

# THE STORIES OF THE CHURCH FATHERS

FOR CHILDREN FROM 8 YEARS OLD



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**Allow me to introduce myself: I am Rita Khatchadorian, a proud Armenian writer who has embarked on a remarkable journey of creativity and faith. At the age of 21, I have already started to chart my path as an author, delving into the world of storytelling in 2020. Since then, I have had the opportunity to share my imagination through the pages of seven published books, each a work of love and life lessons.**

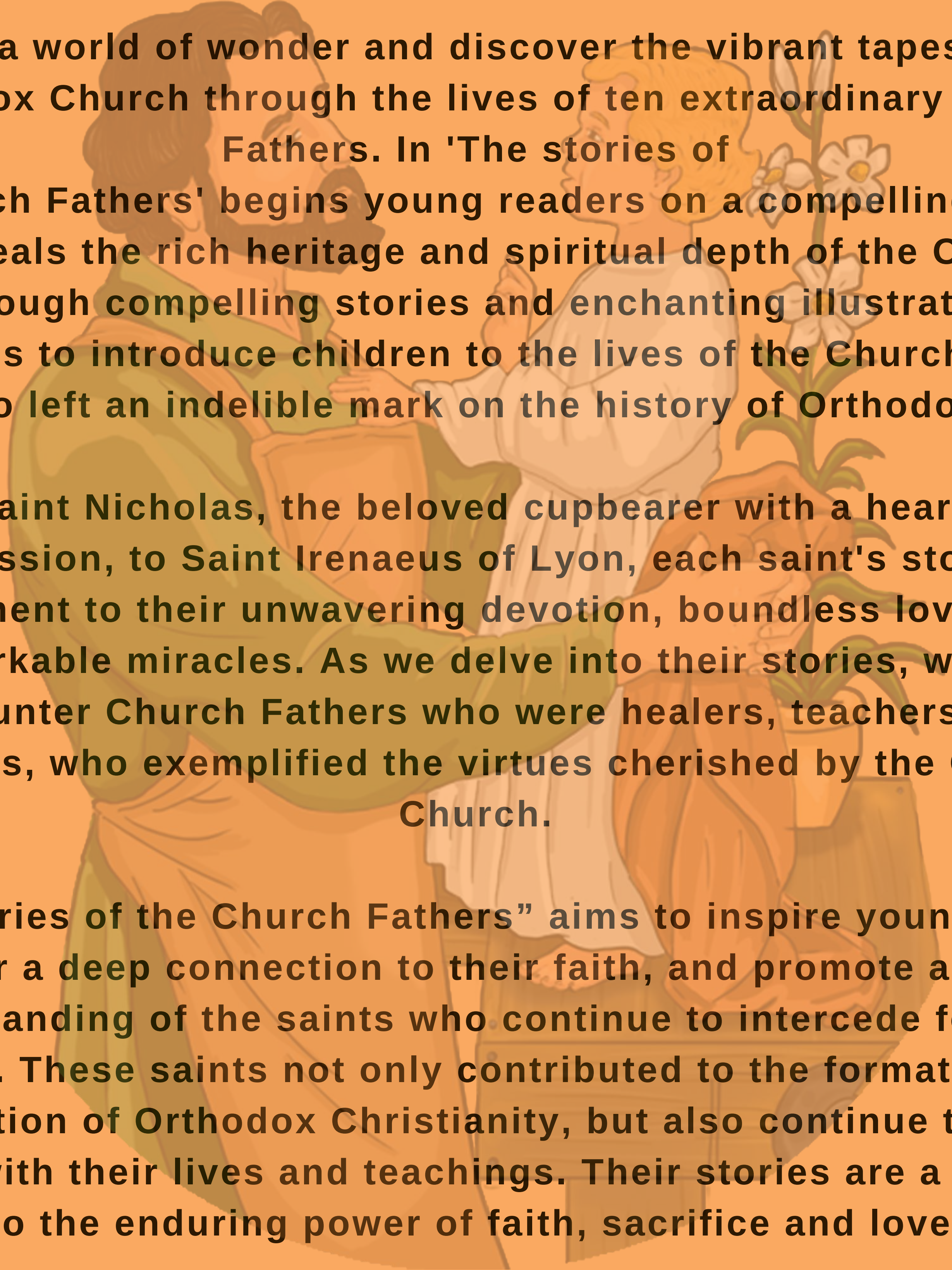
**As an Orthodox Armenian, my upbringing has played a significant role in shaping my dreams and ambitions. From an early age, I was immersed in the rich tapestry of our faith, fascinated by the stories of the saints who embodied devotion and performed miraculous miracles. These stories, rooted in the depths of my soul, have fueled a lifelong desire: to publish a book that would honor and celebrate the beloved saints who have left an indelible mark on my heart.**

