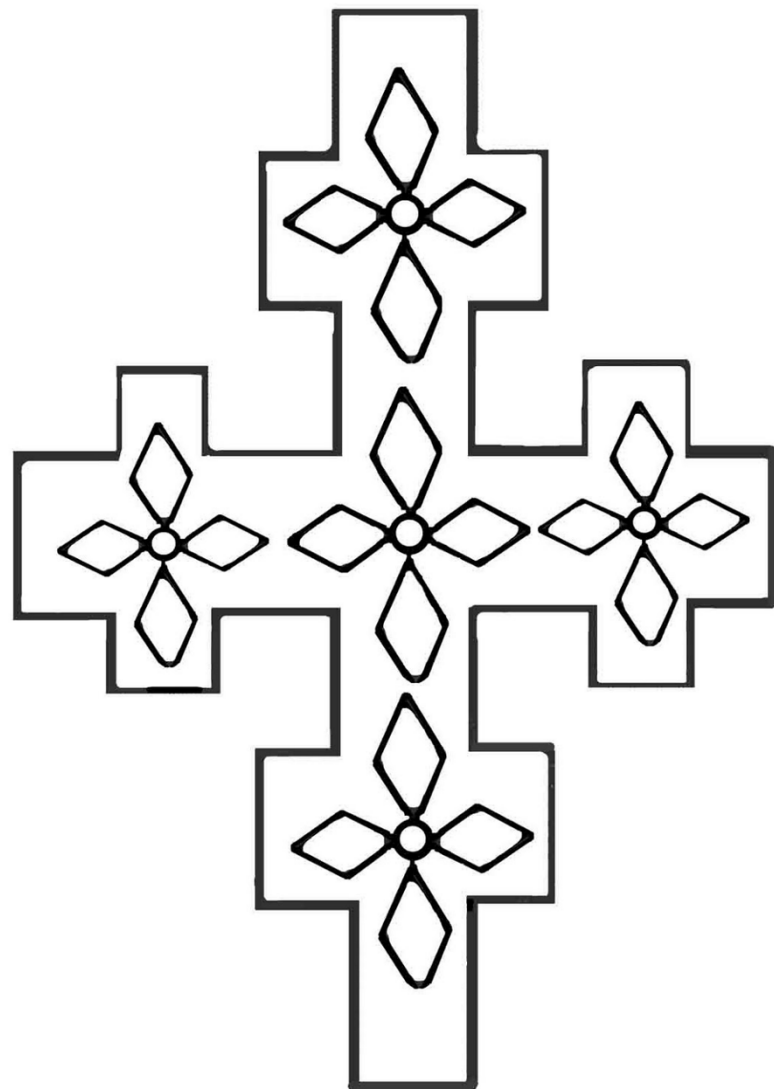


Raise the Cross up high!



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

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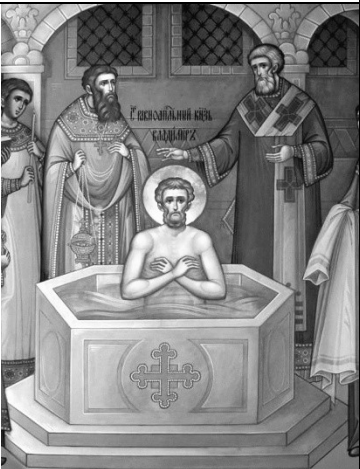
A new creation

Have you ever been really excited about getting something new? New clothes, a new toy, maybe some new school supplies this year. It's fun to have something fresh and clean and new.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells how people could become Christians. He wrote, "A new creation is everything!" A new creation is everything, and we Christians become new creations when we are baptized and become full members of the Church. You might not be able to see it on the outside, but things are different when you are a new creation, a new Christian.

When we get something new—like a pair of shoes, for example—we might throw out the ratty, old things that we had before. Then, we make sure we take good care of our new things. We want to keep our new things fresh and clean. If you scuff up a new pair of shoes, you kind of feel bad, don't you?

When we are baptized, we want to take good care of our new self. We try to make good choices so we stay clean (on the inside). We can look to our Lord, Jesus Christ, who was and is the cleanest of us all! We can look to the saints who struggled to keep clean. A new creation is everything! Let's try to keep it that way!



The baptism of Saint Vladimir

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Baptism
Belgium
Creation
Cross
Epistle
Exaltation
Gentle
Humility
Lambert

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Tomorrow we honor the special feastday of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross!

This is a cross that a priest or bishop can use to bless people.

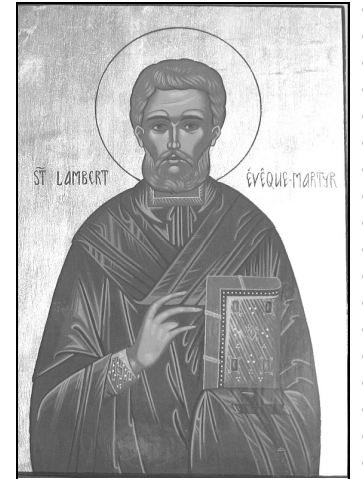
Can you find the icon of Christ on the cross?
Can you find Mary, the Theotokos? Can you find Saint John, Jesus's friend?



BAREFOOT IN THE SNOW

ST. LAMBERT OF BELGIUM

Has anybody ever blamed you for something you didn't do? What did you do next? Did you argue? Did you fight? Did you cry out, "I didn't do it!" Did you blame somebody else?



This week we celebrate a saint who didn't do any of those things! Saint Lambert was a bishop in Maastricht (today that's the country of Belgium). For a while, he lived as a humble monk. Once, during the night, Saint Lambert woke up to go pray. He accidentally made too much noise and the abbot said that the person who made the noise had to go stand in front of the cross, barefoot, and in the snow.

When the abbot woke up in the morning, he found Saint Lambert, the bishop, standing there in the snow! And that was the bishop! Saint Lambert didn't complain. He didn't argue. He said he was honored to serve God like that.

If you ever go to the country of Belgium, you'll see lots of churches built to remember Saint Lambert.

Saint Lambert lived more than 1,300 years ago, but one thing is the same. He lived the same way we all want to live as Christians...even today. Saint Lambert was humble, he was kind, he was gentle. What an example for all of us Christians!

We celebrate St. Lambert on Thursday, September 17th (OC: September 30th).