

THE HEALING OF THE TEN LEPERS



Jesus's reputation spread all over Israel and the neighboring regions. Many people had heard about the miracles and healings He performed, and so, they wanted to see Him. One day, Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem with His disciples; in one of the villages along the way, they came across ten lepers who had to keep away from other folks because of their state. These lepers had also heard about Jesus' healings, so when they heard that Jesus was to pass by them, they were overjoyed and started screaming from a distance, begging that Jesus would heal them.

Jesus heard the lepers' plea and told them to go to their priests and show them their bodies, for Jesus knew that they would be healed on their way. And that is exactly what happened. Halfway through their trip, the lepers noticed that the wounds on their bodies were healed and they were completely cured. They rejoiced but went on their way without expressing any gratitude. However, one of them, who was a foreigner, returned to Jesus, knelt down and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for having cured him by His miracle. Jesus was very pleased. He looked at the man and said: **“Get up and go, for your faith has redeemed you.”**

From among the ten lepers, that leper was the only one who appreciated the help he received from Jesus Christ. He came to glorify God and to thank Him.

We, too, often forget that all our blessings are God's gifts to us. Consequently, we should never forget to always thank God and pray to Him to protect our parents and grant a happy and peaceful life to all mankind.

QUESTIONS AND PROPOSALS

- 1) Who did Jesus meet on the way to Jerusalem?
- 2) What did the lepers plead for?
- 3) How was the lepers' healing accomplished?
- 4) How many of the lepers returned to thank Jesus?
- 5) How do you explain the following words of Jesus: *"your faith redeemed you."*
- 6) Do we receive blessings from God?
- 7) How often do you pray to God and thank Him?

LEARN BY HEART

O Holy Trinity,
Give peace to the world,
Healing to the sick and
Your heavenly Kingdom to the deceased.