

THE LETTER

GALATIANS

— THAT SAVED THE CHURCH





Mondays

7:30-8:30 pm (CT)

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Gentiles

גוֹיִם (gō-YEEM)

“Peoples”

“Nations”

ἔθνη (ETH-nay)

“Ethnic groups”

First Rule of Tribalism

“We form tribes,
and we hate on other tribes”

¹ The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

Acts 11:1-3 (NIV 2011)

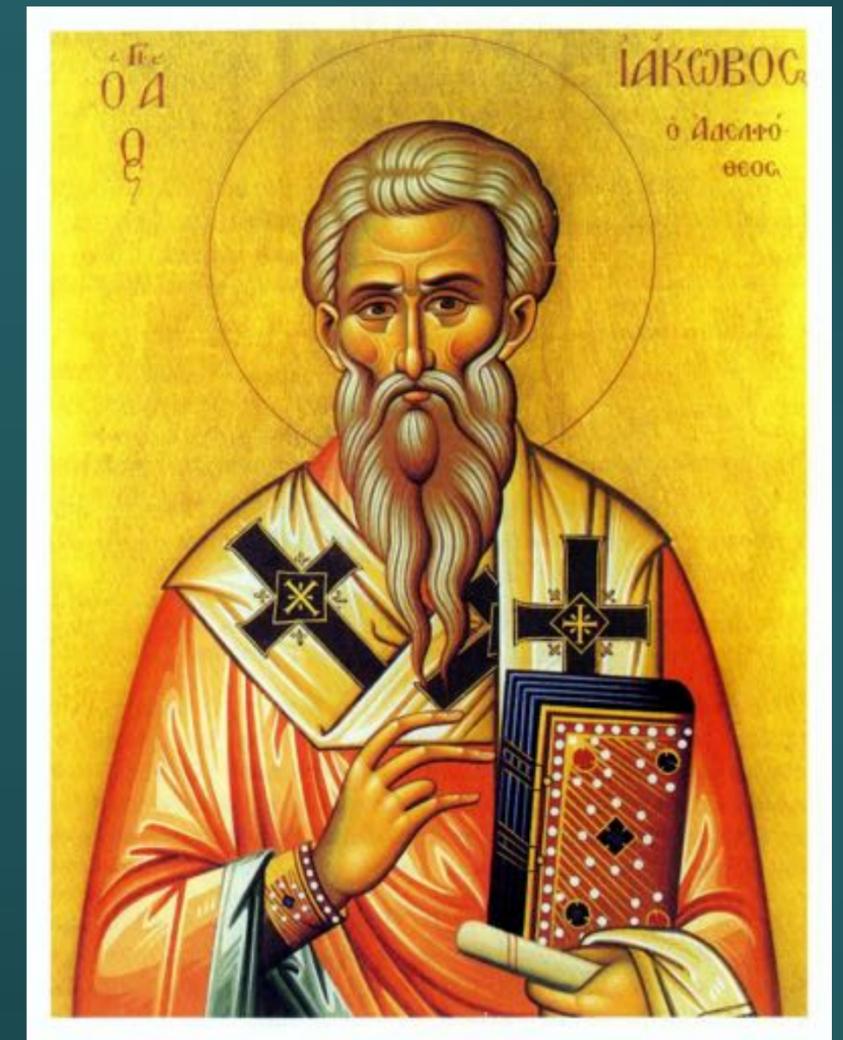
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you act like one of us”

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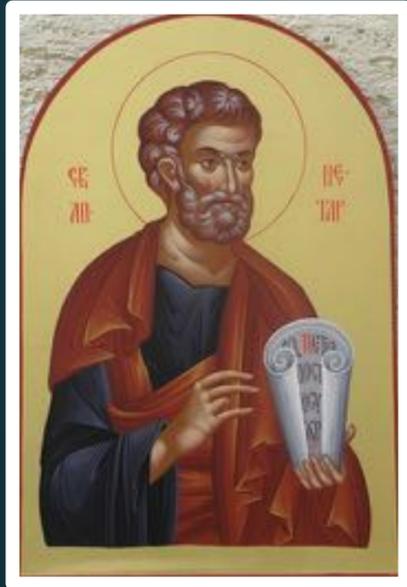
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2. For Gentiles to become children of Abraham, they need to adopt Jewish ethnic practices: circumcision, food laws, Sabbath-keeping

