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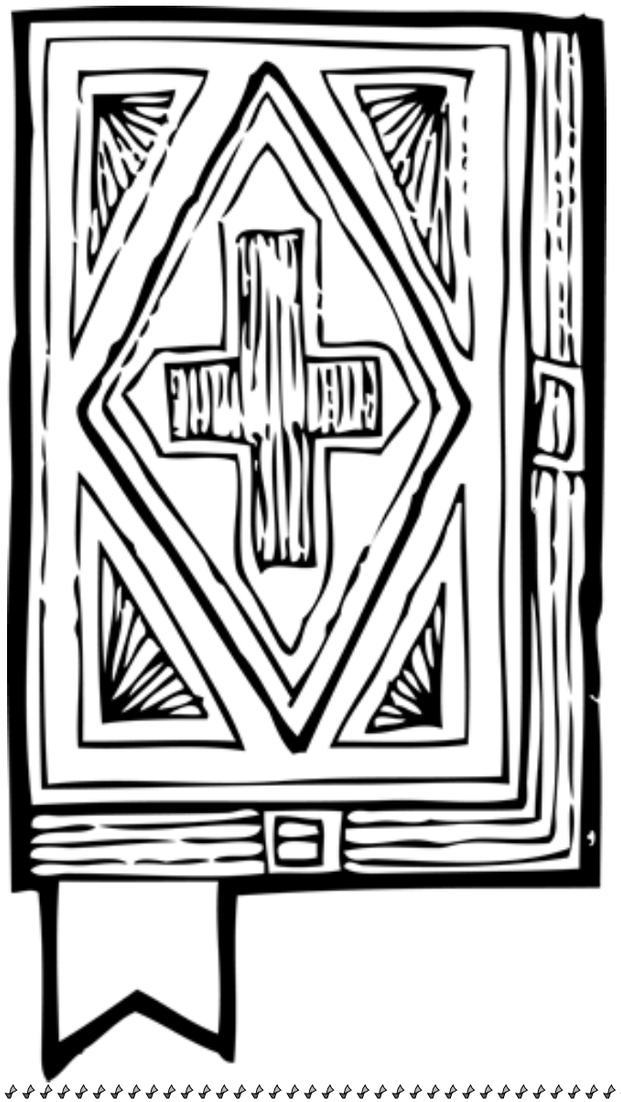

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The Children's Word

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

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Sealed by the Lord



Have you ever seen a fancy seal on a letter or on a certificate? A seal makes things official. A seal shows something really comes from who it says it comes from. Long ago, a king might write a letter, close it with wax, and then make a mark in the wax with his ring. Then, everybody would know that letter really came from the king!

In today's epistle, Saint Paul writes to the new Christians, "Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord." Saint Paul taught these people in Corinth about Christ. He helped raised them up to learn more about the Lord. He also helped them learn how to live as good Christians too. These new Christians were "seals of Saint Paul's apostleship in the Lord" because people would know they came from Christ. They knew it was official!

When people look at us, do they know we are Christians? When other people look at us, do they know we come from the Lord too? You know, when we are baptized and chrismated, we are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit. Do we still live that way? No seal is as special as that one! Let's always try to remember to act that way... sealed by the Lord. Then, everyone will know we came from Him!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Advice
Apostle
Chrismation
Christians
Corinth
Diomedes
Doctor
Emperor
Healing
Idols
Seal
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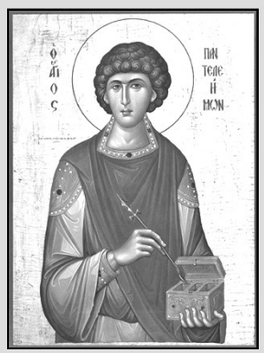
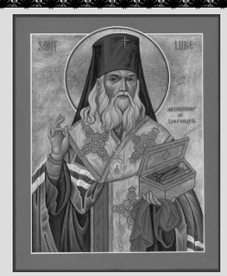
WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here are some other doctor and healer saints of our Church.

Can you find Saint Panteleimon, the brothers Kosmas and Damianos, and the new saint, Luke the surgeon?

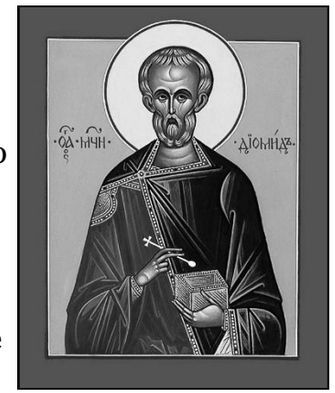






A HOLY DOCTOR

SAINT DIOMEDES THE PHYSICIAN



If you are sick or hurt, you'd go to the doctor, wouldn't you? Mostly, we think about healing our bodies—maybe what medicine we should take or other ways we can try to be healed.

Did you know our holy Orthodox Church has lots of doctors who were also saints? We can think of Saint Luke the Apostle, Saint Luke the Surgeon, Saints Kosmas and Damianos, Saint Panteleimon, and one day, maybe you can also learn about Saints Zenaida and Philonella, too!

Saint Diomedes lived during the time of the Emperor Diocletian. (Remember, he was the same emperor who killed Saint George and many other great saints.) Saint Diomedes was an unmercenary saint—he healed people with his medical skills, and he didn't get paid for doing it. He helped people learn about Christ too, and he even baptized people who believed! So, he helped people—their bodies and their souls!

The emperor was an idol worshipper, and he did not want Christianity to spread, of course. He ordered Saint Diomedes to be arrested. The soldiers followed those orders, and they killed him.

We still remember Saint Diomedes, especially during the Holy Unction (oil) service, when we pray to him! We ask him to help heal *our* souls and bodies too!

We celebrate St. Diomedes today, August 16th (OC: August 29th).

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