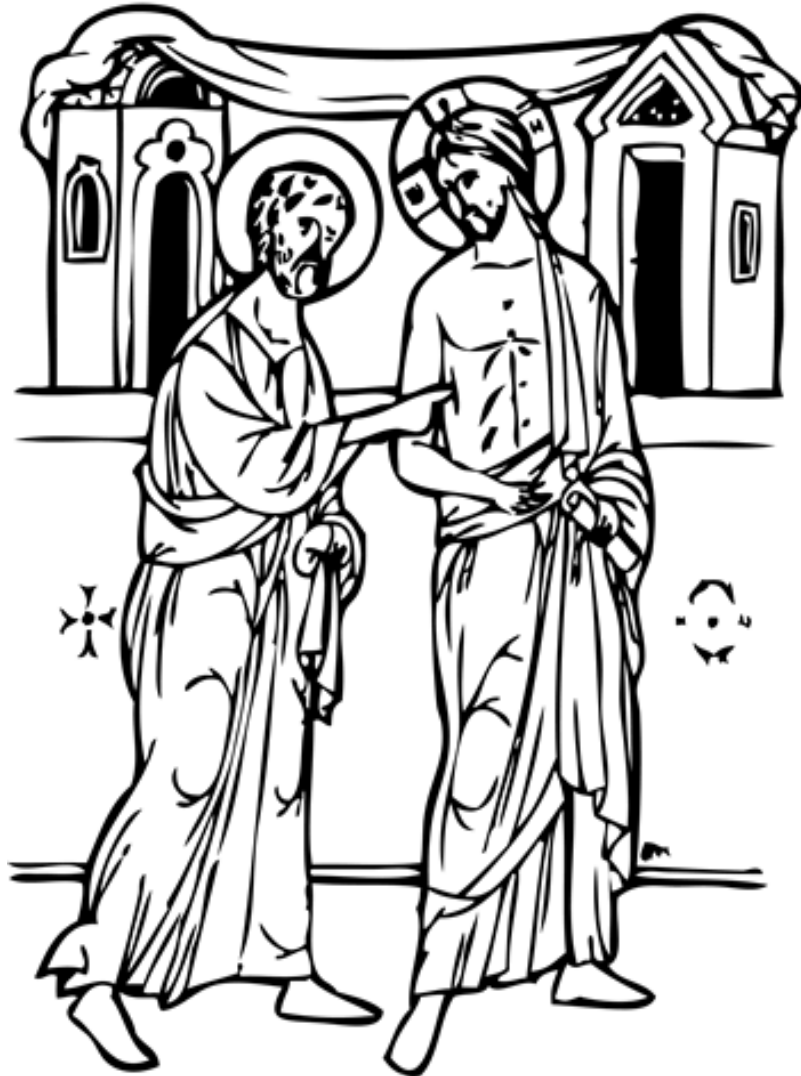


Peace be with you!

THE DOUBTING THOMAS



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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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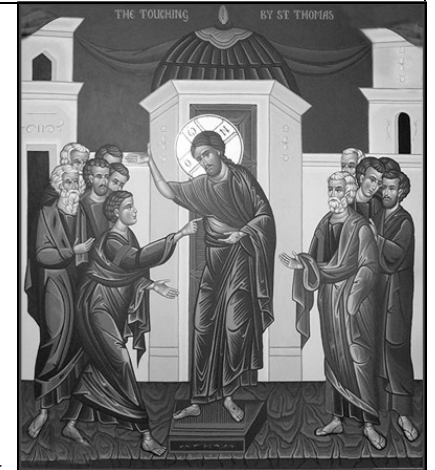
We have seen the Lord!

Have you ever had a guest come to your house, somebody you were so happy to see? Maybe you had a visitor you weren't expecting, somebody who brightened up your day!

Just last week, we celebrated the greatest feast, when our Lord, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Jesus's followers had heard that Christ had risen, but some of them weren't sure what to think. Some of them weren't sure if the story was true. Most of them were scared. And all of them missed their teacher, Jesus Christ. They were sad that He was not there anymore.

So, can you imagine how happy Jesus's disciples were when they looked up and saw Jesus with them again? He stood with them, and said "Peace be with you." The Bible says, "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." They were glad, because Christ was with them again! Christ turned their sadness into joy. They had a visitor—the best visitor of all!

We know that God is with us all the time. In another part of Bible, we read how Jesus promises His followers, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." When we know that God is with us, we also know that God will turn our sadness into joy too. Christ is a visitor we always want to have with us!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Believing
Corfu
Jason
Kerkyra
Peace
Saints
Sosipater
Thomas
Visitor

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Saint Kerkyra learned from Saints Jason and Sosipater. They preached the Gospel on her island in Greece.

We celebrate them together with her this week too!



SAINT KERKYRA LEARNING THE GOOD NEWS



Do you remember who taught you about Jesus Christ? Who taught you how to be a Christian? For most of us, it was our parents, and they started teaching you when you were very, very small!

But this week, we celebrate a saint who did not learn to be a Christian from her parents. In fact, Saint Kerkyra had a father who was furious that she was a Christian!

Saint Kerkyra lived on the island of Kerkyra, which is also called Corfu (in Greece). Her father was the governor of the island, and he was a pagan who worshipped false gods.

It just so happened that when Kerkyra was a young woman, she met two apostles (Saints Jason and Sosipater). They were preaching the good news of Jesus Christ there, and they were following the Lord's command to spread the Gospel everywhere. Saints Jason and Sosipater told Kerkyra about Christ—how He died for us, and how He rose from the dead.

When Kerkyra became a Christian, her father was terribly angry. He had a criminal live with her to scare her, but then *he* became a Christian too! She was hurt and even killed, but she always stayed faithful to God. Let's learn how to be a brave Christian from *her* too!

We celebrate Saint Kerkyra on Tuesday, April 29th (OC: May 12th).