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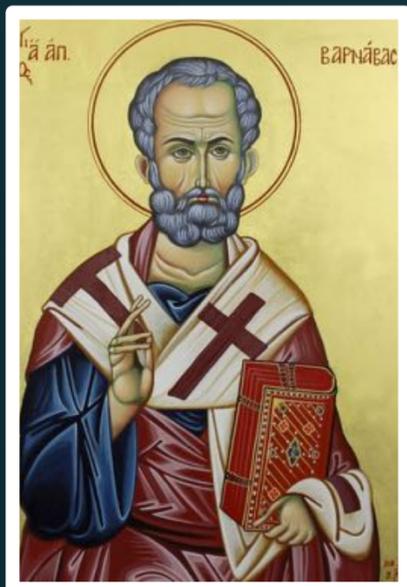


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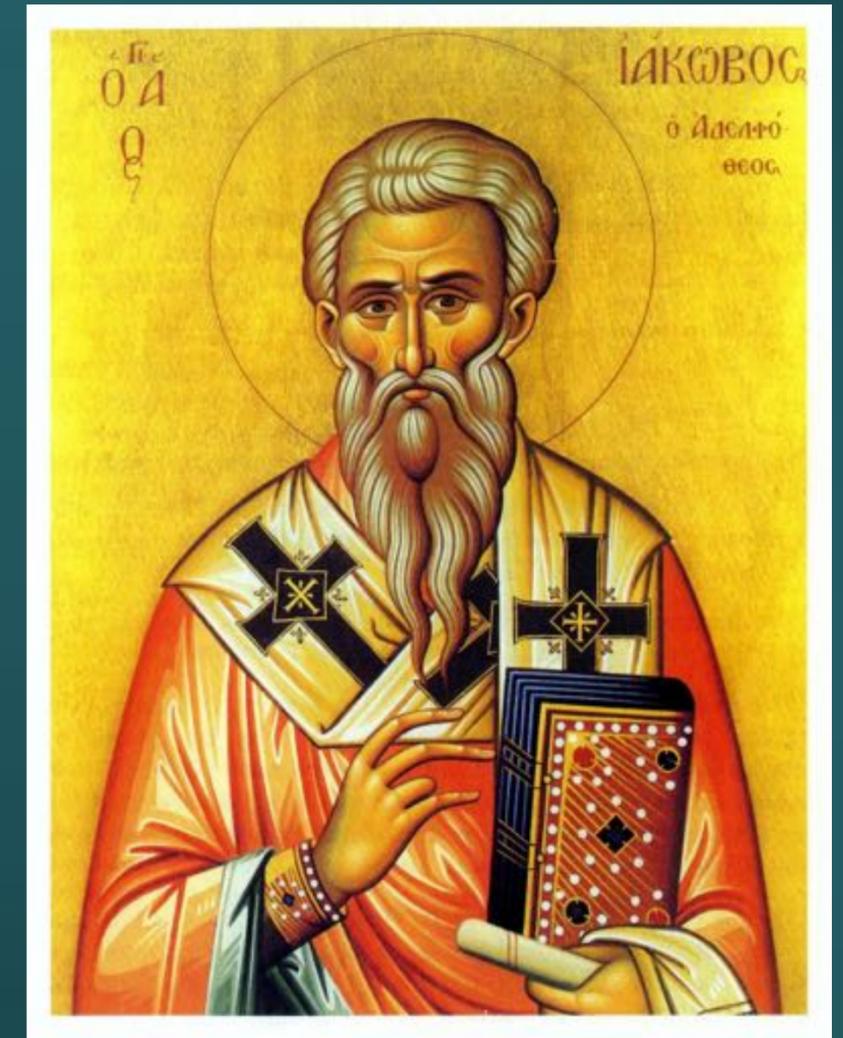