**For me, Orthodoxy is more than just a label; it is an integral part of my identity and the guiding light that illuminates my path. Its teachings, rituals, and traditions have instilled in me a deep sense of purpose and comfort during life's trials. For me, writing is not only a vehicle for creative expression, but also a means of sharing the beauty and meaning of Orthodoxy with readers around the world.**

**In this particular endeavor, a book dear to me, I dedicate my words not only to my beloved son Emmanuel, but also to the steadfast support of my loving husband Alexander. They are my pillars of strength and inspire me to chase my dreams and embrace the power of storytelling. Together we are a family united by love, faith and a shared commitment to fostering each other's passions.**

**In the pages of this book, I invite you, dear readers, to embark on a heartbreaking journey. It is a journey that traverses the realms of faith and imagination, where the lives of saints intertwine with our own. Through my writing I try to breathe life into their stories and pay tribute to their unwavering dedication and the miracles they performed.**

**Together, let us honor the saints who have shaped our faith as we navigate the boundless depths of spirituality and find comfort in the enduring embrace of Orthodoxy.**



**Step into a world of wonder and discover the vibrant tapestry of the Orthodox Church through the lives of ten extraordinary Church Fathers. In 'The stories of the Church Fathers' begins young readers on a compelling journey that reveals the rich heritage and spiritual depth of the Orthodox faith. Through compelling stories and enchanting illustrations, this book aims to introduce children to the lives of the Church Fathers who left an indelible mark on the history of Orthodoxy.**

**From Saint Nicholas, the beloved cupbearer with a heart full of compassion, to Saint Irenaeus of Lyon, each saint's story is a testament to their unwavering devotion, boundless love, and remarkable miracles. As we delve into their stories, we will encounter Church Fathers who were healers, teachers, and protectors, who exemplified the virtues cherished by the Orthodox Church.**

**“The Stories of the Church Fathers” aims to inspire young hearts, foster a deep connection to their faith, and promote a deep understanding of the saints who continue to intercede for us in heaven. These saints not only contributed to the formation and preservation of Orthodox Christianity, but also continue to inspire millions with their lives and teachings. Their stories are a testament to the enduring power of faith, sacrifice and love.**

