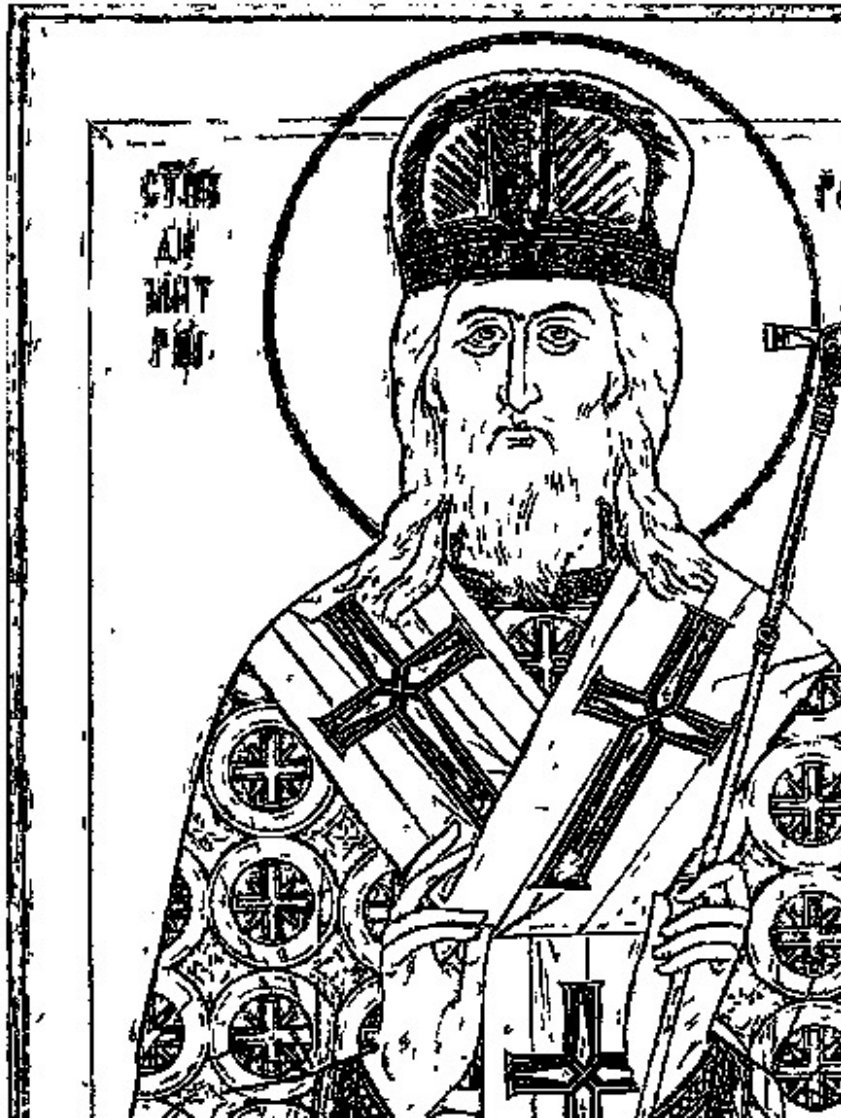


St. Dimitri, pray for us!



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

Sunday, October 27, 2024

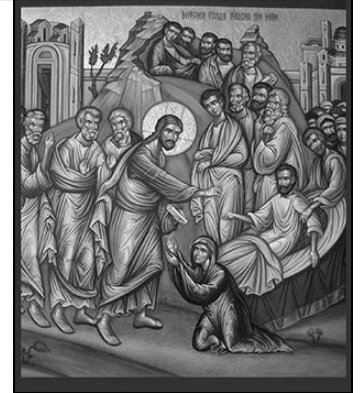
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## Jesus's closest friends

**Have you ever told something to** your good friends that you didn't want to tell just everybody? Did you have a toy or a special story that you shared only with your closest friends?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear about two special miracles that our Lord Jesus Christ did for people who needed Him. For one of these miracles, Jesus wanted to show it only to His closest friends.

First Jesus healed a sick woman, and He made her well again. Then, He heard the sad news that a little girl had died, and He wanted to raise her up to life. He visited the girl's house, but the Gospel says, "He did not let anyone enter with Him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother." Jesus let only his closest disciples be with Him to see this miracle.

Do you remember the story of the Transfiguration? How Jesus went to a high mountain, and He became bright with light? On that day, He brought these same close disciples with Him—Peter, James, and John. They were His closest followers.

When we try to learn more about Jesus in the Bible, when we try to act more loving like Jesus, we are growing closer to Him. When we grow closer and closer to Christ, He will show more and more things to us too. And wouldn't that be the best thing?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Chrysostom
- Dimitri
- Friends
- Gospel
- Healing
- Heroes
- Jairus
- Miracle
- Rostov
- Russia
- Saints

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of St. Dimitri of Rostov, Russia.

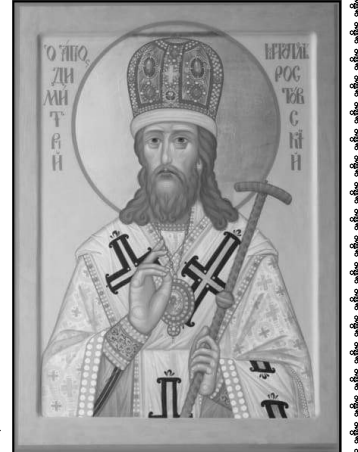
In this icon, he is looking up to the Queen of the Saints. Who is she? Mary, the Holy Theotokos.



# ST DIMITRI OF ROSTOV BRINGING THE SAINTS TO US

## Do you like to hear about heroes?

Maybe you've seen movies about superheroes, or maybe you've read books about them. You might have heard about *real* heroes too, ones who are great examples to us!



Many years ago, in Russia, one saint wanted people to hear stories about *real* heroes too. And who were those heroes? The saints! Saint Dimitri was born about 400 years ago. He was a bishop, and he wrote and spoke so well that people called him the “Chrysostom of Russia” because he reminded them of another special saint, Saint John Chrysostom. He wrote and spoke really wonderful sermons that we still have today!

One thing we remember St. Dimitri for is that he wrote 12 volumes—12 whole books—of the Lives of the Saints. He wanted the faithful people to know real heroes, real saints who could be examples to them. Before St. Dimitri, the people of Russia did not have a way to read about all these wonderful heroes.

Today, we have lots and lots of books about our beloved saints. You can find many, even for children! Saint Dimitri of Rostov reminds us to look to the saints because we can see what God has done for them. Do you think you can try to learn about another saint's story this week?

We celebrate St Dimitri tomorrow, October 28th (OC: November 9th).