

Saint Gideon, pray for us!



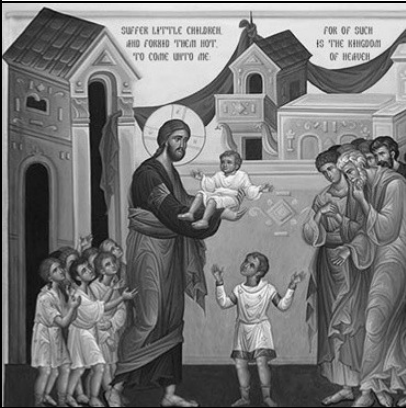
The Children’s Word

“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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What do you want to be?



Has anybody ever asked you what you want to be when you grow up? Some kids know right away what they want to be, and some grownups don’t even know how to answer that question!

On Monday, we celebrated the great feastday of the Cross. We remembered again what our Lord, Jesus Christ, did for us. We remember how He died for us on the Cross. And today, in the Gospel reading, we hear how we Christians have to show that we follow Christ! But how do we do that? Well, we show we are Christians in everything we do!

Sometimes things might be hard for us, but we always have to choose to follow our Lord. The Gospel tells us, “For what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” In other words, we can get everything in the world—lots of money, lots of friends, lots of fame, and even lots of fun. We can grow up to have the best job in the world. But the Gospel tells us that those things don’t even matter. Those things don’t always help us.

We want to grow up to follow Christ in everything we do! So, when somebody asks you what you want to be when you grow up, you can tell him. But what we *really* want to be is a good follower of Christ!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Bible
Cross
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Faithful
Follow
Gideon
Humble
Judges
Miracles
Old Testament
Ruling

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

This icon is a little hard to see, but it shows one of the miracles God showed to Gideon.

Gideon put sheep's fleece on the ground and it was the only part that got wet with dew. Everything else was dry!

We hear about this miracle in the Akathist hymn service at Church (in Great Lent).



SAINT GIDEON A JUDGE OF ISRAEL



Do you ever listen to candidates before a big vote? In the United States, we hear the candidates for all kinds of positions telling everybody why they are the best for the job. They want to prove why they should win the election!

But this week, we celebrate the nameday of somebody who became a great leader, but he wasn't so sure he was right for the job!

Many years before Jesus was born, Israel was ruled by judges. God called these judges to rule over the people, to show them the right way to God. There is even a book in the Bible, the book of Judges, and it tells about how they ruled.

Gideon was one of these judges, and God called him to rule over Israel. The people were worshipping idols, and God wanted Gideon to put them back on the right path. The funny thing was that Gideon didn't think he should be a ruler! He asked God for miracles to prove it to him. God showed Gideon three times, with three miracles, that He wanted him to be in charge.

We can look to Gideon as a great example of humility, and we can pray that God will give us leaders who follow God first!

We celebrate St. Gideon on Saturday, September 26th (OC: October 9th).