

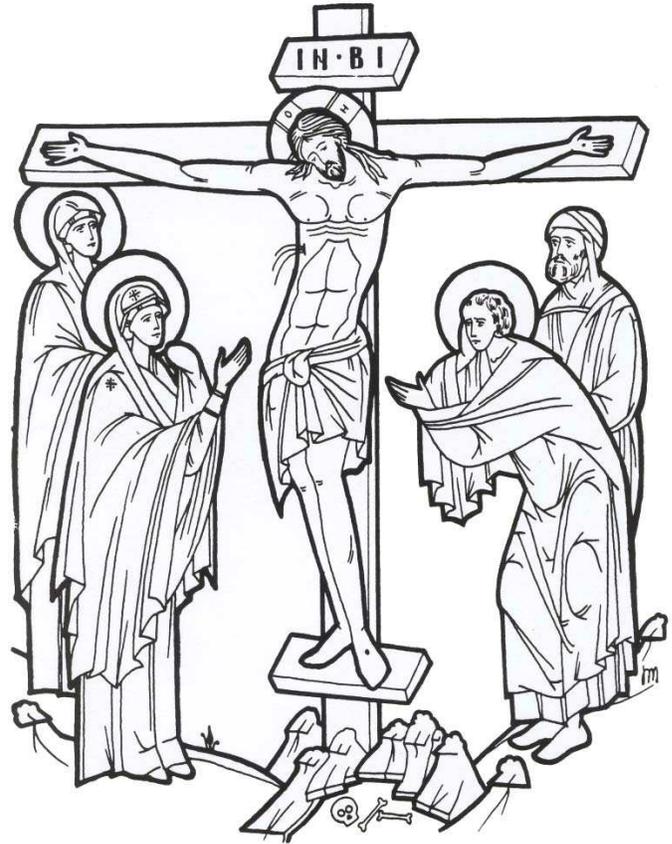
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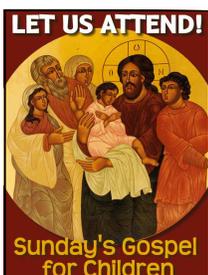
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What is the name of God the Son?
2. What is something bad that has happened to you?
3. Were you sad when it happened?
4. Did a grown-up help you?
5. Jesus is with us even when something bad happens. We can always pray and talk to Jesus.
6. At Pascha we sing, "Christ is risen from the dead." We know that Jesus died for us. He rose from the dead.
7. Jesus shows us the way to heaven.
8. In heaven bad things won't happen anymore.



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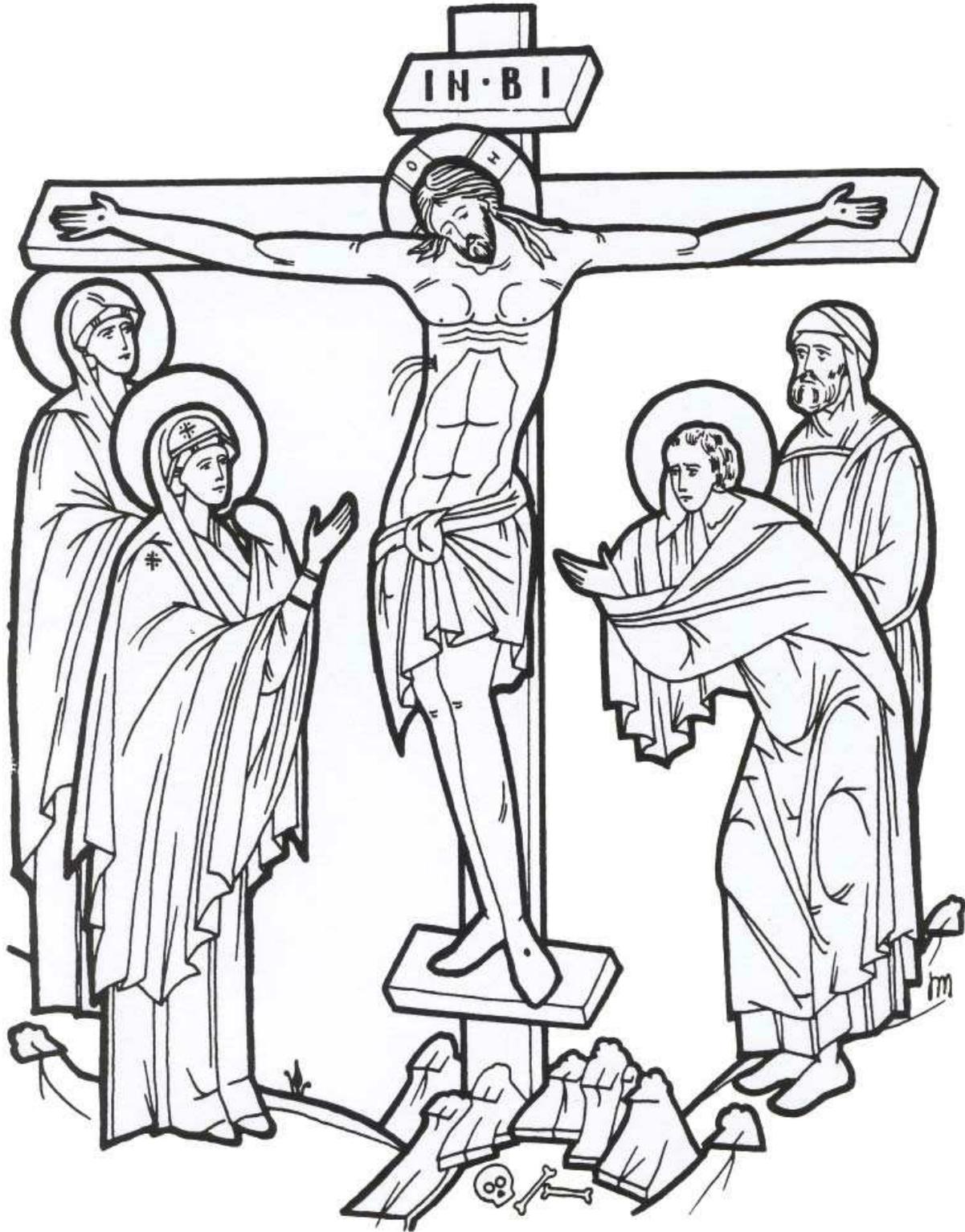
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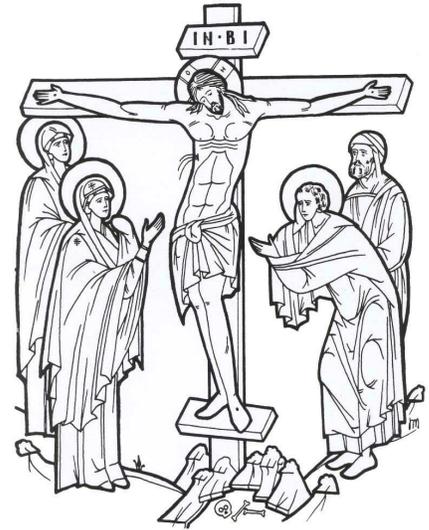


