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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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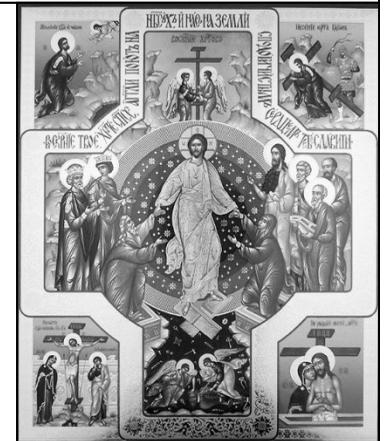
Greater things than these!

Have you ever heard somebody say, "You haven't seen anything yet!" Maybe you saw a show or a play or a performance, and you were so impressed with the first part. "You haven't seen anything yet!" somebody might say. Just wait and see what's next!

Today in the Gospel reading, we hear the story of how Jesus called some of His disciples to Him. Philip told his friend Nathaniel to come meet Jesus. But before Nathaniel could meet Him, Jesus seemed to already know him. Then Nathaniel was really impressed! "How do you know me?" he asked. Jesus answered him, "You will see greater things than these!"

Nathaniel went on to be one of Jesus' close followers, His disciple. He saw Jesus do so many miracles—healing people, feeding crowds of people, even raising people from the dead! But still, those miracles were nothing compared to the greatest miracle of all—when Christ rose from the dead. "You will see greater things than these!" Jesus told Nathaniel. In other words, "You haven't seen anything yet!"

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. These words in the Gospel today remind us what is coming. At the end of Lent, we will see "the greatest thing" of all—our Lord's glorious Resurrection!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostles
- Disciples
- Examples
- Faith
- Feet
- Gavrilia
- Great Lent
- Holy
- India
- Martyrs
- New Saint
- Orthodoxy

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is one of the very first icons painted of Saint Gavrilia. And here is a photograph of her too.

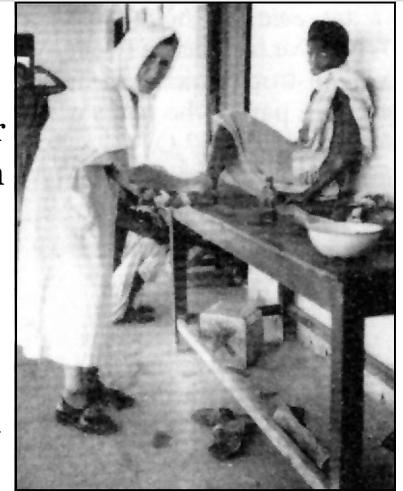
We have a photo because she died only in 1992!



SAINT GAVRILIA

THE SAINT WHO WASHED FEET

This Thursday is a special day, because we get to celebrate the nameday of a very new saint! Just this past October, our Orthodox Church began to call the holy nun Gavrilia, Saint Gavrilia. This is the first time we celebrate her day!



Saint Gavrilia helping people with leprosy.

Saint Gavrilia was born in 1897 in Constantinople (Istanbul), and she later lived in Thessaloniki with her family. Gavrilia had a strong Orthodox faith, and she knew that part of that faith means that we love our neighbor—even the ones we don't know.

She wanted to follow our Lord's example. Do you remember the part in the Bible when Jesus washed His disciples' feet? Gavrilia was touched by the Lord's humility, and later on, Gavrilia studied to help people with foot problems and foot diseases. She went to India and helped the poorest of the poor people, even people with the contagious disease of leprosy. She worked so hard, and she gave people who had no hope, lots of hope. She was full of love for others.

Gavrilia became a nun, and she kept helping others. You can find a lovely book that is full of things she said. Ask your parents to read you a little bit of it! Here is just one thing you can remember: "If you have love for the whole world, the whole world is beautiful."

We celebrate St. Gavrilia on Thursday, March 28th (OC: April 10th).