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Dear ByziParents,

*James 1: 17 Every good thing given, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.*

Thankfulness is the theme of this November issue and it is with a truly grateful heart that I wish to introduce to you the wonderful team that God has brought together to bring this publication to you. As you know, I began to share my overflowing notebooks full of lesson plans several years ago with some online friends, one of whom sent me a beautiful, artistic interpretation of one of my lessons with the message, "I just did this for fun but also because I am frustrated that there isn't a quality curriculum available." A trained graphic artist, Lillian Baron left her profession to raise her four beautiful boys, and in order to help contribute toward our mission to bring meaningful Eastern Christian resources to families, she became our graphic artist and layout editor.

At about the same time, another Facebook friend, Julie Luckey, herself a homeschool mom and grandmother who runs one of the largest homeschool co-ops in the country, approached me about helping her to provide content for the new children's pages in the UGCC's eparchial newspaper, *The Way*. "I was hoping to find two or three other people interested in submitting work for this project. Would you be interested in this?" Absolutely, I said and I rounded up Lillian and another woman I knew who was just so impressive on Facebook, expecting twins and already a mom of four older children, she read to them daily from the Prologue of Ochrid and drew her own coloring pages to coordinate with those readings, because she couldn't find any. Carrie Chuff and Julie Lucky have been with Lillian and me from the very beginning and our united efforts eventually became *ByziKids Magazine*. I am so thankful to them for their vision and their work!

As time went on, it was difficult to translate for the Ukrainian version of *The Way*, so I posted an ad for a translator and it was quickly answered by Kateryna Shymoniak, a priest's-wife from Ukraine. Imagine how thankful I was when she told me, "My English is not very good, but my Ukrainian is great! In Ukraine, I was a teacher of the Ukrainian language and literature!" God answered our prayers perfectly and we are so grateful for Kat's help! After some time, God sent us another priest's-wife, iconography student Kim Bombak, and her teacher, iconographer Fr. Vladimir Lysak, to provide and explain festal icons each month in our *I'con Spy* feature, and He also sent us Judie Jolma who offered her services as a reporter, revealing to us that she used to write for the *Washington Times*! What wonderful assets to our team!

Last, but certainly not least, we are thankful for our contributor at large, another priest's-wife, Sylvia Dorham who offers us not only her support and inspirational advice, but the *Caught You Listening* feature, the many original plays, songs, and tableau activities we have to offer.

I could not be more grateful to God for orchestrating such a wonderful team of ByziMoms and for bringing our work to such wonderful families. We are all so very thankful to God for you, our readers, as well.

Thank you for supporting our ministry!  
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!  
-Written by Lynne Wardach



# THE GREATEST Treasure



There is an old legend according to which God said to one of His angels: *"Go down to earth and bring back the most precious thing in the world."* Can you imagine what the angel brought back? What would you have said is the most precious thing in the world?

According to this old legend, which is retold in the famous book *"Philokalia,"* one angel brought a drop of blood from a person who had sacrificed his life to save another. God said, *"Indeed, O Angel, this is precious in my sight, but it is not the most precious thing in the world."*

Another angel caught the last breath of a nurse who died from a dreaded disease she contracted in nursing others to health. God smiled at the angel and said, *"Indeed, O Angel, sacrifice on behalf of others is very precious in my sight, but it is not the most precious thing in the world."*

Finally, one angel captured and brought a small vial containing the tear of a sinner who had repented and returned to God. God beamed upon the angel as He said, *"Indeed, O Angel, you have brought me the most precious thing in the world -- the tear of repentance which opens the gates of heaven."*



*(Don't you just love the way the author, Anthony M. Coniaris, told that story?)*

It reminds us of how God sees us when we say "I'm sorry." It fills His heart with delight and love for his children.

In fact, the Gospel tells us that though heaven were full of saints, the angels would have a party over one sinner who repents (*Luke 15:10*).

What would you do with the most precious thing on Earth? You would probably keep it in a treasure box, or in a beautiful bottle to sit on your mantle and write a story about how you got this precious treasure. Well, that is exactly what the Lord does with our tears. He puts every tear in a bottle and records it in His book (*Ps. 56:8*).

*But what makes these tears so special?*



Our tears of repentance are like soap and water that cleans our hearts. You simply can't get clean without soap and water, right? In the same way, you can't become a saint without tears.

St. John Climacus says something surprising. He says that these tears are even more important than baptism — and we all know how important our baptism is for salvation!

