

## The Servant of the Lord!



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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

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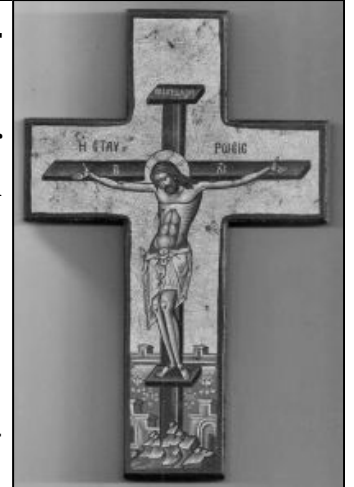
## Be faithful ALL the time!

**Did you ever have a friend or a class-mate** who was nice to you sometimes...but then ignored you other times? Maybe you played together and hung out together a lot...but then all of a sudden that friend didn't want to be with you? That sure doesn't feel good, does it?

Today is the third Sunday of Great Lent. Today, we remember the precious Cross. We remember how our Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross. We remember how the Cross is always a sign of God's power and love. But when we read the Gospel today, we also remember what we have to do, too! The Gospel says, "Whoever is ashamed of me and my words...of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel today reminds us that God wants us to always be His friend. That means *always*. God wants us to be faithful to Him all the time. When we are happy, when we are sad, when we want something, when we want to say thank you to Him, when we want to say we are sorry. God will be faithful to us when we are faithful to Him too.

Let's not be like a friend who isn't always a friend, somebody who plays with you and then ignores you. Let's be God's friend *all* the time!



# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

ANGEL  
ANNUNCIATION  
CROSS  
FAITHFUL  
FEASTDAY  
FRIEND  
GABRIEL  
MARY  
PLAN  
VICTORY

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

## What's in an icon?

Here is another icon of the Annunciation. It comes from Egypt.

Can you find the Theotokos?

Can you find the Archangel Gabriel?



## TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN

### THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

**Wednesday is a big day!** It's the day we celebrate when the Angel Gabriel came to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby. And who was this baby? Our Lord, Jesus Christ, of course!

At first, Mary, the Theotokos, was afraid, but she knew to trust in God. She knew that God had a special plan for her. God has a special plan for all of us, too, but we have to trust Him to help us with it!



Can you try to remember what Mary said to the angel? She said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." She trusted God. She said that she was the servant of the Lord. Whatever God wanted, that was what she wanted, too.

Sometimes we don't understand something, but we can be like the holy Theotokos. We can say, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." And when we are servants, we do what the King wants!

What can you do to honor this day? Well, normally you'd go to church, of course. But if you're stuck at home, you could read the story of the Annunciation in the Bible. You can listen to the special hymn for the day. You can try to remember Mary's words. And then, if you can, have a special treat together with your family to celebrate!

**We celebrate this great feast on Wed., March 25th (April 7, OC).**