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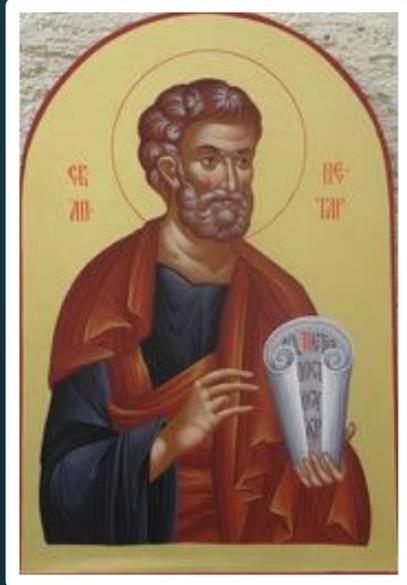
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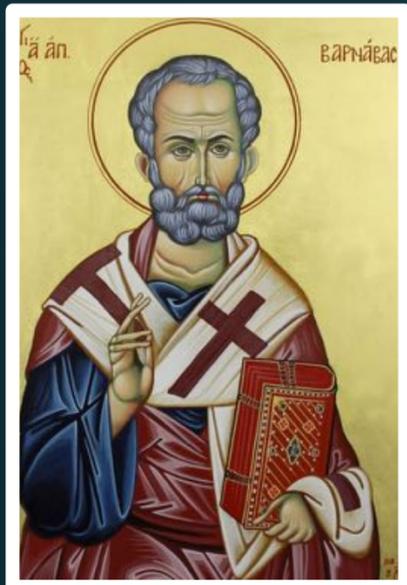


