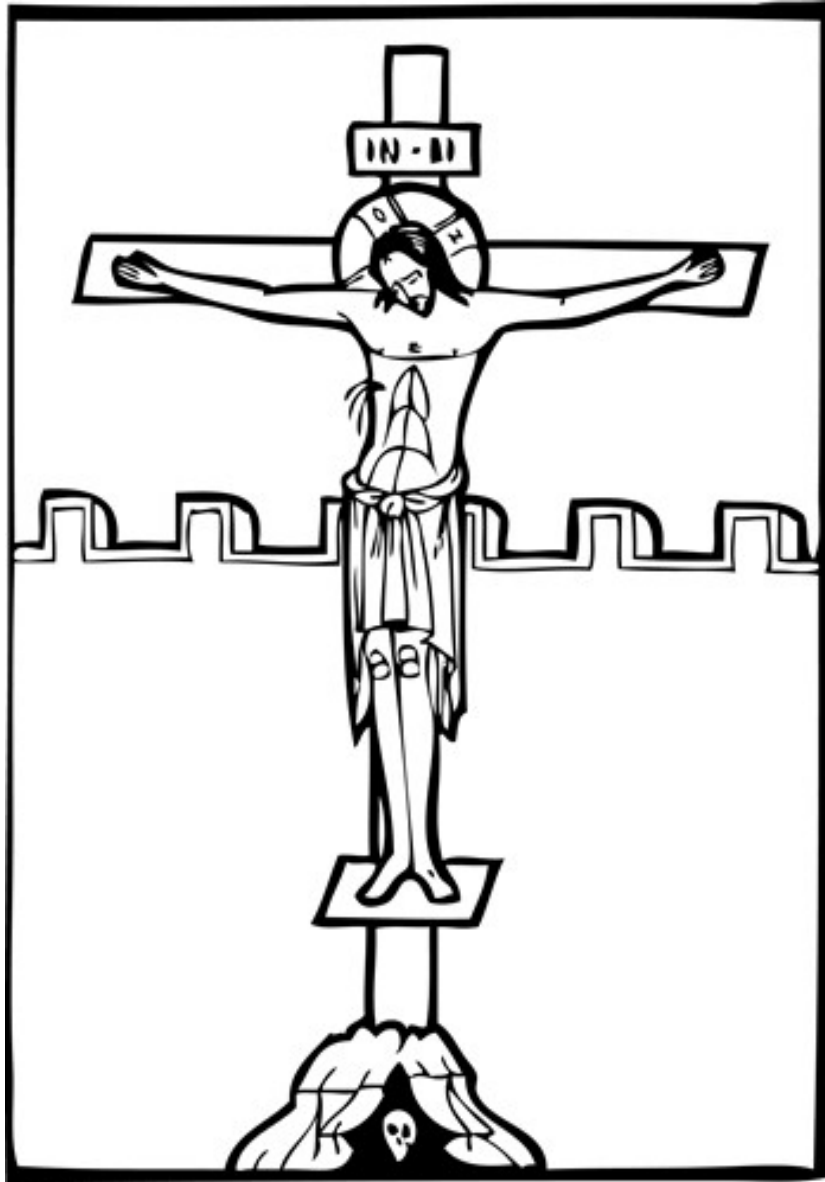


The Great High Priest



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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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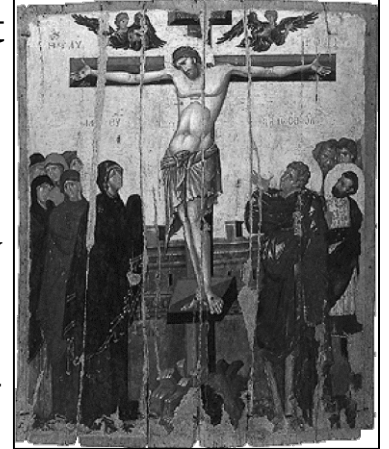
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Do you ever read in the Bible about sacrifices?

In the Old Testament we read about how God's people gave sacrifices to God. Lots of times, they would kill an animal, like a bull or a lamb, to show love and thanks to God. The priest in the temple would make these sacrifices, even every day. Sometimes these sacrifices were even required because it was part of the Jewish law.



We don't do that anymore because things are different. God made things different when our Lord, Jesus Christ, came into the world.

The epistle today tells us how things are different! The epistle says that Jesus "has no need...to offer sacrifices daily. He did this once for all when he offered up himself." Jesus was His own sacrifice. The Bible tells us that Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice. He died on the Cross for us!

Today's epistle tells us something else too. In the Old Testament, the priest in the temple gave the sacrifices. Now we have a new high priest, and that is our Lord, Jesus Christ Himself! He made the one sacrifice for us all! Our Lord is the high priest who is "exalted above the heavens." God gave us this amazing gift, this wonderful sacrifice because He loves us so much.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Alexandria
- Apollonia
- High Priest
- Love
- Martyr
- Old Testament
- Patron
- Sacrifice
- Saint
- Sins
- Teeth

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Look closely! Can you see what Saint Apollonia is holding in her hand?

It is a tooth extractor—to pull out teeth!

You might see one of these tools at the dentist's office, but hopefully the dentist won't have to use it for you!



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A SAINT FOR ANYTHING! ST. APOLLONIA OF ALEXANDRIA

What would you do if you needed help with your math homework? Well, you'd probably ask somebody who knew a lot about math. But what would you do if you needed help making a cake? You'd probably ask somebody who was good at making cakes, wouldn't you?



This is a painting of Saint Apollonia. It is in the famous art museum in Paris, the Louvre!

Sometimes we need help with things that are more serious too—like if somebody you love is sick, or if you are going on a trip, or if want somebody to find a job. Did you know the saints listen to our prayers, and they want to help us with our problems? They understand our needs, because they lived here too! Now they are close to God and they ask Him to help us.

On Wednesday, we celebrate the nameday of Saint Apollonia. She was a strong Christian lady, even when the emperor attacked Christians, and even when he said Christians had to worship his idols! Apollonia never gave up her love for God. The evil rulers took her and hurt her, and even knocked out all her teeth! St. Apollonia was killed for her faith, but now she listens to our prayers from heaven. And do you know what she is the special saint to help with? Toothaches! This saint really understood that problem.

We celebrate this great feastday on Wednesday, February 9th (OC: Feb. 22nd).