

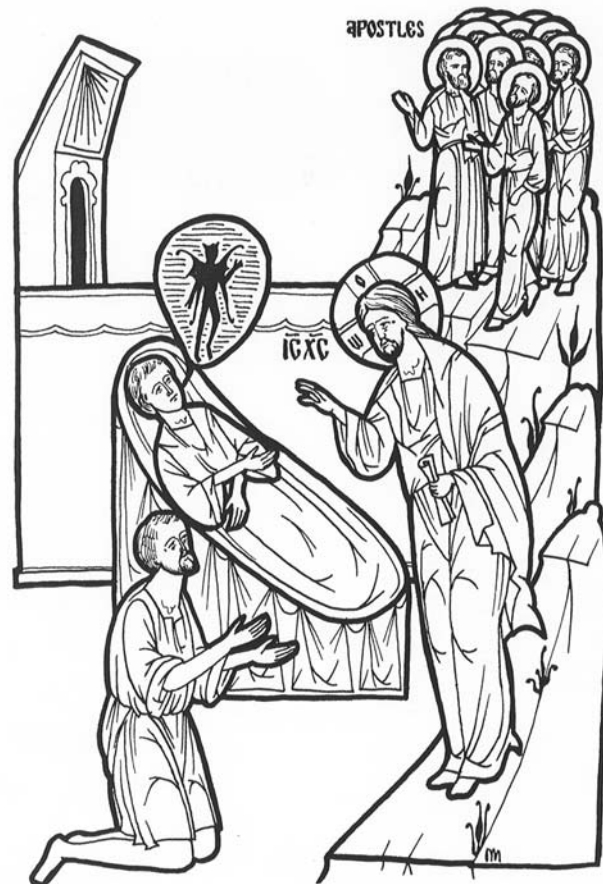
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prayer and fasting. When do you pray?



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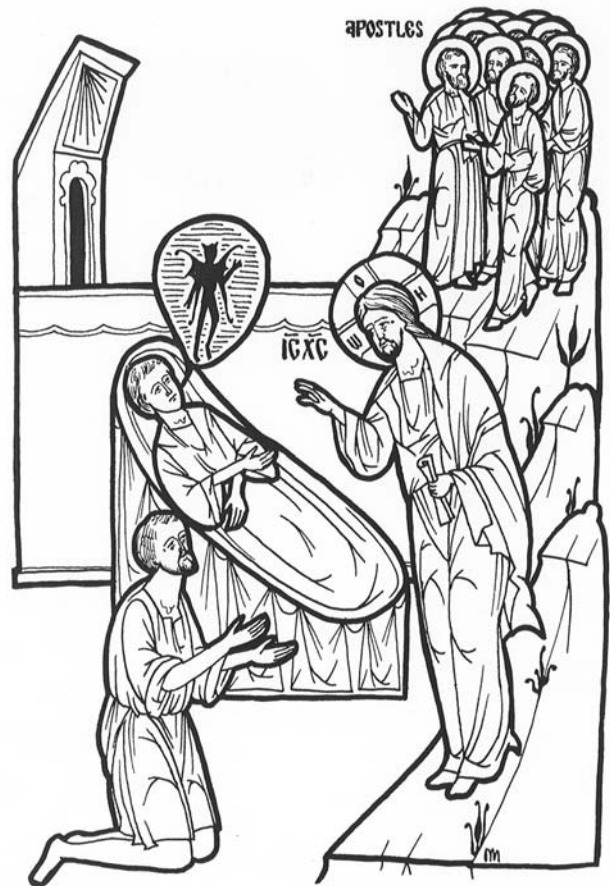
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2. Where is the boy? The black shape above the boy is telling us that the boy was sick and could not control himself.

3. He was an epileptic.
3. People who suffer from epilepsy have seizures.
4. Who healed the boy?
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6. Prayer helps our faith get stronger.
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Jesus Heals the Sick Boy

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erly and said, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will rise on the third day."

Thinking About God's Word . . . *Matthew 17:14-23*

1. Who needs to be cured in this gospel? Who do you know that needs healing?
2. What is causing the boy in this gospel to suffer? What is causing your friend's suffering?
3. When does Jesus heal the boy?
4. Where does the man go to get help for his son?
5. Where could you go to get help for your friend?



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A Father's Plea

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Focus questions

1. Who could not cure the boy?
2. Why could they not cure the boy?
3. What does this say about faith?
4. Do you think there are different degrees of faith? If so, what can we do to increase our faith?
5. What mountain did the father in this gospel ask Jesus to move?
6. What mountain could you ask Jesus to move?

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Christ Heals the Epileptic Boy

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As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will rise on the third day.”

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Focus questions

1. What does the father in this gospel say to Jesus?
2. What is causing his son's suffering?
3. What kinds of suffering do we ask for God's mercy on during the litany's in a service?
4. In these prayers, are we asking God to relieve our own suffering, the suffering of others, or both? Why do you think we pray for so many kinds of suffering?
5. Who do you know that is suffering?
6. What prayer can you offer to God for them?
7. Why do you think “Lord have mercy” is the primary prayer of our church?



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