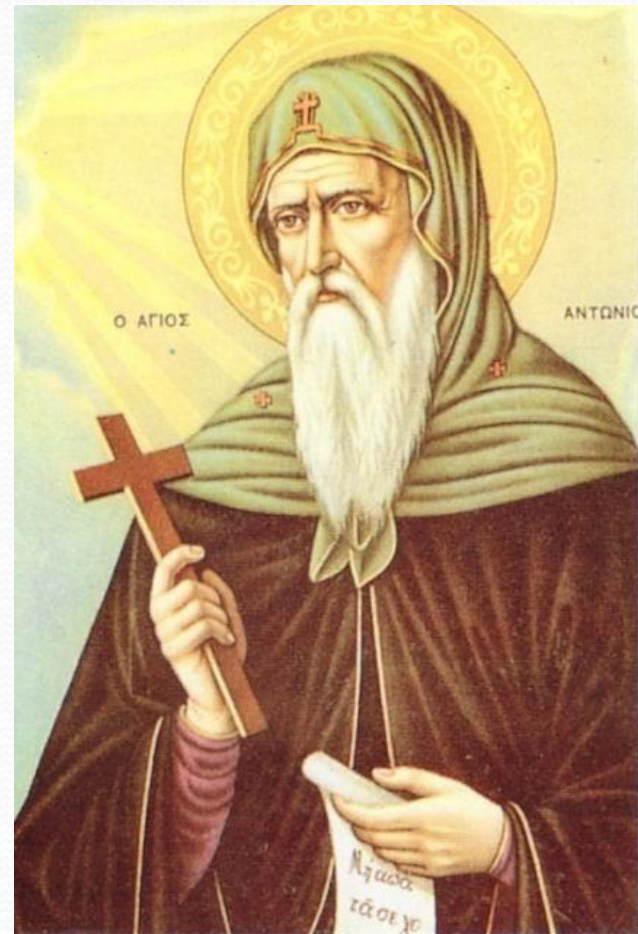


# Seriousness of a Servant

- Who was serious in his service?
- From the saints lives.....and from the holy bible
- 1-st.paul the apostle
- 2-the great st.anthony
- 3-st.peter
- 4-pope.shenouda III
- 5-st.Anba Misael

# St. Paul and the Great St. Anthony





# St. Anthony the Great

- What did he hear that made him change his life?
- “MT 19:21”
- If you want to be perfect go sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have a treasure in heaven and come and follow me”.
- The devils were attacking him all the time they were cutting him and he was in severe pain that he lays on the ground and pray.

# Pope Shenouda III

- HE WHO IS SERIOUS IS LIKE A GREAT SHIP SAILING VIGOROUSLY IN THE SEA OF LIFE TOWARDS ITS GOAL
- What are the five points that we can understand from these words?.





# So what are the qualities in any serious servant?

- Do we want quantity in servants ?
- How can I measure if I am a serious servant?by making sad face or by yelling or by.....
- We have 9 points to talk about.

# What are the qualities of serious servant?

- *1-Faithful servant*

- Who is the great example in the old testament ,a faithful one....he always says yes , np ,ok...without any argument or I don't agree...or but....no question ask.???

- Faith: what does it mean?
- (hebrews 11:1)
- (romans 1:17)
- • God does not need our service. The Church service will do just fine without us. On the contrary, we are in need of service in order to strengthen our spiritual life.



## 2-Obedient

- Obedience, like humility
- Obedience is the key to God's heart.
- And the bible says for 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' (1pt.5:5)
- Obey God's commantments (1john5:1-5)
- Examples: moses,..  
The people of Nineveh took the prophet Jonah's words seriously. They believed that what he was saying was true....and obeyed him.
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- St. John the short obeyed his father and planted a stick....and it became a fruitful tree.



# 3-nothing affects him

- Noah ....when he was building the ark people were laughing at him...making fun of him
- Job
- We have to deny ourselves from the things of this world in order to serve, exercising self-control, and being peacemakers.



# 4-no excuses

- Daniel the prophet
- All martyrs didn't bow down to the idols....
- No excuse for fasting..the whole church is fasting and we don't...how also we keep saying Iam busy or I got pushed ..drinking. or smoking...





# 5 Commitment and Dedication: -

- Proverbs 26:13 it states, "The lazy man says, there is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets."
- Jeremiah 48:10 tells us, "Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord with slackness
- "Remember that the Lord cursed the man who buried his talents.
- To come early to church in liturgy, classes, meetings....when I learn to do everything right I will earn god's love, and people respect
- I can't run late to work so why in the church??.
- (Mt.25:14-30) the talent
- Parable.

- Always tell yourself today may be my last day to see or serve those kids ,that might be a walk up call to you and all of us .and if so how will you use it efficiently.





# 6-repentance

- St.Moses the strong was a leader of thieves but when he repented he did it from his heart
- St.Mary the egyptian she got stopped from entering the church ...she cried to ST.Mary then she was for 47 years crying to repent in the dessert.no picking



# 7-He grows spritiually

- How we grow spritiually
- 1-puts forth effort
- 2-submit his life to God
- 3-sacrifice to get results
- As people who every new year has new resolution for losing weight....read bible more.....





