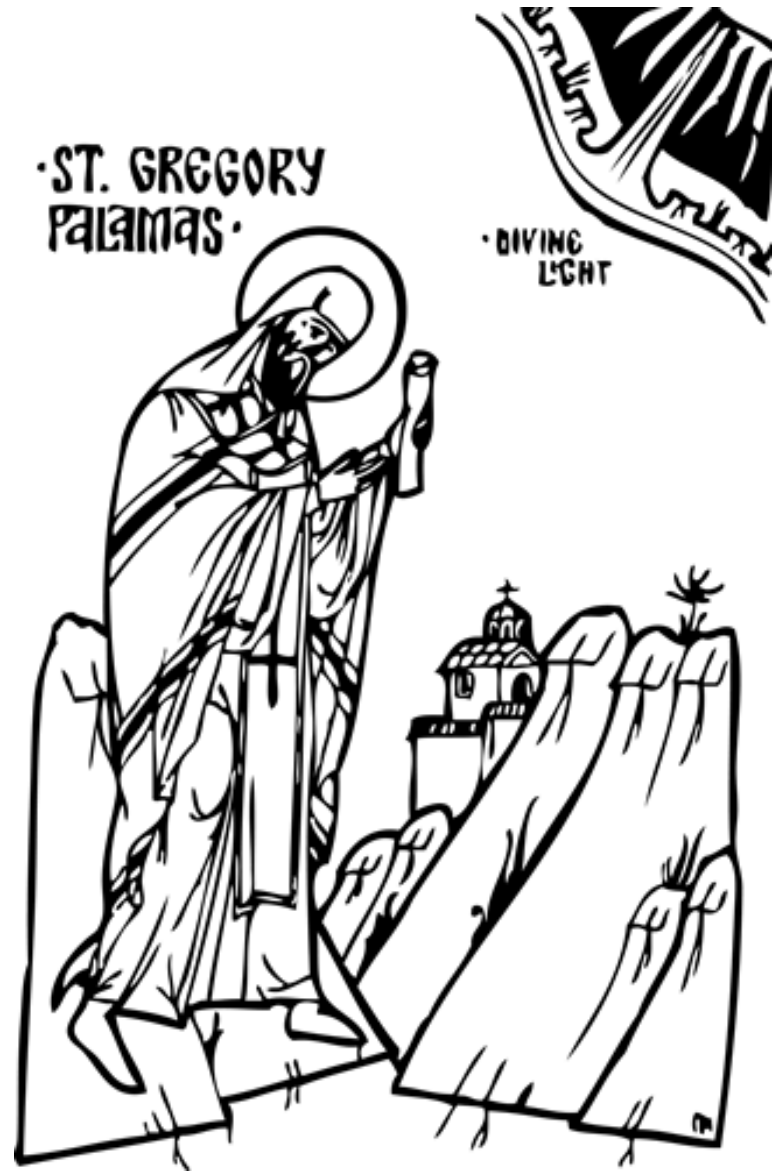


Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas



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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

Sunday, March 15, 2020

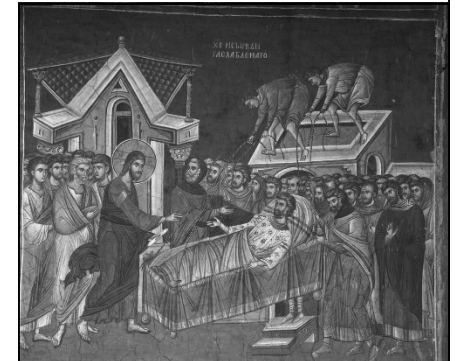
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Jesus saw their faith!

Have you ever fixed something yourself? A toy or a bike or a torn book? Sometimes you might get used to having something broken, but when you fix it, you can sure enjoy your toy or bike or book much better.



In today's Gospel reading, we hear about some people who had a friend who was sick and couldn't walk. They wanted to help him, so they decided to do something about it. Everyone knew how Jesus had healed people before, and the Gospel tells us that "many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door." But still these men wanted to help their friend... they knew they wanted Jesus to heal him!

Then, do you remember what they did? They took the roof off, and lowered him through. Jesus saw how much they wanted their friend to be healed, and He healed the paralyzed man.

The paralyzed man had probably gotten used to not being able to walk. Sometimes, we get used to the way we do things. We get used to the same old bad habits. But when we look to our Lord, Jesus Christ, we know that we can make a good change, just like the man in the Gospel today did. Can you think of a change you can make?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- EUKARPION
- FAITH
- HEALING
- HELP
- MARTYRS
- PARALYTIC
- PRAYER
- SECOND CHANCE
- TROPHIMOS

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A SECOND CHANCE

ST. TROPHIMOS AND ST. EUKARPION



St. Trophimos



St. Eukarpion

Have you ever been given a second chance? A do-over? God gave these two saints a do-over. Saint Trophimos and Saint Eukarpion were soldiers under the evil Emperor Maximian. Maximian did not like Christians (and neither did these two saints, at first).

In fact, their job was to find and arrest Christians—whether they were men, women, or children. Christians knew about these two men, and they were afraid of them!

But one day these two men heard a voice, sent from God. The voice told them to follow Christ! They listened to this holy voice, and immediately, they let the Christians out of prison. Saint Trophimos and Saint Eukarpion told the Christians how to escape. Then they too confessed that they believed in Jesus Christ. Finally, these two saints were arrested by the Romans and were killed for their Christian faith.

St. Trophimos and St. Eukarpion remind us that God can give us a second chance, and sometimes a third, or a fourth. He is always calling us to be strong Christians! When you make a mistake, ask God for a second chance, and make things right again.

We celebrate these saints on Wednesday, March 18th (March 31, OC).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

After Easter (Pascha), we read another Gospel story about a man who couldn't walk. Our Lord, Jesus Christ healed him too! Do you see the two icons that tell these two stories?

