

Saint Stephen of Serbia, pray for 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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The Apostles teach us!



How did you hear about God? Did your parents tell you stories from the Bible? Did your godparent tell you something? Did you listen to our priest? Does your church school class talk about God? Maybe you learned about the Lord from all of these!

Saint Paul tells us today in the epistle how *he* learned about God. He writes, "I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Saint Paul learned about God because God showed Himself to Him!

Isn't that special? He learned about God from God Himself! That is what makes an apostle so special. Saint Paul learned about Christ from Jesus Christ Himself! Apostles are special to us, and this is one big reason why.

You know, in our Orthodox Church, we hold something called Apostolic Tradition. That means we have teachings that were handed down to us from the Apostles. The Apostles heard these teachings from Jesus, and they handed down those same teachings to others, who handed it down to others, and so on, all the way to us!

We hold this Apostolic Tradition like a treasure, because the Apostles held Jesus's words like a treasure too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- APOSTLES
- HELP THE POOR
- KING
- REVELATION
- SERBIA
- STEPHEN
- TEACHING
- TRADITION
- WARRIOR

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

SAINT STEPHEN OF SERBIA A WARRIOR SAINT

Did you know we have warrior saints in our Orthodox Church?

Sometimes we hear stories of gentle saints, who wouldn't hurt a little ant or a spider. But did you know that we also have strong, brave warriors, too?



Saint Stephen of Serbia was a brave warrior king saint. His father was a king, his brother was a king, and his son was a king. During Saint Stephen's time, lots of armies were attacking his land. Saint Stephen led his own army to fight back. This saint wasn't fighting to get money or land. He was fighting to defend the Orthodox Christian people. He wanted his people to be free to worship in our true faith.

Saint Stephen was a very strong leader, and he won so many battles. He thanked God for helping him. He built more than 40 churches to show his thanks to God. He built hospitals for poor people, and he paid for the poor to stay there. He helped the poor and gave them what they needed. Stephen was a powerful king who could have had anything that he wanted. But sometimes he would dress as a poor person to show that fancy clothes didn't mean anything to him.

We can pray to Saint Stephen to help us be strong Orthodox Christians, too!

We celebrate Saint Stephen on Friday, October 30th (OC: Nov 12).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Saint Stephen of Serbia was a king. Can you find his throne? Can you find his crown?

Can you find his guards?

And can you find his angel guards in heaven?

