Peace be with you!

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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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Jesus gives us His peace!

Did you ever hide because you were afraid of something? Maybe you were hiding from a thunderstorm, or even a tornado! Or maybe you were hiding from your parents because you were in trouble!

Today we celebrate the Sunday after Pascha, and that is Saint Thomas Sunday. The Gospel tells us that, after the Resurrection, the disciples were hiding, too. Jesus's followers were hiding in a special upstairs room, with the doors shut. They were afraid because Jesus wasn't with them, and they didn't know what would happen next. They were afraid!

The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood with them anyway. "Peace be with you," He said to them. The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and gave them peace. A week later, the disciples were together again. The doors were shut again because they were afraid again. And Jesus came to them again. Again, Jesus came and said, "Peace be with you." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus calmed them again with His peace.

When we are afraid about something, we should always know that Jesus will give us peace. You can ask Him to be with you, and you can ask Him to give you His peace! Our God is a living God who is with us always!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Celebrate
Doubting
Evangelist
Feast
Good News
Mark
Pascha
Peace
Preach
Thomas

U	T	Q	J	D	K	G	L	J	M	F	S	S	M	E
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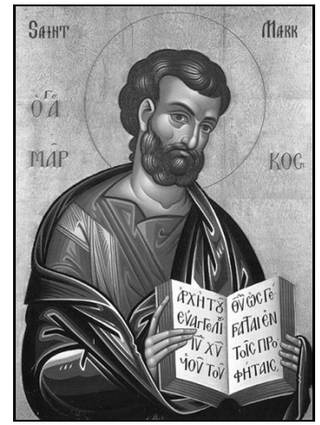
WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here's an icon of Saint Mark writing his gospel, the good news!

Isn't it great that we are celebrating his feastday right after Pascha. We're celebrating the good news too!

SAINT MARK

THE EVANGELIST



When you read a book, do you ever read the "About the Author" page? You might find out something about the writer that explains how he wrote the book. You might learn why he wrote it in the first place.

Next week, at church, we read the Gospel reading about the myrrh-bearing women. But do you know who wrote those words? Do you know about the author? It is Saint Mark, and we celebrate his nameday this week.

Saint Mark is called an Evangelist, because he wrote part of the Evangelion—that means "Good News" or Gospel. He wrote about the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Saint Mark knew Jesus when He lived on earth. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, Saint Mark wanted to tell everybody the good news. He traveled around with Saint Paul and helped spread the gospel. Saint Mark worked with Saint Peter in Rome too. After that, he started Christian churches in Egypt too. He taught them about Christ and helped them learn to worship our one, true God.

In his Gospel, Saint Mark tells how Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." That is just what Saint Mark tried to do. He was even killed because he told people about Christ. And now you know something "about the author"!

We remember St. Mark on Saturday, April 25th (OC: May 2nd).

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