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Dear ByziParents,

What seems like common sense to a mature mind is sometimes a new or strange concept for our kids, and we don't always get what we expect from them as a result. For example, I vividly remember asking to go to the school dance when I was about sixteen, and I was thrilled when my father said that I could go. He gave no direct answer when I asked for a curfew but simply replied, "Come home at a reasonable time". As it turned out, my parents thought that midnight was definitely unreasonable, but how was I to know that? They never said it wasn't, and it sounded pretty fair to me! But soon, I was grounded, my father was angry, and I had no idea why.

When God led the children of Israel out of bondage and into the promised land, He acted as any experienced parent and set down some clear and specific rules for behavior for them. However, just as almost every child does, the Israelites received their instructions and promptly disobeyed them. Moses became so frustrated at their poor behavior that he broke the tablets and had to sheepishly turn around and ask God to write everything down again. As a parent, that part of the story always makes me laugh.

Thinking about this makes me wonder about the method of communication in our household. Am I clear and reasonable? Do our house rules reflect God's will for us? Do we realize that we can claim a covenant with God simply by obeying His commandments? How seriously do we take those commandments in our household? Moreover, how well do the children know them?

Exodus 34:10 "Then the Lord said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people, I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you. Obey what I command you today."

We hope this issue serves as an aid for you and your family to review the commands of God and to renew your covenant with Him as His people so that wonders may be done before you!  
Enjoy the issue!

-Written by Lynne Wardach



# What's In A Chair?



*The tinkling of the little brass bell interrupted the commotion of the evening rush alerting the children that dinner was ready.* Four hungry kiddos abandoned their legos scrambling to the dining room. Instantly, Anna slipped into a chair, while Joseph grabbed the back of the same chair. Cecilia whined out, "She sat there last night! I never get the good chair!" Kolbe, seeing he didn't have a chance at winning his place in the coveted spot, plopped himself in a far seat and sulked.

"Listen up!" Mom scolded "Don't you know you are having one of the oldest arguments in history?"

It may seem like a child's squabble, but adults have been fighting over the best chair for so long that even Jesus had to deal with it. "When you are invited to a wedding, do not take the place of honor. Instead," Jesus told the Pharisees, "Take the least place. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

The early Christians used to give the best seats to the rich and make the poor sit in the chairs no one wanted. "Don't do that!" The Apostle James said.

Jesus tried so many times to explain to his children that the only way to keep God's commandments is to keep one simple law that we have come to know as the Golden Rule: Treat people the same way you want them to treat you. (That includes letting them have the best chair!) If we can master this, we will be able to keep all the commands of God.

But the disciples continued to argue over who would get the best chair. They all wanted to sit next to the Father in Heaven. Can't you almost see Jesus slapping his forehead with the palm of his hand?

But our Lord is so patient. Gently, he tied a humble towel around his waist and began to wash his disciples' feet.

"Look," He told them. "If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should do the same for others."

It seemed so hard to God's people to remember all the rules and commandments of the past. The more they memorized them, the more they used them to make themselves feel better than their neighbor. "I keep the law better than my neighbor so God must love me more," they would think. They didn't realize that by thinking this way they were actually breaking every one of God's laws. So after humbly washing their dusty feet, Jesus said to his disciples, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

When we study the Ten Commandments, it helps us understand what it means to love God and to Love our neighbor. But we must always remember that if we are loving others out of our sincere love of God, we are keeping all of God's commandments in that one simple act.

-Written by Judith Jolma







### MEANWHILE...

Many families have New Year's Day traditions on January 1st like shooting off fireworks, staying up until midnight, or gathering with family.

Did you know that we celebrate the Church

New Year on September 1st? This is thanks to Byzantine Emperor St. Constantine the Great (ruled 306-337 AD). His mother, St. Helena is also important this month because of her discovery of the One True Cross on September 14th.

We call Emperor Constantine an Equal to the Apostles, because he gathered Church leaders together in the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. This meeting is where our Christian faith was proclaimed in the Nicene Creed. Later, the Church New Year was set as September 1st in 337 AD, when St. Constantine won a battle against the Western Emperor Maxentius. Constantinople became the capital of the Byzantine Empire and the center of Eastern Christianity.

*"O Maker of all creation, under whose control are the seasons and the years, being Our Lord, bless the beginning of the year with abundance and, through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve our Country and the people in peace, and save us."*

Troparion of the New Church Year

On September 14th 326 AD, St. Helena, went on a special trip to Jerusalem and discovered the one true cross buried near Golgotha (where Christ was crucified). A blind woman was healed on the site, showing which of the three crosses discovered was the True Cross of Christ.