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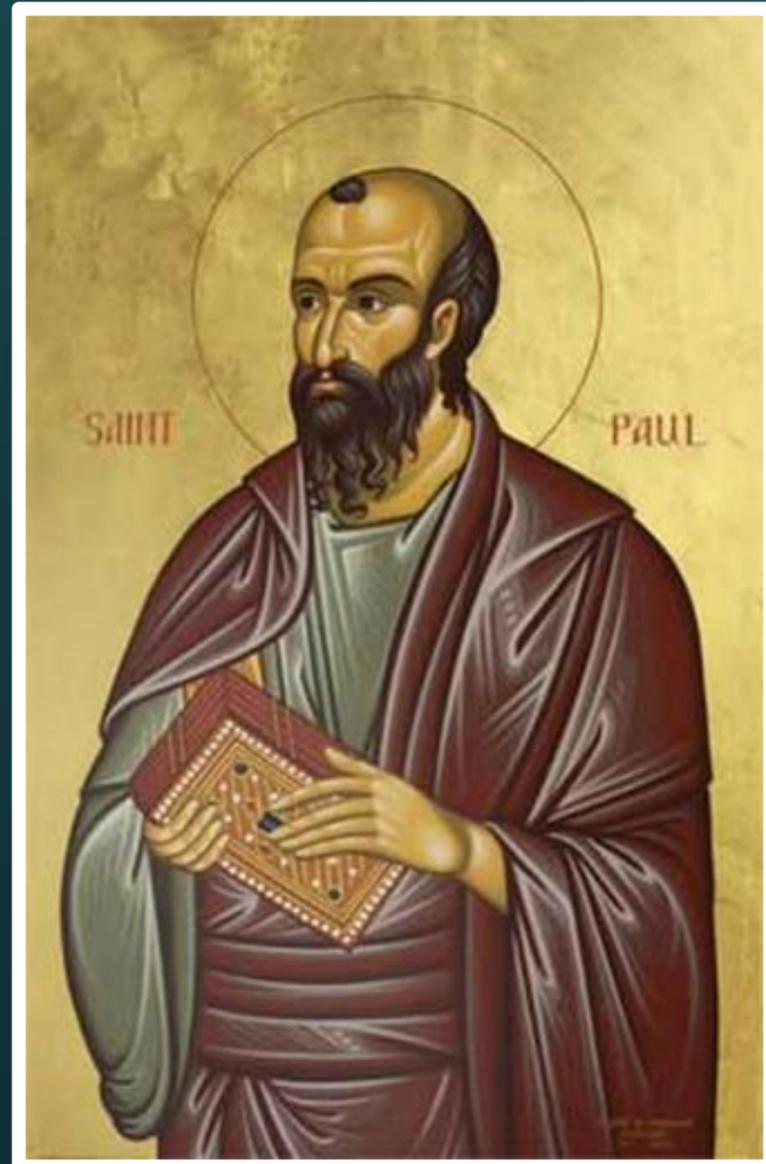
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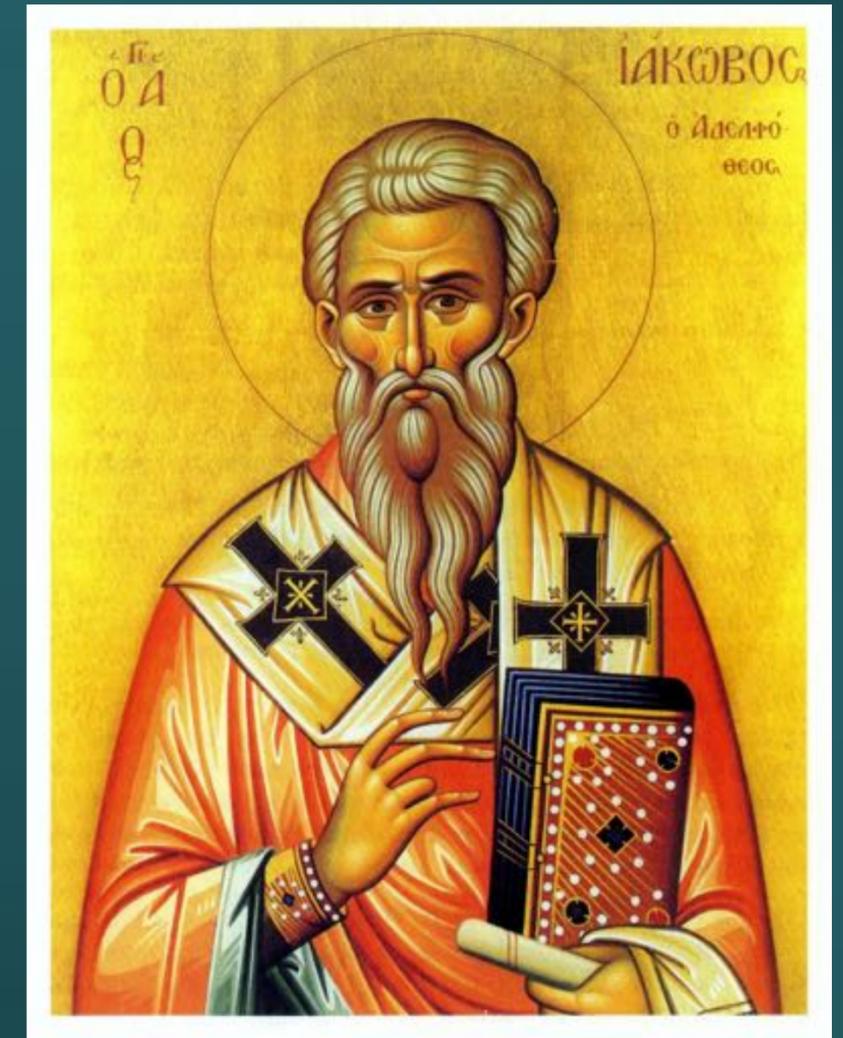


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Mediterranean
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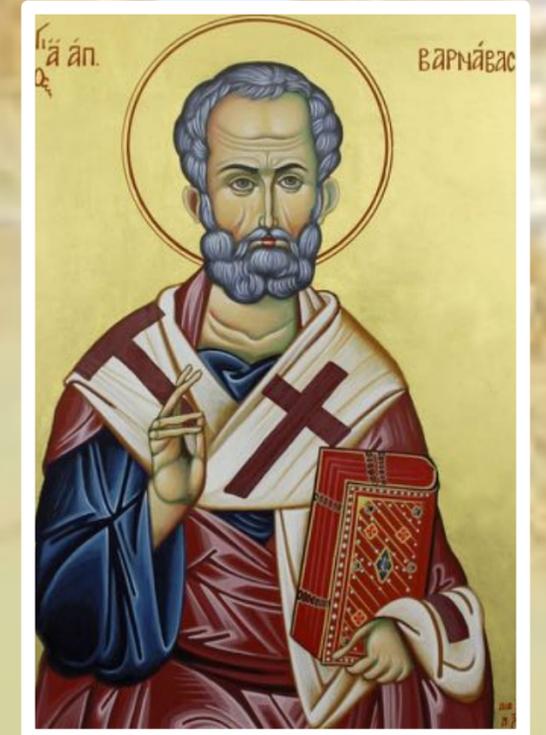
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Church



