

WORD SEARCH



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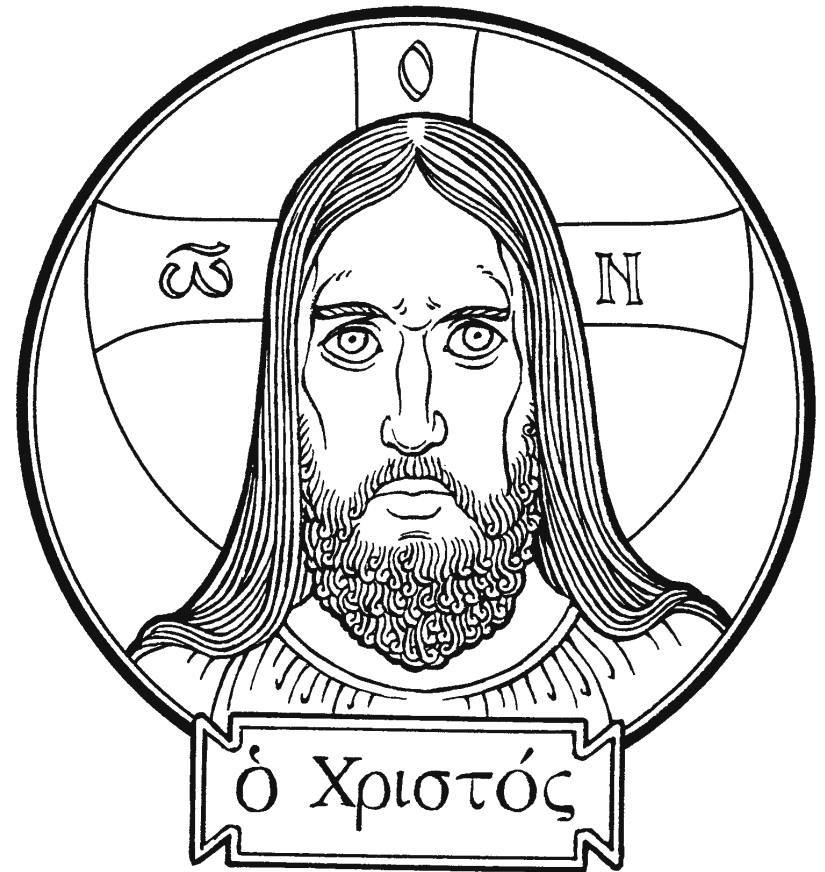
Christ
forgiveness
leader
Peter

Damascus
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES (JUNE 29)

The color for St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles, is red.



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What to listen for during the service?

We hear in the reading today that Jesus gives Peter the keys to bind or loose. Your pastor is also given these keys. He is given the keys to forgive your sins or not forgive your sins. Listen during the service for when the pastor forgives your sins. Is his forgiveness the same as God's forgiveness?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-19

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

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Jesus ask His disciples?
- 2) What did Peter answer?
- 3) Who revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Christ?
- 4) What are the "keys of the kingdom of heaven"?
- 5) What does it mean to "loose" or "bind"? (see John 20:22-23)

People of the Bible: Peter and Paul

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. Even though Peter sometimes messed things up, Jesus still loved Peter and forgave him. Peter was a leader and proclaimed Jesus as the Christ. God used him to build the Church and spread the Gospel to all people.

Paul was a Christian apostle and wrote several of the epistles (meaning letters) of the Bible, including those in your Bible from Romans all the way to Philemon. Paul was not always a Christian though. He was trained as a rabbi of the Jewish law and followed the law very strictly. Because of this he greatly

opposed the Christian Church and followers of Jesus. He wanted to destroy the Church. Then as we read in Acts 9 (read verses 1-20) we read about how one day on the way to the city of Damascus, a light from heaven flashed around him and he fell to the ground. He heard the voice of the Lord asking him, "why are you persecuting me?" Paul became blind for three days after this. When he received his sight, he became a follower and preacher of Christ as the Son of God. Paul who once preached about the law as a rabbi, now preached about salvation by grace alone apart from the works of the law—salvation through Christ alone through His work on the cross.

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 We praise You for Saint Peter;
We praise You for Saint Paul;
They taught both Jew and Gentile
That Christ is all in all.
To cross and sword they yielded
And saw Your kingdom come;
O God, these two apostles
Reached life through martyrdom.
- 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.