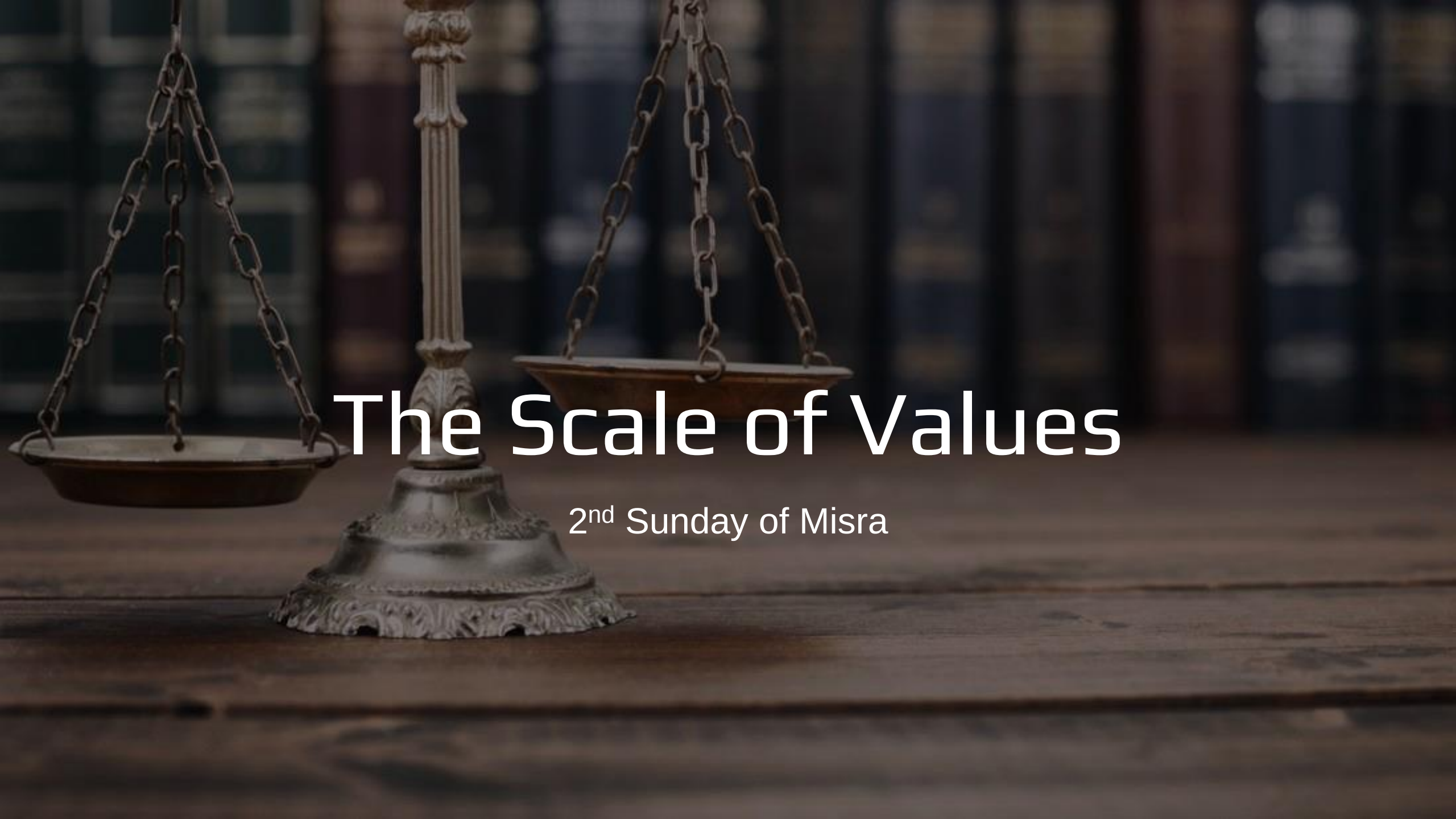




“So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.” – Luke 5:28



The Scale of Values

2nd Sunday of Misra

The value of money and possessions

- *"The power of the One who called him drew him from the publican's table and set him on the Apostles' throne."* (St. John Chrysostom)
- EX: Zacchaeus
- EX: Abraham
- "...I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him..." (Phil. 3:8-9)



Injustice

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”

(1 Pet. 4:12-13)