*"The flood of tears which we shed after our baptism, that is, after the former infant baptism, is yet more powerful than baptism itself... If God, in His mercy, had not granted to men this second baptism, then few indeed would be saved."*

There are many reasons for tears. You cry when you fall off a bike and scrape your knee. You cry when someone says something unkind. You cry when something is unfair. But it is a very special child of God who cries when he or she understands the wrong he has done — the child who understands that his words or actions hurt another person or caused the Lord sorrow.

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# THE GREATEST TREASURE CONT.

Such humility is a miracle and a gift that comes directly from the Lord. Jesus told us that no one can come to the Father to repent unless the Father calls him. That is why the church teaches us to pray for tears of repentance. It is a very special gift.

But if the idea of crying makes you feel uncomfortable — who wants to cry? — take comfort from the words of St. John Chrysostom: *“These tears do not bring sorrow; they bring more joy than all the laughter of the world can gain for you.”*



St. John Chrysostom speaks of this like a great storm in the soul that pours out all its rain until the air is washed clean. Storms do not last forever and neither do these tears. Remember the words of the Psalmist, *“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”* Some day, the Lord himself will reach for your little face, like a tender mother and will wipe every tear from your eye. Then you will see what appears after the storm — the rainbow! And the soul can have no rainbow if the eyes have no tears.

It takes courage to ask the Lord for this gift of tears. But what a gift it is for the brave child who asks for it. As Jesus himself told us, *“Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*

-Written by Judith Jolma

## ANSWER KEY TO PUZZLES

### NOVEMBER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ANSWERS:

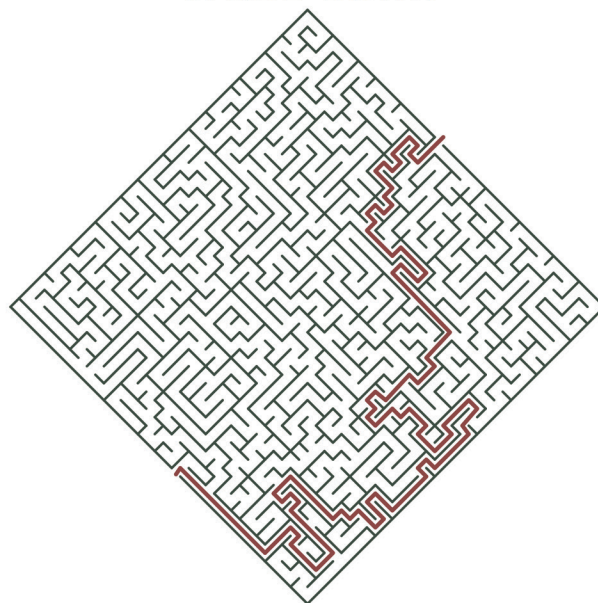
- 8. COSMAS
- 7. CLEMENT
- 4. ALEXANDRIA
- 3. PHILIP
- 2. MICHAEL
- 1. JERUSALEM

#### DOWN

- 9. ANDREW
- 8. CHRYSOSTOM
- 6. MATTHEW
- 5. CATHERINE

#### ACROSS

#### UPSIDE DOWN







## ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA'S KOULOURI WHEELS

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup bread flour
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 2 Tbs honey
- 1 tsp (8 gr.) dry yeast
- 1 cup (250 ml.) tepid water

### For the coating:

- 2 cups water
- 3 Tbs sugar
- 2 cups sesame seed

*It is said that St. Catherine was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 287 AD to a wealthy, noble family. When she was only 14 she had a vision of the Theotokos and the Christ child, in which the little one gave her a ring, signifying that she was betrothed to Him! After her conversion, she avidly denounced the persecution of Christians under Emperor Maxentius, debating and often converting those he sent to change her mind. He threatened her with martyrdom yet nothing would dissuade her. Because of her beauty, Maxentius offered to commute her sentence if she would consent to marry him. When she flatly refused, saying she had promised herself to Jesus alone, he sentenced her to a cruel death by being tied to a spiked wheel. When she touched the wheel, however, it shattered to pieces.*

### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Dilute the honey with the tepid water (room temperature) and when completely combined, stir in the yeast. Set aside for 10 minutes for it foam.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flours and salt, stirring together for a couple of minutes. Stir in the yeast mixture then beat well for 7 or 8 minutes until a soft dough forms; it should be elastic and easily lift from the bowl.
4. Lightly grease the sides of a bowl. Transfer dough, cover with plastic wrap, and let rest for 30-90 minutes. The dough should rise to about double.
5. Prepare coating: dissolve sugar in 2 cups water. Spread sesame seeds in a shallow pan.
6. Lightly grease kitchen counter or other work surface. Place dough on surface and divide into 10 pieces. Roll pieces into balls.
7. Knead each ball into a sausage shape, then gently turn ends towards each other to form a circle or koulouri. The rings should be roughly the same size.
8. Carefully dip each ring into the sugar water and then into the sesame seeds. Place koulouri on a baking sheet lined with paper and bake for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. (For deeper flavor and softer texture, add 2 tablespoons tahini to the dough.)

