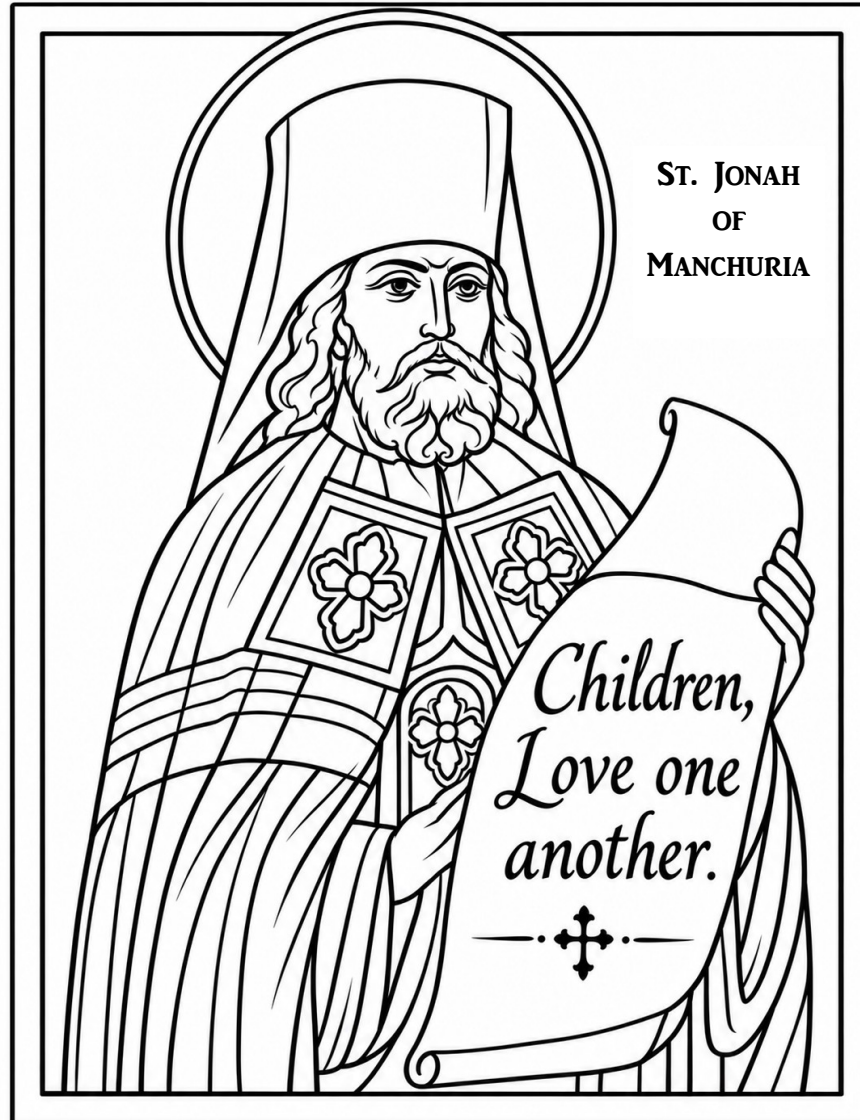


St. Jonah, pray for us!



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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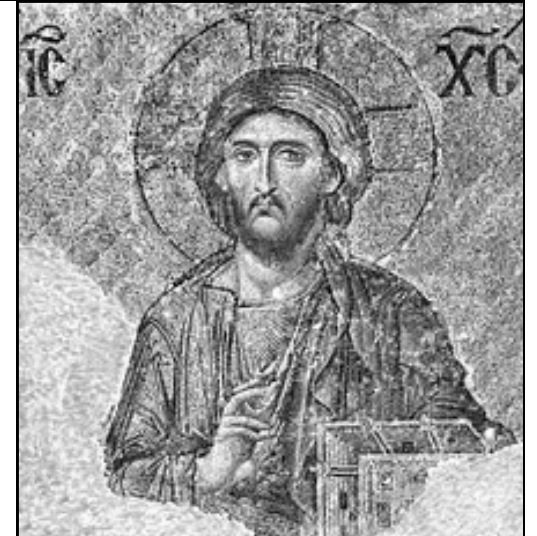
His righteousness endures forever!

Have you ever gotten in trouble for something at home or at school? Your parents or your grandparents or maybe your teacher might have told you that you did the wrong thing. They might have told you that what you did was bad. When we do something wrong, we try to do better next time, don't we?

In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul writes something about God that is in the Old Testament too. The Bible says, "His righteousness endures forever."

That means that God does the right thing...*all the time*. God doesn't make mistakes. He doesn't do the wrong thing.

Sometimes we might mess up and do something wrong. Our parents or our teachers make mistakes too, and even they might do the wrong thing too! But we can remember that God is always good. He *always* does the right thing, before Christ was born (in the Old Testament) and during Saint Paul's time, and during our time too! We can always look to our Lord as an example of righteousness...doing the right thing. And when we look to the Lord, we can see how we can do the right thing too!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Bible
- Compassion
- Love
- Jonah
- Joyful
- Love
- Moral
- Orphans
- Righteousness
- Scripture
- Sorrow

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of Saint Jonah of China.

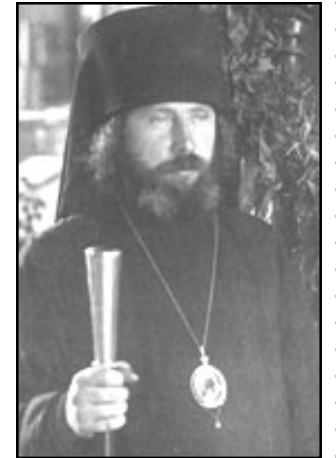
He was a bishop. Can you find his bishop's staff? It looks a little different from others, because he lived in China!



ST. JONAH OF HANKOW, CHINA PROTECTOR OF ORPHANS

Have you ever felt sorry for yourself? Maybe you had a bad day. Maybe you have problems at home or at school. Maybe you felt sorry for other reasons, too.

Saint Jonah lived about a hundred years ago. He had lots of reasons to feel sorry for himself. He lost both of his parents when he was just eight. Later on, Jonah became a monk in an important monastery in Russia. But, when he was there, a big revolution made things awful for him. The communists, who were in charge, didn't like Christians. They beat him up, made him sick, and sent him to prison.



A photo of Saint Jonah

Saint Jonah finally was freed from prison, and he left Russia. He went to Northern China to get away from it all. When he was there, he could have felt sorry for himself. Things weren't good. But Saint Jonah knew he had work to do. He wanted to help the people there. He wanted to tell them about Jesus Christ. He built an orphanage for poor, orphan kids to live in. He built a school to teach them. He built a dining hall to feed them.

Saint Jonah reminds us that when things are hard for us, we can still do work for God and His church and His people! Sometimes, the hard things in our lives can help us make things easier for people who have hard times too. Remember, Saint Jonah was an orphan, and he helped orphans!

We celebrate St. Jonah on Wednesday, October 7th (OC: October 20th).