

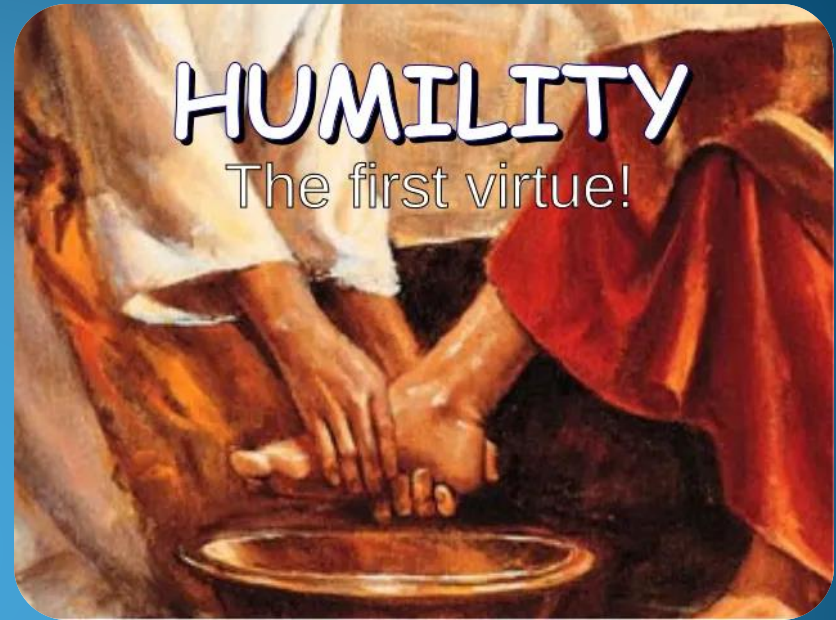
**“Behold the
maidservant of
the Lord!”**

Luke 1:38



Highlights

- ❖ The icon of Humility
- ❖ The Path to the virtue



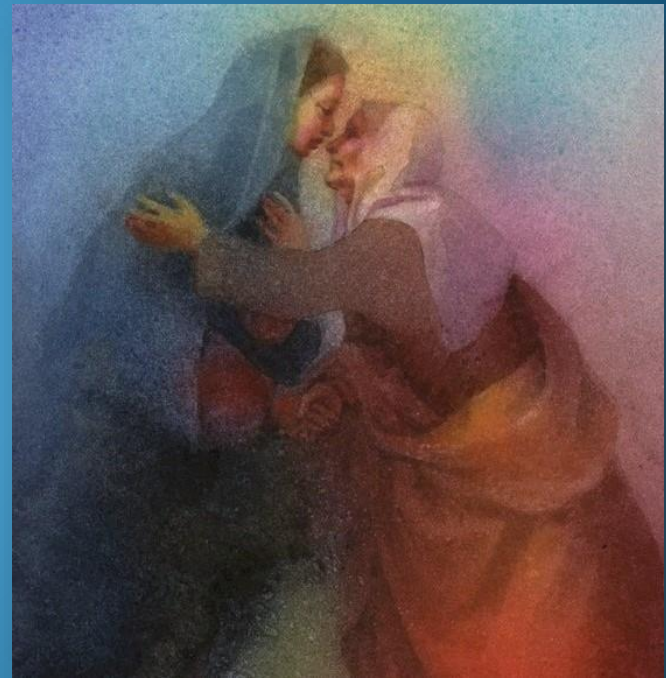
The icon of Humility ⁽¹⁾

1. The “maidservant of the Lord” at all times
2. Giving up her will and living in submission to the end
3. Enduring the greatest honor ever with no change in heart



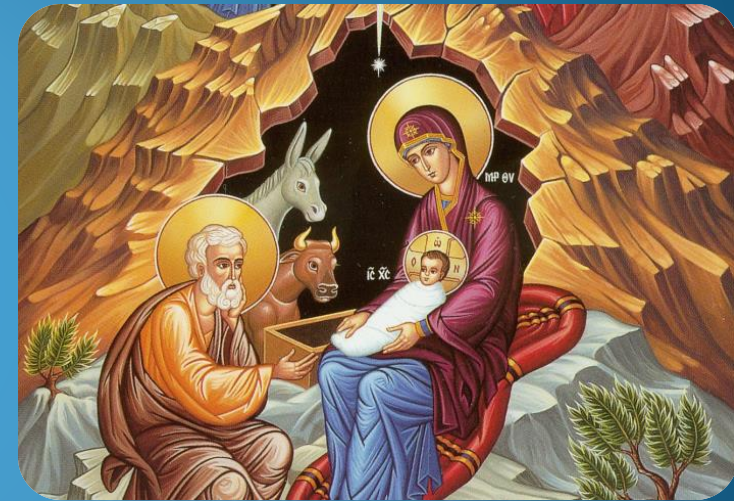
The icon of Humility ⁽²⁾

- 4. Her silence and keeping everything she saw and learned in her heart and for herself
- 5. Her serving attitude towards Elizabeth and at the banquet at Cana of Galilee



