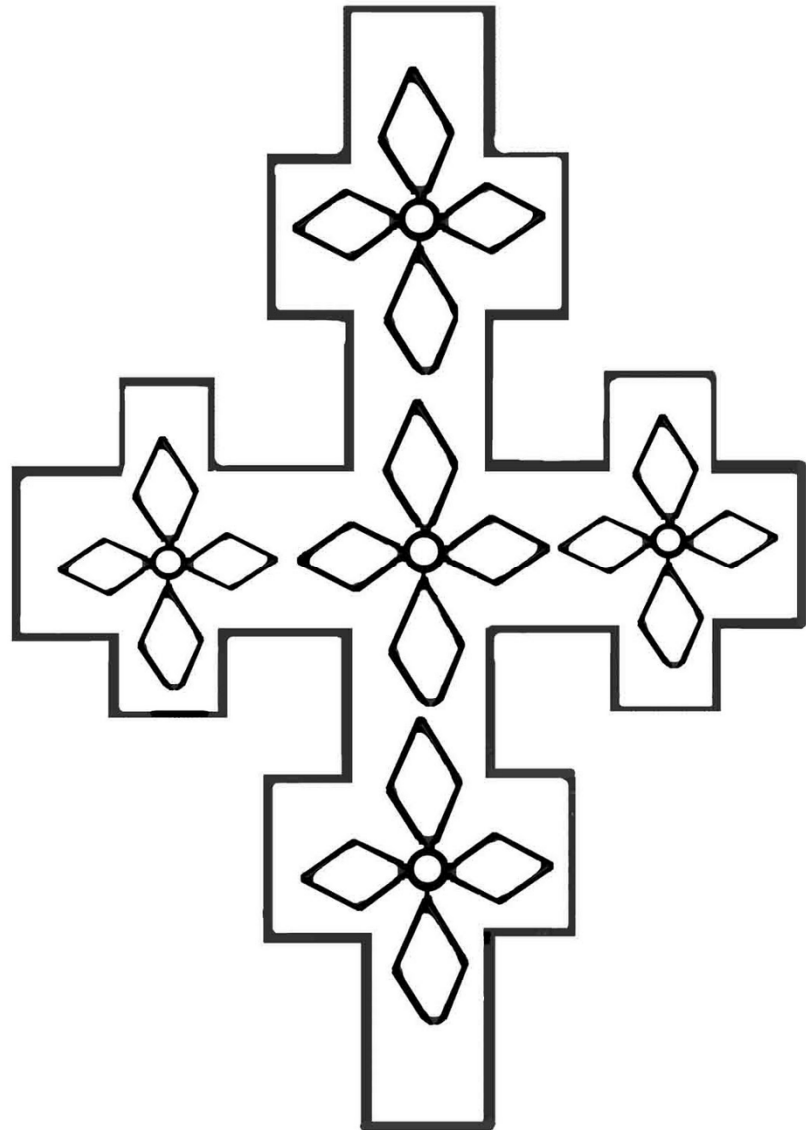


We bow down before Your Cross!



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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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God's word in your heart

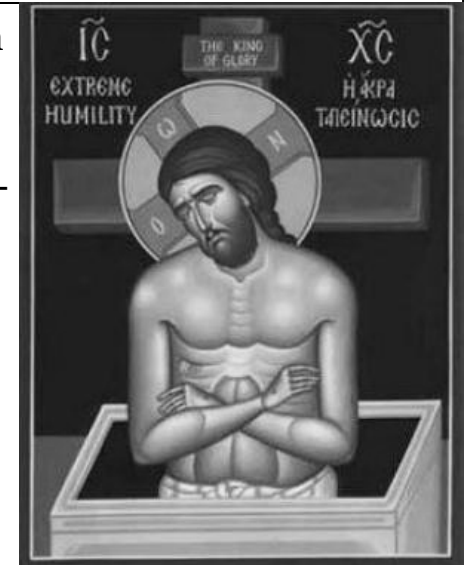
Think of your favorite song. Can you remember all of the words? Of course, you can! You can probably remember the words to lots of songs. Sometimes we know words to songs that we wish we didn't!

We fill our heads with all sorts of things. Sometimes you memorize poems for school. Other times you learn math formulas or remember lines for a play. But have you ever tried to remember a verse from the Bible? We can fill our heads with good things, like the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ. When we do that, God can give us help when we need it. Let's start today!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear one of the most famous and most loved verses in the Bible. It is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."



Try to remember this great line. Fill your head with it! This verse tells us how much God loves us. Wouldn't you like to fill your head with that thought?



For God so loved the world...

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Basil
- Cross
- Fastday
- Feastday
- Gift
- Helen
- Life
- Love
- Precious
- Remember
- Scripture

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What's in an icon?

Here is an icon from Russia. Do you see how the icon shows how precious the Cross is? It is covered in silver and gold!

Can you find Saint Helen? The saint next to her is the bishop of Jerusalem, Saint Makarios.

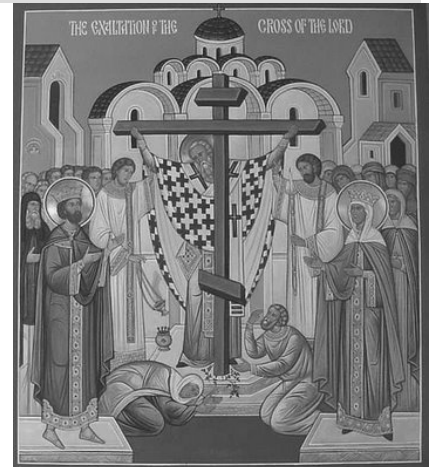


THE ELEVATION

OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFEGIVING CROSS

Do you have something that is precious to you? Maybe a pet animal or a favorite toy or a present from your grandmother? Maybe your parents have told you how precious *you* are to *them*.

Something precious to you is something that means so much to you, something you wouldn't trade for anything! A precious jewel is a diamond or another gem that is worth a lot of money, but something precious to *you* might not be worth anything to somebody else.



The Cross is precious to Saint Helen, and to us!

On Tuesday we remember another great feastday of our Church. It is the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. It's the day we remember how the Empress Helen searched for the real and holy Cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then, when she finally found it (with the workmen), she elevated it—she raised it up high. She wanted everybody to know how precious the holy Cross is.

This week (and every week), let's try to think about how much our Cross means to us. When Jesus died on the Cross, He wanted to give us something more valuable than any amount of money. He wanted to give us life with Him forever!

We celebrate the Holy Cross on Tues, Sept. 14th (OC: Sept. 27th).