The True Cross was then lifted up by the Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem (shown in the icon below). The Church of the Holy Sepulcher (meaning "Holy Tomb") was built on the site of both Golgotha and Christ's empty tomb. After her trip ended, St. Helena returned to Constantinople with a piece of the cross to bless the city. In 614 AD, Persians looted Palestine, taking the cross, which was recovered again in 628 by the Emperor Heraclius, bringing it through Constantinople and returning it to Jerusalem. We fast on this day in remembrance of the Holy Cross, by which Christ's death brought us all new life.



Elevation of The Cross, Dmitry Shkolnik  
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*"O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians and protect Thy people with Thy Cross."*

Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.



# THE MATTHEWS!



BY J.E. WINGERTER

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HEY HOMESCHOOLERS! HAVE YOU HEARD?

*Feeling a bit lonely?* We have an answer!

THE BYZIKIDS HOME EDUCATORS GROUP

is an Eastern Christian homeschool network which seeks to provide support and encouragement to families as they live out their faith in an in-person setting. By utilizing the readily available resources of Byzikids magazine, Byzikids Co-Ops will meet monthly to support each other, pray for and with each other, and share crafts and activities that enrich our homeschool education. It is our desire for Eastern Christian families to find local fellowship and support for our way of life.

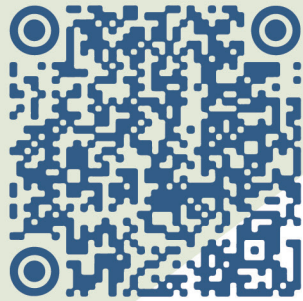
Each Co-Op will require a designated local representative that will receive communication from the Byzikids team of staff. This representative will secure the meeting place and dates for the local meetings. It is highly recommended that this representative also secure a spiritual father for the group to provide access to the Holy Mysteries and general spiritual guidance. Byzikids Co-Op representatives will also have access to a monthly zoom call hosted by Lynne Wardach, the original Byzimom and veteran homeschooler! On the call, we will provide additional instruction and inspiration, lesson plans, and recipes for the monthly meetings in your local chapter.

If you would like to lead or join a local Co-Op, please reach out to **Lynne at [ByziMom@gmail.com](mailto:ByziMom@gmail.com)** or **Jocelyn at [jabyad@gmail.com](mailto:jabyad@gmail.com)**. We will gladly connect you with others in your area and help you get started! Let us join together and build up our Byzantine family!



# OLD AND NEW COMMANDMENTS

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SCAN TO HEAR



God does not only want us to be nice  
He wants us to be holy.

To Moses, God said, "Tell the people:  
One: Have no other gods before me  
Two: Don't make or bow down to  
idols.

Three: Honor my holy name

Four: Keep the Sabbath holy

Five: Honor your mother and father

Six: You shall not kill.

Seven: Be true to your mate

Eight: You shall not steal

Nine: You shall not lie

Ten: Don't covet your neighbor's  
anything.

Love God and love your neighbor

God does not only want us to be kind  
He wants us to be holy.

Through Jesus, God said, "Hear me,  
people:

Here's a new commandment for you:

First, Love your enemies

Do good to those who hate you

Bless those who curse you

Pray for your abusers

Give the strikers both your cheeks

Give the takers even more

Give to those who beg

Don't track down your stolen goods

What you would want done to you

Do to everyone.

Love one another as I have loved you

God does not only want us to be good  
He wants us to be holy.

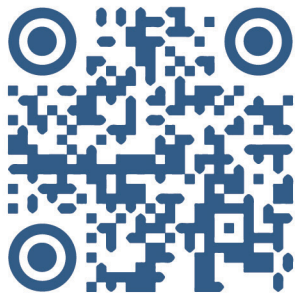


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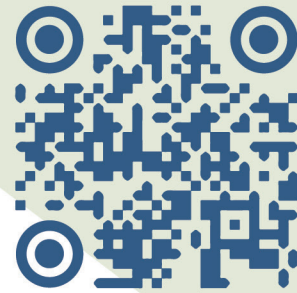


# 10 COMMANDMENTS VIDEOS

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2 GREATEST  
COMMANDMENTS



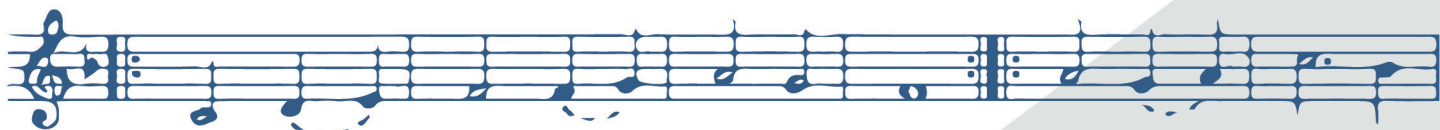
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SCAN TO HEAR

Are you having trouble remembering the 10 Commandments of Moses from the Old Testament? How about the two greatest commandments that Jesus gave us in the New Testament? Mrs. Catherine Alexander has a fun way for you to memorize them with ease! Take a look at these great videos!



