

The Good Shepherd

February 12, 2023

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

<u>Saints of the Day</u>: Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch; Antonius, Archbishop Of Constantinople

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Sun., Feb 12
Orthros 8:45am
Divine Liturgy 10am

Mon., Feb 13
Board of Directors 7pm

Basketball 3/4 Coed 6pm HS Boys 7:30pm

Tues., Feb 14
Library Memory Project
Photo ID by Zoom 7pm

Basketball HS Boys 7pm Wed., Feb 15
Bible Study in Library

11am

Learn to Chant in Library 7pm

Thurs., Feb 16
Basketball
5/6 Boys 6pm

7/8 & HS Boys 7:30pm

Sat., Feb 18 Saturday of Souls Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy with Memorials 9:30am

Greek Preschool 9am

Apokreatiko Dance 7pm

Sun., Feb 19 Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy 10am

Mon., Feb 20 Office Closed for President's Day

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Hymn in the Second Tone

Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς θεότητος' ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον' Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ώς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the ThirdTone

Τῆς πατρώας, δόξης σου, ἀποσκιρτήσας ἀφρόνως, ἐν κακοῖς ἐσκόρπισα, ὅν μοι παρέδωκας πλοῦτον' ὅθεν σοι τὴν τοῦ Ἀσώτου, φωνὴν κραυγάζω' Ἡμαρτον ἐνώπιόν σου Πάτερ οἰκτίρμον, δέξαι με μετανοοῦντα, καὶ ποίησόν με, ὡς ἕνα τῶν μισθίων σου.

I revolted senselessly * out of Your fatherly glory; * I have squandered sinfully * all of the riches You gave me.* Hence to You, using the Prodigal's words, I cry out,* I have sinned before You, merciful loving Father.* O receive me in repentance, * I pray, and treat me * as one of Your hired hands.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Κορινθιους α 6:12-20

Αδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὰ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπό τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλία, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνεία, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἤγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστιν; Ἄρας οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη εν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἐσονται γάρ, φησίν, οὶ δύο είς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ εν πνεῦμά ἐστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὁ ἐὰν ποιήση ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων είς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματός ἐστιν, οῦ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf! And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

Λουκαν 15:11-32

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην ἀνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υὶούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αύτῶν τῷ πατρί πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς ούσίας. καὶ διεῖλεν αύτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ΄ ού πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγών ἄπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υὶὸς ἀπεδήμησεν είς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν ούσίαν αύτοῦ ζῶν άσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αύτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αύτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἑνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας έκείνης, καὶ ἔπεμψεν αύτὸν είς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αύτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσαι τὴν κοιλίαν αύτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οὶ χοῖροι, καὶ ούδεὶς ἐδίδου αύτῷ. είς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρός μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῶ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αύτῷ. πάτερ, ήμαρτον είς τὸν ούρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. ούκέτι είμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υὶός σου ποίησόν με ως ένα των μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αύτοῦ. ἔτι δὲ αύτοῦ μακραν απέγοντος είδεν αύτον ο πατήρ αύτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ δραμών ἐπέπεσεν έπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αύτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αύτόν. εἶπε δὲ αύτῷ ὁ υὶός πάτερ, ήμαρτον είς τὸν ούρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ ούκέτι είμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υὶός σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αύτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αύτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον είς τὴν χεῖρα αύτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα είς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εύφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὖτος ὁ υὶός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὼς ἦν καὶ εὑρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εύφραίνεσθαι. Ἡν δὲ ὁ υὶὸς αύτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἤγγισε τῆ οίκία, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἕνα τῶν παίδων ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἵη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ότι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἥκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατήρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αύτὸν ἀπέλαβεν. ὡργίσθη δὲ καὶ ούκ ἤθελεν είσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αύτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αύτόν, ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ ούδέποτε έντολήν σου παρῆλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ ούδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εύφρανθω. ότε δὲ ὁ υὶός σου οὖτος, ὁ καταφαγών σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ήλθεν, ἔθυσας αύτῶ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αύτῷ τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ΄ έμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ έμὰ σά ἐστιν· εύφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὖτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλώς ἦν καὶ εὑρέθη.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2023

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week **FEBRUARY 5th**



Publican and the Pharisee 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Epistle: Luke 18:10-14 Gospel:

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week **FEBRUARY 12th**



The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32 Gospel:

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare



The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Himl Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Pray facing East this week.

