

Lord have mercy!



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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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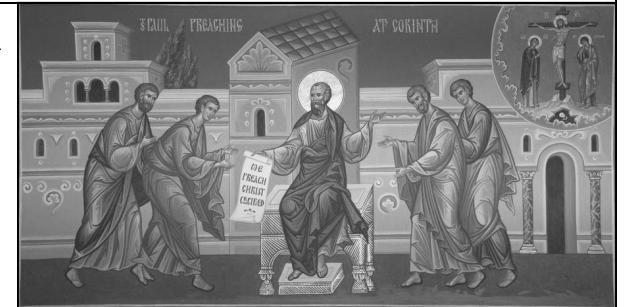
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Keeping on the right path

Do your parents ever tell you what to do? Do they sometimes correct your behavior, if you're doing something wrong? Sure they do! That's part of their job as parents!



Did you know Saint Paul had to do the same thing? In the epistle today, Saint Paul is writing to the new Christians in the city of Corinth. These people believed in Christ, but they were still learning how to act as Christians. And sometimes they made mistakes...a lot of mistakes!

Saint Paul was their teacher, and he writes to the Christians in Corinth. He tells them he is their father, and they are his children. They're not his real children, of course, but his spiritual children. Part of his job was to correct them when they were acting the wrong way, and Saint Paul did just that! He tells them, "I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my children." Just as your parents aren't telling you things to make fun of you or make you feel bad, Saint Paul wanted to put them on the right path.

Your priest and your bishop and other people are spiritual fathers to you. They help you grow in your faith, just as Saint Paul was doing for the Corinthians. Always try to take their advice, don't be embarrassed, and move on. Move on, always closer and closer to our Lord!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

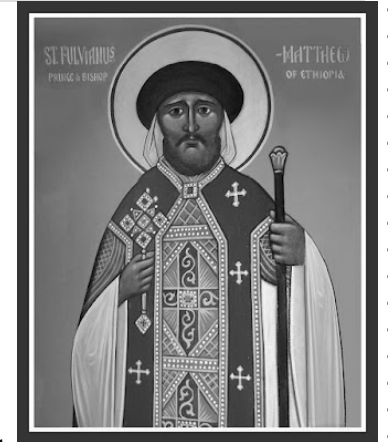
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- Ashamed
- Bishop
- Correct
- Ethiopia
- Father
- Fulvianus
- Matthew
- Priest
- Repent
- Spiritual

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SAINT FULVIANUS- MATTHEW PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA

Do you know somebody else who shares your name? Sometimes it might seem funny talking to somebody who has the same name you do!

On Tuesday, we celebrate the feastday of a saint who shared the name of somebody he hated, somebody he even tried to kill!



After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles went all over preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ. Saint Matthew went to Ethiopia and preached to the people there. Many people became Christians, but the local prince there refused to believe in Christ. This Prince Fulvianus even arrested St. Matthew, and he tried to burn him and kill him! Fulvianus watched as St. Matthew was in the flames but he wasn't getting hurt.

After that (and a few more miracles!) Saint Fulvianus knew he had made a huge mistake. He knew that St. Matthew's God was the only true God! He asked for forgiveness, and he asked to be baptized. Do you know what new name he got when he was baptized? Matthew!

Saint Matthew (Fulvianus) became a very strong Christian too, and he even became a bishop. He worked hard to spread the Gospel all over his land.

So with his new name, this St. Matthew always remembered the wonderful saint who had given him the best gift of all, to be saved by God.

We celebrate the two St. Matthews on Tues., November 16th (OC: Nov. 29th).

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

You can read about St. Fulvianus-Matthew of Ethiopia on page 3.

Do you remember Saint Moses of Ethiopia, the robber saint who repented?

And do you know Saint Djan Dirada? He's the Ethiopian servant Saint Philip converted on the chariot!

