



ON THE PASSIONS AND ANGER



THE PASSIONS

- Pride
- Anger
- Lust
- Envy
- Gluttony
- Avarice (Greed)
- Sloth



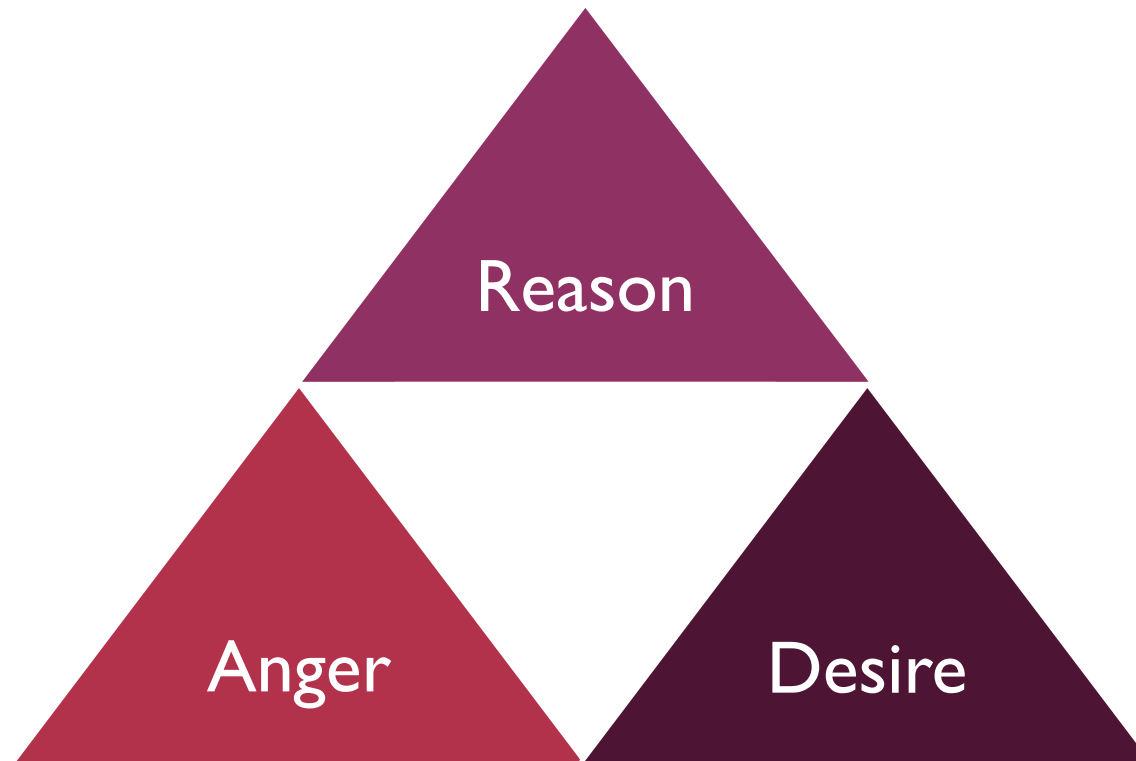
“Then God formed man out of dust from the ground and breathed in his face the breath of life. And man became a living soul.”

“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was very good.*”

WHAT WAS GOD'S DIVINE INTENTION?

- We were made to be in perfect communion with God, neighbor, and creation
- God instilled within us the faculties to accomplish this in how He created us

THE ANATOMY OF THE SOUL



“Anger contributes to virtue; desire contributes to love of God”