Cheesefare



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Romans 13:11-14:4 Epistle: Matthew 6:14-21 Gospel:

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 5th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Epistle:

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 12th



John 1:43-51 Gospel: ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 19th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA!

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 26th



ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the crossl

5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 2nd



ST MARY of EGYPT Hebrews 9:11-14 Epistle: Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

BRIGHT WEEK

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!

APRIL 9th **GREAT WEEK BEGINS**

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel:

John 12:1-18

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home

and in your carl

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY



JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!

APRIL 16th NO FASTING!



HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

650 Hanover Street Manchester, New Hampshire

Invites you to

An Apokreatiko Celebration

Saturday, February 18, 2023 7pm – 11:00pm

In the church hall



DJ: The Salonica Boys Greek and American Dancing

Variety of Hors D'oeuvres

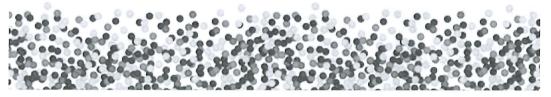
Cash Bar

Donation: \$20.00 per person Children 12 and under Free!



For further Information:

Toula Barber at (603) 668-6839 or the Cathedral office at (603) 622-9113

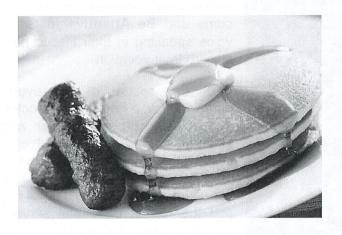


AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Present

A Pancake Breakfast

At St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral 650 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH February 19, 2023

Immediately following Divine Liturgy approximately 11:30am



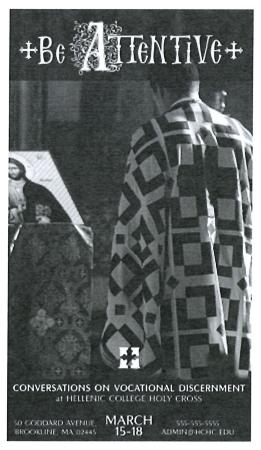
\$10 per person Kids under 12 free

Includes:

Pancakes Sausage Beverage

Call 603-622-9113 or email beth@stgeorgenh.org for more information

Hellenic College Holy Cross



The direction to "be attentive" is repeated throughout the Divine Liturgy. With it, we are called to direct our attention to God speaking to us through the sacred scriptures or offering Himself to us in the mystery of the Eucharist.

We invite men of any Orthodox Christian jurisdiction who may be considering ordained ministry to come and **Be Attentive** to God's voice speaking in their life, to help discern their vocation.

Over the course of the event. participants will engage in directed discussions with each other and eminent clergy to deeply investigate what the Church believes about Holy Orders, what her clergy are truly called to do. and the results of faithful servant ministry in the parishes, the Church at large, and the whole world.

In the interest of keeping these discussions as fruitful as possible, space is limited. Please scan the qr code below the official site with all information

Retreat Information

- Attendees will receive a grant to cover 50% of their travel expenses.
- Room and board are provided for the duration of the retreat.
- Application deadline is March 1, 2023.

Application Requirements

- Resume or CV
- · Letter of Recommendation from your Parish Priest
- 500-word essay answering the question: Why would you like to attend this retreat?



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WINDOWS REPLACED</u> - The broken and cracked round windows on the high cathedral walls have been replaced. We have cleaned up the broken glass that was inside on and under the pews. Parents with young children please keep an eye out.

<u>ST. GEORGE MEMORY SPEAKER SERIES</u> – Thank you to George Trapotsis for presenting our first of the St. George Memory Speaker Series, "History of the Early Greeks in Manchester."

<u>SATURDAYS OF THE SOULS</u> - Commemoration slips are available in the narrhex for the names of your deceased loved ones so they may be remembered at the services held on the Saturdays of the Souls.

<u>AN APOKREATIKO CELEBRATION</u> – Saturday, February 18, we gather for some fun before we start Great Lent. See the enclosed flyer for details.

<u>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</u> - AHEPA & Daughters of Penelope present an opportunity to enjoy some fluffy pancakes and sizzling sausage on Sunday, February 19 following Divine Liturgy! See the enclosed flyer for details.

