

Lesson 16

Blessed Xenia of Saint Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

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Saint Xenia, a venerated fool-for-Christ of Saint Petersburg, lived in the second part of the 18th century. Not much is known about her childhood and youth. Xenia was married to Andrei Petrov, a singer in the royal church choir of Empress Elizabeth.

Xenia loved her husband *dearly*. After he died suddenly, she grieved very much. She was only twenty six years old at the time. The blessed saint gave away her house, money and everything else she had to her friends, church and the poor. Xenia's relatives thought that she had lost her mind, and they took her to doctors. The doctors' conclusion was that she was completely sane.

Xenia became a fool-for-Christ, wandering in the streets of Saint Petersburg in her husband's uniform. She never had warm clothes. When people tried to give her money, the saint did not take it, saying, "I do not need anything." She only accepted a one kopeck coin (монета) – "the tsar on horseback," as she called it. The coin had an image of St. George. Xenia did not keep the money for herself but always gave it to the poor.

Soon people noticed unusual things about Xenia. Her words often had a hidden meaning, and she could see things before they happened. Xenia knew ahead of time about the death of the Empress. A day before Ivan VI was killed in prison, Xenia wept and repeated, "There is blood, rivers of blood." She told young girls when and whom they would marry; if Xenia came into a merchant's store, soon his business would go very well. It was a good sign when she went into somebody's house.

Blessed Xenia spent her nights in a field in prayer. She helped to build a church, secretly carrying bricks to the top of the construction site every night. For a long time, the workers could not understand who was helping them.

Saint Xenia lived as a fool-for-Christ for 45 years.

Blessed Xenia appeared to many people in visions and helped them. Her miracles continue to happen today.

Exercises

A. Найдите в тексте эквиваленты следующим словосочетаниям. (Ответы выделены.)

1. певчий в придворном церковном хоре

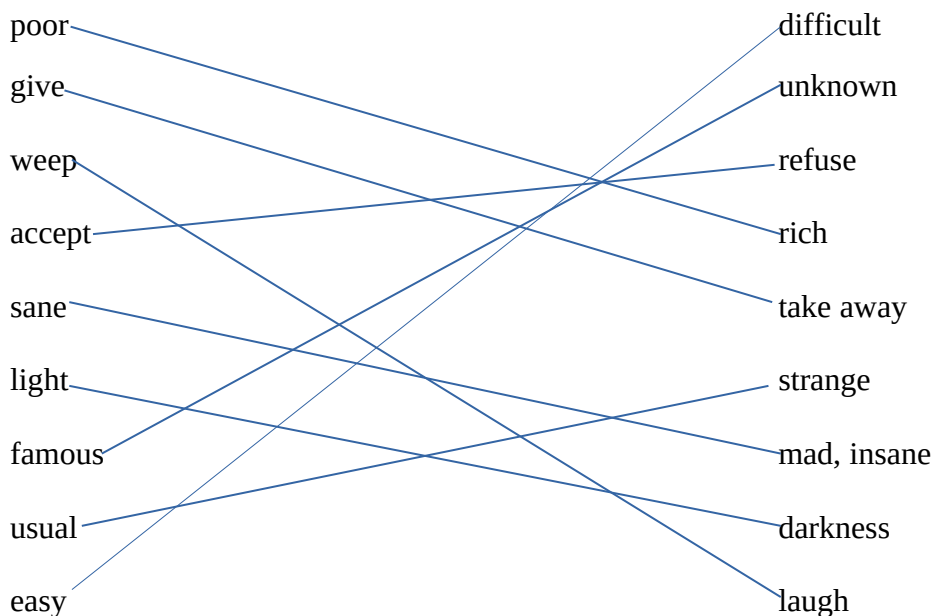
2. внезапно умер
3. много горевала
4. бродила по улицам
5. тёплая одежда
6. отдавала деньги нищим
7. заметили необычные явления
8. скрытое значение
9. проводила ночи в молитве
10. блаженная Ксения
11. чудеса продолжают происходить

В. Вставьте в предложения подходящие по смыслу слова из списка.

royal, sudden, secretly, insane, miracles, unusual, Blessed, hidden, prayer

1. Xenia's relatives thought that she was insane and took her to doctors.
2. Much of what she said had hidden meaning.
3. Andrei Petrov, Xenia's husband, was a singer in the royal church choir.
4. The death of Xenia's husband was sudden
5. Soon after Blessed Xenia became a fool-for-Christ, people noticed unusual things about her.
6. She spent her nights in prayer
7. Saint Fool-for-Christ Xenia helped with the construction of the church, but she did it secretly
8. The miracles of Saint Xenia continue to happen today.

