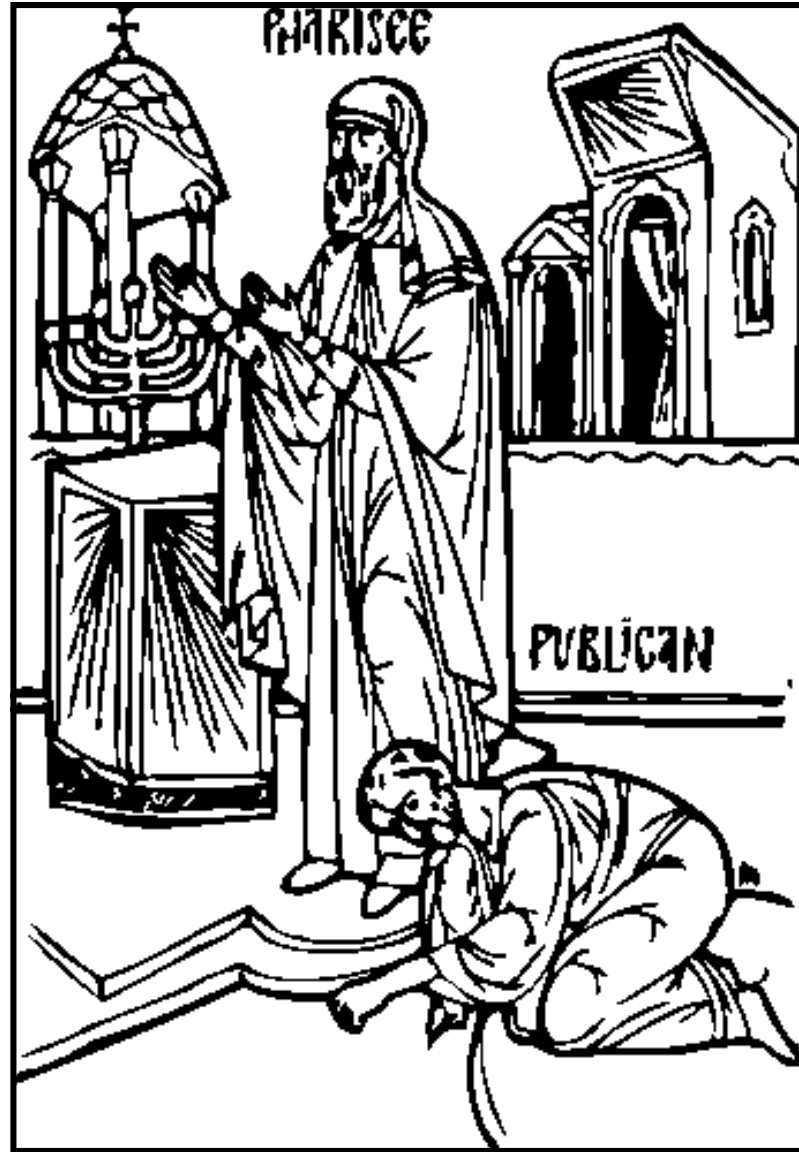


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“Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Mark 10:14

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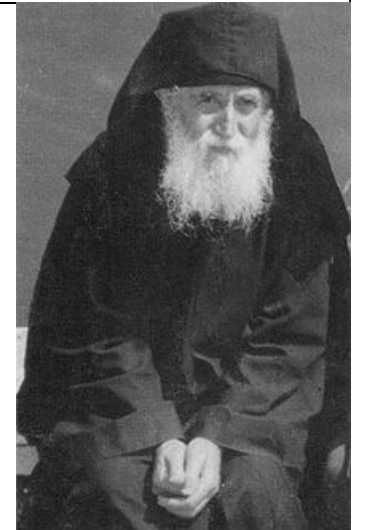
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What does God want from YOU?

Do you ever think about what you want from God? It's good to pray to God and ask Him for health, for strength, to help you be better at things. But did you ever wonder what God wants from YOU?

Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee—You know, the day we hear the Gospel reading about the two men who went into the temple to pray. One of them was proud and bragging. The other (the one we want to be like) “would not even lift up his eyes to heaven...” but he said “God be merciful to me, a sinner!”



The humble monk, St. Paisios

Not too long ago, a saintly and very humble man lived in Greece. His name was Elder Paisios (now he's a saint). Lots of people knew he was a holy man, so they would ask him for advice. They wanted to know how *they* could become holy, too! St. Paisios would always tell people how important it was to be humble—like the man in the Gospel today.

“The only thing Christ is asking us is our humility. The rest is taken care of by His grace.” We don't want to show off and try to make ourselves look great. We want to put others first. We want to be humble. That's it! If we can be humble, God will take care of everything else. What God wants from YOU is that you are humble. God will help us with everything else!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- ANNA
- HUMILITY
- NOVGOROD
- PHARISEE
- PRAYER
- PRINCESS
- PUBLICAN
- SAINT
- SHOW OFF

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What's in an icon?

Here is another icon of Saint Anna of Novgorod. Do you see what she is holding?

It's the same church you see on page 3—the one she helped build!



SAINT ANNA OF NOVGOROD

THE RIGHT KIND OF PRINCESS



Almost every little girl likes to talk about princesses—where they live, who they marry, what kind of fancy things they have. Tomorrow, we will remember a princess who used all of these things to show her love for God.

Saint Anna was born in Sweden, and her name was Ingegard at first. When she grew older, she married the Great Prince Yaroslav. He lived in Kiev (a city in Ukraine today) and he was a strong Christian, too. Anna and Yaroslav wanted the great city of Kiev to be a Christian city. They wanted the people to know about our one, true

God. They built a huge and beautiful church called Saint Sophia's Cathedral. It is right in the middle of the city, so people can't miss it. Soon, lots of people were being baptized as Christians, too.

Saint Anna was a great mother too. She had 10 children and she taught them to love God, just like she loved Him, too. Later on, Saint Anna lived in another important city—Novgorod (which is now in Russia). She helped build a great church there too, along with her son, Prince Vladimir.



We celebrate St. Anna tomorrow, Feb. 10 (Feb. 23, OC).