

Christ heals us!



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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

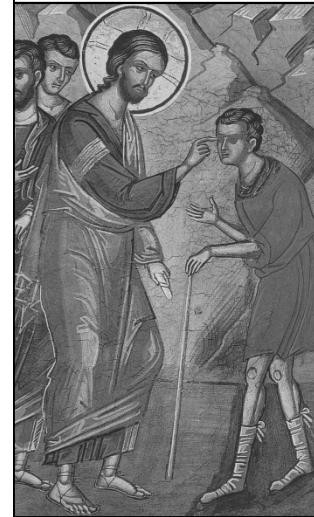
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Seeing God clearly



Have you ever gotten your eyes checked, maybe at home or at school? The doctor or nurse might give you a test to see if you can see something. If you don't do well on the eye tests, what happens? You might get some tools (glasses, maybe) to help you see more clearly.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear a story of one of our Lord's amazing miracles. In this miracle story, we hear how Christ healed the young man who was blind. When Jesus saw the blind man, He put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash it. When the man did this, he could see again. Even though he had been blind ever since he was born, he could see for the first time now!

God wants us to see Him clearly. Of course, we don't know what He *looks* like, but we can know what He *acts* like. Sometimes, we might notice that we can't see God or know Him very clearly. When we can't see God clearly, maybe we start to do the wrong thing a lot. Maybe we have some bad habits that we want to stop.

God wants us to see Him clearly, so He gives us some tools to see Him. We can find these tools at church and in our homes. We can read the Bible. We can hear stories about holy saints. And soon, we can receive Holy Communion. Let's use these special tools to help us see God clearly!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- BEDE
- BIBLE
- BLIND MAN
- CLEARLY
- COMMUNION
- ENGLAND
- HISTORY
- LIVES OF SAINTS
- ORTHODOX
- READ
- TOOLS

D F A X Y I H I Z O Z H S B S
 X X Z P J I O A M U E T W L L
 B A W U S U Q Y G P N Y B I O
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 A Q Z C E V C N X E W W B S C
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HISTORY LESSONS...IN OUR CHURCH

SAINT BEDE

Do you study history at school? Do you learn about the presidents or about the founding of our country? Or about battles and soldiers from long ago? All of those things are important, and sometimes exciting! But did you know we have a lot to learn about our history of our Church, too?



Saint Bede, called "The Venerable"

We can learn about things from hundreds and hundreds of years ago! But, you know, somebody had to write those things down. Somebody had to tell the stories so we can learn about them today.

One of those historians was Saint Bede. Saint Bede lived thirteen hundred years ago! He was a monk in England who wrote many things about the Christian Church there. He told about how English people first learned about Jesus Christ. He told about the first English saints who believed in Christ, but who got in big trouble for it. He told about many miracles that happened there. He told about how the Christian Church grew and grew in England.

Now, when we hear about saints and stories in our Church, we can thank historians like Saint Bede, who wrote it all down!

We remember Saint Bede, Wednesday. May 27th (June 9, OC).

What's in an icon?

We have other saints who wrote down history too!

Here are Saint Nikolai and Saint Symeon.