This Greek family recipe is shared with ByziMom courtesy of Mrs. Katherine Hayes and her Yiayia.





## The Thankfulness of Joachim and Anna

Have you ever been so happy about a gift you have received that you just couldn't wait to repay the person who gave it to you? Sometimes you can repay a gift. Sometimes, the gift is so monumental that there isn't a sufficient way to say thank you properly and you need to just be thankful. If you remember our story in the September issue about the birth of the Theotokos, you know exactly why Joachim and Anna, her parents, were so grateful to have been blessed with a child. They were so thankful that they made a pledge to repay God as best they could by offering to have their daughter serve Him in the temple as soon as she was able.

There isn't anything in scripture about the events of the day that the little virgin Mary was presented at the age of three in the Temple. So how do we know so much about it? There is a document written in the second century, just after Jesus had risen from the dead and the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, called the Protoevangelion of James where much detail is given about the life of the Theotokos.

It tells us that the parents of the blessed virgin were so happy to have had their baby that they made a pledge to God that she would be offered to His service by being brought up in the temple.

When she was old enough, they dressed her in her finest clothes like a little princess and gathered all of the little girls from her neighborhood, who escorted her in a parade, carrying candles all the way to the Temple from her home. It is said that little Mary followed along joyfully, not crying for her parents, or even looking back at them.

When the temple came into view, she ran ahead of her escorts, up the 15 steps, which was remarkable for just a little girl of three, and straight into the arms of the High-priest Zachariah.

Do you recognize that name? Zachariah is the man who would later become the father of John the Forerunner!

Zachariah blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

It seems that he was blessed by God to know exactly who she was and what her special mission would be because then, Zachariah did something that only God could explain. He brought the little girl into the Holy of Holies which ordinarily would have been forbidden because this was a very special place in the temple where the only high priest was permitted to enter, and only once every year. Imagine!



The little girl who would soon contain God within herself as His mother would herself be contained within the only place on Earth where only He was said to live!

When she came out, it is said that she received a very special blessing by the Holy Spirit and she began to dance with joy to the delight of all who saw her.

While young Mary lived in the temple, her parents visited her there very often until they departed into eternal life. She remained happily in the temple, serving God until she became betrothed to Joseph and begin preparation for her vocation as the Mother of God.

*So now, ask yourself: What gifts has God given me for which I am most thankful?*

How is it possible for me to repay Him for his goodness? Perhaps you have been blessed with good health. You can show God you appreciate that by doing some kind of service to the Church, or to a neighbor, or friend!

*Here is a little worksheet you can use to help you to remember your blessings and to be thankful for them. But remember, there is just no way to sufficiently repay God for all of His abundant blessings but is always appropriate to offer God a thankful and generous heart!*

## Thankfulness Worksheet

My Blessings

What I can do to show God how much I appreciate them?

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- Written by Lynne Wardach



# St. Andrew the First Called

In our Eastern Church, we often refer to St. Andrew, whose feast is November 30th, as the "First-Called." This is because when St. John the Forerunner pointed out to his followers that Jesus was the Christ, Andrew, along with John the Theologian, left him immediately and began to follow Jesus instead. Later, Andrew would be so inspired that he would introduce his brother, Peter, to Jesus. These two brothers who had been fishermen on the Sea of Galilee would become leaders of the Church, Peter of the West, and Andrew of the East.

After the ascension, when Christ directed the disciples to go forth and make disciples of all nations, Andrew journeyed through Asia Minor, along the Danube and Dnieper rivers, to what would eventually become Kyiv in Ukraine. He prophetically declared to those traveling with him that God would build up many churches upon the city's hills. Before traveling on, he blessed the hills and erected a cross there.

Next, he visited the Slavic villages in Novgorod and continued to what would become Byzantium in Turkey. There, he established the first Byzantine church, appointing St. Stachys as its Bishop. Along the way, St. Andrew worked many miracles, converted many to Christ, and supplied these new congregations with churches. His mission ended in 62 AD, in Patra, where he had succeeded in performing spectacular miracles and converting nearly all of the city to Christ. A certain prefect named Aegeatos was an outspoken opponent to Christianity and the primary target for St. Andrew's preaching.

