## Intercession In The Orthodox Church

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### The Meaning

- Intercession is a prayer on our behalf it is a supplicatory intercession
- There is an intercession that can only be provided by jesus christ through his sacrifice on the cross

### Supplicatory Intercession Meaning

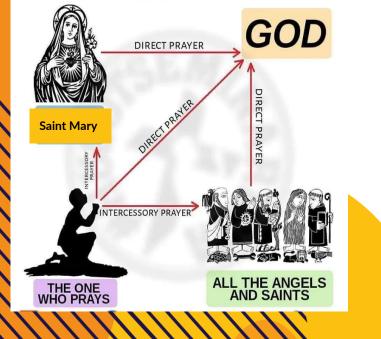
- Supplicatory means they pray with you and not for you
- Intercession does <u>Not</u> replace normal prayer

### Necessity

- The Bible ask us to use intercession of saint and pray for each other
- Saints have been through similar suffering and know our need



#### THE PROCESS OF INTERCESSION

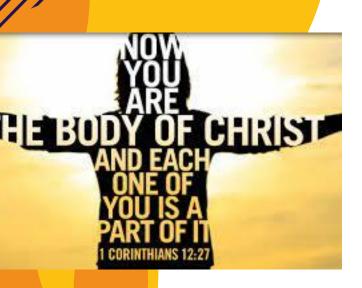


#### Influence

- We lost our influence because of Adam and Eve's sins and our own
- Saints are significantly closer to god than we are and have more influence.
- That is why Intercession is important because without it we have no influence

#### **Benefits**

- You will always have someone praying for you.
- Saints have been through similar situations. So you may find a solution for your problems through their stories
- Saints are our role models





- We participate in humility deeming our selves needy for the prayers of those saints who have pleased God
- Intercession makes us enjoy the unity as 1 body with christ



### Intercession of poor

- Donating and helping the poor is a great deed and a great intercession for us with the Lord Our Saviour.
  - "Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; you will sustain him on his sickbed." (Psalm 41:1-3).

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# Intercession of saints and christ

- Intercession of a saint involves asking r saint to intercede or pray for us to God on our behalf.
- prayer directly to Christ involves addressing Him directly as the Son of God and asking for His help, guidance, and forgiveness.

### **Intercession of people**

- The Intercession of people help in a different ways. In health issues, job, problems
- Intercession can be an important way to help others because it is a way of showing care and helping each others in prayers

PRAYER

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and it is effective.

JAMES 5:16

### **Examples of Intercession in EFFECTIVE** the Old Testament

During the time of Solomon the King(the son of David), when Solomon sinned against the Lord, God wanted to divide the kingdom, but he said not during Solomon's time "for the sake" of David my slave because God had a relation with David and he said, "I found his heart according to my heart."

### Examples of Intercession in the New testament

The intercession of the Virgin Mary at the wedding of Cana of Galilee where the lord performed his first miracles through the intercession of the Virgin Mary when he transformed the water into wine and sadness into happiness. It so happened that the people at the wedding asked from the Virgin Mary to intercede on their behalf. (John 2:1-11





#### **Examples**

- Saint George
- In the city town called Silene in Libya where the dragon come out every year to eat people the government intercession to saint george that to kill the dragon and save her life.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

—James 5:16

## Thanks!

Questions??

Talk slowly Ask guestions, make it interactive Understand the audience's knowledge Eye contact Clarify what part of the slide you are on Body language Listen to others Let audience discuss the lesson Let servants add their opinion Support the low IQ of the audience