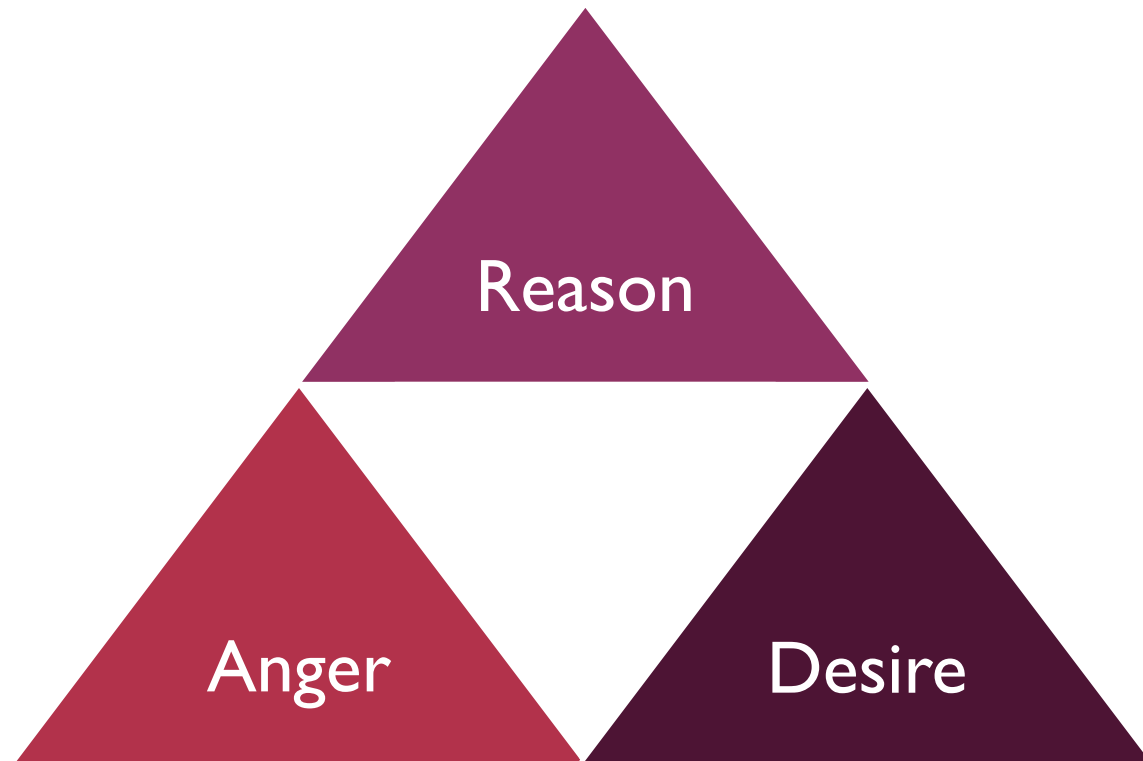
THE VIRTUES

- Humility
- Patience
- Chastity
- Contentment
- Moderation
- Generosity
- Diligence

WHAT IS THE FACULTY OF ANGER IN THE SOUL?

- “an easily changeable movement of one’s disposition”
- “For the temper is a sinew of the soul, **producing vigor** in it for the accomplishment of good actions.”
- “When like a soldier who has placed his arms in the custody of his commander, it readily offers help in what is ordered, it can perhaps be an **ally to reason** against sin.”

THE TRIPARTITE SOUL





CONSEQUENCES OF “THE FALL”

Before

- Communion between man and God
- Communion between Adam and Eve
- Communion between man and creation

