

Saint Militsa, pray for us!



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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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Let your light shine!



Have you ever seen a city from really far away at night? Maybe you even looked down from an airplane at night, and you noticed the bright lights of a city, a cluster of street lights in the darkness. You can see these lights at night, even from very far away!

Our Lord tells us how we can be like those lights too! Christ tells His disciples in the Gospel today, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

As Christians, we are supposed to be like those cities, the ones that people can see from far away. God's light shines on us, and then it shines through us to those around us. It shines on our families, on our friends, on our teachers, on our neighbors, and even on strangers! God's light can shine through us to everybody around us.

When we act like Christians, we are full of love for others and for God. We want to do good things. Other people see these good things, and they see Christ through us!

How will you be like a light to those around you this week?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Disciples
- Faithful
- Gospel
- Light
- Militsa
- Prayers
- Princess
- Serbia
- Shine

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 F K I E O C F U S B J N A I X
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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Lots of times, we might not know what a saint really looked like...especially if he or she lived a long time ago.

But in an icon, we can still find out about that saint. What can you say about St. Militsa from these icons of her?



SAINT MILITSA PRINCESS OF SERBIA

Have you ever seen somebody who knows how to stay calm under pressure? Police officers and firemen and all kinds of other workers have to keep calm, even when they have a lot to worry about!

Saint Militsa knew how to keep calm under pressure. She was a princess in Serbia about 600 years ago. Her husband was killed in a war, and her son was next to be the ruler of Serbia. (He wasn't old enough though, so Saint Militsa ruled for him until he was old enough.) Saint Militsa had all kinds of pressure—she wanted Serbia to stay at peace even when other countries tried to invade hers. But even with all those troubles, she stayed strong and calm. Saint Militsa trusted God to give her courage and wisdom.



Saint Militsa built a beautiful convent for nuns in Serbia. She wrote poems and hymns and prayers, including a special “Mother’s Prayer.” Later on, she became a nun and lived there at that same convent. The Ljubostinja convent is still there, and about 50 nuns live there now. They have a special love for Saint Militsa because her holy relics (her body) is at the convent. Also, they pray to her for help and for the country of Serbia, which she ruled so well...even under pressure!

We celebrate Saint Militsa on Tues., July 19th (OC: August 1st).