With Christian love and compassion, the saint repeatedly appealed to the prefect, urging him to consider giving his life to Christ. When Aegeatos could withstand no more, he ordered that St. Andrew be crucified. To his surprise, Andrew accepted his fate with joy, willingly going to execution and placing himself upon his X-shaped cross. Enraged by this, Aegeatos ordered that he not be nailed, but rather only tied to the cross to lengthen his sufferings. For two days, the saint preached happily from the cross to his Christian congregation, who gathered there to support him. Fearing a riot would ensue, Aegeatos ordered him to be released, only to find that St. Andrew refused! He prayed aloud to Christ that he be allowed to die as He had done. When soldiers approached him to loosen his bonds, a brilliant light paralyzed and repelled them, and when it subsided half-an-hour later, they found that Andrew was already dead. The governor's wife, Maximilla, who was one of those cured by St. Andrew, took possession of the body, burying it lovingly with honor. His relics are maintained in Constantinople, Rome, and Moscow.

In the Gospel of John, chapter 6, there is an account of St. Andrew introducing a young boy to Jesus who wanted to share his five loaves of bread and two fish with the hungry crowd of 5,000 who had gathered to hear Jesus preach. We can take some loaves and fishes of our own and make ourselves some tuna sandwiches for lunch today. While we eat them, we can remember how this little boy, who wanted to offer his gifts to Jesus, went through St. Andrew to do it.

We can talk about how brave he was to travel so far to convert souls to Christ, who may have never heard of Him, were it not for St. Andrew's efforts. We can also marvel at how he was so willing to suffer death rather than deny Christ and talk about his X-shaped cross.



# THE THANK YOU CHANT

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SCAN TO HEAR



## LYRICS



You've been so nice,

I say 'Thank You!'

You've paid the price,

I say 'Thank You!'

You given me your time,

your help, and your words

And so I reply with, "Thank

You!"

(You're welcome!)





# CAUGHT YOU LISTENING

WITH MRS. SYLVIA DORHAM



## November 1

GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 26-39

When Jesus healed the demoniac, he wanted to stay at Jesus' side, but the Lord had another mission for the man. Cross out all words that start with the letter 'W' to find his mission.

Return where when win to wild winter your wisdom wire wick west home and wander wilt widen declare whether wither how winch much watch God wallop which has wish winsome done water for wicked war you.

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## November 8

GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 41-56

In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that we have to have something, if he is going to heal us. Unscramble the letters to find out what that something is.

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## November 15

GOSPEL: LUKE 10: 25-37

WHAT DID THE SAMARITAN SHOW TO THE WOUNDED MAN? CIRCLE EVERY THIRD LETTER TO SEE.  
N D M E I E M L R D Q C U P Y J S

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WHAT DOES JESUS TELL US TO DO? CROSS OUT EVERY SECOND LETTER TO FIND OUT.  
G H O K A I N L D P D A O S L X I Z K W E M W R I N S G E H

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# CAUGHT YOU LISTENING

November 22

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GOSPEL: LUKE 12: 16-22

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS GIVES US SOME GOOD ADVICE ON HOW TO LIVE OUR LIVES.

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS TO FIND OUT WHAT HE SAYS.

NTDO OERST PU HLYTERA URTEAER.

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EB HIRC AWOTDR OGD.

\_\_\_\_\_

November 29

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GOSPEL: LUKE 13: 10-17

HOW DID THE PEOPLE IN TODAY'S GOSPEL RESPOND TO JESUS' MIRACLES?

CIRCLE EACH LETTER THAT FOLLOWS THE NUMBER 5 AND

WRITE THEM IN THE BLANKS TO FIND OUT.

4A35T0C745H15E9R95Y7Y675R5E4H285J760L05O35I08K935C4P5E10V95D

\_\_\_\_\_!





# I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I"CON

## ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

**This month we learn about the Presentation of the Most Holy Theotokos. Accompanied by a procession of virgins, Joachim and Anne present little Mary to the priest, who welcomes her into the temple. She will remain there until she is a teenager.**

*There is also a small scene with Mary in the top right corner of the icon. What do you think it happening there? Mary sits in the heart of the Temple, in the room at the top of the stairs, she receives a visit from archangel Gabriel who nourishes her with heavenly bread that foreshadows the Eucharist. Mary lives inside the sanctuary just as Jesus will live inside her body.*



ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD // FR. VLADIMIR LYSAK

*Remember what we have learned before about what red curtains represent in an icon? They indicate that the scene is taking place inside a building instead of outside.*

*Do you know who is the priest that is accepting Mary into the temple? Think of a well know priest from that time. It is Zechariah! He is the father of John the Baptist!*



IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME.



# IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!

WITH FATHER SEBASTIAN

## EVCHARISTA

One of our themes this month is "*Thankfulness*." Did you know that the word in Greek for thanksgiving is *evcharistia*? When someone gives you something. The response in Greek is *evcharisto*! Can you think of any words we have in English that are derived from this root?

Answer: *Eucharist and Eucharistic*



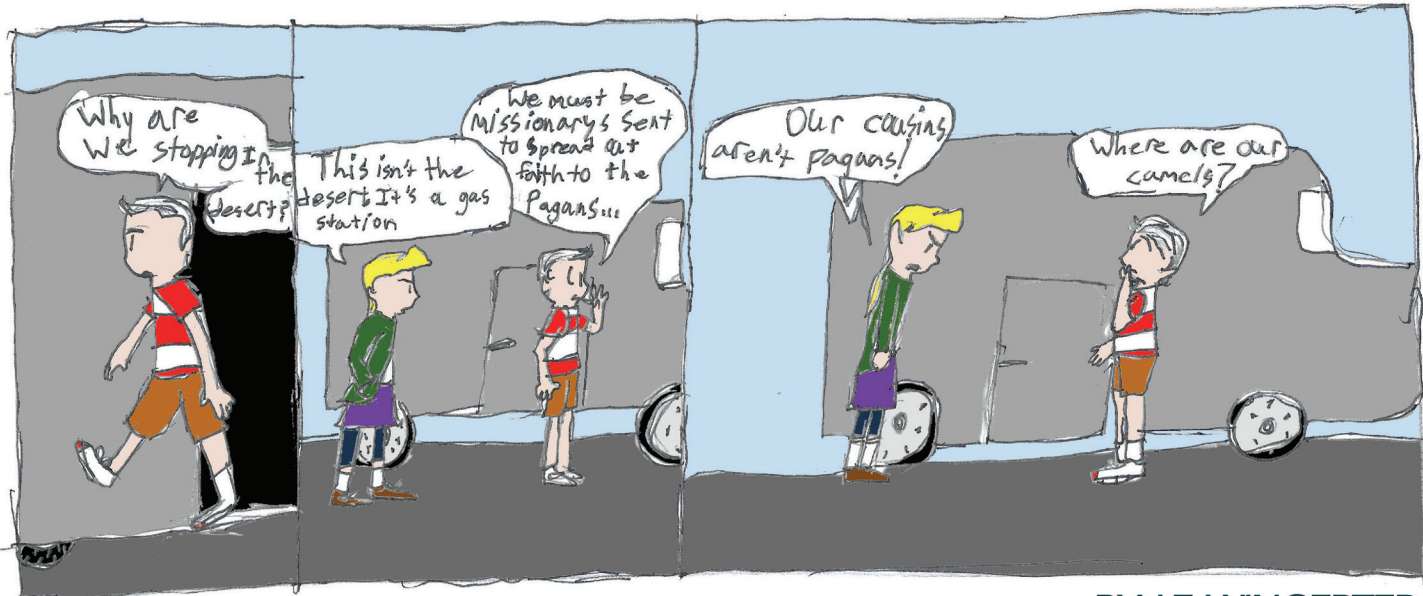
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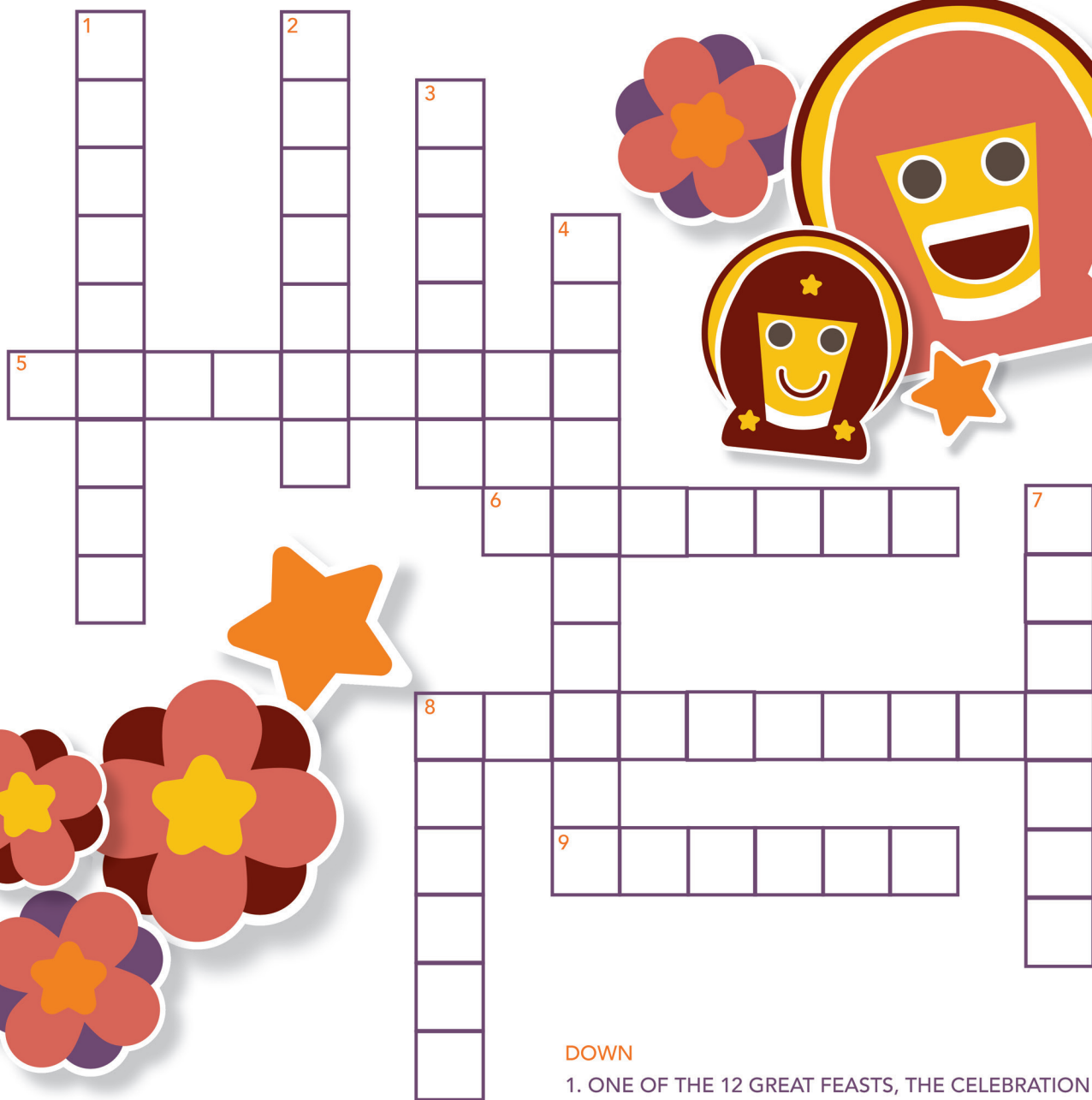
## THE MATTHEWS



