

Saint Militsa, pray for us!



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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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## You are the light of the world!

### Have you ever tried to hide a light?

Maybe you tried to hide a flashlight under your covers so you could read in bed. Did you get caught?

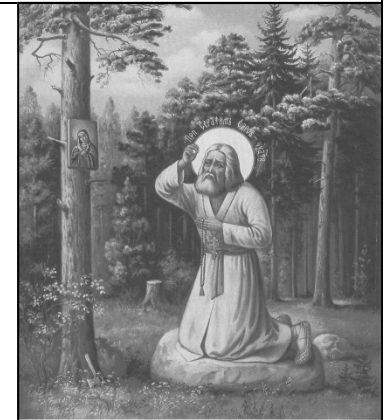
In today's Gospel reading, we hear what Jesus once told His disciples. "You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." This kind of light, Jesus says, can't be hidden.

What is your light? As a Christian, your light is the light of Christ. When people see that you have the light of Christ, you just can't hide it!

Did you know that there have been saints who tried to live out in the wilderness? They wanted to live all alone so that they could focus on being close to God. They could pray. They could read. They could think about good things. These were very holy people. But even in the middle of nowhere, they couldn't hide this light of Christ. People *still* found them.

St. Seraphim was a special and holy saint who lived in the cold woods of Russia. But people still wanted to see him! So they walked for miles and miles through the dark woods to find him. He couldn't hide his beautiful holy light.

When *you* do good things, people will know that you are close to our Lord too! You won't even have to say a word!



St. Seraphim praying in the woods

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Gospel  
Holiness  
Light  
Militsa  
Nun  
Prayer  
Princess  
Serbia  
World

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## What's in an icon?

Saint Militsa is not the only princess who became a nun later in her life!

Here are St. Elizabeth the Grand Duchess of Russia and Ileana, princess of Romania (Mother Alexandra).



## SAINT MILITSA PRINCESS OF SERBIA



**Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be a prince or princess?**

We think of all the excitement of parties and dedications and crowns and gowns, but many rulers had to face hard times! They had to make hard decisions. They worried about who would attack them. Sometimes their families were in danger because somebody else wanted to take the throne!

Saint Militsa was a princess of Serbia more than 600 years ago. She was a princess, but things were not easy for her! Her husband, the prince, was killed in a battle when he was defending the Holy Orthodox Church against the Ottomans. Her son would grow up to be prince, but Militsa ruled until he was old enough to rule.

During her life, Militsa had to deal with lots of fighting—even in her own family! She tried to face everything in a peaceful way, with the love of Christ.

Later on, when she was almost 60, Militsa started a monastery for nuns, and she became a nun too. (She had a new name then, Eugenia). She built many other monasteries and churches in her country.

Saint Militsa is a special saint for Serbia. Her relics (her holy body) have healed many people through her prayers to God.

**We remember St. Militsa tomorrow, July 19th (OC: August 1st).**