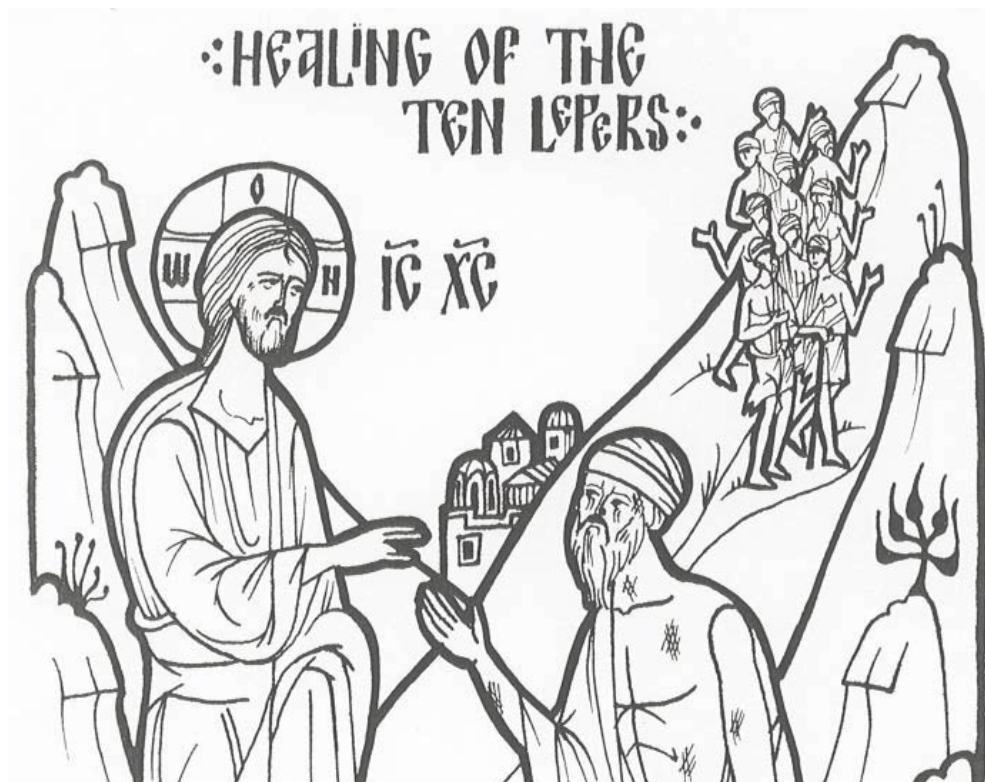


RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back praising God

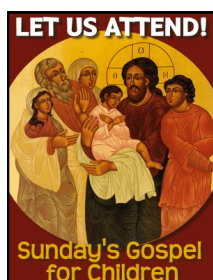
with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What is the first thing the Samaritan does after he realizes he is healed?
2. What does this suggest about what healing should cause us to do?
3. In the pre-communion prayer what do we ask God will be the result of taking communion?
4. According to this gospel what should this gift of healing cause us to do?
5. After we take communion what do we sing? What prayers do we offer? Do you think we are imitating the Samaritan? Why or why not?
6. What can you do this week to continue praising God and thanking Him for the gift of healing you receive in communion?



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