

Saint John, 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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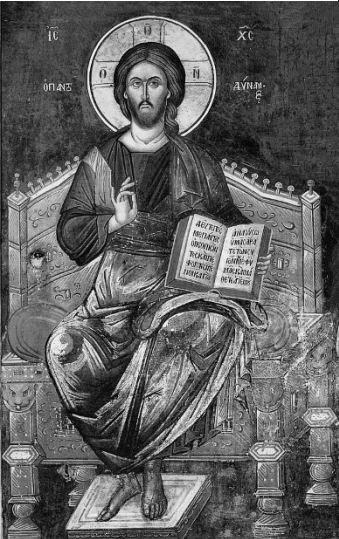
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Jesus Christ is God!

Do you have a friend who isn’t a Christian? Maybe you have a classmate or a teammate who doesn’t believe what you do, or who might not even believe in God at all!

Sometimes we hear people say nice things about Jesus. People might say, “He was a good teacher.” Or they might say, “He helped a lot of people.” “He was a nice man.” Those things are all true, right? But the most important thing is that Jesus Christ is God! That is the real truth. And that’s what we Christians believe.



Today, we hear the Gospel reading about the Good Samaritan. Do you remember how that story starts? A man came to Jesus and he wanted to test Him. He starts off and calls Jesus “Teacher.” But then he says, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” In other words, “How can I live forever?”

Our Lord Jesus Christ was a Teacher, but He is more! Jesus Christ is our God! Only God can tell us how we can inherit eternal life. Only God can tell us how to live forever with Him in heaven. Only God can show us the way.

If somebody tells you, “Jesus was a nice man,” or “Jesus was a good teacher,” you can tell him, “Yes, He was! But Jesus Christ is God!”

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Chrysostom
Courage
Eternal
Exile
Faithful
John
Samaritan
Teacher
Truth

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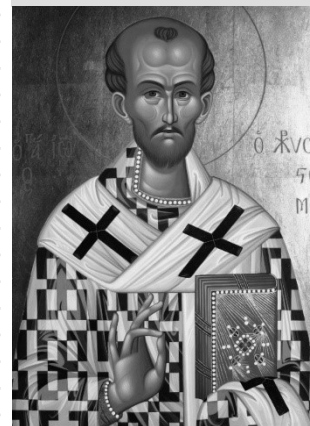
This is an icon of Saint John Chrysostom, when the empress sent him away, out of the city of Constantinople.

He grew sicker and sicker, and died because of this awful trip.



A SAINT WHO GOT IN TROUBLE

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Nobody *likes* getting in trouble. Do you? At home or at school, or anywhere else, you might get punished for it, or you might at least get embarrassed.

Today we celebrate one of the best saints of our Church. Saint John Chrysostom was a saint who didn't mind getting in trouble. That's because he was used to it. He also knew it was more important to speak the truth and get in trouble with

the rulers, than to keep quiet and live in peace.

Saint John wrote many sermons, and lots of times he talked about how we Christians *have* to help the poor. He built hospitals for poor, sick people, and special kitchens for poor, hungry people. In the great city of Constantinople (where he was the archbishop), the emperor and empress didn't seem to care so much about the poor. They grew richer and richer, and they ignored the poor people in the city. Saint John spoke out against the rulers, and he got in big trouble for it.

The empress Eudoxia had a big, expensive statue of herself built, and Saint John spoke out against that too...and he got in even more trouble for that. He was sent away into exile, away from the city, where he couldn't serve as archbishop. He later died there.

Saint John had lots of people who loved him (and he still does!). He told them not to think of the bad things that happened to him, but to think of the rewards he won in the contest—and that's life with Jesus Christ forever!

We celebrate St. John's feastday today, November 13th (OC: Nov. 26th).