

This is my beloved Son!



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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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Building the foundation

Have you ever tried to build something together with a friend or with a brother or sister? A sand castle? A Lego construction? A fort out in the woods? When you build something, you know you have to start off the right way, or else it might not work!



In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul tells us the same thing. Saint Paul wanted to help build something really great, the Church of Christ! He writes, "According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it...No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

As Christians, we want to start off the right way. And thank God, we have lots of people to help us build the foundation the right way. Your parents teach you about God and His love. Your godparents baptized you so you could follow Christ. Your priest teaches you and gives you the sacraments. Your church school teachers teach you things about His Church. Camp counselors and other friends in your church help lead you to Christ too.

All of these people are builders too, and they are helping you build the right foundation inside you, "which is Jesus Christ." Thank God for your builders!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

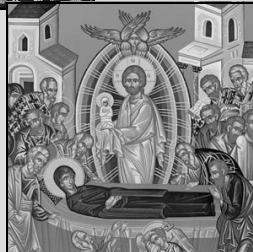
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

In some icons of Christ, you can see the picture of Jesus with a kind of bright star around Him.

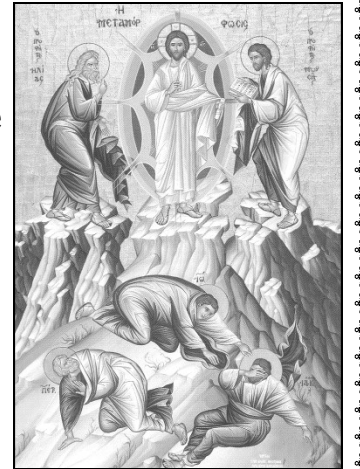
This is called a *mandorla*. It shows the greatness of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Can you point to it in the icon of the Dormition and the Resurrection? How about in the icon on page 3?



THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

GOD SHOWS US HIS GLORY!

You know how to make the sign of the Cross, don't you? Do you know why we do the cross the way we do? You know the three fingers together mean the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You know the two little fingers folded down mean that Jesus was a man and He is God!



This Thursday, we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Transfiguration. On this happy feast-day, we remember when our Lord Jesus Christ went up to the top of a mountain with his friends, Peter, James, and John. There, He showed them that He wasn't just a man who could do special speeches and great miracles. He showed them that He was more than that. Jesus showed them that He is God.

The disciples saw Jesus's face as a bright light. They saw the prophets Moses and Elijah with Him. They heard a voice from above telling them about Him. Then, they fell on their faces because they couldn't even look at Jesus anymore! He was greater than anything. Here was God with them!

On every day, but especially on the great feast of the Transfiguration, let's remember that Christ was more than a speaker, and more than a miracle worker, and more than just a nice guy. Let's remember that He is God, and He is with us!

We celebrate this great feast on Thursday, August 6th (OC: August 19th).