

“Holy Father, keep them in your name.”



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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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Like Father, Like Son



Christ praying to His Father

Do you listen to your parents? Always? Do you do what they want you to do? Always? Do you always try to make them happy? Always?

Well, sometimes it’s hard to *always* listen to your mother and father, to always do what they ask, to always make them happy. But in the Gospel today, we hear a prayer that our Lord, Jesus Christ, prayed

to His Father. Jesus showed that He always listened to His Father. Jesus always did what He came to earth to do. Jesus always did what He was supposed to do.

In that prayer, Jesus says that He has finished His work. And what was His work? Well, it was to show the world how much God loves us. It was to give the world eternal life, to invite us to be with Him forever in heaven. That was Christ’s job here, and He did it perfectly.

We know that Jesus Christ is perfect. He’s the one person who never made any mistakes. But remember, He was a person, too! He didn’t like to be hurt. He didn’t like to be made fun of. He didn’t like to be sad. But He did what God the Father wanted...*always*. Let’s ask Him to help us listen to God, too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Antipater
Blessing
Bostra
Christian
Council
Discuss
Fathers
Orthodox
Perfect
Will

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What's in an icon?

Today we celebrate the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. It was a special meeting where the church leaders agreed on what we believe as Christians!

In this icon, can you see them all discussing important things together?



SAINT ANTIPATER BISHOP OF BOSTRA

If you had a map, you could find

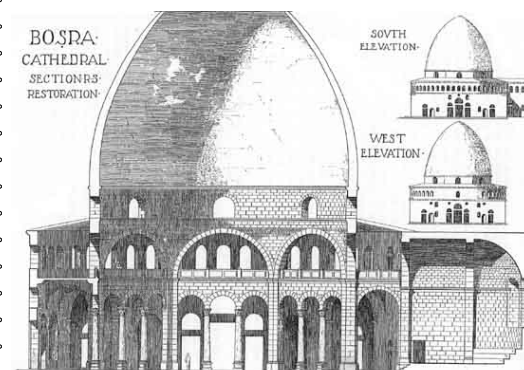
New York on it, couldn't you? How about London? Moscow? How about Bostra? Bostra? Have you heard of it?

Bostra was an important city long ago. It's in the country of Syria, where there were once many Christians. Bostra had its own bishop, and in the year 451, that bishop was named Antipater.

Saint Antipater was part of another important bishops' meeting (like we celebrate today). He wrote lots of things, but we only have a little bit of it today.



Saint Antipater



Saint Antipater was bishop at a church that probably looked like this one! You can still see the ruins of the church today.

We don't know too much about Saint Antipater, but we do know that he loved the Church so much. He was another bishop who wanted to make sure that the Christian Church taught the right thing, the one true faith. We can pray to him to help guide our Orthodox Church on the right path!

We remember St. Antipater today, June 13th (OC: June 26th).