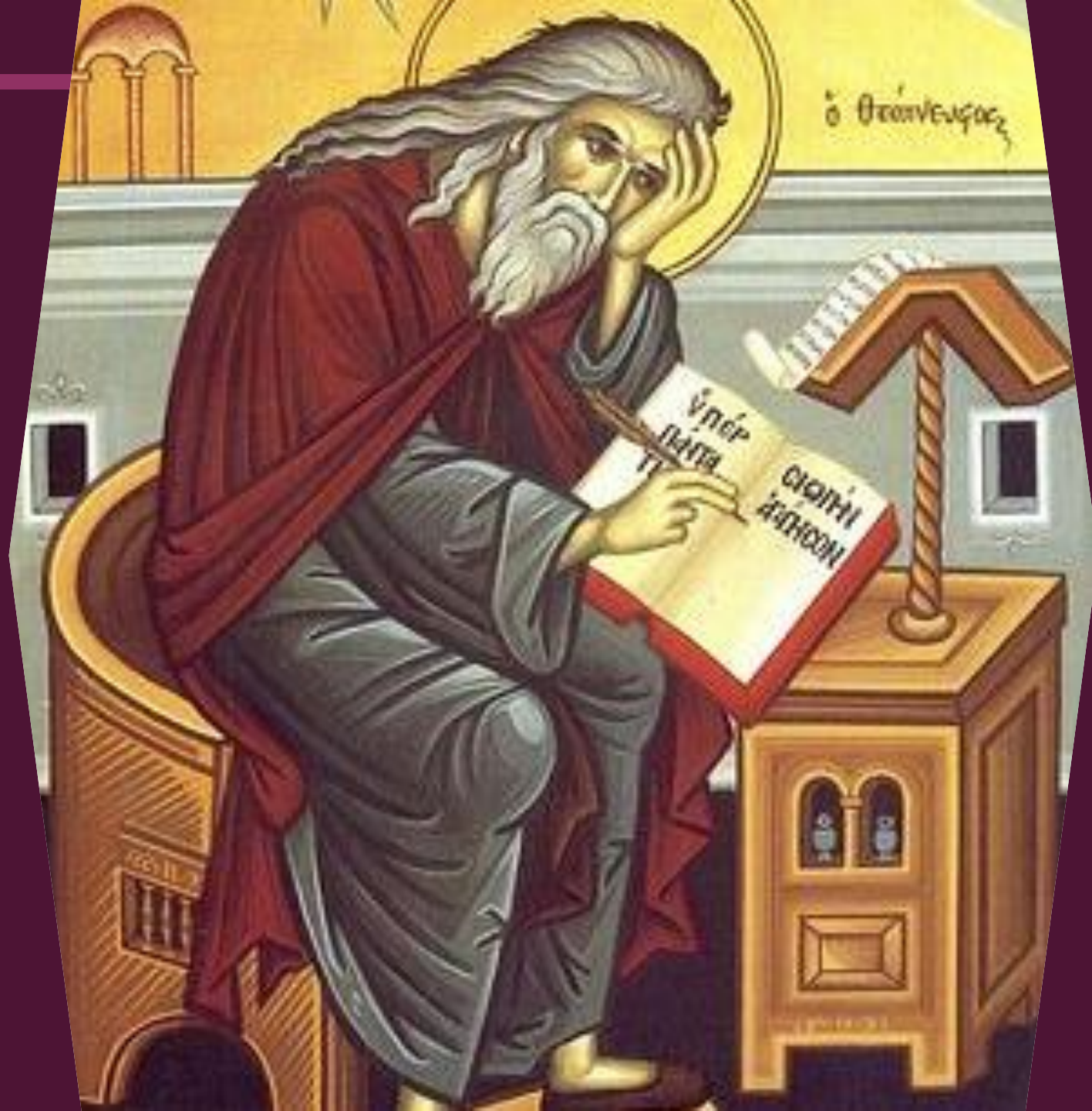
After

- Man is divided from God
- Man is divided from neighbor
- Man is divided from creation
- **Sickness, sin, and death enter the world**
- Human nature is fallen