## A NEW COMMANDMENT



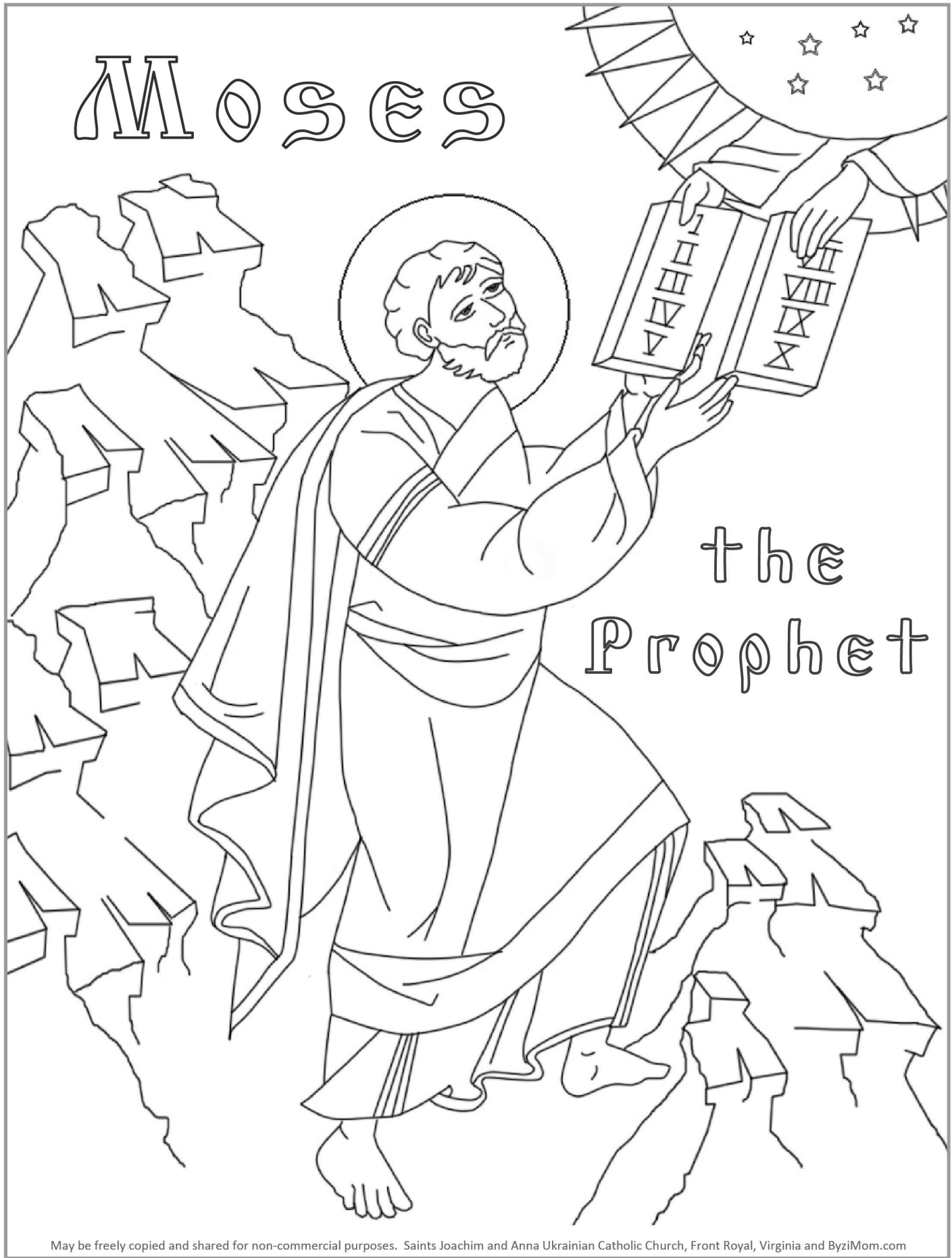
1 A new com-mand-ment I give to you, that you love each  
2 By this will all peo-ple know that you are my dis-



oth - er, e - ven as I have loved you  
ci - ples, if you have love for each oth - er

This English setting of the dismissal hymn, Siju zapovid' daju vam, can be found on 461 of the Divine Liturgies book. The text is from the Gospel according to Saint John (John 13:34).  
Courtesy of The Metropolitan Cantor Institute