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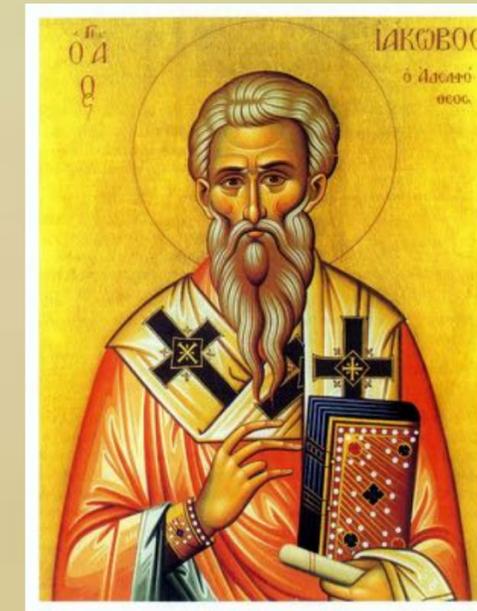


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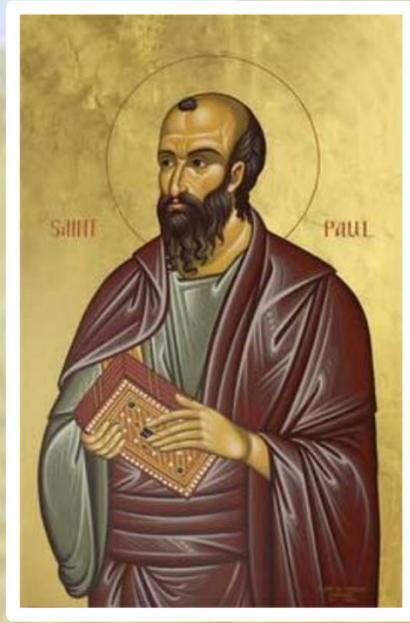
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Region of
Galatia

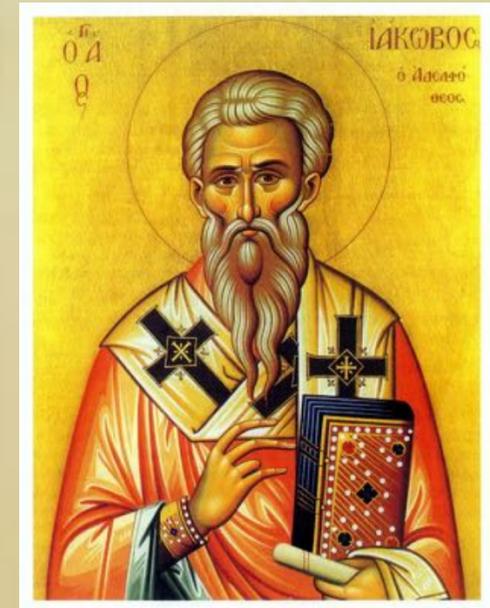


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¹ Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— ² and all the brothers and sisters with me, To the churches in Galatia:

Galatians 1:1-9 (NIV 2011)

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:1-9 (NIV 2011)

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

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ἀνάθεμα ἔστω (a-NA-thema E-stō)

If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, ἀνάθεμα ἔστω—May God damn those people!

Galatians 1:1-9b

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3. A Multicultural Kingdom

Resources & Tools

Within just twenty years of Jesus' resurrection, the fledgling church was fighting for its very existence. The greatest threat at this point did not come from widespread persecution; it came from within. And then a letter arrived, addressed from a man named Paul. It wasn't what everyone wanted to hear, but it saved the church. Join us to learn how this letter to the Galatians so long ago might be just what we need to hear today.

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