

## Week 7: Icons in Our Narthex - King David

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Who is King David?

- He defeated Goliath (1 Kingdoms 17)
- He wrote most of the Psalms (Read intro in Orthodox Study Bible)
- What is a psalm? It is a song or poem
- He captured Jerusalem from the Jebusites and from then on Jerusalem was also known as the City of David. (See map & 2 Kingdoms 5:6-17)
- His son is King Solomon who built the first Jewish Temple

About Our Icon in the Narthex:

- What is the Ark of the Covenant? It is a gold covered wooden chest which contained the Ten Commandments. (Described in Exodus)
- Why is there an icon of the Theotokos on the Ark of the Covenant in our icon? She is a new Ark of the Covenant because she contained the uncontainable God.
- Pass out the icon of King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem to each student, then read aloud: 2 Kingdoms 6: 1-15
- Where is King David in our icon? Where is the Ark of the Covenant? What is inside of it? What is happening in the icon?

Youth Sunday Activity:

- Pick construction paper
- Write title: "Learning About the Icons in Our Narthex"
- Glue on icon and map & answer the following questions
- What is happening in this icon? (Summary of 2 Kingdoms 6: 1-15)
- Where can we read about this story in the Bible? (2 Kingdoms 6: 1-15)
- Who does the Ark of the Covenant point to? The Theotokos
- Why? Because, just like the Ark, she contained the uncontainable God.



King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem

(This icon is in the narthex of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO)