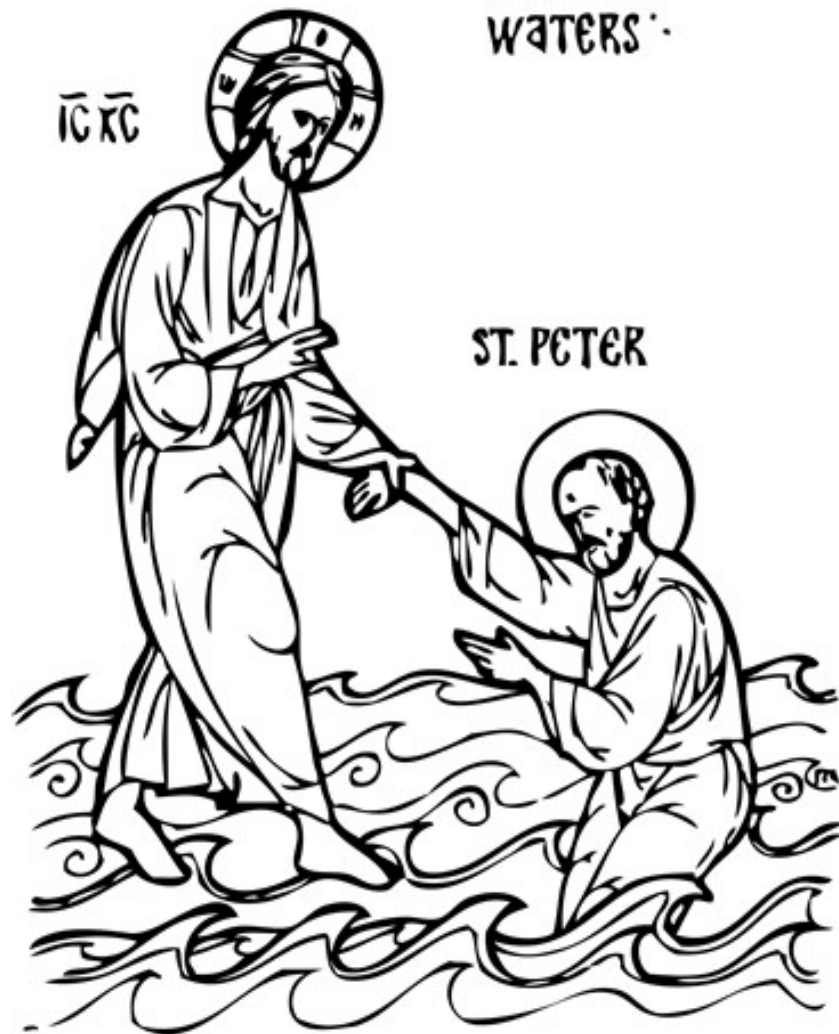


Lord, save me!

CHRIST WALKS
UPON THE
WATERS.



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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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Let us pray to the Lord!

Have you ever been afraid of the weather? Maybe a hurricane was supposed to come, or a tornado, or even just a bad thunderstorm. Bad weather can make us wonder what is going to happen!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story about our Lord's disciples, who were traveling in a boat to the other side of the big lake. Jesus came to meet them, walking on the water! St. Peter, you remember, asked Jesus if he could walk out to Him, and he did. But then St. Peter grew afraid of the weather. The wind was so strong, and the waves were so high!

But you remember what happened then. Jesus caught Peter, and He saved him from sinking. The wind stopped when Jesus got into the boat. The wind stopped suddenly, because Jesus Christ is God, and God is more powerful than anything! He is more powerful than the weather, for sure!

Sometimes we can be afraid of big things, like storms or sickness or even sadness. But God is more powerful than any of these things. We can turn to God, like St. Peter did. We can ask Him to help us! During our Divine Liturgy, we even pray to the Lord, "For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times." Let's always remember to turn to God and ask Him to help us!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

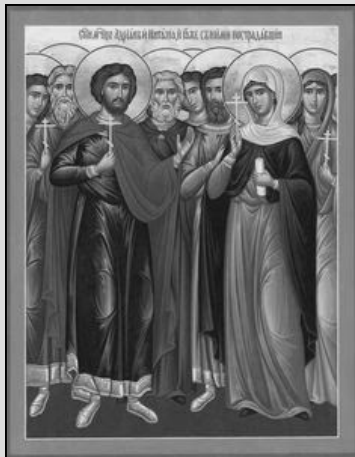
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

This is an icon of Saints Adrian and Natalia with some of the other Christian martyrs too.

They're the brave ones who witnessed the faith to Saints Adrian and Natalia!



SAINTS ADRIAN AND NATALIA

THE FAITH OF MARTYRS

Do you know what a martyr is? In our Church, a martyr is somebody who has died for his or her faith. Many Christians have been hurt and even killed because they chose to follow God. But do you *really* know what a martyr is?



Well, the word “martyr” means “witness”—that means these Christians were showing other people how to be a Christian! They were showing how to stay strong, even when the rulers hurt them and threatened them, and when they did all kinds of awful things to them.

Tomorrow we celebrate two martyrs, Adrian and Natalia, along with 23 more of their friends. Saint Adrian was not always a Christian. Actually, he was one of the rulers, and he was supposed to punish Christians. Once, he found some Christians hiding in a cave, and Adrian did hurt these people. Then he asked them why they kept their faith after all that. These Christians told Adrian that they wanted to be with God in heaven forever! They were witnesses and martyrs because they showed Adrian how to stay strong in their faith.

After that Adrian became a Christian too, and he found out that his wife, Natalia, was a secret Christian! Adrian and Natalia were hurt and even killed for their faith. But now, they are with God in heaven forever, too!

We celebrate Sts. Adrian and Natalia tomorrow, August 26th (OC: September 8th).