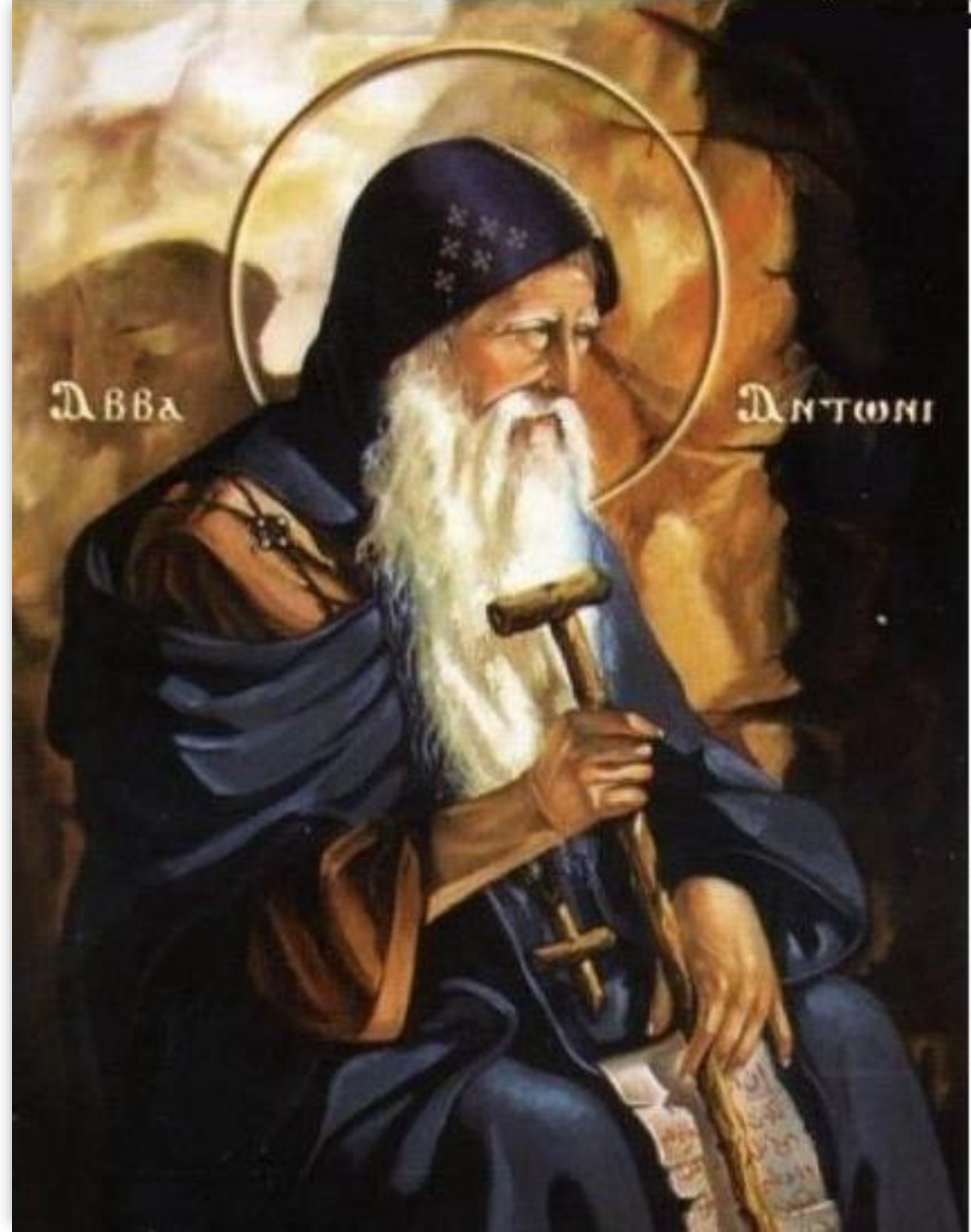
The use of possessions

- EX: Philemon's house
- “To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house...” (Phm 1-2)
- EX: David
- EX: The Shunammite Woman



My definition of joy and its expression

- *"The world is a deceiver, promising gold but delivering dust. True riches are found only in renouncing it."* (St. Anthony)
- *"Worldly desires are like a blazing fire; the more fuel you add, the greater the flames, and the more they consume you."* (St. Ephrem the Syrian)
- "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mk. 8:36-37)



A new scale or mindset is necessary

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

(Lk. 5:37-38)





Conclusion

- Abraham
- Moses
- “...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin...” (Heb. 11:24-25)
- Jacob
- St. Anthony
- St. Mary of Egypt
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