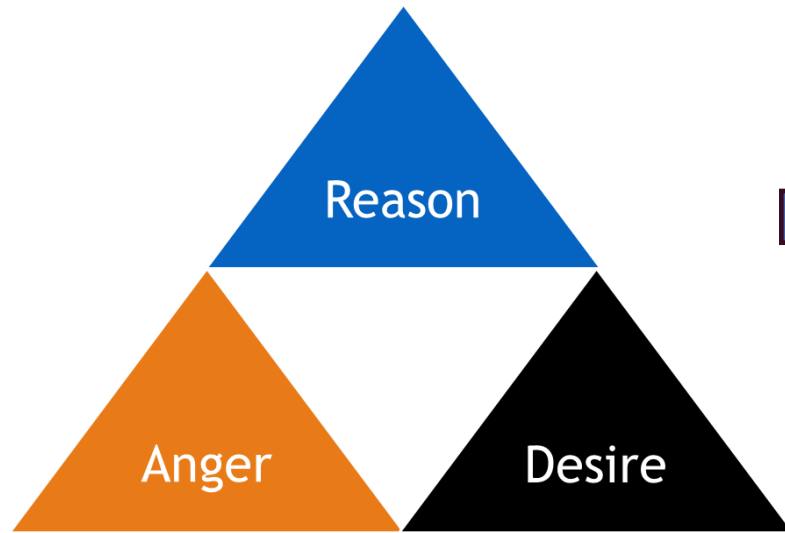
THE PASSIONS

Pathos – pathology

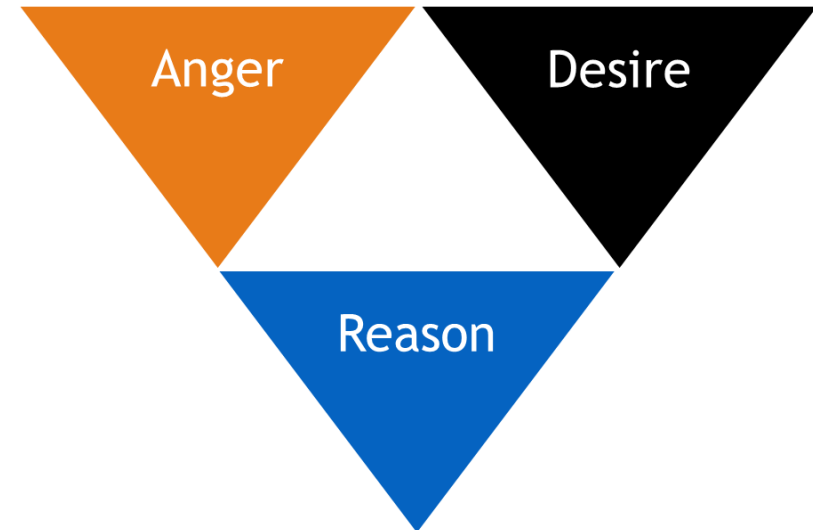
“IF, THEREFORE, VIRTUE IS
THE NATURAL HEALTH
OF THE SOUL, THEN THE
PASSIONS ARE AN
ILLNESS OF THE SOUL
WHICH BEFALLS AND
INVADES HER NATURE
AND DESPOILS HER
PROPER HEALTH.”



CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

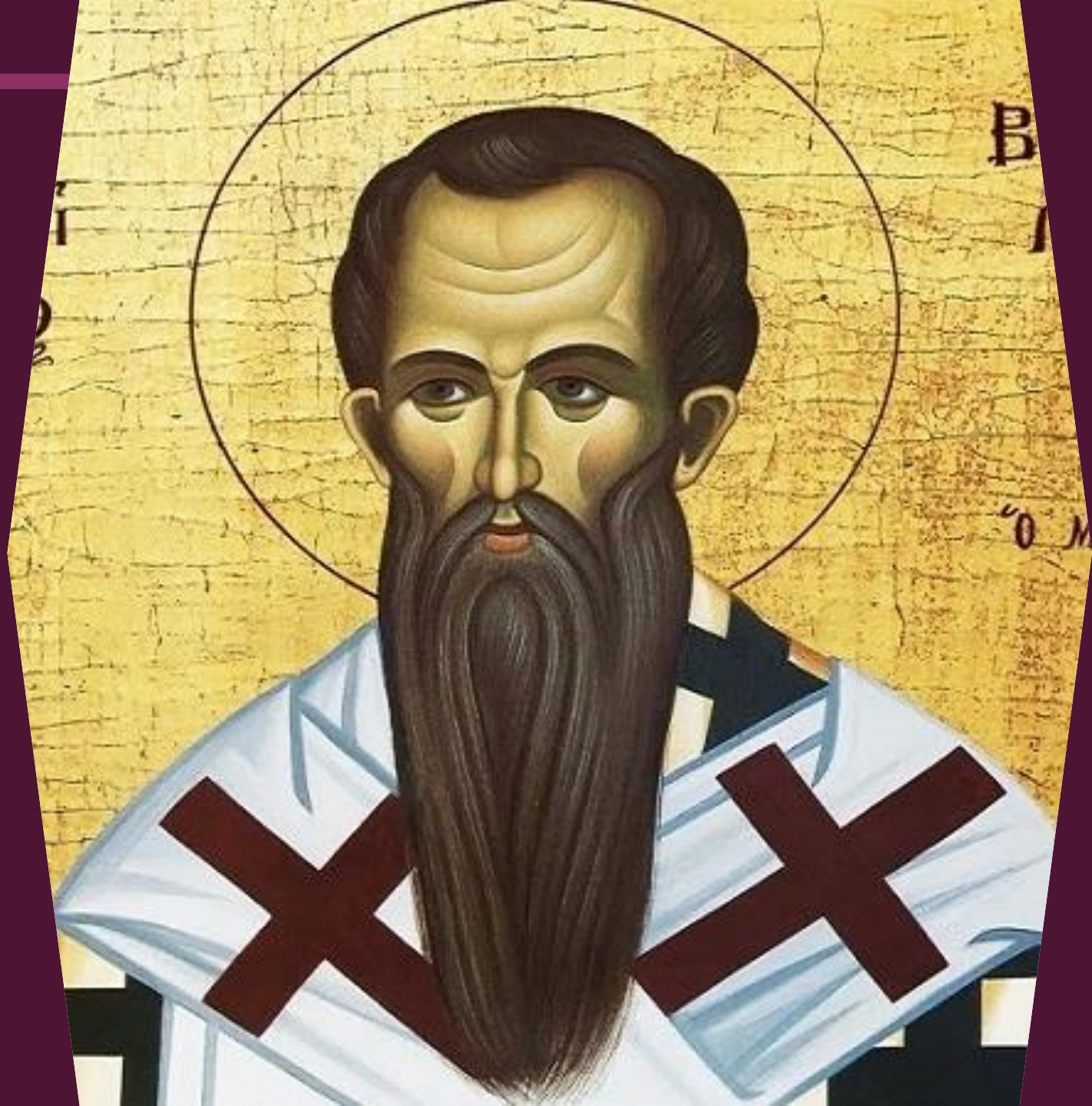


Before the Fall



After the Fall

“ONCE REASON HAS BEEN PUSHED ASIDE, THE PASSION TAKES CONTROL OF THE SOUL FOR ITSELF, IT MAKES THE HUMAN BEING ENTIRELY LIKE A WILD BEAST; IT DOES NOT ALLOW HIM TO BE A HUMAN BEING SINCE HE NO LONGER HAS THE HELP OF REASON.”



“WHEN A MAN REVERES
GOD WITH ALL HIS
HEART AND WITH FAITH,
HE RECEIVES THROUGH
GOD’S PROVIDENCE THE
POWER TO CONTROL
ANGER AND DESIRE;
**FOR IT IS DESIRE AND
ANGER WHICH ARE
THE CAUSE OF ALL
EVILS.”**