# ALL THE SAINTS IN THIS BOOK

● SAINT NICHOLAS

● SAINT BASIL

● SAINT POLYCARP

● SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

● SAINT IGNATIUS

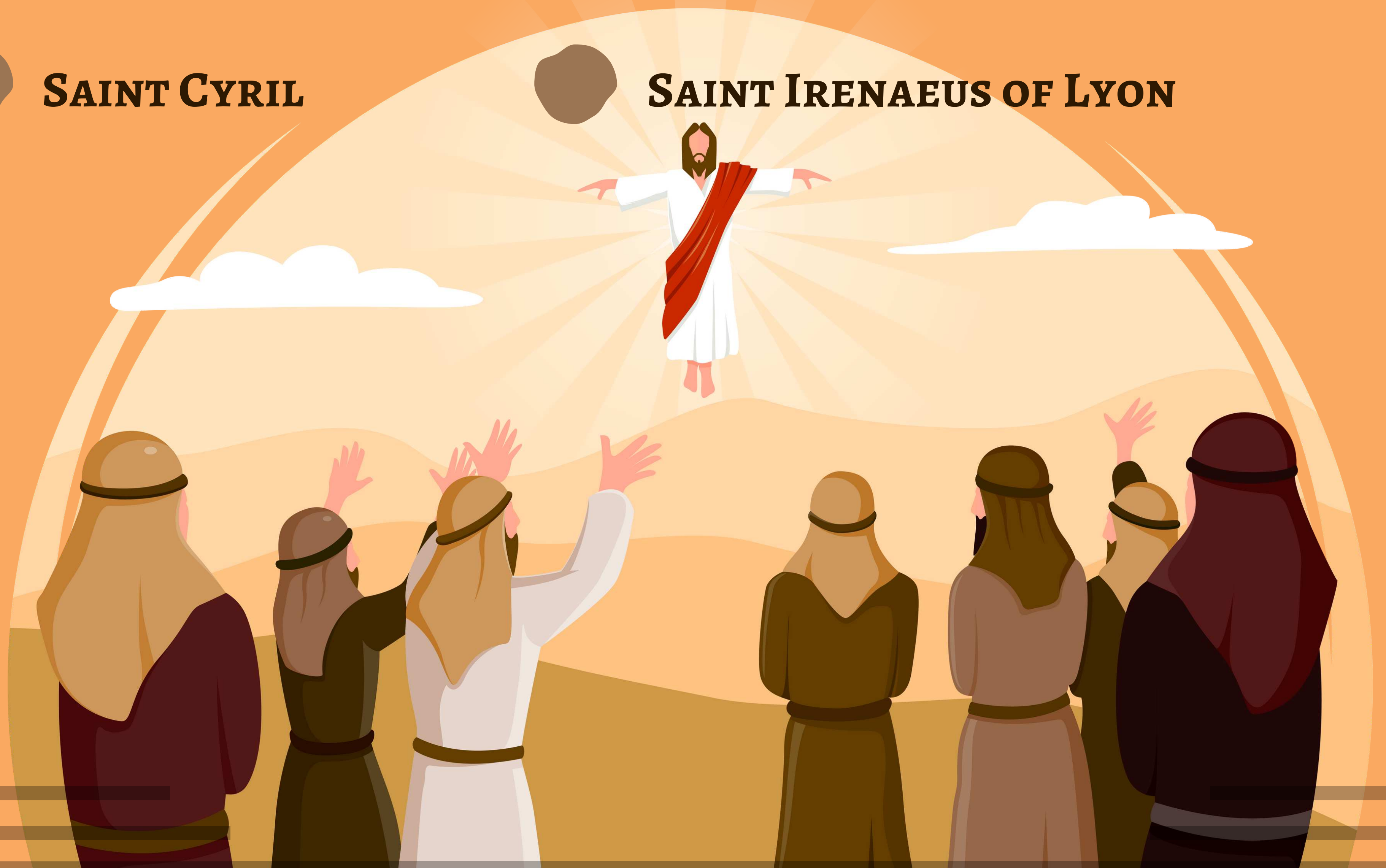
● SAINT ATHANASIUS OF ALEXANDRIA

● SAINT BARNABAS

● SAINT JEROME

● SAINT CYRIL

● SAINT IRENAEUS OF LYON





# *Our father*

**OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,  
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,  
YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN,  
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD,  
AND FORGIVE US OUR GUILT  
AS WE ALSO FORGIVE OTHERS THEIR TRESPASSES,  
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,  
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM  
AND THE POWER  
AND THE GLORY  
IN ETERNITY.  
AMEN.**





SAINT

NICHO  
LA  
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OF MYRA



**ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A  
LAND FAR AWAY, THERE  
LIVED A KIND-HEARTED  
MAN NAMED NICHOLAS.  
HE WAS ONE OF  
HISTORY'S MOST  
BELOVED SAINTS,  
KNOWN AS SAINT  
NICHOLAS. HIS STORY  
IS FILLED WITH LOVE,  
GENEROSITY AND THE  
SPIRIT OF GIVING.**

