

Christ is born! Glorify Him!



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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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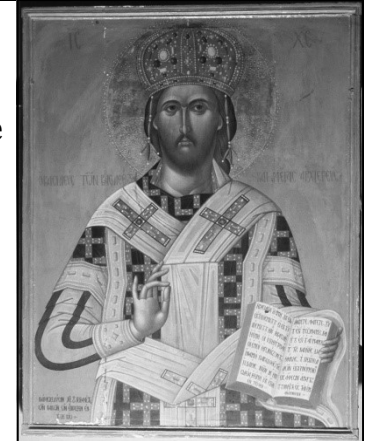
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King of kings

Would you like to meet a king? Usually, a king is a king because his father is a king, and his father is too. Being a king goes on down the line.

We are getting closer and closer to Christmas, and we are almost ready to celebrate our Lord's birth! Today in the Gospel, we hear the history of Jesus's family. We hear many, many names, starting with Abraham and his son, and his son, and so on...all the way down to Joseph, Jesus's earthly father.



In this long list, we hear the names of lots of kings! We hear of David and Solomon. We hear about Manassah and Josiah and Asa. Jesus had lots of kings in his family history! In a way, Jesus had lots of royal connections.

We know though that these were all earthly kings, and Jesus was a different kind of king. We call Jesus the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," but we're not talking about the kind of king that David was or Josiah was. Jesus is more than that! Jesus was born to be our heavenly king, who reigns forever!

So, would you like to meet a king? Yes, you would, wouldn't you? Let's love our King with all our hearts so that we can meet Him each Sunday in Holy Communion. And that one day, we can meet Him in heaven forever!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Anastasia
- Christ is born
- Christian
- Earthly
- Glorify Him
- Healing
- Kings
- Nativity
- Potions
- Royalty

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What's in an icon?

In this icon and the one on page 3, you can see Saint Anastasia holding a cross and a bottle of medicine. Anastasia was a healing saint because she visited sick people and gave them help.

Saint Anastasia is called the “deliverer of potions.” Many people pray to her for help with bad habits like drugs and too much alcohol.



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SAINT ANASTASIA THE DELIVERER FROM POTIONS

Do you see the icon here? It's Saint Anastasia, the Great Martyr. Do you think she looks rich and famous, or do you think she looks kind of simple and plain?



Saint Anastasia grew up in a rich family, and her father (who wasn't a Christian) wanted her to marry a rich man (who wasn't a Christian), and she'd be set up for life! Young Anastasia did marry the man, but she had other plans for her life, too. She wanted to serve her Lord. She wanted to help other Christians serve the Lord too!

Saint Anastasia did just that. She gave up her rich and comfortable life in high Roman society. She learned more about Christ from a secret teacher, and she was baptized as a Christian. Anastasia visited other Christians (many who were secret Christians), and she acted kind of like a doctor to them. She visited Christians in many cities in her province, even going into the prisons to take care of them.

Saint Anastasia was a brave young woman. Later on, she suffered a lot as a Christian, and she was even killed because she wouldn't give up her faith. We call her a “great martyr” just like we do for other big saints like Saint Katherine and Saint George. That's because many people became Christian when they saw Anastasia's strong faith in the Lord!

We celebrate St. Anastasia on Wed., December 22nd (OC: Jan. 4th).