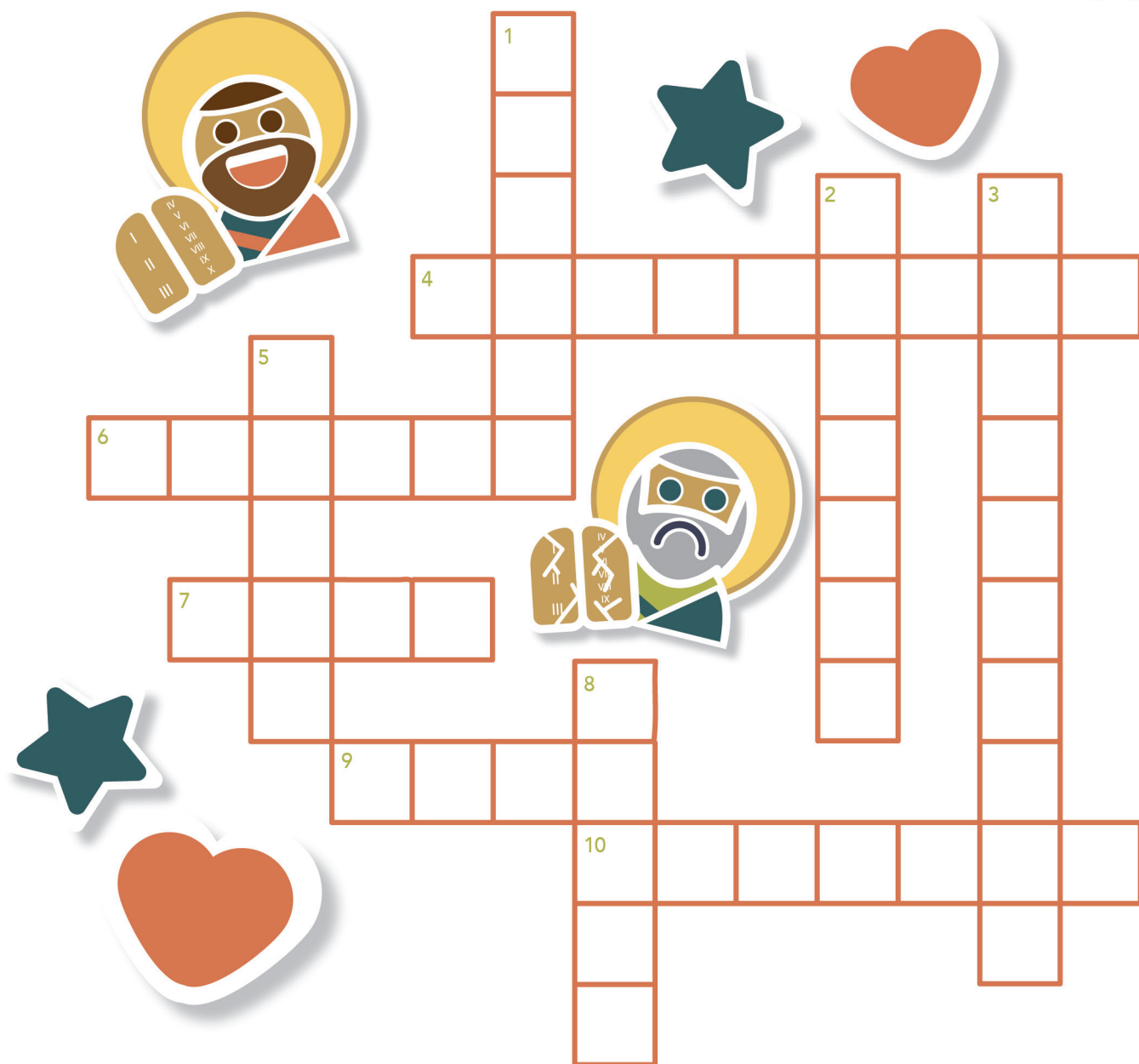


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# September Saints Crossword Puzzle



## DOWN

1. THE SAINTLY MOTHER OF THE YOUNG MARTYRS ST. FAITH, ST. HOPE, AND ST. LOVE.
2. THE FATHER OF THE THEOTOKOS.
3. IN SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WHO IS KNOWN AS THE \_\_\_\_.
5. THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IS CELEBRATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE TRUE CROSS, FOUND BY THIS SAINT.
8. THIS YOUNG MARTYR SAINT IS PICTURED IN ICONOGRAPHY HOLDING A LAMB, AND SITTING ON A LION.