BY J.E. WINGERTER



# November Saints Crossword puzzle



## ACROSS

5. HOLY GREAT-MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA, RENOWNED FOR HER INTELLIGENCE AND LEARNING.
6. APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST WHO WAS ALSO KNOWN AS 'LEVI.'
8. ST. JOHN, ONE OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS, IS CALLED THIS, WHICH MEANS, 'GOLDEN-MOUTHED.'
9. APOSTLE, THE 'FIRST CALLED,' WHO WAS THE BROTHER OF ST. PETER.

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## DOWN

1. ONE OF THE 12 GREAT FEASTS, THE CELEBRATION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS AS A CHILD INTO THE TEMPLE AT \_\_\_\_\_.
2. CELEBRATION IN NOVEMBER WHICH COMMEMORATES ALL THE ANGELS, ALONG WITH THIS ARCHANGEL.
3. ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES, WHO INTRODUCED ST. NATHANIEL (ALSO KNOWN AS BARTHOLOMEW) TO THE LORD.
4. ST. JOHN THE ALMONER, ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN THE MERCIFUL, WAS PATRIARCH OF \_\_\_\_\_.
7. HIEROMARTYR WHO WAS POPE OF ROME; THE THIRD BISHOP OF ROME AFTER ST. PETER.
8. THE HOLY UNMERCENARY PHYSICIANS, ST. \_\_\_\_\_ AND HIS BROTHER ST. DAMIAN, OF MESOPOTAMIA, WHOSE MOTHER WAS ST. THEODOTA.



# Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple





## KNOW YOUR FAITH

The Holy Mysteries of Service

*Over the past several months, we have been studying The Seven Holy Mysteries.* We learned about the Holy Mysteries

of Initiation, do you remember those three mysteries? They are **Baptism**, **Chrismation**, and the **Holy Eucharist**. We also learned about The Holy Mysteries of Healing. Do you remember them? They are the Holy Mystery of Anointing and the Holy Mystery of Repentance.

