

Saint Evdokimos, 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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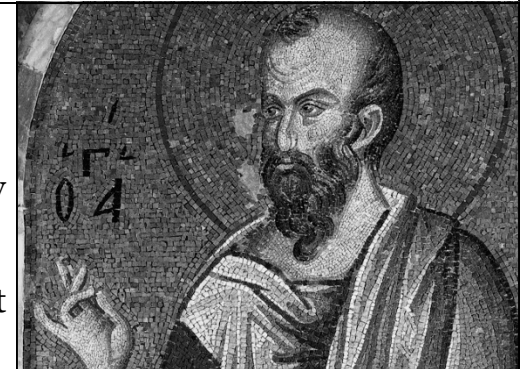
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God never forgets us!

Have your parents ever forgotten to pick you up from something? Or maybe they were just a little late? Maybe you started to wonder if they would ever come.



In today's epistle, Saint Paul writes about how hard it is to be a Christian! He tells how the Christians are hurt, confused, and struck down. In other places, Saint Paul writes how he was beaten up, he was shipwrecked, people even threw stones at him and put him in prison, he was hungry and hurt. Things weren't easy for Saint Paul as he preached about our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Saint Paul tells us today, "we are persecuted, but not forsaken." People hurt the apostles, and lots of times, it was just because they were Christians! But still, they were "not forsaken." Saint Paul knew that God hadn't forsaken them. God hadn't forgotten about them!

Always remember, God never forgets about us! Our problems aren't even close to the problems Saint Paul had, but remember what he said. Even if people make fun of you for praying or fasting or being a Christian. Even if things are hard to stick up for what's right. God never forgets about us. He never forsakes us. Saint Paul knew that, and we should know it too!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Advice
- Apostle
- Epistle
- Evdokimos
- Forsaken
- Hidden
- Icons
- Monk
- Persecuted
- Vatopedi

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Do you see what Saint Evdokimos is holding in his hands?

Read the story on page 3 to find out why.

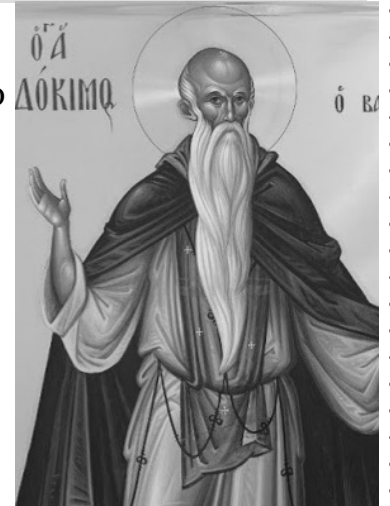
He is wearing the clothes of a simple monk. We remember his story when we see his icon!



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THE UNKNOWN SAINT SAINT EVDOKIMOS OF VATOPEDI

If you have ever been to Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC, or even to Syntagma Square in Athens, Greece, you probably saw the memorial tomb for the unknown soldier. A soldier is buried there, and we don't even know who it is! We remember him anyway because of his love for his country.



In our holy Orthodox Church, we have many saints. We know lots of their names and their stories, too. But some of them, we don't know *anything* about. There are hundreds and even thousands of saints we haven't even heard of! God knows about them though, and that's the most important thing, because God is rewarding them in heaven!

On Tuesday we celebrate the nameday of a saint who is still kind of unknown to us. We don't know when he lived. We don't know his real name. We don't know what he did in his life. We do know that 150 years ago, another monk found his body buried from long ago. The monks of Vatopedi Monastery decided to call him, "Evdokimos." When he died, he was holding an icon of the Theotokos and Christ, so that means he knew when he was going to die. People pray to Saint Evdokimos now, and many people have been healed because of his prayers. So even though he was unknown for a long time, God is letting us get to know him now!

We celebrate St. Evdokimos on Tuesday, October 5th (OC: Oct. 18th).