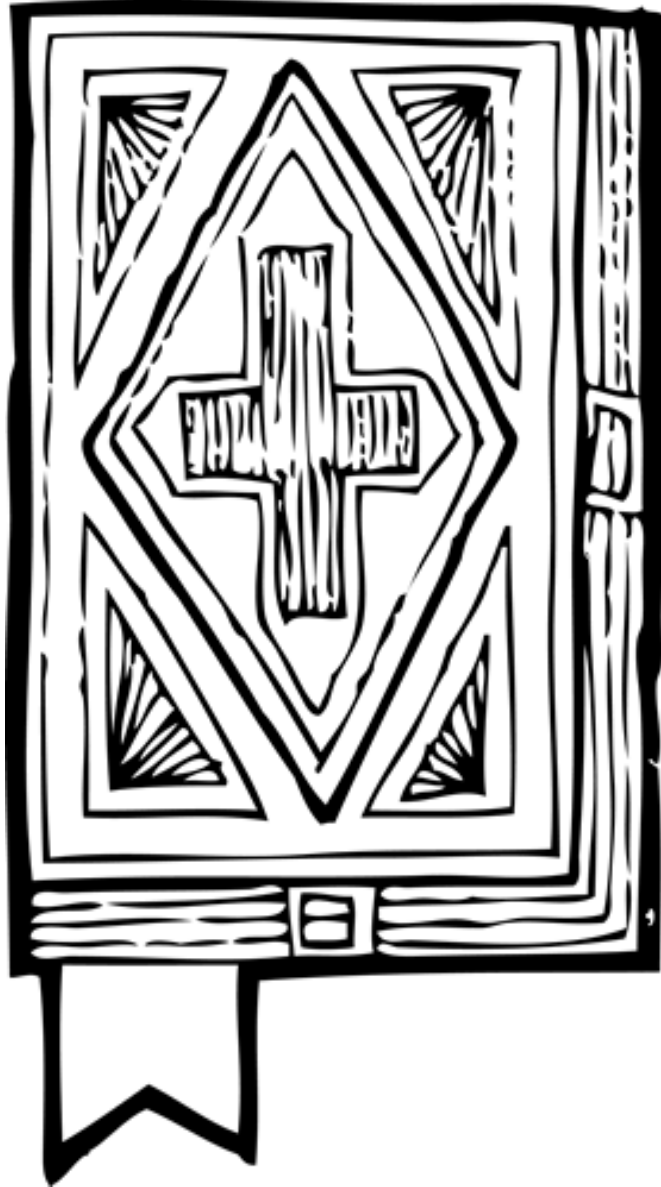


The Good News



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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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Sealed by the Lord

Have you ever seen a fancy seal on a letter or on a certificate? A seal makes things official. A seal shows something really comes from who it says it comes from. Long ago, a king might write a letter, close it with wax, and then make a mark in the wax with his ring. Then, everybody would know that letter really came from the king!



In today's epistle, Saint Paul writes to the new Christians, "Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord." Saint Paul taught these people in Corinth about Christ. He helped raised them up to learn more about the Lord. He also helped them learn how to live as good Christians too. These new Christians were "seals of Saint Paul's apostleship in the Lord" because people would know they came from Christ. They knew it was official!

When people look at us, do they know we are Christians? When other people look at us, do they know we come from the Lord too? You know, when we are baptized and chrismated, we are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit. Do we still live that way? No seal is as special as that one! Let's always try to remember to act that way... sealed by the Lord. Then, everyone will know we came from Him!

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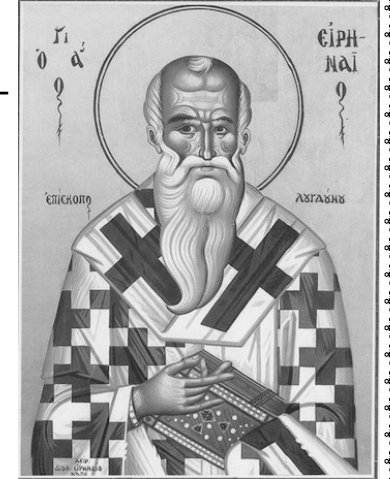
Can you find these words in the jumble?

APOSTLE
GOSPEL
IRENÆUS
LEARN
LORD
LYONS
MARTYR
OFFICIAL
POLYCARP
SEAL

J K A S C T J Y B D F P A U K
V D Z U B G E A L O R D P N N
Z Q J E L C F A J A B O O R W
H A Z A O F F I C I A L S Z Z
D H E N D J M Y B H X N T C B
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F W B L A C P R N Y T Y Y J I
I L E P S O G A S Y L R Y K X
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LEARNING FROM THE APOSTLES SAINT IRENÆUS OF LYONS

Have you ever thought about your teachers? You know they were students once, too, don't you? You know they learned from their teachers.



In our Church, our teachers once learned from teachers, too. Today is the feastday of Saint Irenaeus, and he had a very special teacher. His teacher was Saint Polycarp, who taught him so much about the Christian life. But Saint Polycarp's teacher was Saint John. That's the same John who was Jesus' friend, the one who was with Jesus when He was up on the Cross!

So Saint Irenaeus had a good teacher, a really good "grand-teacher" and the best "great grand-teacher," Christ Himself!

Saint Irenaeus was a bishop who wrote lots of things to teach people what we believe as Christians. Sometimes people got mixed up about the teachings of the Church. Saint Irenaeus set things straight.

Sadly, the emperor didn't want to hear about Christianity. So, Saint Irenaeus was killed for his faith. But now he is a saint in heaven. We thank God for this "great grand-student" of Christ. That's because he taught us so much about our Christian faith. We can still read his writings today!

We celebrate Saint Irenaeus today, Aug. 23rd (OC: Sept. 5th).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is an icon of Saint John, his student Saint Polycarp, and *his* student Saint Irenaeus.

Do you see how they all hold the Gospel? The Gospel teaches us about our Lord!