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Jesus our Lord said God loved the world very much. He loved it so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus. Why did he send Jesus? In this world, bad things happen. We don't want to do bad things, but sometimes we do. We need to be saved from this world where bad things happen. God wanted us to know that His Son Jesus can lead us to a better place.

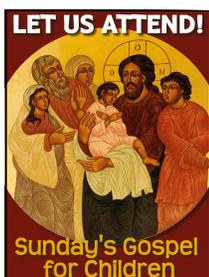
Jesus was crucified and died. He rose from the dead. When Jesus died, he opened the gates of heaven again. Now we can live forever with God. We can be saved from this world. If we stay close to Jesus in prayer, and if we go to church, and if we do what Jesus teaches us to do, we will live forever with him.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Did you ever have something bad happen to you? What did you do? Did you ever do something that was bad? What did you do, then?
2. Even though we do wrong things sometimes, God loves us. In fact, this Gospel story tell us that He loves us so much that He sent someone for us to follow. Who did God send?
3. Why did God send His Son, Jesus?
4. When do we sing, "Christ is risen from the dead"?
5. When we celebrate Pascha, we are joyous because there is a kingdom where bad things don't happen. Jesus will save us from this world. We can live now and forever with God, because Jesus opened the gates of Heaven.



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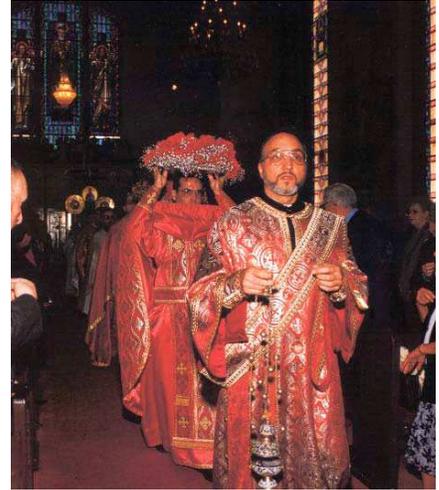
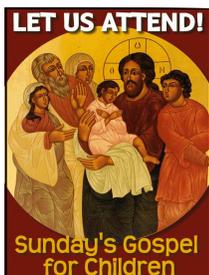


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who is the “Son of Man” talked about in this Gospel?
2. Why did Moses lift up a serpent in the wilderness? What happened to the people who looked at it?
3. How was the Son of Man “lifted up”?
4. What happens to people who look up to Jesus, believe in Him, and follow Him?
5. How much does God love the world? How do you know?



