

St. Tikhon, pray for us!



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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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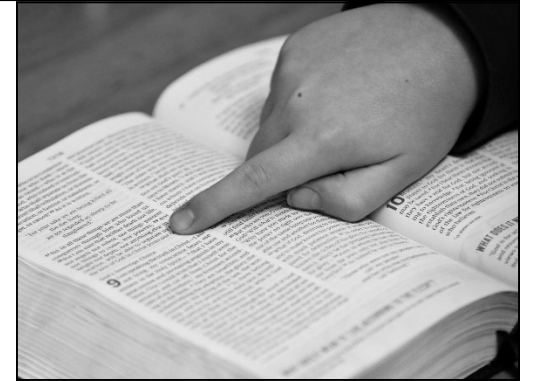
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The scriptures give us hope!

How do you read a book?

Where do you start? Do you skip a lot of it? Do you read just the last few pages? Do you pick and choose what you want to read out of a book?



As Christians, we know we have a very important book to read. You've probably already heard a million times that you should read your Bible! But why is our Holy Bible so important? Because it helps us live our lives. It helps us live our lives the way God wants us to live it!

In the New Testament, we hear about our Lord Jesus Christ, how He healed people and taught people, and then showed people how much God loves them. But we might forget that we have the Old Testament to read too! Today's epistle reading reminds us, "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by faith and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

So the epistle reminds us that we read the Old Testament (the scriptures in older days) so "we might have hope." We have hope that God will take care of us and save us. We have hope that we will be with Him forever! You can ask your priest or your parents or your Sunday School teachers to tell you what part of the Old Testament you should start on first!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Blind
- Communion
- Healing
- Hope
- Instruction
- Monastery
- Scriptures
- Teacher
- Tikhon
- Zadonsk

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Today's Gospel tells us the story of the two blind men whom Jesus healed.

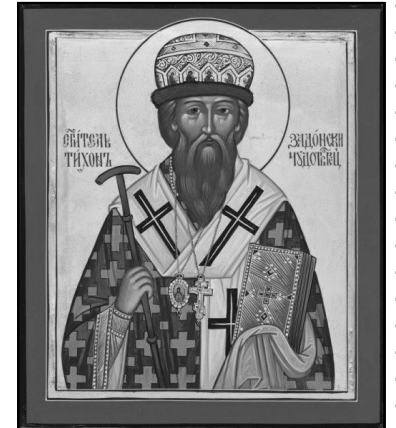
A few Sundays after Pascha, we heard about the young blind man whom Jesus healed. Can you tell the difference in the two icons?



SAINT TIKHON OF ZADONSK

A TRUE TEACHER

Have you had a teacher you really liked, somebody who really taught you lots of things? The best kinds of teachers are the ones who really *want* you to learn. It's not just a job; it's their mission.



Saint Tikhon was a kind of teacher all of his grown-up life. He was very, very poor as a child, and he worked very hard just to get enough food to eat. When he was a little older, he was able to get a scholarship to go to the seminary in Novgorod, Russia. His teachers realized he was a very hard worker and very smart too. That's a good combination.

Tikhon became a teacher at the seminary, and later on, he became a bishop. As bishop, St. Tikhon helped teach his priests, so they could teach the faithful people in their churches. Saint Tikhon wrote many helpful books that taught the people the faith.

Saint Tikhon was very strict with himself—with fasting, with not much sleep, with lots and lots of prayer and help for others. Because of that, his health became pretty bad, and he had to give up serving as a bishop there. He rested at a monastery in Zadonsk, Russia, and his health got better. Even though he was retired, Saint Tikhon still taught the people as he wrote one of his most important books. Saint Tikhon was a true teacher with a mission to teach the truth!

We celebrate St. Tikhon on Tuesday, August 13th (OC: August 26th).