

The Prophet Ezekiel



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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The bishop is our coach!

Have you ever played a sport on a team? You probably had a coach who told you the plan. For example, if you played baseball, you might have heard your coach tell the team: "You play first base. You cover second. You play right field..." and so on. Your coach had a plan, and he wanted to make sure everybody played a part.



Saint Paul preaching with Saint Titus

Today, in the epistle reading, we hear Saint Paul acting as a coach! Saint Paul writes to his helper, Saint Titus, "When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing."

Doesn't that sound like a coach? Saint Paul tells his helper the plan, and Saint Titus acts it out. Today, in our church, we have a coach, too. Our bishop gives the plan, and he directs your priest and other priests. He tells them what to do so we can all work together for the church. We can pray for our bishop so God will direct him, too. Do you know the name of your bishop, your coach? Ask your parents or your priest, so you can pray for him!

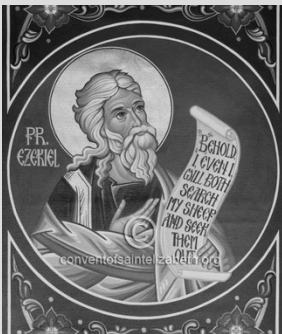
WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- BISHOP
- COACH
- DIRECTIONS
- ELIJAH
- EZEKIEL
- PREACH
- PROPHETS
- SAINT PAUL
- TITUS
- WORD OF GOD

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

What's in an icon?



These are two icons of Prophet Ezekiel. Do you see what he is holding?

It's a scroll, and it says something that you can find in the book of Ezekiel, in the Bible.



"The hand of the Lord was upon me."

PROPHET EZEKIEL THE WORD OF GOD

Did you know we have saints who lived before Christ? This week we remember two prophets. A prophet, remember, is somebody who speaks for God. God tells him what to say, and then he tells the people. Tomorrow is Prophet Elijah (Elias). But on Thursday, we remember the Prophet Ezekiel.



Ezekiel lived 600 years before Christ was born. But he is still a saint of our Church because he was close to God and always tried to do what God wanted from him. God's helpers from the Old Testament are saints of our Church!

God wanted Ezekiel to tell the people to stop worshiping idols. So he told them. The people didn't want to hear that, so Ezekiel was even killed for telling them!

On Holy Friday, we remember the day Christ was put on the Cross. During one of the services on that Friday, we read something from the book of Ezekiel in the Bible. We hear about the "dry bones" that will rise up and be alive again. When we hear those words, we think about how we will rise up one day and be with God. God gave us the prophets, so we can know the word of God too!

We celebrate the Prophet Ezekiel on Thurs. July 23rd (OC: August 5th).