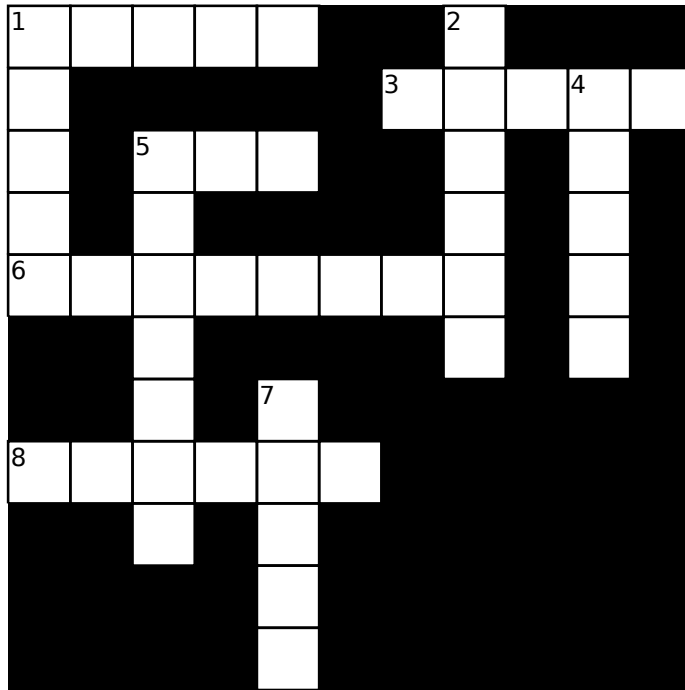


CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Peter was excited to _____ Jesus.
- 3 God used Peter to _____ the Church.
- 5 We should set our minds on the things of _____.
- 6 Peter was a _____ of Jesus.
- 8 Jesus said He would be _____ and rise after three days.

Down

- 1 Sometimes Jesus had to _____ Peter.
- 2 Jesus said that the Son of Man must _____ many things.
- 4 Jesus said, "whoever _____ his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."
- 5 We hear about Peter more than any other disciple in the _____.
- 7 _____ said that Jesus was "the Christ."

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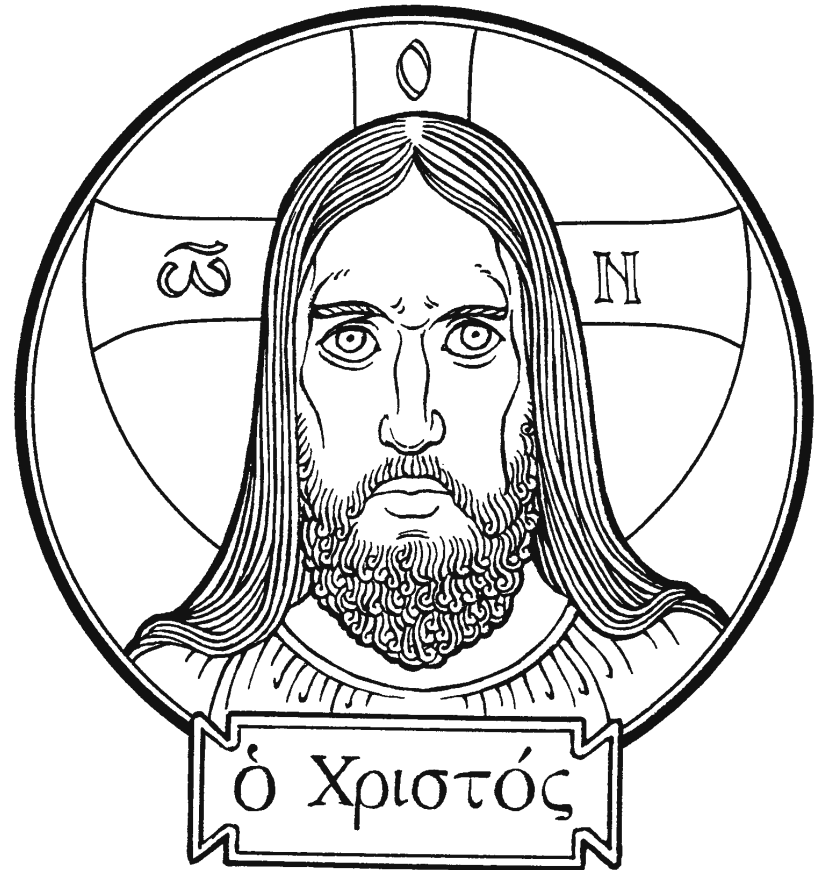
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER (JANUARY 18)

The color for the Confession of St. Peter is white.



What to listen for during the service?

Today in the Gospel reading we hear Peter say that Jesus is "the Christ." Listen in the service for the times we proclaim that Jesus is the Christ. What else do we say about who Jesus is during the service (for example, in some places we call Him the "Lamb of God")?

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-9:1

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

9:1 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Who did people say Jesus was? Who did Peter say He was?
- 2) What did Jesus say would happen to Him? How did Peter react?
- 3) What does Jesus say we need to do to follow Him? What are we to set our minds on?
- 4) What is more important, the world and its ways or our souls? Should we follow the world and its sinful

ways or follow God's Word? Should we be ashamed of God's Word? What should we do?

People of the Bible: Peter

In the Gospel reading we hear about Peter. But who was Peter? Peter was a disciple of Jesus. We hear about him more than any other disciple in the Gospels. Peter was very loyal to Jesus and excited to serve Him. Sometimes Peter was too excited and tried to do things his own way instead of following Jesus, so Jesus had to scold him as He did in the Gospel reading today. Even though Peter sometimes messed things up, Jesus still loved Peter and forgave him. Peter was a leader and God used him to build the Church and spread the Gospel to all people.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 Praise for Your great apostle
So eager and so bold,
Thrice falling, yet repentant,
Thrice charged to feed Your fold.
Lord, make Your pastors faithful
To guard Your flock from harm,
And hold them when they waver
With Your almighty arm.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.