

Saint Silas, 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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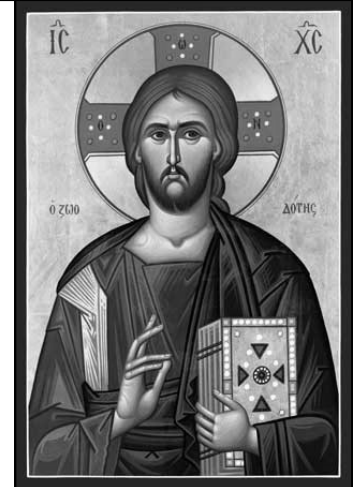
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On your lips and in your heart

Have you ever heard somebody say, "Say what you mean, and mean what you say!"? We want to be truthful about what we say, don't we?

In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul tells us how important it is to mean what you say! He writes, "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart...because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." What you really believe (what's in your heart) should be what you say out loud (what's on your lips).



Sometimes we might say things that we don't really mean. And sometimes we don't speak up when we really do mean something. Today, we hear how Saint Paul reminds us that our heart and our lips go together: What you say "on your lips" is what is "in your heart."

We hear what a wonderful thing God gives us, when we say that "Jesus is God" and when we believe that He rose from the dead. What is it that God promises us? We will be saved! We will be given life forever with Him. Let's pray that God will help us have strong faith so that our lips and our heart always do go together...that they both show that our Lord Jesus rose from the dead! Then we will say what we mean, and mean what we say!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

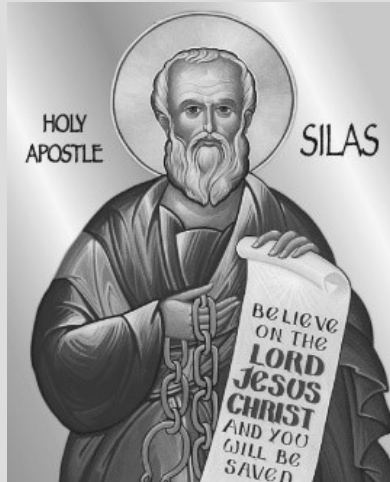
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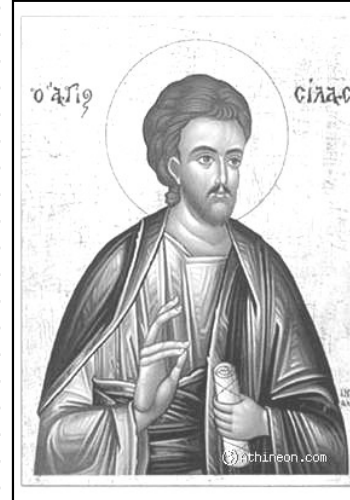
Here is another icon of Saint Silas. Do you see what he holds in his hand?

Read the story about him and find out why!



SAINT SILAS

SAINT PAUL'S HELPER



Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated the big day of Saints Peter and Paul. They are such great saints that our church even has a special fasting time to remember them. The two of them did so much to build up the Christian Church. God gave them a big job to do, and they knew they couldn't do it all by themselves.

One of Saint Paul's special helpers was Saint Silas. Saint Paul traveled through Greece and Italy and the Holy Land to tell people about our Lord, Jesus Christ. And for lots of his trip, Saint Silas went with him. They had many adventures together (not the kind of adventure you have for fun, but the kind when you have work to do!)

Once, when Saint Paul and Saint Silas were in Philippi (in Greece), they were sent to prison because some people were angry with them. While they were locked up, God sent an earthquake. All of a sudden, their chains came off, and they were free. The jailer was very scared because he thought he would lose his job. But Saint Paul and Saint Silas did not escape. Instead, they told the jailer about Christ.

Before long, the authorities allowed them to be free. Then the two saints went on with their work. Did you know Saint Silas is the patron saint for people who are in prison, and also for prison workers?

We celebrate St. Silas on Tuesday, July 30th (OC: August 12th).