

### ***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.

Saint Petersburg ['seɪnt, pi:təs'bæ:g]    Empress ['emprəs]    St. George ['seɪnt 'dʒɔ:dʒ]

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### Словарь к тексту

**blessed**, *adj.* ['ble sɪd] блаженный, блаженная  
dearly, *adv.* ['diəli] очень сильно  
suddenly, *adv.* ['sʌdnli] внезапно  
**grieve**, *v.* [grɪ:v] горевать  
conclusion, *n.* [kən'klu:ʒən] заключение  
sane, *adj.* [seɪn] умственно нормальный, в здравом рассудке  
**hidden**, *adj.* [hɪdn] скрытый  
weep, *v.* (wept-weep) [wi:p] плакать

### Exercises

**A.** Найдите в тексте эквиваленты следующим словосочетаниям.

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

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

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C. Соедините слова левого столбика с их антонимами.

poor	difficult
give	unknown
weep	refuse
accept	rich
sane	take away
light	strange
famous	mad, insane
usual	darkness
easy	laugh



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

*Образец.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ провозглашать \_\_\_\_\_

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f	m	e
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r	a	b
e	v	l
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**Е.** Проверьте друг друга, насколько хорошо вы запомнили слова из предыдущих уроков.

*What is the Russian word for ..?*

feast	repentance	enlightener
fast	divine	baptize
devotion	crucifix	manifestation
Theophany	beloved	follower
perfection	worthy	heavens

### F. Word-Building

Одним из наиболее распространённых способов словообразования в английском языке является **конверсия**. С помощью конверсии новое слово образуется от уже существующей основы слова, принадлежащего к другой части речи, без добавления приставок и суффиксов. Таким образом от существительных часто образуются прилагательные и глаголы, от глаголов – существительные.

Сравните: *He plays chess.* (сущ.)                      *He won a prize in the chess competition.* (прилаг.)

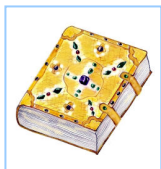
*This water is not hot enough for making tea.* (сущ.)    *I water flowers in my garden every day.* (глагол)

*We need help.* (глагол)                                      *The family lives in need.* (сущ.)

Переведите словосочетания.

head cover	church school	family photos	eye doctor
mountain peak	flower garden	picture gallery	bus stop
village girl	school project	summer heat	holiday dinner

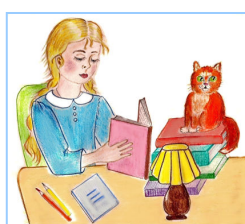
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- G. Прочитайте цитату из Евангелия от Матфея вслух, вслед за учителем. Найдите её в Евангелии на русском языке.

*...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.

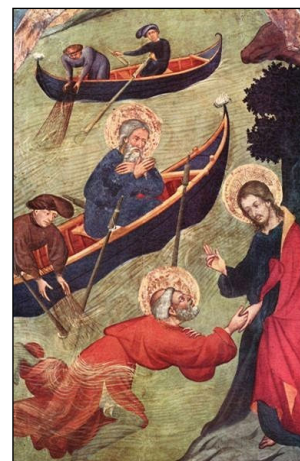
### Jesus Walks on Water

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."



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

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p r \_ \_ c h \_ \_ n g → \_\_\_\_\_

d \_ \_ s c \_ \_ p l \_ \_ s → \_\_\_\_\_

w \_ \_ t n \_ \_ s s → \_\_\_\_\_

m \_ \_ r \_ \_ c l \_ \_ → \_\_\_\_\_

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**C.** Расставьте предложения по порядку.

\_\_\_ Then He wanted to pray alone.

\_\_\_ The wind took the boat to the middle of the sea.

\_\_\_ When the disciples saw it, they became terrified.

\_\_\_ The disciples were waiting for Jesus in a boat.

\_\_\_ Jesus told them not to be afraid.

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

1 Once, Jesus preached to the multitude.

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

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**E.** Выучите наизусть цитату из урока.