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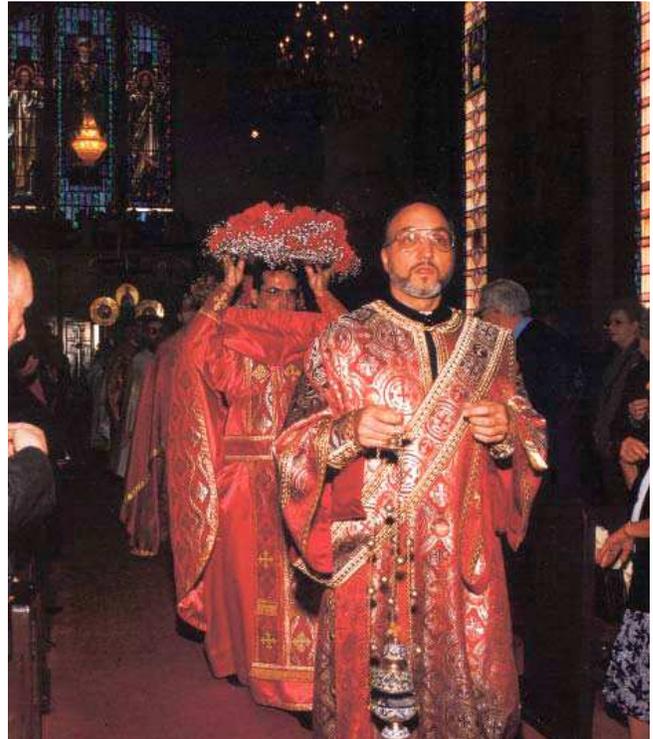
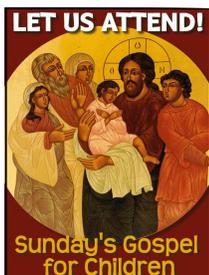


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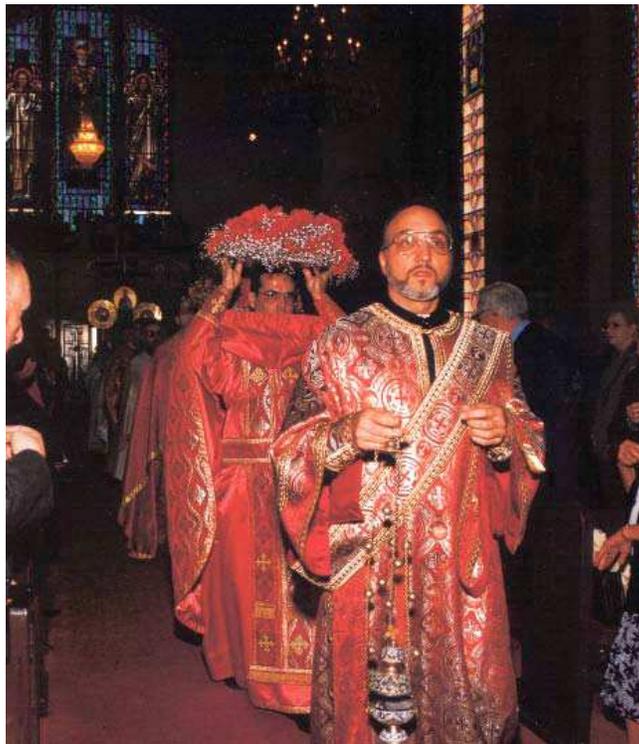
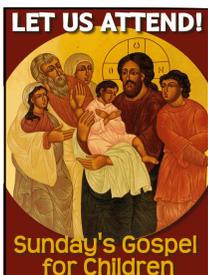


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who has descended from and ascended into heaven?
2. What does Daniel 7:13-14 tell us about the Son of Man?
3. According to Daniel, when the Son of Man's kingship and dominion be destroyed?
4. According to the Gospel, when the Son of Man is like the serpent where must He be?
5. Why must the Son of Man be lifted up?
6. Who do you think the Son of Man is? Why do you say that?



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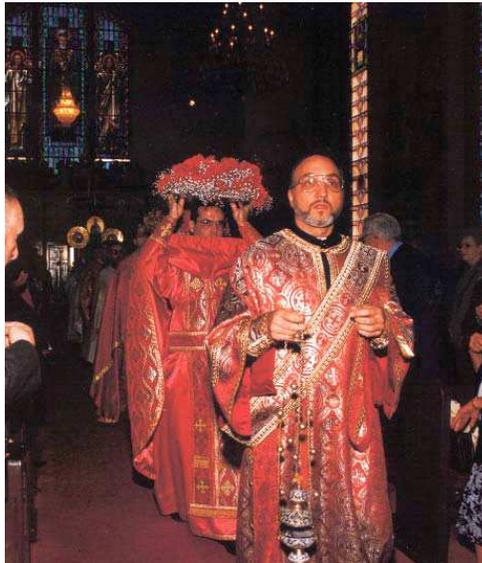
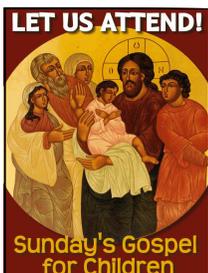


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who is Moses?
2. What is the problem for the people of Israel in Numbers 21:4-9?
3. Why do they have this problem?
4. When does Moses pray for the people?
5. What does God tell him to do?
6. What saves the people from the poisonous snakes?
7. According to the Gospel, what must the Son of man be like? What event is the Gospel writer alluding to?
8. What does the story from Numbers tell us about the crucifixion?



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