

Jonah and the Whale

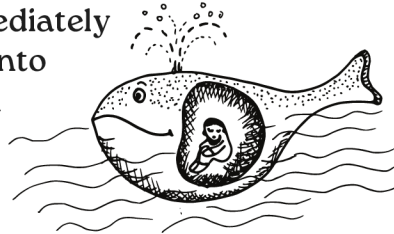
Jonah 2:1b-3, 4b, 5, 7-11

Old
Testament
Story Time

Jonah was a prophet in Israel. One day the Lord instructed Jonah to go to the people in the city of Ninevah because the people living there were doing bad things. The Lord wanted Jonah to tell the people in Ninevah to turn away from their sinful ways.

But Jonah did not want to go to the city of Ninevah! Instead of traveling west toward Ninevah, Jonah decided to go east and get as far away from Ninevah as possible! So Jonah boarded a ship setting sail east. Jonah went down into the ship and fell asleep. While he was sleeping, the Lord God sent a big storm on the waters. The sailors came to the conclusion that the storm was sent by God, and they discovered that Jonah did something wrong to anger God.

Jonah took responsibility for the storm and told the sailors they needed to throw him in the sea in order for the storm to stop. The sailors did not want to kill Jonah, but they obeyed and threw Jonah into the sea. Immediately the storm stopped. As Jonah sunk into the water, the Lord sent a great fish to swallow up Jonah.



While in the belly of this whale for three days and three nights, Jonah repented and felt sorry for disobeying God. Jonah called out to the Lord and said: "When I became faint, I remembered the Lord; my prayer came to you, in your Holy Temple." (Jonah 2:8)

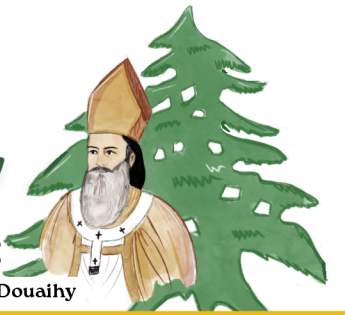


So the Lord made the whale spit Jonah out onto dry land. Jonah then went off to Ninevah in order to do what the Lord commanded him to do.

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Answers: Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

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On this day creation sings giving praise with hymns of joy, for the Son of God arose from the darkness of the tomb and reigns in his majesty upon his throne.





Gospel Corner

Mark
16:1-8

Christ is risen!

Today we celebrate the feast of the Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. You may be more familiar with another term for today's celebration: Easter.

This time of year, everywhere we look there are bunnies, chicks, egg hunts, Easter baskets, special foods and candies. You may even have a special outfit that you are wearing to Divine Liturgy today.



These are all special and fun things to do, but if we aren't careful, they can distract us from recognizing that today is the most important holiday of the entire year!

Do you know what exactly we are celebrating today? It's not the Easter bunny, or spring, or baby chicks, or new outfits - even though these things aren't bad things. They just aren't the most amazing and eternally significant event that has ever taken place!



Today we celebrate the fact that Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we can have an eternal home with Him in heaven. Today, on the feast of the Glorious Resurrection, we celebrate His *resurrection*.

So while you are enjoying your candy and special festivities today, remember that all of these gifts are in celebration of Jesus' eternal gift to us: His death, resurrection, and our hope of eternal life!



Did you know?

On the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus, and throughout the Season of the Resurrection, it is customary to greet one another with the following:



Christ is Risen!
He is Truly Risen!

In Arabic:
*el masseeh qam
haqan qam*

In Syriac:
*msheeho qom
shareeryoyeet qom*



What you can do

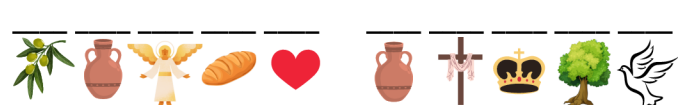
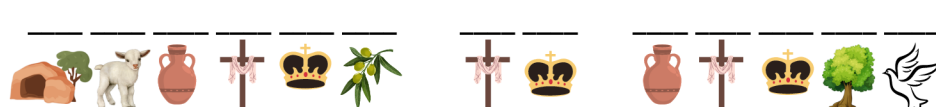
Greet at least one person today with the phrase "Christ is Risen!" (Or the Arabic or Syriac versions of this phrase)

Look up and read the story of the Resurrection in the Bible.

Thank Jesus for the gift of eternal life.

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