

Saint Philaret, pray for us!



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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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## Our assignment

**Have you ever worked on** something that you thought was really good, but then it turned out it wasn't? Maybe you turned in something at school that you were proud of, but you still got a bad grade?



Sometimes we might think we're doing really well, but maybe we aren't! Sometimes we forget to really read the assignment, or sometimes we get confused about it!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about a rich man who had everything. He had lots of food, lots of money, lots of space to keep his stuff. He thought everything was going well. Everything was going his way!

But then that night, God told the man he was not doing the right thing! He had been taking care of himself and not caring for other people. This man thought he was doing everything right, but he was doing everything wrong!

Let's always think about what God wants from us! Let's think carefully about the assignment He has given us, like we do with our school assignments too. And what's that assignment? God asks us to love God and love our neighbor. When we do that assignment, we will always be right with God!

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Angel
- Entrance
- Generosity
- Love God
- Moscow
- Neighbor
- Philaret
- Preacher
- Theotokos

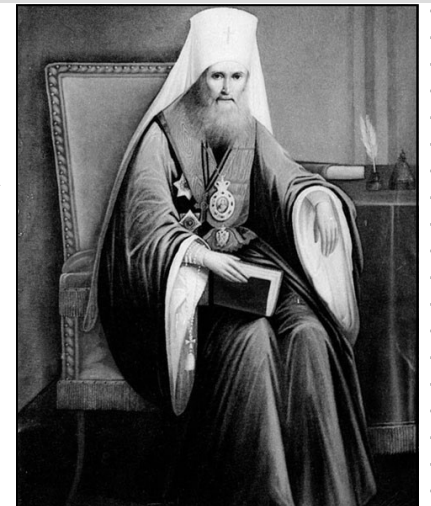
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# SAINT PHILARET OF MOSCOW

“HE SPEAKS LIKE AN ANGEL”

## Do you listen to your priest

when he gives a sermon? You might hear him talk about the Gospel reading for the day, or give some advice about how we can live as good Christians.



This week we celebrate a saint who was really one of the best preachers. When Philaret was a young man, the bishop said about him, “I give sermons like a man, but he speaks like an angel!” Isn’t that a great compliment!

Later on, Saint Philaret became the bishop (the metropolitan) of Moscow, Russia. He was so smart, but he talked to people so that they could understand. When he was bishop, he made the schools better so that the young men could learn how to be better priests.

Saint Philaret was a man in charge, but he was also a holy man too. He knew how important it is to pray and to try to grow closer and closer to God. In fact, he wrote a very special prayer you can learn to say every morning. With this prayer, we ask for what God wants, not what *we* might want. That’s because God knows us and loves us more than we even know and love ourselves!

Ask your parents if they can help you find this prayer, and maybe you can try to learn it.

**We celebrate St. Philaret on Tuesday, November 19th (OC: December 2nd).**

# WHAT’S IN THE ICON?

A bishop wears a cross and an icon of Mary, the Holy Theotokos, around his neck.

Can you see the ones St. Philaret has?