## ACROSS

4. ONE OF THE TWELVE GREAT FEASTS, KNOWN AS THE NATIVITY OF THE \_\_\_\_.
6. THIS WOMAN PROTO-MARTYR AND EQUAL-OF-THE-APOSTLES IS MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE, AND WAS CONVERTED BY ST. PAUL.
7. THE BEGINNING OF THE INDICTION IS ANOTHER WAY OF DESCRIBING THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH \_\_\_\_.
9. THE MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS.
10. WE COMMEMORATE A MIRACLE AT COLOSSAE, WHERE THIS SAINT APPEARED, OPENED A ROCK WITH HIS STAFF, AND WATER FLOWED OUT.





# Happy 7530!

Did you know that the Byzantine Church calendar actually begins on September 1st and that it counts the years since the creation of the universe? According to the official calendar of the Creation Era of Constantinople, which was used during the time of the Byzantine Empire from 988-1453 AD, this September 1st will usher in the year 7530. This date is based on a calculation that came from the Septuagint version of Scripture which determined that the world was created 5509 years before the birth of Jesus.  $(5509 + 2021 = 7530)$

Are you hoping to encourage yourself to become as holy as you can be? The start of the liturgical new year is always a perfect time to make a fresh start!

You can begin by praying for discernment as you prepare a list of resolutions, or goals for yourself to make the coming liturgical year the best one yet!

You can use our worksheet to do this individually, or as a family.

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## Plan a New Year's Eve Party!

What does your family do on New Years Eve?

Wouldn't it be fun to plan a party to welcome the new year?

You may want to invite some guests, put up some shiny decorations, prepare some fancy food, and prepare a list of resolutions for making the coming liturgical year the best one yet!

Here are some ideas to get you started!



- Resolve to improve your personal daily prayer rule! Say Morning and Evening prayers; Always pray before meals; Pray the Jesus Prayer 10 times, 33 times, 100 times daily, as you can; Pray the Rule of the Theotokos daily if you can; Read from the Scriptures or the Church Fathers daily and learn the tenets of the faith well!





- Resolve to overcome a bad habit, especially one that keeps you from being the best Christian that you can be.



- Resolve to nourish your physical body properly. Be sure to learn how to join your church family in fasting every Wednesday and Friday, and all other fast days prescribed by the Church Calendar.



- Do an act of service on a regular basis for someone who is disadvantaged. Take on an extra chore in your household Visit an elderly relative regularly and help them with household chores; Donate your old clothing, food items, or your extra pennies to the poor each month.

- Learn more about our Church family! Resolve to get to know your patron saint! Look up the story of the saint after which you were named, or any of the saints of the Church. Did you know that there is a saint or martyr who is celebrated each day? Look at your Church calendar and see! Learn about what made each of them remarkable and how you can learn from their example.



- Resolve to look for ways to help your Church community to grow! Join the choir; Volunteer to clean the church or tend to the grounds as a family or youth group; Makeup welcome packets for visitors, collection boxes for food to gather for those in need, or organize activities for the little ones during socials.

*-Written by Lynne Wardach*





# My resolutions For The Liturgical New Year 7530

This year I will,

TRY TO LEARN HOW TO... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TRY TO BEGIN TO... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TRY TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF MY BODY BY... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TRY TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF MY SOUL BY... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

START THIS NEW HABIT... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

STOP THIS BAD HABIT... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

READ ABOUT... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR... \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Remember, God will help you to be your best:*

"WHATEVER YOU HAVE LEARNED OR RECEIVED OR HEARD FROM ME, OR SEEN IN ME—  
PUT IT INTO PRACTICE. AND THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU."

PHILIPPIANS 4:9

*You can do it!*

"DO NOT BE CAST DOWN OVER THE STRUGGLE- THE LORD LOVES A BRAVE WARRIOR.  
THE LORD LOVES THE SOUL THAT IS VALIANT"

ST. SILOAN THE ATHONITE



# Blessed Feast Exaltation of the Cross



*Pictured From the Left - Helena (as St Helena!), Hannah, Gabriel, Samantha, Isabella, Aidah*

## EVERYONE LOVES A PARTY, RIGHT?

Church Feast days should be no exception! With just a little bit of planning ahead, we can create lasting memories as a family that are centered around the Church. If we do this much for secular holidays and birthdays, how much more effort should we put into our Liturgical Feasts? September is the beginning of our Liturgical year, so now is a great time to create new habits to build our faith as a family.

