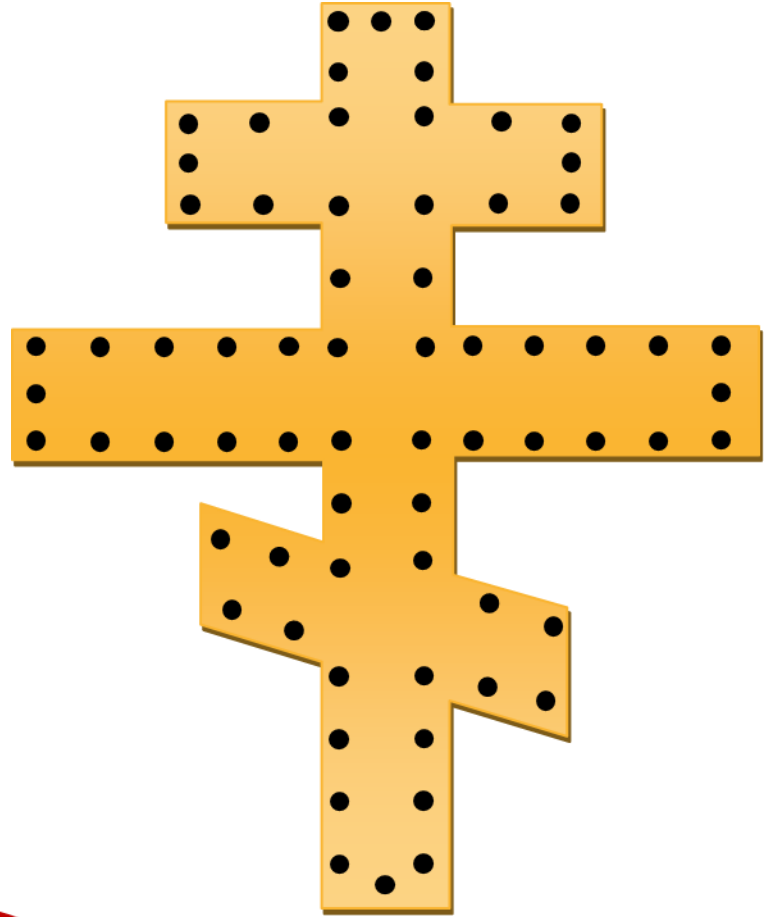


St. Tabitha's Garments

Acts 9:36-43 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and, seeing Peter, she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Tabitha spent her life sewing things for those she loved and for the poor. This is why she is known as the patron saint of seamstresses and tailors! We commemorate her feast on October 25th.



Let's practice our sewing skills by making some of these fun sewing cards in her honor, and then we can use them to decorate our icon corner for her feast!

Instructions: We suggest that you first photocopy the images onto sturdy cardstock, then cut them out carefully. Thread a sewing needle (the kind with a large eye) with some yarn and knot the end. Poke the needle from the back of the image, through the cardstock, to the front of the image in one of the black dots; then pull the yarn through until you reach the knot at the end. Do the very same thing in the next dot, pulling the yarn all the way through. Continue around the image, doing the same thing, until you have sewn through all of the dots and around the whole card.

Option for younger kids: Wrap a piece of tape around the end of your string (opposite the knotted end) so it becomes like a shoelace! Use a hole punch to punch to make a wider opening in every other dot and thread the string through the holes, from bottom to top, all the way around your cards.