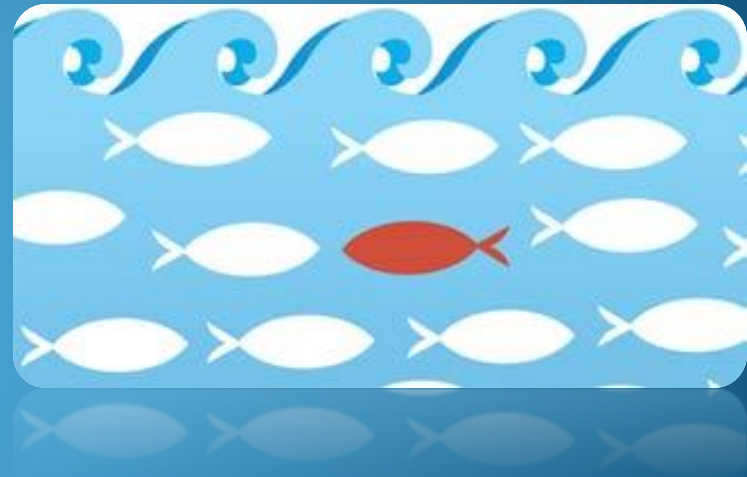
The path to the virtue ⁽¹⁾

- It's the path trodden by our Savior and His mother
- All who value the virtue of humility are walking on this difficult road
- The progress will depend on the synergy between God and us



The path to the virtue ⁽²⁾

- It's the road opposite to everything the world is promoting and encouraging its people to do.



The path to the virtue ⁽³⁾

1. The first step is the realization of how proud we are and understanding that it's the ego that compels us to act in certain ways.



The path to the virtue ⁽⁴⁾

- Avoiding confession
- Arguing so not to admit fault
- Judging others and seeing their mistakes under a magnifying glass
- Anger against others.



The path to the virtue ⁽⁵⁾

- Failing to forgive
- Sense of entitlement
- Being upset when corrected
- Holding high expectations as to how others should treat us



The path to the virtue (6)

- Being overly critical
- Talking about self
- Seeking titles, posts, and preeminence
- Getting angry at God Himself
- Having a better way, in my mind, for every entity to function better while doing a lousy job with my own life



The path to the virtue ⁽⁷⁾

2. Don't fake humility
3. The acts of mortification:
Confession, fasting, and the
service with penitence



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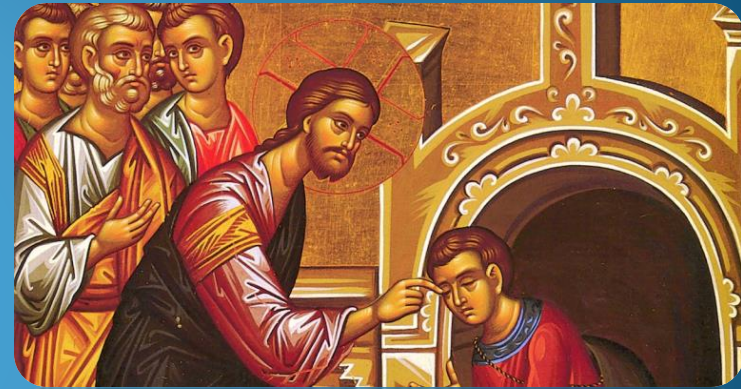
4. Prayers:

- ✓ The realization of our failure will push us to get on our knees
- ✓ The approach: The tax collector's prayers
- ✓ The metanias of the spirit



The path to the virtue ⁽⁹⁾

5. Placing the blame on ourselves
6. Seeing that we are also stained with every blemish we accuse others of
7. Accepts God's treatment plan and His minor and major surgeries to wound our egos

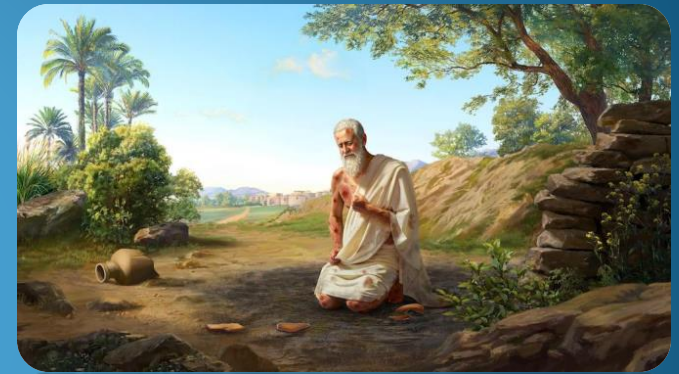


The path to the virtue ⁽¹⁰⁾

- “Accept everything that will happen to you, and persevere in your sorrow, and have patience in your humiliation”

Sirach 2:4

- Understanding the wisdom behind tribulations, lingering sins and incidents of humiliation and failure



The path to the virtue ⁽¹¹⁾

- “For Gold and silver are tested in fire, yet truly, acceptable men are tested in the furnace of humiliation” *Sirach 2:5*