<u>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</u> - Our 2023 Stewardship Commitment Sunday will take place on Sunday, March 5. We ask that all Cathedral Family Members be with us on this special day, and we also ask that if you haven't sent in your 2023 Commitment Form that you bring it with you on this day. A special prayer will be offered to our Lord over our written commitments to Him and to His Cathedral of Saint George! We hope to see you on this day!!!

<u>UPCOMING MEMORIALS</u> - February 26, Henry Gancarz (1 year); March 5, Demetrious Dellas (40 days)

NEED A CALENDAR? Calendars are available in the information rack outside the church office. If you have not received your calendar or you would like another one, please help yourself.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR ALL!

ritten in the Gospel of Matthew 18:12, it states: "IF A MAN HAS 100 SHEEP AND ONE GOES ASTRAY, DOES HE NOT LEAVE THE 99 TO SEEK THE ONE THAT IS LOST?" Just as the icon on today's bulletin depicts, he is referring to our Lord as the GOOD SHEPHERD.

Artists often give the impression that the life of a shepherd is a peaceful and idyllic one. In reality, it was a grim struggle for survival that he experienced on a daily basis. In the rugged and rough hills of Judea, a shepherd had to be a companion, leader, defender and provider for his flock. Indeed, a flock's very existence depended upon their shepherd. To the shepherd, EVERY MEMBER OF HIS FLOCK was important. He would seek out the sheep who would stray from the rest, and he would give special attention to the weak and injured entrusted to his care.

It is no wonder, then, that Christ would proclaim: "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND AM KNOWN BY MY OWN." (John 10:14) Yes, our Saviour takes the role of a shepherd to the ultimate level. He protects His flock from their enemies. He feeds them with His own Body and Blood. He knows His sheep from within, dwelling in their hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit. He loves His sheep – loves them so much that He would willingly give up His life for them.

Christ clearly points out the reward that awaits His chosen flock: "I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH." (John 10:28)

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

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The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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The Jealous Brother



Here comes the jealous brother!

You know the story of the Prodigal Son, don't you? The one son left home and left his father, and he wasted his money. The other one worked hard at home the whole time.

The wasteful son came back home one day. His father was so happy to see him that he threw a big party! His brother was so jealous. "Listen! For all these years I have been working for you," he said. He wondered why

his father had never given *him* a party. This brother was jealous of his younger brother!

Sometimes we might be jealous of others, too. Maybe a friend has better clothes, better toys, or even better grades. We might wish we had those things, too. Or we might wish our friend didn't have them at all.

God doesn't want us to be jealous. Our God is a loving God. He is like the father in the Prodigal Son story today. That father says to the jealous brother, "All that is mine is yours." God gives us so much. Best of all, He is ready to give each of us a place in heaven! Just like the father in the story today, He gives His love to *all* of His children. Let's try not to be jealous of other people. Let's try not to think of the things we *don't* have. Instead, let's try to think of the good things that our Lord does for us.

D Ε Ε Can you find these Κ words in the jum-K 0 D ble? Н Κ Ζ C E E S U Anthimos Ζ T Crete Humble C M Q M 0 Jealousy Α Monastery Η 0 Nameday K E Parable Prodigal Saint Q Α Triodion Ρ

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of Saint Anthimos. Since he lived not too long ago, we have photos of him, and people are still alive who knew him!

You can see a photo of Saint Anthimos on page 3.



HOW DO YOU BECOME & SAINT?

ST. ANTHIMOS OF CHIOS

Have you ever wondered how

somebody becomes a saint? Is there a checklist of things he or she has to do? Well no, not really. A saint is somebody who loves God and is close to Him. In our Church, we have lots of saints, and they all became saints for different reasons.

Who makes a saint? Well, God does! We might call somebody a saint, but only God makes him one.



On Wednesday, we celebrate the nameday of Saint Anthimos, a holy man who lived on the island of Chios, in Greece. He died in 1960, and the Orthodox Church declared him a saint. But the interesting thing is that lots of people called him a saint before that! People put his photograph right near their icons. Even after he died, people prayed to him to help them, just like we pray to our saints for help. The people knew Saint Anthimos was a saint long before it was "official."

Saint Anthimos was a simple man, a shoemaker. He became a monk and then a priest, and then he started a women's monastery in Chios. That monastery grew and grew because so many people wanted to be around this holy man. Saint Anthimos died around 60 years ago, but do you know something? People still want to be with this holy man who is now called a saint. And when we pray to saints like Saint Anthimos, we really are with them.

We celebrate the nameday of St. Anthimos on Wed., Feb. 15th (OC: Feb. 28th).

"All that is mine is yours."



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