

Saint Anthony, pray for us!



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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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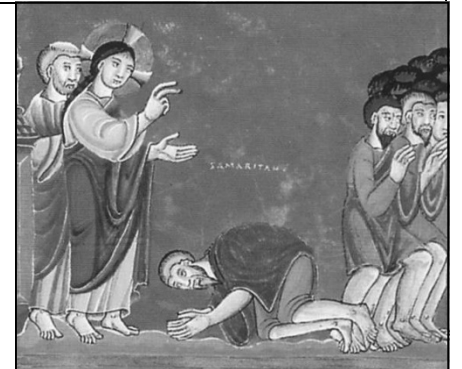
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Where are the nine?

This year, did you have a favorite Christmas gift? Did you have a present you still enjoy...but one you didn't ever say "thank you" for? Sometimes we get so excited about our presents that we forget to say "thank you"! We might go off playing with a toy, but forget to say "thanks."



Only one came back to thank Jesus!

Today, we hear about the story of the ten men who had an awful disease. They knew they would be stuck with this disease for the rest of their lives! They knew they would have to live in a special place just for sick people. They knew they could talk only to other sick people, for the rest of their lives.

But our Lord, Jesus Christ came to heal people! He came to help people and to save them. And that day, He came to heal those ten sick men. He did heal them, and now they could go live normal lives again. They received the best gift ever, but sadly, only one man came back to thank Jesus. Christ told him, "Were not ten healed? Where are the nine?"

Do you ever wonder where those other nine men went? Well, they probably went off to enjoy their lives! They probably were so excited with their new gift that they forgot to thank the Giver! Today, can you think of some things you enjoy from God? Can you remember to thank God for them?

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

ANTHONY
DESERT
DISEASE
FASTING
GREAT
HEALING
HUMBLE
LEPERS
PRAYER
THANK YOU

E T B P D F Z M H P G S U H S
R I W V N M A J J X N O E R B
O Z L V P A F S M G Y A E O N
A P T R E S E D T K L P C O F
A N T H O N Y E N I E S O S K
F V X Z E F X A N L N O T X Z
H Y N D R L H G S N I G Q B P
U G O I E T B G R E A T H G J
U G U S Y T Y M B U Y A F R O
S R Q E A S F L U V Y P L N Z
A P X A R I U K T H M T J L X
F A N S P X T Z B A K M Q K D
V H S E P K X B B T W H N D R
M J V H S U K F D A P I D I U
L Z Q R N L B D D Y Z J S S G

SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT “HUMBLE YOURSELVES”

Have you ever heard of somebody called “the Great”? Alexander the Great conquered huge lands, and he won battles left and right. Wayne Gretsky was called “the Great One.” He was a hockey player who could score goals better than anybody else. Catherine the Great was an empress who made Russia a very powerful country.



But what about a poor man living in the desert? A man who had no money or power? Why does our Orthodox Church call this man, “the Great”?

Saint Anthony once had lots of money, but he sold all of his things and gave his money to the poor. He went out of the city to live in the desert, in Egypt. He left so that he could be close to God, in prayer and by fasting. He remembered what the Bible tells us about being important. It says, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

Saint Anthony humbled himself. He tried not to be important and famous and powerful. He knew that God would make him important if He wanted to! We remember Saint Anthony as “the Great” because he is a *great* saint, and a *great* example to us!

We celebrate St. Anthony today, January 17th (OC: Jan 30th).

What's in an icon?

Here is another icon of Saint Anthony.

He is standing outside his home...a cave in the desert!

How would you like to live there?

