

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



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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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All about me!

Have you ever talked to somebody who only talks about him-
self? Maybe he talked about what he
wanted to do, what he wanted to eat,
what he wanted to play, what he
thought was interesting. It's no fun
talking to somebody who thinks only
about himself!



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about a man who also thought only about himself. But this time, our Lord shows us that when we think about ourselves all the time, we can't be close to God and our neighbor.

The man in the Gospel story today had lots of crops, and he brought in a lot of grain one year. He thought about what he should do with it, but he only thought about himself! He didn't think of a way he could help others. He only thought about what he could do with the grain so he could enjoy it him-
self. He decided that he would knock down his little barns and build bigger ones. Then he decided that he would "eat, drink, and be merry."

Our Lord reminds us that we can't just think about ourselves all the time if we want to be close to Him. When we have extra of something, let's think of people who need it. This week is Thanksgiving. Can you think of a way to help people who don't have much? When God gives us something, let's share it with others. God wants us to show love for others, not just ourselves!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

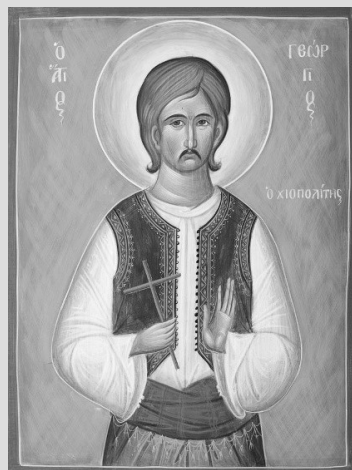
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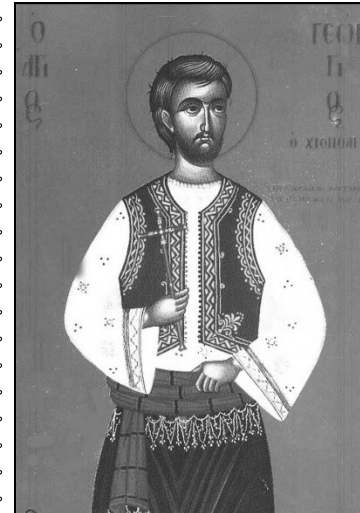
WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint George of Chios (an island in Greece).

What is he holding onto so tightly?



HIS BIG MISTAKE SAINT GEORGE OF CHIOS



Think to yourself: What's the biggest mistake you've ever made? Sometimes we might make mistakes that we feel bad about for the rest of our lives!

This week we remember a Saint George who made a mistake when he was a boy, and he regretted it very much. Once, young George was caught stealing some fruit. The owner brought George to the authorities, who told him he could be free if only he would give up his Christian faith. George said okay, and be-

came Muslim. Now, he had a new name, Ahmed. He cried all the way home, and he told his parents what he had done.

George grew up and lived as a Christian. But somebody told the authorities what he had done as a child. Now George was in big trouble! But this time, George was not going to make the same mistake. He would not deny Christ. He told the authorities about his love for his Lord, Jesus Christ. The rulers hurt him again and again, but all the time, George prayed to God and to Mary, the Theotokos. This time, George stayed strong in his faith. When he died, God welcomed him to heaven.

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. Can you remember to thank God for your Orthodox faith? Can you ask Him to help you have strong faith for your whole life?

We remember this St. George on Thursday, November 27th (OC: December 10th).