

“All that is mine is yours.”

THE PRODIGAL SON:



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“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.

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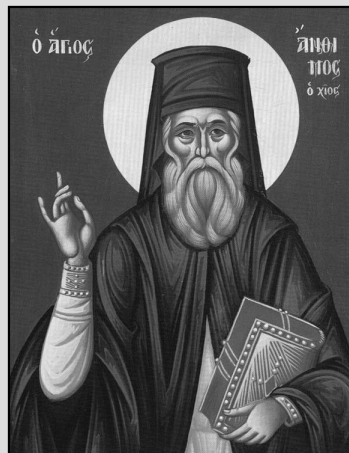
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Anthimos
- Crete
- Humble
- Jealousy
- Monastery
- Nameday
- Parable
- Prodigal
- Saint
- Triodion

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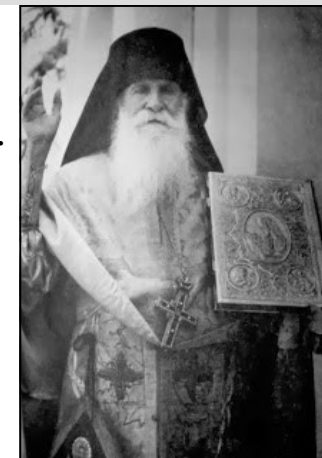
Here is an icon of Saint Anthimos. Since he lived not too long ago, we have photos of him, and people are still alive who knew him! You can see a photo of Saint Anthimos on page 3.



HOW DO YOU BECOME A 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).