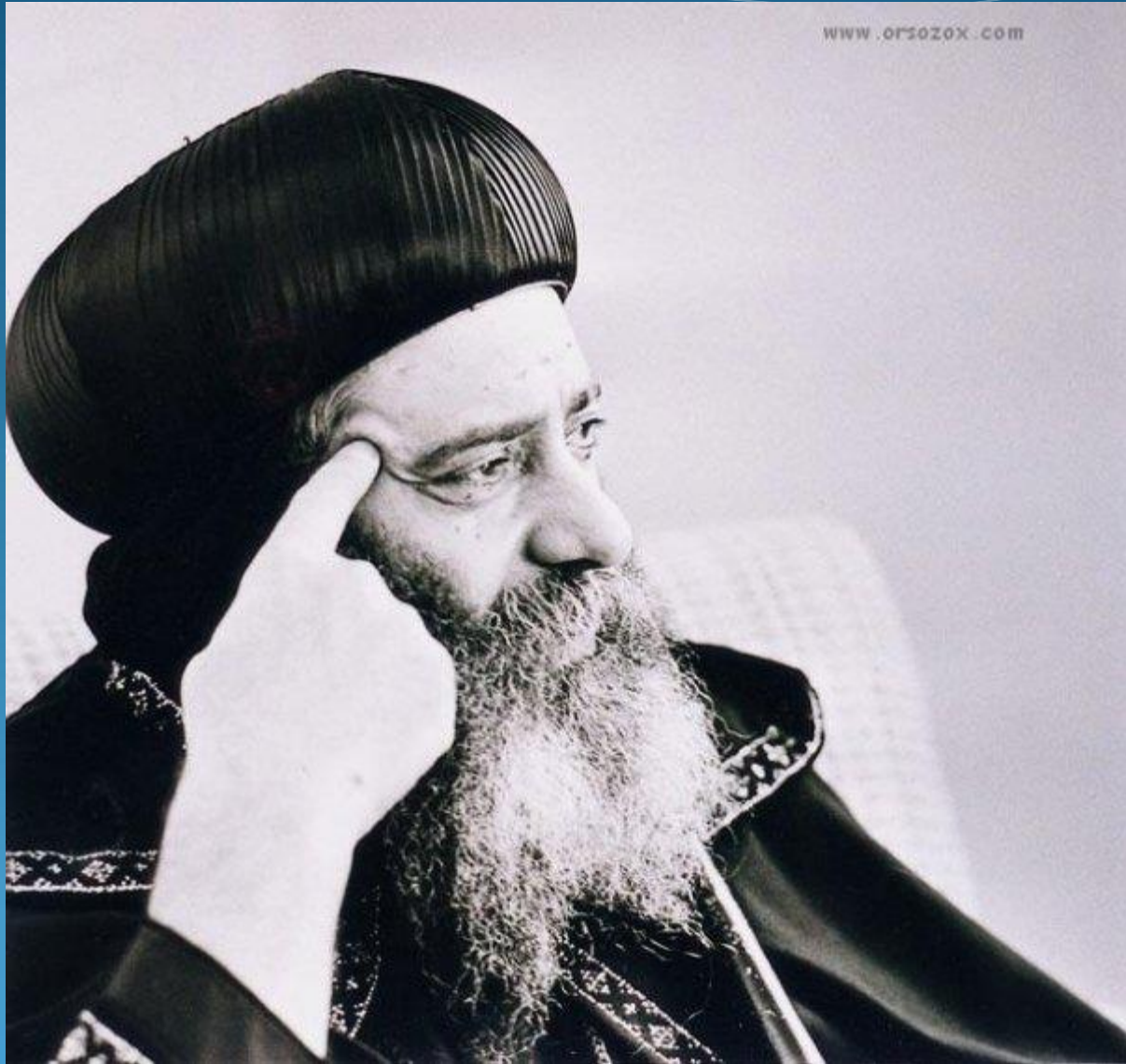
# 8-Good steward

- Can manage his time very well and knew as the bible said” for what is your life? It is just a vapor that appears for a little time then vanishes away” (James 4:14), so the servant should be like a watch, or thermometer.
- "Do not let an hour pass by without having God in your thought, even by a short prayer or a contemplation"  
Pope Shenouda

# 9-He is consistent

- No one saying I am climbing the mountain and still standing in the same spot...he keeps doing same things over and over to get improvement
- No one enter the olympics without good training
- Same for the spritual life if you don't feed your spirit it goes to sleep...








- **Always Remember**

- Remember your weakness, then you will be more cautious and you will not submit to the thoughts of pride and false glory which may attack you.
- Remember the loving kindness of the Lord bestowed on you, and you will always lead a life of thanksgiving. Faith will grow in your heart as well as the trust in God's love and work. Your past experiences with God would encourage you in the life of faith.



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- Remember death, So all worldly temptations will disappear and you feel that, "all is vanity and grasping for the wind. " (Eccl. 1:14).
  - Remember that you are standing before God and He is looking at you, then you cannot sin because you see Him.
  - Remember always that you are a stranger on the earth and that you will return to your heavenly home: then you will not put all your hopes in this world and its comforts.

- Remember that the narrow gate leads to the kingdom of heaven. If you see the wide gate open before you, escape and keep away from it, as all those who went in by it, they all perished
- Remember your eternity and work for it at all times.
- Remember that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God in you. Be always a holy temple-Remember all that I said to you on this page and if you have already forgotten, please read it over again.the butter fly story.