

The Bible teaches our faith!



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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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A very good habit

Have you ever started a good habit, a habit that you've kept? Finishing your homework every night, not eating so much candy, making your bed every day. Have you made a good habit that stuck?



With our faith, we have lots of good habits we can work on, don't we? In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul gives some good advice. "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

We all should make a habit to read the Bible. Saint Paul says, "From childhood, you have known the sacred writings." Children can read the Bible too! And if you're too little, ask your parents to read to you. We can make the Bible part of every day of our life. Read a little every day, especially the Gospels, which tell us about what Jesus did.

Good habits are important because they do something for us. Making our beds keeps our bedrooms nice and neat. Not eating too much candy keeps us healthy. But Saint Paul tells us reading the Bible does something a million times better. These holy writings teach us about "salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." The Bible teaches us how God will save us! Let's make this special Book a special habit.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Bible
- Childhood
- Example
- Karpenisi
- Love Christ
- Martyr
- Mountains
- Romanos
- Sacred
- Saint
- Triodion

S Y G N E G A T G G L G R L F
 I A J T H X R L P F N Z G O I
 R B S K M I A M F X J K K V I
 S O K M O V G M U U V A V E U
 N E M D X D H B P L B R G C O
 Q E I A Z Z S F H L R P V H W
 K O L W N A S P Y S E E H R Q
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 E P M N I U S I R L I I C S C
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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Romanos of Karpenisi.

He holds the cross tightly because he never wanted to give up his love for Christ!

Let's do the same thing!



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SAINT ROMANOS OF KARPENISI A SAINT WHO COULDN'T READ!

Do you remember the three saints we celebrated a few weeks ago? They were the Three Hierarchs—Saint Basil, Saint Gregory, and Saint John Chrysostom. These three saints had read everything, and knew so much. They had had great teachers and learned all their lives.

This week, we celebrate a saint who was different from the hierarchs. Why? Because Saint Romanos couldn't even read! Romanos came from Karpenisi, a part of Greece up in the mountains. Saint Romanos didn't know a lot, but he knew the most important thing. He knew he loved God. He knew he would do anything to keep his faith.



Sadly, Saint Romanos lived during the time when the Ottomans were very cruel to Christians. When the authorities knew that Romanos would not give up and become Muslim, they began to hurt him more and more. They wanted to make an example out of him.

Saint Romanos was an example—but a good one! He is an example for all of us! Finally, the people in charge decided they were going to kill Romanos. On the way to the place he would be killed, Romanos was smiling and very joyful to the people he passed. He knew he was doing the right thing. He knew he would be with his Lord, whom he loved so much! Saint Romanos couldn't read, but he knew what the smartest saints knew!

We celebrate Saint Romanos on Wednesday, February 16th (OC: Feb. 29th).