Our Lord heals!



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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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Christ the Teacher

How many teachers do you have?

Do you have a teacher for math, another one for reading, another one for science or gym? Do you have a Sunday School teacher or a piano teacher? We look to our teachers to help us learn, so we can grow smarter in lots of different subjects.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a man who came to Jesus. He wanted Jesus to heal his son, who was sick. The Gospel says, "A man came to Jesus kneeling and saying, 'Teacher, I brought my son to you..." This man called Jesus "Teacher."



Jesus's followers saw our Lord do lots of different things. They saw Him heal people. They saw Him talk to people. They saw Him pray. And they saw Him teach, too!

We have lots of ways we can grow smarter and stronger, don't we? Our teachers help us do that. But sometimes we might forget that we have the best Teacher of all. We can look to our Lord, Jesus Christ to be our Teacher, to teach us the way of life. When we read the Bible and when we learn from Him, we can learn how to be better people—kinder and more loving to others. Let's look to our Teacher too, just as Jesus's follower did in today's reading. Jesus is a Healer and a Prayer but He is our Teacher too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

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What'S in an icon?

Here is an icon of other saints from Alaska.

Can you find St. Innocent?

The other saints are St. Herman, St. Peter the Aleut, and St. Juvenaly.



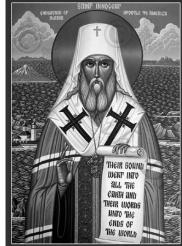
AN AMERICAN SAINT

SAINT INNOCENT OF ALASKA

Did you know we have saints from our own country?

St. Innocent of Alaska was one of the first missionaries to America. He came from Russia, and he wanted to tell everybody in Alaska about Jesus Christ.

One of the most amazing things about St. Innocent was how hard he worked to tell people about Christ. When he became a bishop, he traveled 14,850 miles by ship, kayak, dog-



sled, and foot, just so he could preach to people. That's like going from Washington, DC to Los Angeles, California five and a half times!

St. Innocent learned the native language of the people so that he could teach them. For a few tribes, he even translated the Bible and the Divine Liturgy into their own languages so they could understand! St. Innocent had a very hard job because, remember, the people had never even heard about our Lord, Jesus Christ. St. Innocent tried very hard to understand what the native people believed, so that he could teach them a better way. He wanted to teach them the same Truth that you and I know today!

If you go to Alaska today, you'll find many Orthodox churches, thanks especially to St. Innocent's love and hard work for the Church.

We celebrate St. Innocent on Tuesday, March 31st (April 13, OC).