

# The Living Water THE SAMARITAN WOMAN.



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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

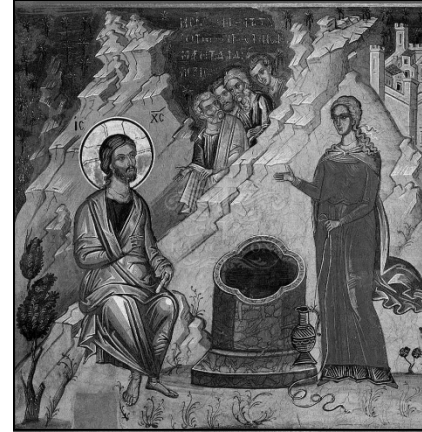
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## Thirsty for the Holy Spirit



**Try to imagine this. You're** running around playing tag on a very hot summer day. You're hot and tired, so you head inside. What do you want? Well, water, of course!

When you listen to the Gospel today, you'll hear that it's all about water, too! On a hot day in the hot sun, a woman from Samaria talks with Jesus. They talk about being thirsty, and they talk about how to find water.

Jesus says, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. The water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." Of course, our Lord isn't really talking about water, like the kind of you drink! He is talking about the Holy Spirit, and He tells the woman that she can have the Holy Spirit too!

Jesus invites the woman to have this water (which is really the Holy Spirit). He invites all of *us* to have the Holy Spirit too! God wants us to be thirsty for the Holy Spirit—He wants us all to really want It. When we have this living water inside of us, we have God inside of us! And when we have God inside of us, we won't be thirsty for anything else.

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

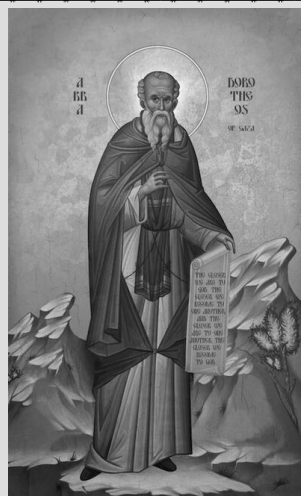
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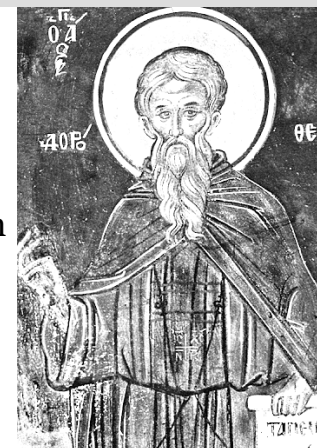
Sometimes the background in an icon is neat too! Here is Saint Dorotheos, who was a monk in Gaza.

Does the land look like where you live?



## SAINT DOROTHEOS FATHER OF PALESTINE

**Have you ever wondered** how we know so much about the saints who lived so long ago? On Saturday, we will celebrate the nameday of Saint Dorotheos of Palestine. He lived at the end of the sixth century, and died in 620. 620? Yes! That's almost 1400 years ago!



We still know things about St. Dorotheos because he really made a name for himself. He was a monk in Palestine, and he wrote many things to help people be better Christians. People told stories about him, and the stories spread even to us today.

One story we know about St. Dorotheos is one that he told himself. He said that when he was a kid and he was learning to read, he had to work very hard at it because he wasn't very good at learning new things. When he took a book, he took it like somebody might go up to pat a wild animal—he was scared of it! But then things got easier for him, because he tried so hard, and God helped him, too.

When he was older, he decided to become a monk. He wanted to love God very much, and so he tried very, very hard to do this, just as hard as he tried when he learned to read. Saint Dorotheos tells us that things aren't always easy—even when we are trying to become good Christians. We have to work at it! Let's be like Saint Dorotheos. We'll try hard, because we know it's worth it!

**We celebrate Saint Dorotheos on Saturday, June 5th (OC: June 18th).**