

### Confidence from Brave Hermits

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### Confidence from the Saints of the Whole Church

Over the last five years I have been studying the [saints of our daily lectionary](#), (most very well written by [James Kiefer](#)) and this last year I have included the [Orthodox Saints](#). For saint location examples: [here are some of those locations around the World](#) created using Wikipedia and Google Earth (with Metadata). Since from its beginning the Episcopal Church has had the purpose of uniting the Whole Church, their list of saints includes saints from the Whole Church. And from this Episcopal list we can see historical strains uniting the Church for both good and evil. In other words: uniting it for both the evil one world government and for good. I believe God will eventually unite it for good with that scriptural republican form of government where each household ruler gets to chose his (his/her) ruler of ten, the one where we do not even need to know our number. I believe the history of our saints will key the confidence we will need to unite, if we do. If we knew exactly what is going to happen life would be boring (no mystery and no miraculous).

### History is for Confidence

The history of Christian saints will bring us together for good. My experience is that history is for confidence. Through the Prophets, we have historical confidence in the business of God, His People, His Son Jesus and His Church. We have confidence from the lives of other people, and we have confidence or faith from our own story. Besides our historical confidence, we must know who we are (our present character or the role we play in his (Christ's) story). The Law still gives us the business rules or ethics for our present character, but we do not live the Law. Instead of living the Law we are now learning from, planning with and are motivated by the Holy Spirit. So, our faith is a balanced threefold of our confidence, our motivation by the Holy Spirit, and the ethical role we play in his story. In other words, our faith is who we are: our character, confidence and motivation, and we find our faith in the faith of others. Through them, we see that to do a calling or any business we have to make and keep commitments, and therefore faith will always balance these present, past, and future measurements.

### Know them by their Saints

I believe the quickest way to be brought together is to study the other sides' saints. Even though I have been studying Church History very seriously since 1985, this year 2012 has been a breakthrough. You see, the stories from the Orthodox side include the miraculous, stories of saints from both East and West. One of the saints for today (June 12) is a good example. The [Venerable Saint Peter of Mt. Athos](#) was venerated by a Roman Pope as he stood before that Pope as one of the thousands who daily wait for the Pope's appearance. The night before, that Pope had been inspired by a dream that he was to venerate (declare a saint) a man in the next day's crowd who came all the way from Syria. The Pope did what he was told to do. The man became a saint and set off to go live by himself in a cave somewhere. But that is not the end or the beginning of the story. I hope this story will help some people understand why many Christians: pray to and through dead saints, believe in miracles, respect the relics (bones) of dead saints for their healing properties, respect Popes and their apostolic authority, see miracles happening way into the seventh century and beyond, understand [the history of Mt. Athos](#) and its connection to Saint Mary (the mother of God), see the miraculous deliverance and transportation from iron shackles deep in a prison in Iraq across Syrian deserts to Greece and then to Rome, back to that cave Greece, and then to establish the important monastery. His story would be easy to dismiss by westerners if it had not included those historical episodes: with the Pope and the healing of the ship owner's whole family.

### Summary: Confidence from Brave Hermits

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