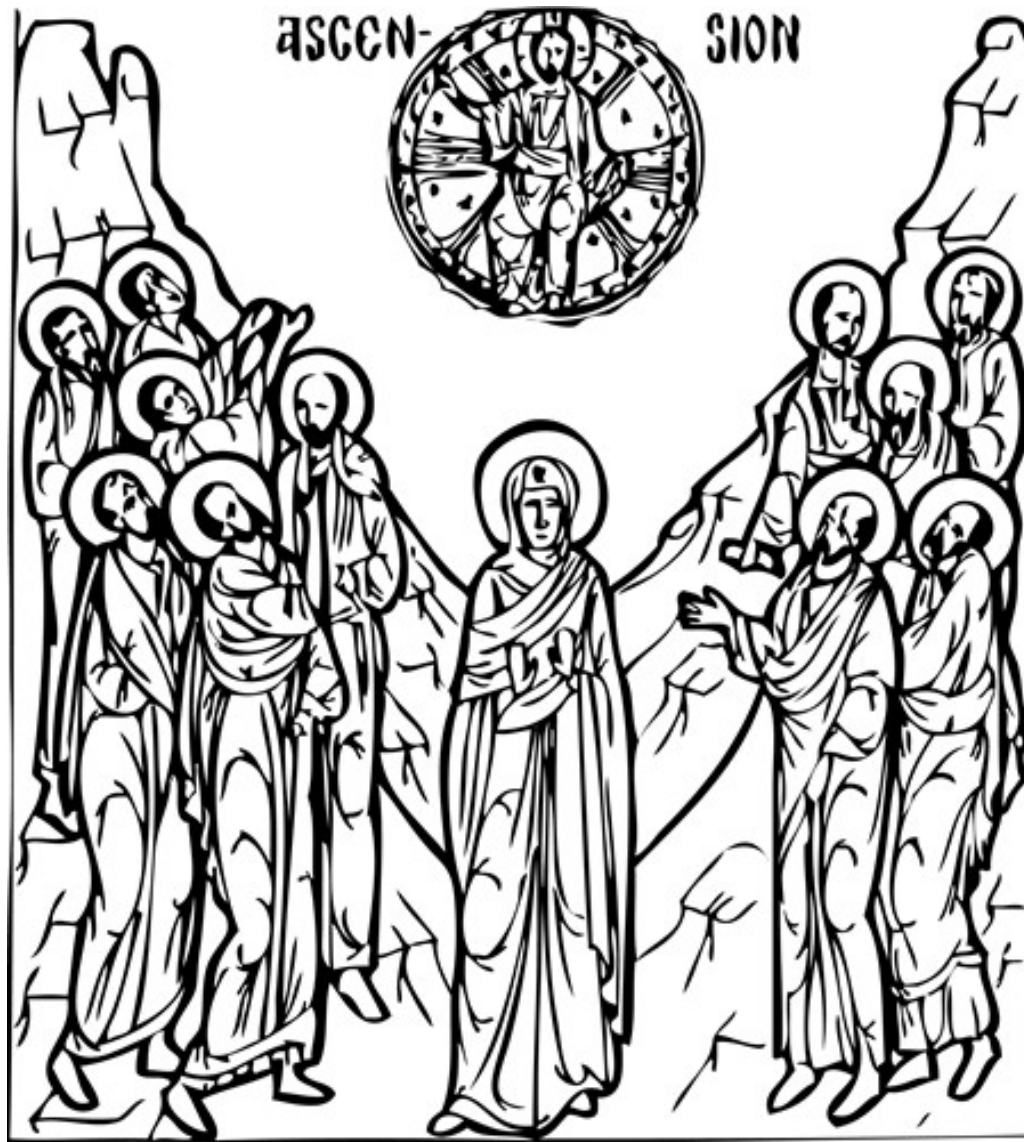


Christ ascended to Heaven!



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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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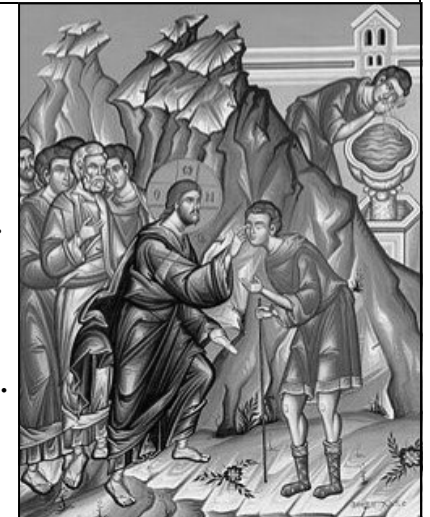
The One we were waiting for!

Have you ever had to look for somebody, maybe even somebody you didn't even know? Maybe you knew what kind of car that person was driving, or what color hair, or what he'd be wearing. It's kind of a funny thing.

Seven hundred years before Christ was born (and even a long time before that), the Jewish people were waiting for somebody to save them. They didn't know what His name was, or what He would look like. A prophet named Isaiah told them about somebody who was coming. 700 years before Christ was born, Isaiah wrote that God would send somebody to "open the eyes of the blind." Only God could do a huge miracle like that!

Today, you know, is the Sunday of the Blind Man. We hear about how Jesus saw a man who had been blind ever since he was born! Jesus saw him and healed him. He could see for the very first time! After that, some of the authorities were angry and worried. You see, everybody knew the prophecy. Everybody knew that this meant something BIG. Somebody who could "open the eyes of the blind" was the person God sent.

And that is exactly what we celebrate today. Jesus Christ is the person that God the Father sent. And He proved then that He is God too!



Jesus healing the man born blind

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Ascension
- Blind Man
- Great Feast
- Isaiah
- Martha
- Mary
- Prophets
- Sisters
- Waiting

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Sometimes you don't have to know how to read to know stories in the Bible. Listen to the story on page 3.

Can you tell the story by looking at the icon? Which one is Mary? Which one is Martha?



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THE BETTER PART SAINTS MARY AND MARTHA



Nobody likes to work, work, work all the time. Sometimes we complain about it. Sometimes we wonder why *we* have to do it! Sometimes we might beg for help.

On Saturday, we celebrate the nameday of two sisters, Mary and Martha. They were Jesus' friends, and the sisters of Lazarus (the one Jesus raised from the dead). We hear a story about these two sisters in the Bible.

Once, Jesus came to visit this family. Martha was working hard, probably cleaning up the house, cooking, and doing other things that needed to be done. Her sister, Mary, wasn't doing any of the work. She was just sitting near Jesus' feet, listening to Him talking. When Martha complained, Jesus told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part."

We can learn from this story too! Sometimes we worry and we are busy with lots of things. But, like Martha, we have to stop sometimes. We can slow down and listen to God. We can pray to Him. We can make some time for Him. Then, Jesus tells us, we have chosen the better part too! Can you tell this story to your parents?

We celebrate Sts. Mary and Martha on Sat., June 4th (OC: June 17th).