This month's Feast is The Exaltation of the Holy Cross! Remember that feasts are not "just" one day! These activities can be done all at once or spread throughout the week. Here are a few ways you can create a celebratory atmosphere in your home:

1. On the simplest level, share the story of St. Helena finding the true cross with your family.
2. Show your children the icon for the feast and display it in your home. If you don't own the icon, simply print one from online and place in it an inexpensive frame. Try to dress up and take a picture looking as much like the icon as possible. Find items from around the house, old robes and scarves as well as cardboard cut outs are a great place to start and then get creative!
3. Plant basil, or alternatively, buy a small basil plant. Tradition tells us that basil was found growing all around the True Cross.
4. Host an in-home scavenger hunt to remind everyone of St. Helena's search for the True Cross! Have a little treat or cake waiting as a "prize" at the end of their journey!
5. Have a "fancy" meal fit for kings and queens! Saints Constantine and Helena were royalty! Make crowns for everyone to wear and get out the fancy dishes! Be sure to invite a family from church to celebrate with you. It is a great way to make or deepen friendships within the parish. Here are some items that you could serve:

- Pesto pasta (featuring basil!)



- Treasure map pizza to remember St. Helena's journey



- "cutie" mandarin oranges to remember St. Helena's large bag of gold



- cupcakes for dessert with a cross on top. Either make the cross from frosting or purchase a simple decorative topper



-Written by Jocelyn Abyad



# CAUGHT YOU LISTENING

WITH MRS. SYLVIA DORHAM  
& LYNNE WARDACH



September 5

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:35-46

1

Today's Gospel tells us all about the theme of the month!  
The New Commandments of Christ!

Fill in the blanks:

Love the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_. ' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_. ' All the Law and the \_\_\_\_\_ hang on these two commandments."

WORD BANK: SOUL NEIGHBOR GOD PROPHETS HEART YOURSELF LORD MIND

September 12

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

2

Today's Gospel includes one of the most famous verses in the Bible, John 3:16.  
Put the words of the verse in order and write them below.

That Believes Loved But Gave In Should For Whoever Life.  
Him He Eternal Only Not World God His The Have So Son That Perish



# CAUGHT YOU LISTENING

September 19

3

GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-38; 9:1

The verbs are missing from this verse in today's Gospel.

Fill in the blanks from the word bank.

"If any man would come after me, let him

\_\_\_\_\_ himself \_\_\_\_\_ up his cross and \_\_\_\_\_ me.

For whoever \_\_\_\_\_ his life for my sake and the gospel's will \_\_\_\_\_ it."

WORD BANK: BELLOW MARK DENY JOURNEY SWALLOW CLIMB TAKE FOLLOW  
LOSES OPEN LIFTS SERVES SAVE DRIVES

September 26

4

GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11

In today's Gospel, what did Jesus say Simon Peter would be doing from now on?

Write the previous letter of the alphabet above each letter to find out.

D B U D I J O H N F O





## KNOW YOUR FAITH

Suppose you and your family are out driving, and you saw someone moving toward you on the wrong side of the street? What if they didn't stop at the stop sign or the crosswalk? We have rules about transportation so that everyone knows to stay on the right side of the street and take turns at intersections to avoid accidents and stay safe. We have rules to follow when we play games so that everyone has a fair and equal chance to do well and have fun. We have rules at home to keep us safe and happy, and when someone breaks the rules, it usually ends badly.

God knew that the Israelites needed guidance to keep them safe and happy in the Promised Land, so he gave them rules to follow. Then, he made a covenant, or an agreement, with them that if they followed the rules well and became His people, He would be their God and keep them safe and content.

Can you recite all the Ten Commandments? Let's review them today:

### **I (1.) I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before Me.**

This is the very first one and for a good reason! God is our creator and Lord, and everything we are, and have, and will ever become He provides for us, so we owe Him our respect and allegiance! We must not be like the Israelites who got bored and tired of waiting for Moses to come down from Mount Sinai and decided to fashion another god for themselves. I know what you're thinking...you wouldn't melt down your jewelry and make a golden calf from it as they did! No, but you could make a decision someday to honor other things first, before the One true God. Sadly, people do it all the time. Some people choose not to attend Divine Liturgy and go to work instead so that money becomes their god. Some go along with the crowd when they commit a sin, so popularity becomes their god. Some people decide to treat others shamefully to feel superior rather than follow Christ's command to love one another. Power becomes their god. It is essential to always put God and His will first in your life.

### **II (2). You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.**

Have you heard people do this? It's so sad to hear it, yet it has become so familiar that it doesn't even surprise us anymore. The fact is that God commanded that we only say His name with the love and respect that He deserves, never out of anger or exasperation. His name is holy and sacred and should be set apart from all other speech.

### **III (3). Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.**

When God created the universe, He did so in six days, and on the seventh day, God rested. God created humans with the need for relaxing and recharging, so He gave us this example to follow. He must have thought this was very

important because He commanded it! We keep Sunday holy by reserving it for worship, family, and other activities that refresh and renew our souls.

### **IV (4). Honor your father and your mother.**

God brings every soul into existence through their parents because He wants us all to know what it is like to love and be loved. He IS love! He is family; Father, Son, and Spirit, and we are made in His image and likeness. Because our parents love and care for us in such a profound way, they mirror God's love, and for that reason, children of all ages owe them respect.

