

The saints are ready to help 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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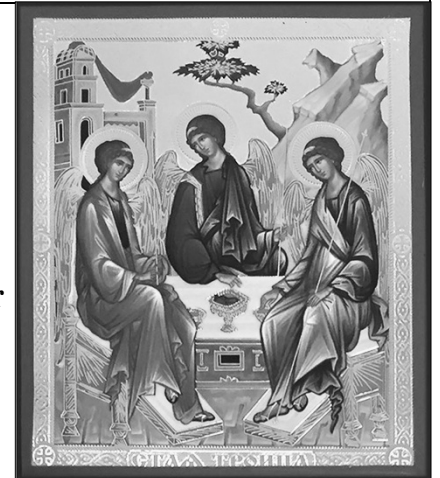
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Bringing us to Christ

Who takes you to school? Does your mother or father take you? Or do you have a bus driver or helper who helps you safely get to school and learn? Did you know God gives us something to bring us closer to Him?

In the epistle today, we read, "So the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God, through faith."



A long time ago, the "custodian" was a helper in the household who took the kids to school to learn. Or sometimes, the "custodian" was somebody who taught the children in the house, like a tutor. He helped the young students learn.

In this epistle today, the "custodian" is the Old Testament, the part of the Bible that came before Christ was born. God gave us the Old Testament, these special books of the Bible, so that it could bring us to Christ. This "custodian" brings us to Christ, just like your bus driver brings you to school. As Christians, we know that we need the words of the Old Testament *and* the New Testament, because the first part brings us to Christ, and the second part tells us about Christ. Let's thank God for our "custodian" and our real gift, our Lord, Jesus Christ!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

CHRIST
CRUEL
CUSTODIAN
LEARNING
MARTYR
PARASKEVI
ROME
SAVIOR
SCHOOL
WITNESS

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

What's in an icon?

In this icon, you can see Saint Paraskevi with a symbol of how she helps people!

She is the saint that Orthodox Christians pray to, when they need help with eye trouble!



SAINT PARASKEVI A SPECIAL MARTYR SAINT

Do you know what a martyr is? The word “martyria” in Greek means witness, somebody who shows others something special. In our church, a martyr is somebody who showed his or her Christian faith. A martyr showed strong faith because he even died for being a Christian!



Saint Paraskevi was just a young woman, but she is a martyr saint too. She lived in Rome just 150 years after Christ was born, and at that time the rulers were very cruel to Christians. They wanted to end this faith in Jesus Christ, and they would do anything to stop it! If you read the lives of the saints, you will hear some pretty sad stories of how Christians were hurt and killed...all because they believed that our Lord, Jesus Christ is God!

Once, the ruler of Rome wanted to marry young Paraskevi. She refused, and he was embarrassed. He had her hurt and even wanted to kill her. However, she wasn't hurt, and he was embarrassed even more. While this was happening, this Roman ruler went blind! Even though he was cruel to her, Paraskevi prayed to God, and she told the ruler, “The Christian God heals you, Antoninus!” Many people saw this, and they believed in Christ because of it.

Saint Paraskevi was later killed for her faith. She is alive in Christ now though. She listens to the prayers of Christians, especially when people need help with eye trouble. Can you guess why?

We celebrate St. Paraskevi of Rome today, July 26th (OC: August 8th).