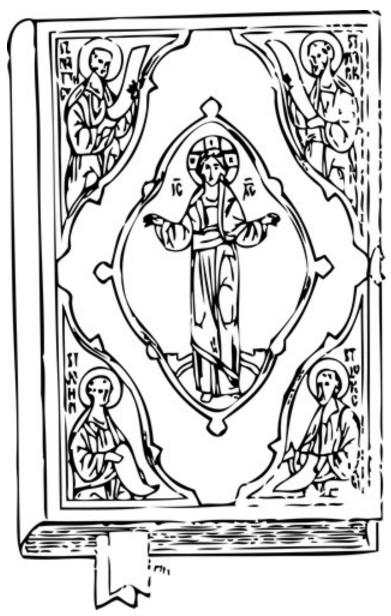
God's Word



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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 Golden Rule



Have you ever heard somebody

say to you, "Treat other people the way you would want to be treated"? Maybe your teacher told you that at school.

Sometimes people might say something, but they might not know where that saying came from! Those words are what we call the "Golden Rule," and they come from the Bible! Today, in the Gospel, we hear, "The Lord said, 'And as you wish that men would do to you, do

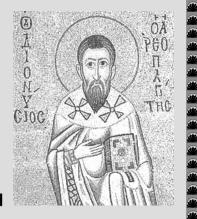
so to them." Many people say these words, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Many people say these words, but they might not even know where they came from!

These special words come from God's Word, the Bible. God's Word is such a part of our lives that we might not even think about it. God's Word is so important, that it is said again and again. Sometimes, people who don't even read the Bible or are Christians will hear sayings like the "Golden Rule" and repeat them! That's because these sayings are full of God's wisdom! If people who don't even know about God's Word sometimes repeat phrases from God's Word, don't you think we, as Christians should talk about the Bible even more? We know these wise sayings come from our Lord!

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

This icon of Saint Dionysios (the Areopogite) is from the famous monastery of Hosios Lukas. It is made up of little tiny stones, called a mosaic.

You can tell that Saint Dionysios was a bishop because he is holding the Gospel. He wasn't shy to speak about his faith, and neither was Saint Paul!



LISTENING TO SAINT PAUL ST. DIONYSIOS THE AREOPOGITE

Did you know you can walk where the saints once walked? You can do this all over the world—in Greece, in Russia, in Egypt,…even here in the United States.

One very special saint lived at the same time as Saint Paul did, about 2,000 years ago! His name was Saint Dionysios. At first, he didn't believe in God. He believed in many of the Greek gods. But once, the philosophers in Athens invited Saint Paul to tell them about his



St. Dionysios the Areopogite

God. St. Dionysios heard Saint Paul in a court called the Areopagus in Athens, Greece. St. Paul was giving a big, wonderful speech, and Dionysios listened. After that, he decided to believe in Jesus Christ! St.



Dionysios believed in God so strongly that he even became a bishop.

If you go to Athens one day, you can visit the Areopagus. For many tourists, the Acropolis is the very first thing they want to see, but right near there, you can see where St. Dionysios first believed. That was the very

spot where St. Dionysios listened to St. Paul— almost two thousand years ago!

We celebrate St. Dionysios tomorrow, October 3rd (OC: October 16th).