### **V (5). You shall not kill.**

Of course, this seems quite obvious. Killing is wrong, but do you understand that there are many ways one can take away life? For example, when you discourage others, you kill their spirit. When you criticize their faults openly, you destroy their reputation. Therefore, one must be careful not to take the life or vitality of any living thing frivolously because only God gives life, and it belongs to Him alone to give or to take.

### **VI (6). You shall not commit adultery.**

This commandment instructs us to take the mystery of marriage seriously. When a couple is crowned in marriage, they vow to God that they will love each other always and put the other in first place in their hearts. They may not marry or live together as if they were married to anyone else. To do so is a grave sin.

### **VII (7.) You shall not steal.**

Jesus clarifies this when he tells us that if you seek to put God first in your life, you will see that you have everything else you need. We may not take anything that does not rightfully belong to us.

### **VIII (8). You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

This means you should not lie. Jesus tells us that God is truth; he can never, ever lie. In fact, He refers to the enemy, the devil, as the Father of Lies! So to lie would put us in direct opposition to God and all He stands for!

### **IX (9). You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**

This commandment takes the sixth commandment one step further. To covet means to want something so badly that you don't want anyone else to have it. Not only should a person not commit adultery, but he should not even think about it! It is wrong to want to marry someone who was given to someone else by the mystery of marriage.

### **X (10). You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

People are ALWAYS more important than things. This commandment takes the seventh commandment even further by explaining that not only is it wrong to steal, but it is wrong to wish you had something that belongs to someone else. Once again, there should be no need to worry about things. If we trust in God and live according to His ways, He will see that we have everything we need!

- written by Lynne Wardach



# I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I"CON

## TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

I SPY ICON



TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD //  
BY FR VLADIMIR LYSAK

### Icons are always teaching us!

The Icon of the Transfiguration teaches us about the story of Christ showing the disciples some of his glory on Mount Tabor. They were so shocked, they literally fell down and covered their faces! You can read this story in your Bible at the beginning of chapter seventeen in the Gospel of Matthew. As you read, look for the events of the story in the icon.

### Here in the icon, Christ is surrounded by a large blue Mandorla which signifies His Glory.

Notice the three letters inside the halo of Christ? When Moses asked God what he should call Him, God answered "I am he who is." (Exodus 3:14) Those three letters in the halo represent the Greek words for God's name, "He who is."

### While the central figure in this icon is Christ, it can also teach us a lot about Moses!

Moses was a friend and prophet of God. He is depicted in a red robe holding a book that represents the Law. This book reminds us that this is not the first time Moses spoke to God on a mountain! During his earthly life, Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on Mount Sinai.

We also notice in the icon that Moses, together with Elijah, looks to Christ in His Glory without fear in contrast to the apostles who have fallen down the mountain with shock. Moses and Elijah are touching the Mandorla, showing their call to grow ever closer to Christ. They have been transformed by their experiences with God.

**Moses spoke with God both in his earthly life and here at the Transfiguration.**

When an iconographer begins his apprenticeship, it is tradition that the first icon he writes will be this icon of the Transfiguration. It is said that the illuminating light of Christ, shown here in the Transfiguration, should illuminate all of the iconographer's works. May we also seek to speak with Christ in our hearts and be illuminated by His love!

-Written by Jocelyn Abyad





# It's ALL GREEK TO ME!

WITH GUEST LYNNE WARDACH

## THE JESUS FISH

In the early days, during the persecution of Christians, it was dangerous to reveal one's faith in public. When meeting someone new, a Christian would casually doodle the figure of half of a *fish* in the sand or on a piece of parchment and if the stranger he met would complete the drawing, he would know he was among friends!

The word for "*fish*" in Greek is *Ictys* which, when written as an acrostic, stood for the phrase "*Iesous Christos, Theou Yios, Soter*," or in English, "*Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior*."

Fellowship and community are so vitally important to the Body of Christ! Soon, images of fish were drawn upon buildings, roadways marking the path to a meeting place, cemeteries where Christians were buried, and homes where believers lived so that all who saw the *Jesus Fish*, and understood what it meant, knew they were among friends.

