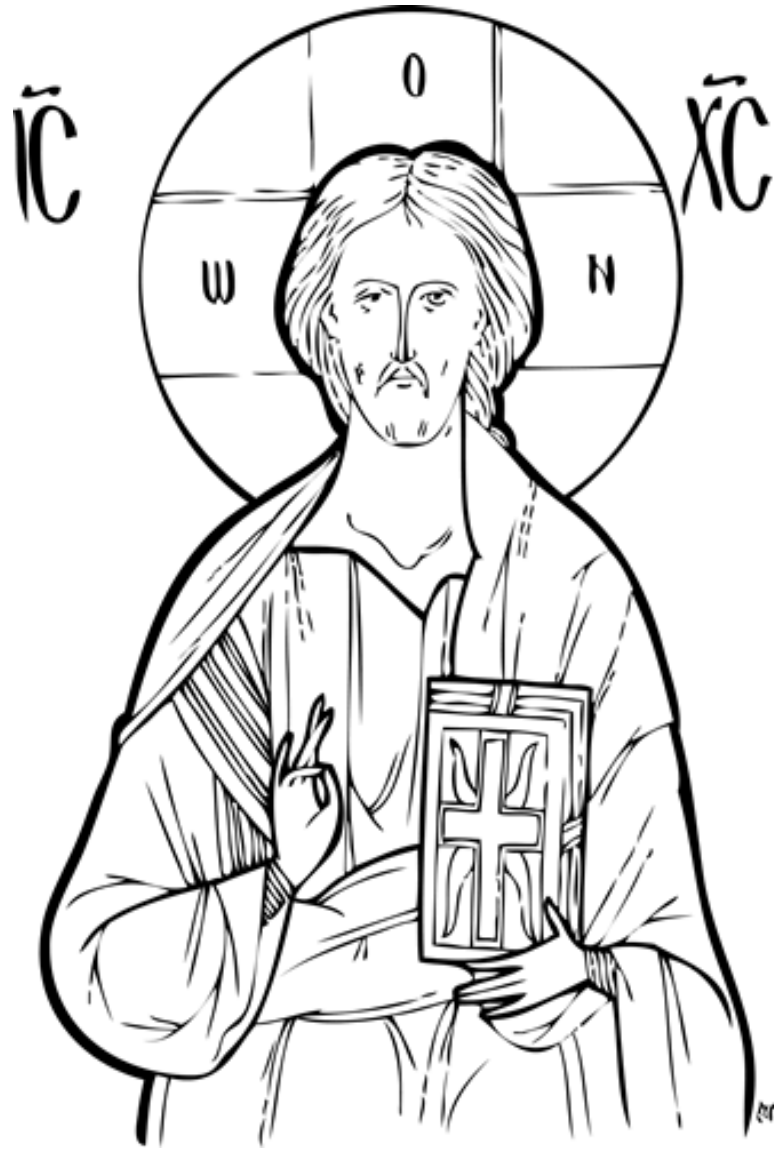


Lord, have mercy!



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# 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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## Moths and rust



**Have you ever seen a little moth** flying around inside your house? Maybe you thought it was just a harmless little bug, but those little moths are after something. Those little moths lay eggs, and their larvae eat your clothes! Maybe you have

even seen a little hole in a sweater. The little larvae go crazy for wool, and sometimes they can just ruin your nice clothes!

Today's Gospel reading tells us about those little moths. Do you know why? Well, because those little moths remind us that things on earth don't last forever. Things here on earth can fall apart, they can die, they can get ruined, they can get stolen. Things on earth aren't for forever!

We can have fancy clothes here, but all these things can happen to them, and they can get completely ruined. We can love cars and sports and houses and money, but all these things can get destroyed. The Gospel tells us today, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Remember the little moths, and think about your treasure in heaven. We can put treasures in heaven when we help the poor and the needy. Can you make a plan this Lent? Can you put this kind of treasure in heaven for yourself?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Blessed
- Grateful
- Heaven
- Hungry
- Lent
- Maria
- Moths
- Paris
- Poor
- Saint
- Treasure

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# SAINT MARIA OF PARIS

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM US?

**Not too long ago** (70 years ago, which isn't too long) all sorts of awful things were happening in Europe. A terrible war was going on, and lots of people needed help, especially in big cities in Europe like Paris. An Orthodox nun named Maria lived in Paris, and she became a saint because of the life she led there.



A photo of Saint Maria

Most monks and nuns live in monasteries, but Saint Maria did not want to live in a monastery. She lived in a house in downtown Paris. Since lots of people became very poor during the war, Maria tried to help them. In her house, she took care of lots and lots of people who had no food to eat, no bed to sleep in, and no friends to help them. But this brave woman was soon in trouble for doing all these things. She was sent away to a place where many people were hurt and even killed. Sadly, she was killed there, too.



We might think that this is a sad story, but in the end it is really a happy one, because now Saint Maria is a saint in heaven! And she is an example to us here on earth. She shows us that even when things are hard we can always try to be like our Lord, Jesus Christ—loving everybody and doing everything that we can to help others.

**We celebrate St. Maria on Monday, March 18th (OC: March 31st).**

# WHAT'S IN AN ICON?



Sometimes you might find an icon that shows scenes from the saint's life.

Here is Saint Maria of Paris. Around her icon, it shows her becoming a nun, feeding the poor, welcoming people to her house, and even helping some other prisoners (when she was in prison too!)