*This month we are going to learn about the Holy Mysteries of Service.*

When God created mankind, He created two types of people: male and female. There were reasons for this. Firstly, Adam did not find among the animals one that he really could call his equal, someone that he could confide in, and that could be a helpmate. So from Adam's rib, God fashioned one like himself, coming from his own body, yet somewhat different that he was. He made Eve. This was the other half of mankind--woman.

Another reason that God created woman, was so that man and woman could unite in order to raise children and continue the human race. But while the union of man and woman in a permanent relationship is a natural occurrence, Jesus raised this natural union to a mystery. Through The **Holy Mystery of Crowning**, the man and woman express their permanent love for each other publicly and receive the special help of God's grace to be able to always love each other and the grace to raise the children God gives them.

In the Mystery of Crowning, the crowns are placed on the heads of the man and woman show their great dignity. God has created them, *"a little less than the angels."*

It also shows them that they will have the strength to accept martyrdom if necessary. Men and women want to get married when they *fall in love* with each other, But marriage is a serious commitment. Love is not an emotion, as we hear in modern songs. **Love an act of the will.** Among the many symbols that the crowns present, one of them is Christ's love for the couple, which is intense and infinite. The spouses are expected to mirror this love until death separates them.

The other Mystery of Service is the **Holy Mystery of Orders**. It is through this mystery that we get the Holy Priesthood. It is through the priesthood that we also receive the other mysteries, because they must be administered by a priest.

The priest is called to preach and to sanctify. He must go through years of education in order to learn theology and spirituality in order to pass this on to the people under his care. The sanctification comes through the administering of the holy mysteries, and especially through the Holy Eucharist which the priest brings about at the Divine Liturgy. It is in the **Holy Mysteries, brought to us by the priest, that the fruits of Christ's life, death and resurrection are distributed to us;** Thus raising us up to be able to be more in the likeness of God.

As you grow older, you will start to think about and pray about your place in the world. Many of you will get married and raise beautiful, wonderful children. You will teach them about God and start them on the road to heaven. There will be some boys who might be called by God to serve Him as a priest. As well as some boys and girls who are called to monasticism. Well, where do you think you might fit in?





# Sophia Homeschool

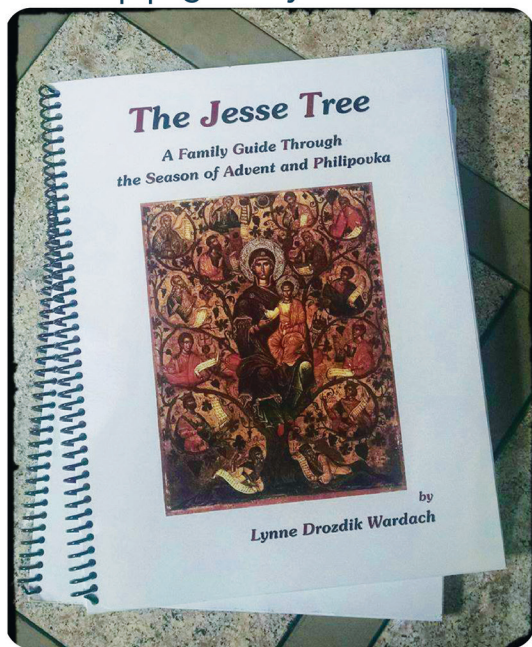
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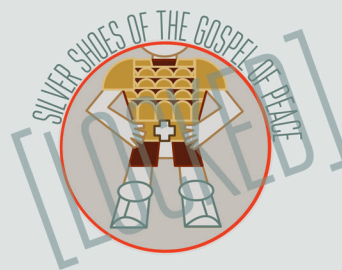
The Jesse Tree: A Family Guide Through the Season of Advent and Philipovka by Lynne Wardach is available on the gift shop page at ByziMom.com!



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# STAND

THIS MONTH'S STAND & STAND JR. VERSES. SUBMIT A VIDEO OF YOURSELF RECITING THE VERSES TO BYZIMOM.COM TO UNLOCK THE NEXT PART OF YOUR ARMOUR!



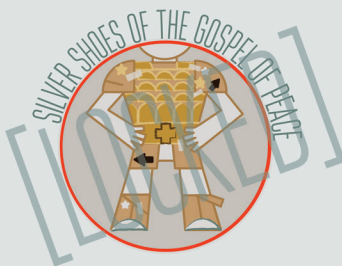
VERSES:

EPHESIANS 6: 16 –

BESIDES ALL THESE, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WITH WHICH YOU CAN QUENCH ALL THE FLAMING DARTS OF THE EVIL ONE.