С. Соедините слова левого столбика с их антонимами.





D. В каждом из квадратов найдите слово и выпишите его. Слова читаются по часовой стрелке. Запишите перевод.

Образец.

p	r	o
m	☼	c
i	a	l

proclaim

провозглашать

a	i	t
f↑	☼	h
l	u	f

faithful

верующий, верный

y	h→	u
t	☼	m
i	l	i

humility

смирение

u	l	☼
f	m	e
	→	
i	c	r

merciful

МИЛОСТИВЫЙ

r	a	b
e	v↓	l
n	e	e

venerable

преподобный



E. Проверьте друг друга, насколько хорошо вы запомнили слова из предыдущих уроков.

Образец. What is the Russian word for “feast”? The Russian word for “feast” is «праздник».

feast праздник

repentance покаяние

enlightener просветитель, просветительница

fast пост

divine небесный

baptize крестить

devotion посвящение себя, преданность crucifix нательный крест manifestation провозглашение

Theophany праздник Богоявления
perfection совершенство

beloved любимый
worthy достойный

follower последователь
heavens небеса

F. Word-Building

Переведите словосочетания.

head cover
головное покрытие,
головной убор

church school
церковная школа

family photos
семейные фотографии

eye doctor
глазной врач

mountain peak
горная вершина

flower garden
цветочный сад

picture gallery
картинная галерея

bus stop
автобусная
остановка

village girl
деревенская девочка

school project
школьный проект

summer heat
летняя жара

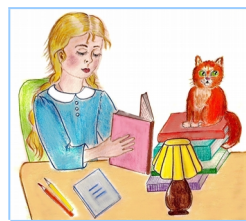
holiday dinner
праздничный обед



G. Прочитайте цитату из Евангелия от Матфея вслух, вслед за учителем.
Найдите её в Евангелии на русском языке.

...when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:3-4



Homework

A. Прочитайте текст. Предложения, выделенные курсивом, цитируются из Евангелия от Матфея (14:23-32). Найдите их в русском тексте Евангелия.

Jesus Walks on Water

One day, after Jesus finished preaching to the multitude, He went to a hill to pray alone. Jesus asked His disciples to wait for Him in a boat. Evening came. The night was windy, and the boat was carried to the middle of the sea.

In early hours of the morning, the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water towards them. *But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."* (Matthew 14:26-27)

Then Peter told Jesus that he also wanted to walk on the water. Jesus said to him, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." (14:29-30) Jesus stretched out His hand and helped Peter saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" (14:31) Peter safely got back into the boat, and the wind stopped.



All the other disciples who witnessed the miracle were amazed. And they said, "Truly you are the Son of God."

В. Вставьте пропущенные гласные и запишите перевод следующих слов. (Все слова встречаются в тексте домашнего задания.)

p r **a** y МОЛИТЬСЯ

p r **e** **a** c h i n g ПРОПОВЕДОВАТЬ

d i s c i p l e s УЧЕНИКИ

w i t n e s s СВИДЕТЕЛЬСТВОВАТЬ, БЫТЬ СВИДЕТЕЛЕМ

m i r a c l e ЧУДО

a m **a** z e d ИЗУМИТЬСЯ

С. Расставьте предложения по порядку.

2 Then He wanted to pray alone.

4 The wind took the boat to the middle of the sea.

6 When the disciples saw it, they became terrified.

3 The disciples were waiting for Jesus in a boat.

7 Jesus told them not to be afraid.

5 After He finished praying, Jesus walked towards the disciples on the water.

1 Once, Jesus preached to the multitude.

Д. Запишите прилагательные, от которых образованы наречия *immediately*, *safely* и *truly*.
Переведите их.

immediate немедленный

safe безопасный

true правдивый

Е. Выучите наизусть цитату из урока.



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