

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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Have you ever felt so upset that you just couldn't calm down? Maybe you were worried about something or felt scared? How did you finally calm down and feel better?

Today the Gospel tells us about a time when Jesus's followers were upset. Jesus had just risen from the dead, and the disciples were scared because they thought they'd be attacked for following Christ! So, they locked the door. They were afraid.

The door was locked, but still our Lord came to them. "Peace be with you!" He told them. They were all so happy to see Him. He said again, "Peace be with you!" A whole week later, Jesus came to the disciples again. "Peace be with you!" He said.

Our Lord Jesus Christ calmed the disciples with His peace. They knew everything was good when they were with Him. You know, when we are upset or worried or scared, we can ask God to help us too. At church today, you will hear the priest say, "Peace be with you!" a few times, just as Christ told His followers. Your priest is praying that God's peace, His calm, His love will be with you.

When you have God's peace, you'll know what the disciples knew: Everything is good when you are with Christ!



WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostle
- Believing
- Christ is risen
- Faithful
- Feasting
- Glyceria
- Martyr
- One true God
- Peace
- Resurrection
- Thomas

N P O G G W P R Z O T G N F X
 D E T S R L O I N I H M O E K
 S M S O K C Y E Q J O I I A Z
 K Y Y I P I T C K H M H T S G
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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of St. Glyceria. You can see how she is holding a church in her hands. That's because in a village near Athens, Greece, there is a church named after her. Her relics (her body) is there, and many people go there to pray to this brave saint!



SAINT GLYCERIA

A MARTYR OF THE ONE, TRUE GOD

In school, you have probably learned a little about the Greek myths. These stories about Zeus and Hercules and Poseidon and Athena (and many more) are all exciting stories. But sometimes we forget that people once really believed them!

Tomorrow, we remember a saint who lived in Greece during a time when most people believed in those many Greek gods. Saint Glyceria had learned about Jesus Christ and she decided to become a Christian. She knew that these Greek gods were all myths. She knew that there was really one, true God.



Glyceria means "sweet," and in this icon, she really looks that way!

Once, the governor had a big festival, and everybody was supposed to sacrifice to the statues. Saint Glyceria was a Christian. She refused to worship something that wasn't God. She saw the statue of Zeus and turned it over! When the governor saw this, he ordered all kinds of tortures for her.

Finally, Saint Glyceria was sent to be attacked by wild animals. One of them bit her, and she died. Saint Glyceria knew the truth, and she died for it. And now, God has rewarded her with a place in Heaven!

We celebrate the prophet Isaiah on Monday, May 13th (OC: May 26th).