EPHESIANS 6:17 –

AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD.



JUNIOR VERSES (6YRS & BELOW):

MATTHEW 21:22 –

AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER, YOU WILL RECEIVE, IF YOU HAVE FAITH.



## Thanksgiving After Communion

We thank you, O Master,  
Benefactor of our souls, who love  
us all, that this day You have made  
us worthy of Your heavenly and  
immortal mysteries. Through the  
prayers and intercession of the  
glorious Theotokos and Ever-Virgin  
Mary and of all Your saints, make  
straight our path, confirm us all in  
fear of You, guard our life, and  
safeguard our steps.

For You are our sanctification, and  
we give glory to You, Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, now and ever  
and forever. Amen.

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### PRESENTLY...

Why do we celebrate  
St. Michael and all  
the Holy Angels on  
November 8th?

In the fourth century  
at the Council of  
Laodicea, even before  
the First Ecumenical

Council, the Church established the feast where  
we celebrate the Synaxis, or commemoration,  
of the Holy Angels. This council had an agenda  
of topics to discuss and the 35th topic on their  
list was the celebration of the angels. They  
established the fact that, although it is proper  
to venerate the angels and ask them for their  
heavenly assistance, we must in no way worship  
them as gods.

A friend of St. Paul, Dionysius the Areopagite,  
wrote a book called *On the Celestial Hierarchies*,  
in which he talked about the fact that there  
are nine choirs, or groups, of angels. Because  
the ancient New Year began in the spring they  
counted the months of the year beginning with  
March, and so November was the ninth month  
back then. It made sense to place the feast  
of the angels in the month of November to  
commemorate the nine heavenly choirs. The  
eighth day was chosen because of the fact that  
the term "eighth day" referred to the Day of  
the Dread Last Judgment. It was the day which  
would come after the cycle of the "seven days  
of creation" when we will certainly all see the  
angels with our own eyes, as scripture tells us  
when it says "the Son of Man shall come in His  
Glory and all the holy angels with Him" (Mt.  
25:31).



CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

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AID ST. MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL  
IN DEFEATING THE  
DRAGON.





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# 2020 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	AKYNDIMOS & OTHERS, MARTYRS	ACEPSIMAS & OTHERS, MARTYRS	VEN. JOANNICIUS	GALACTION & EPISTEME, MARTYRS	PAUL THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP	33 MARTYRS OF MELITENE
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	JOEL, PROPHET	ARTEMIUS, MARTYR	HILARION THE GREAT, MARTYR	ABERCUS, BISHOP	JAMES, APOSTLE	ARETHAS & OTHERS, MARTYRS
23RD SUNDAY, ▲ FEAST OF + ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL POWERS	MATRONA, VENERABLE	ERASTUS & OTHERS, APOSTLES	MENAS, VICTOR, & VINCENT, MARTYRS	JOSEPHAT, ARCHBISHOP	JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP	PHILIP, APOSTLE
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	NESTOR, MARTYR	PARASKEVIA, MARTYR	ANASTASIA, VEN. MARTYR	ZENOBIUS & ZENOBBIA, MARTYRS	STACHYS, AMPLIAS, URBAN, NARCISSUS, APELLES AND ARISTOBULUS, APOSTLES	COSMAS & DAMIEN, MARTYRS
15 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; PHILIP'S FAST BEGINS	MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	GREGORY, WONDERWORKER	PLATO & ROMAN, MARTYRS	OBEDIAH, PROPHET	GREGORY THE DECAPOHITE, VENERABLE	+▲▲ ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS
23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;	ACEPSIMAS & OTHERS, MARTYRS	VEN. JOANNICIUS	GALACTION & EPISTEME, MARTYRS	PAUL THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP	HEIRON & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	FEAST OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL & ALL POWERS
22 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	AMPNIOCHIUS & GREGORY, BISHOPS	CATHERINE, GREAT MARTYR	CLEMENT & PETER; POPE AND BISHOP	ALYPIUS THE STYLITE, VENERABLE	JAMES THE PERSIAN, MARTYR	STEPHEN, VEN. MARTYR
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	ERASTUS & OTHERS, APOSTLES	MENAS, VICTOR, & VINCENT, MARTYRS	JOHN THE MERCIFUL, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA	JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP	PHILIP, APOSTLE	GURUS, SAMONAS & HABIB, MARTYRS
29 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	ANDREW, APOSTLE	GREGORY, WONDERWORKER & ARCHBISHOP				
▲ MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST						



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GREGORIAN CALENDAR JULIAN CALENDAR

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