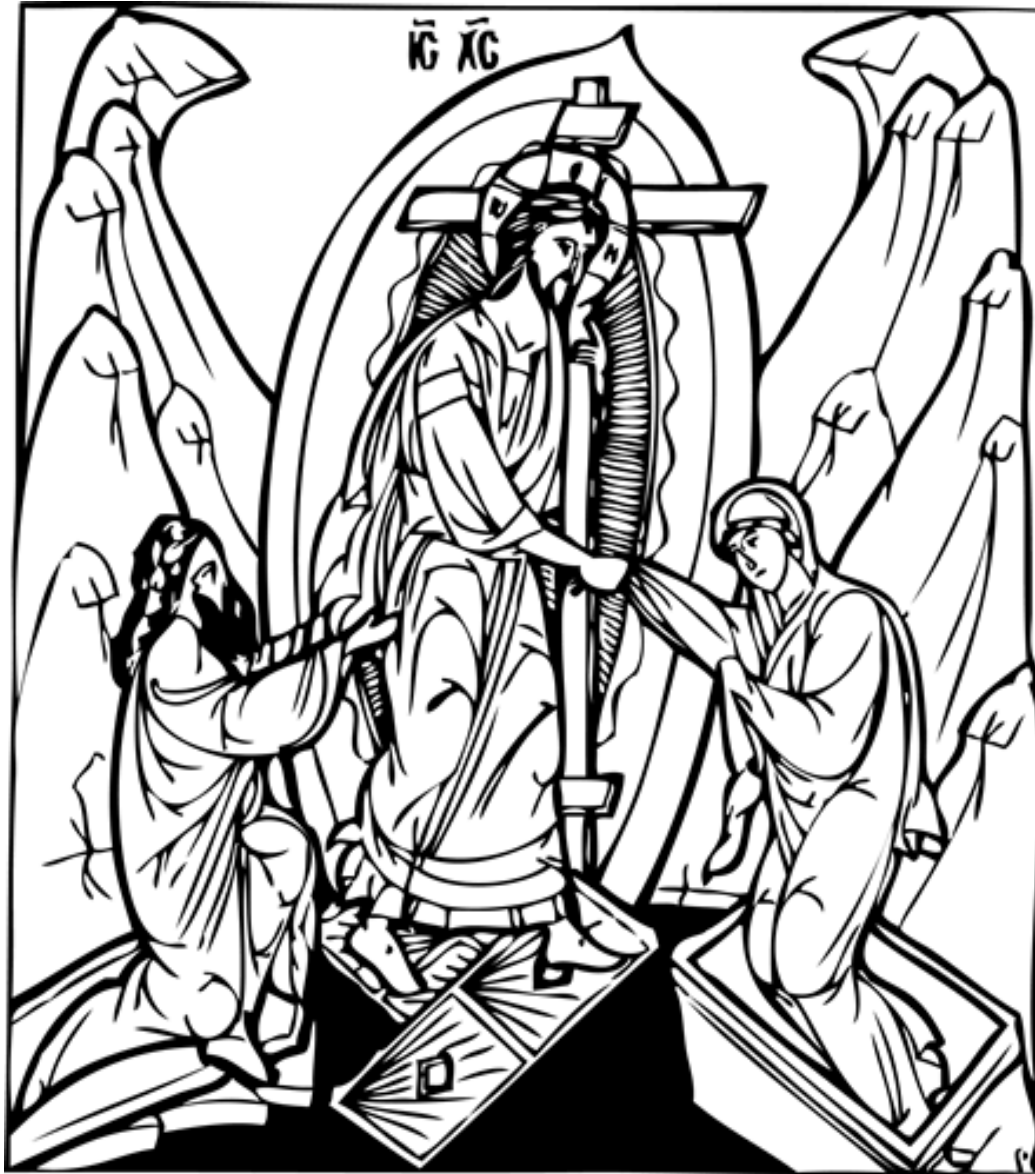


Always remember the good news!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## Passing on the Good News



**Have you ever watched a relay race?** Maybe you have seen runners in the Olympics. In a relay race, one runner runs, and then he passes a baton to another runner. Then that runner keeps running. After that, he passes it to somebody else.

In today's epistle reading, we hear about a kind of relay race in the Church! The Apostle Paul writes to the new Christians, "Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received." Saint Paul told them about the good news of Jesus Christ, but he had heard the good news from somebody else. It was like he got the baton and ran with it!

And what was that good news? Saint Paul says, that good news was "that Christ died for our sins, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to Peter and then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than 500...then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, He appeared to me." All these people heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Then they passed it on to somebody else!

We all have heard about our Lord, Jesus Christ, too. Did you know that God wants us to pass the baton on to other people, to people who might not know about Him? You can pass that good news on when you show people you are a good Christian, that you love Jesus Christ, and you love others!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- ALBANIA
- APOSTLES
- BAPTIZE
- BATON
- GOOD NEWS
- GREECE
- KOSMAS
- PREACH

W N Z K D Q W B L F E P S A V  
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# ST. KOSMAS AITOLOS

## REMEMBERING THE GOOD NEWS

**Do you know what happened in around 1776?** That's when

America declared her independence and broke free from Great Britain. But do you know what was happening in Greece at this same time?

For many, many years lots of Orthodox Christians were under the power of the Turkish Ottomans. Sometimes they made it hard for Christians to worship our one, true God.

Even though they came from Christian countries, many years had passed. Lots of people had forgotten about Christ! St. Kosmas wanted to remind them about our Lord.

St. Kosmas is a wonderful saint who went to so many places in Greece and Albania, telling people about Jesus Christ. He reminded them of the Gospel and of all Christ's miracles. He told them the good news—that Christ rose from the dead and wants to save us! St. Kosmas baptized lots and lots of people, and told them how to be good Christians once again.

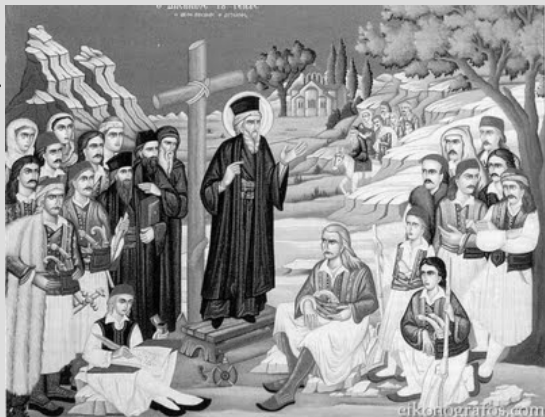
St. Kosmas died in 1779, while America was still fighting the Revolutionary War. St. Kosmas died in Albania, fighting for Christ!



# What's in an icon?

St. Kosmas listened to the words of the Gospel: "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Here is St. Kosmas telling the people all about the good news of Jesus Christ. Everywhere he went, he would make a little stand with a cross, where he could preach.



We celebrate St. Kosmas on Friday, Aug. 24th (Sept. 6th, OC).