

Metropolitan Anthony talks about dreadful and artful sin



Many people live and do not realize what a grave sin has entered their lives, bounded their hearts. This sin is grumble. Any kind of our displeasure is a manifestation of this sin.

Grumbling is extremely dangerous. It is not as obvious as other passions: greed for money, fornication and addictions, but it gradually conquers one's soul, takes precedence over a person in almost all spheres of his life.

Consider our life. We sometimes do not realize that the day, as a rule, begins with a grumble: I did not get enough sleep, the weather is bad, I feel tired, I'm dissatisfied with others, my job, my family, people underestimate me... And it goes on and on all day long.

Gradually and imperceptibly to us, discontent grows and grumbling becomes our second nature. We grumble constantly. And the danger lies in the fact that our grumbling grows, often imperceptibly to ourselves, into hatred of the Creator. We begin to see Him as the source of all our troubles.

The artfulness of this sin lies in its obscurity and elusiveness. One needs to be spiritually sober to track down its harmful effects. From the outside, our discontent looks innocent enough. Well I grumbled a little so what? So I was dissatisfied with something, big deal.

But this is not so, the grumble is far from harmless. It takes deep roots and robs a person of joy and faith.

Therefore, you should carefully monitor yourself and be critical with yourself and condescending to others.

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