PASSIONS - VIRTUES

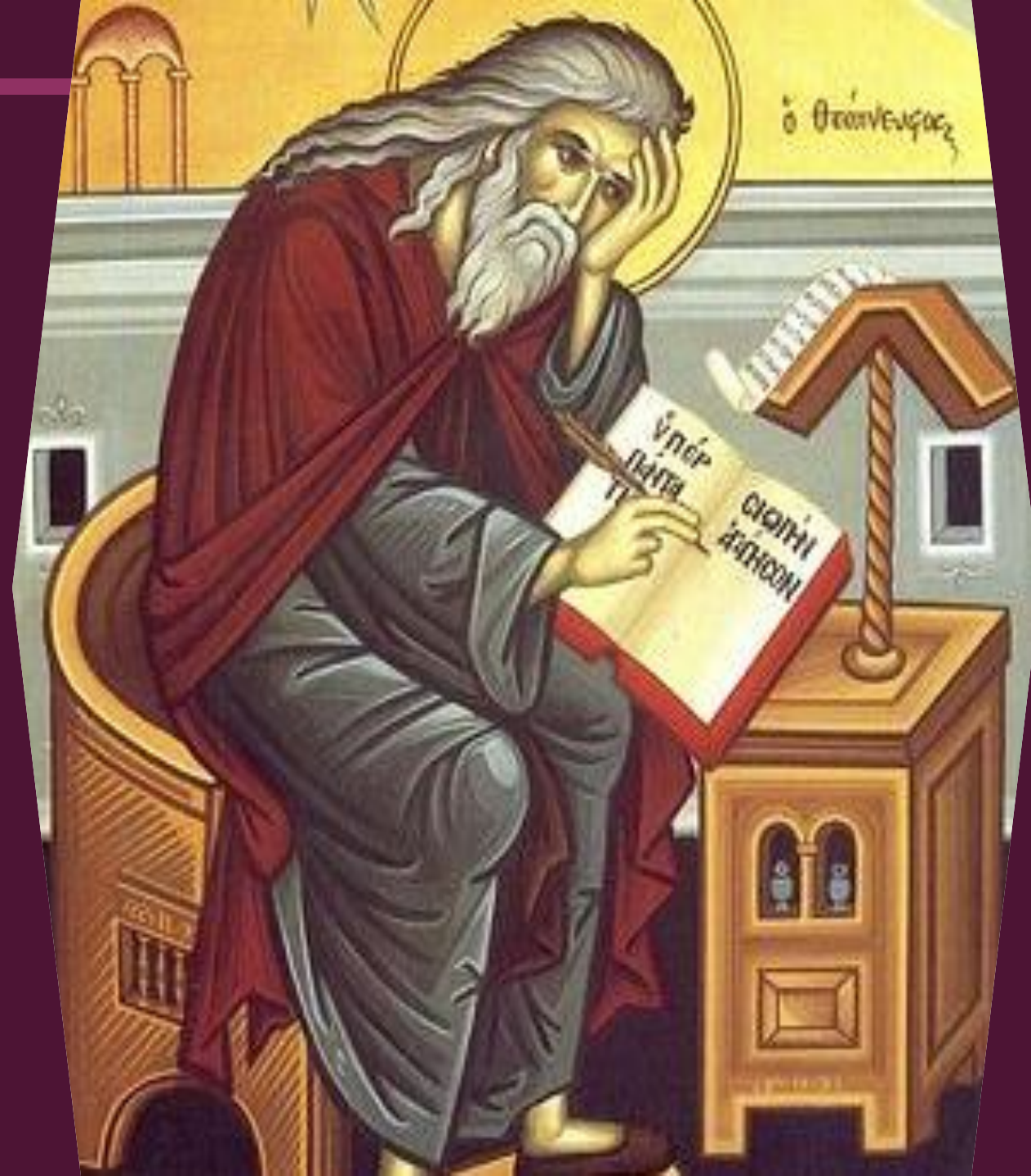
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“BE ANGRY BUT DO NOT SIN” (EPH 4:26, PS 4:4)

- We must redirect the faculty of anger for the pursuit of virtue
 - Be angry with your own sins and sin no more (do not despair)
 - Be angry with satan and no longer do his will
 - Be angry at sin in the world
 - Keep God before you in your anger

“BE ON YOUR GUARD
AGAINST SMALL THINGS,
LEST YOU FALL IN GREAT
MATTERS.”



YOU CANNOT OBTAIN
VIRTUES THROUGH
LUXURY AND THE EASY
LIFE. IT TAKES **STRUGGLE
AND MUCH LABOR.** IT
TAKES CRYING OUT TO
CHRIST DAY AND NIGHT.
IT TAKES **PATIENCE** IN
ALL TEMPTATIONS AND
AFFLICTIONS.