10. MICHAEL  
9. ANNA  
7. YEAR  
6. THECLA  
4. THEOTOKOS  
ACROSS

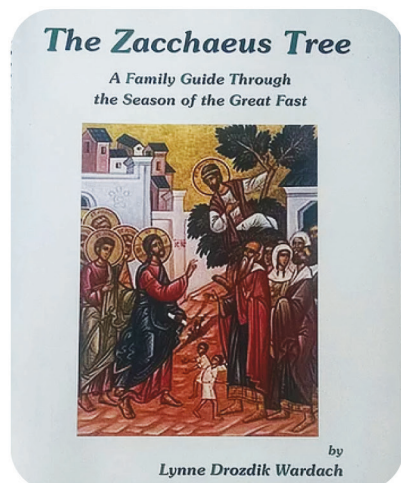
8. MAMAS  
5. HELEN  
3. FORERUNNER  
2. JOACHIM  
1. SOPHIA  
DOWN

SEPTEMBER  
CROSSWORD  
PUZZLE



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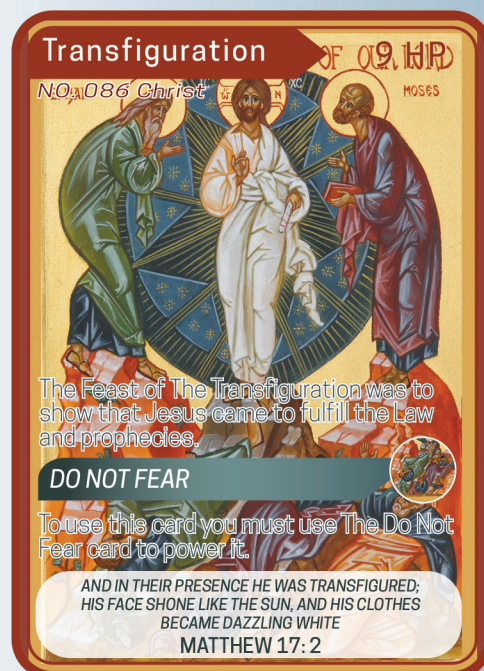


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## THE LADDER TO VIRTUE CARD GAME



Every month there will be a new SAINT/ICON CARD and virtue card. The objective is to move the SAINT/ICON CARD up the ladder to VIRTUE. The VIRTUE CARD entails an objective that must be completed before the SAINT/ICON card can move up on the ladder. We suggest parents give their ByziKids an incentive towards reaching the goal. By the end of the year your ByziKid will have learned about 12 different SAINTS/ICONS and have learned 12 new virtuous habits!










# BYZIKIDS//calendar



2021  
SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 ZACCHARIAH & ELIZABETH, PARENTS OF THE FORERUNNER 11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	 THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AT COLOSSA EUTYCHES, PRIEST-MARTYR	HAPPY LITURGICAL NEW YEAR!!! SOZON, MARTYR PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON & PARAMENUS	SIMEON THE STYLITE ANDREW STATELATES, MARTYR NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS ADRIAN & HIS WIFE NATALIA, MARTYRS	MAMMAS, MARTYR SAMUEL, PROPHET JOACHIM & ANNA, VENERABLES PIMEN THE GREAT	ANTHIMUS, MARTYR THADDEUS, APOSTLE MENODORA, METRODORA & NYMPHODORA, MARTYRS MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN	MOSES, PROPHET AGATHONICUS, ZOTICUS & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA, VENERABLE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER
16 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	13 DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION DEPOSITION OF THE CINCTURE OF THE THEOTOKOS	14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HAPPY LITURGICAL NEW YEAR! SIMEON THE STYLITE	15 NICETAS, GREAT MARTYR MAMMAS, MARTYR	16 EUPHEMIA, GREAT MARTYR ANTHIMUS, MARTYR	17 SOPHIA AND HER CHILDREN, FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY, MARTYRS MOSES, PROPHET	18 EUMENIUS THE WONDERWORKER, VENERABLE ZACCHARIAS, PROPHET
17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	20 EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS SOZON, MARTYR	21 CODRATUS OF MAGNESIA, APOSTLE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS	22 PHOCAS, BISHOP OF SINOPE, MARTYR JOACHIM & ANNA, VENERABLES	23 CONCEPTION OF THE FORERUNNER & BAPTIST, JOHN MENODORA, METRODORA & NYMPHODORA, MARTYRS	24 THEKLA, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA, VENERABLE	25 EUPHROSYNA, VENERABLE AUTONOMOUS, GREAT MARTYR
13 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FALLING ASLEEP OF JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN	27 CALLISTRATUS & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	28 CHARITON, VENERABLE FATHER & CONFESSOR NICETAS, GREAT MARTYR	29 CYRIACUS THE ANCHORITE, VENERABLE EUPHEMIA, GREAT MARTYR	30 GEORGE, BISHOP OF ARMENIA SOPHIA AND HER CHILDREN, FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY, MARTYRS	 GREGORIAN CALENDAR JULIAN CALENDAR	

 : GREGORIAN FASTING DAYS 
  : JULIAN FASTING DAYS 
  : BOTH FASTING DAYS 
  : ACTIVITY ONLINE 
  : FEAST DAY