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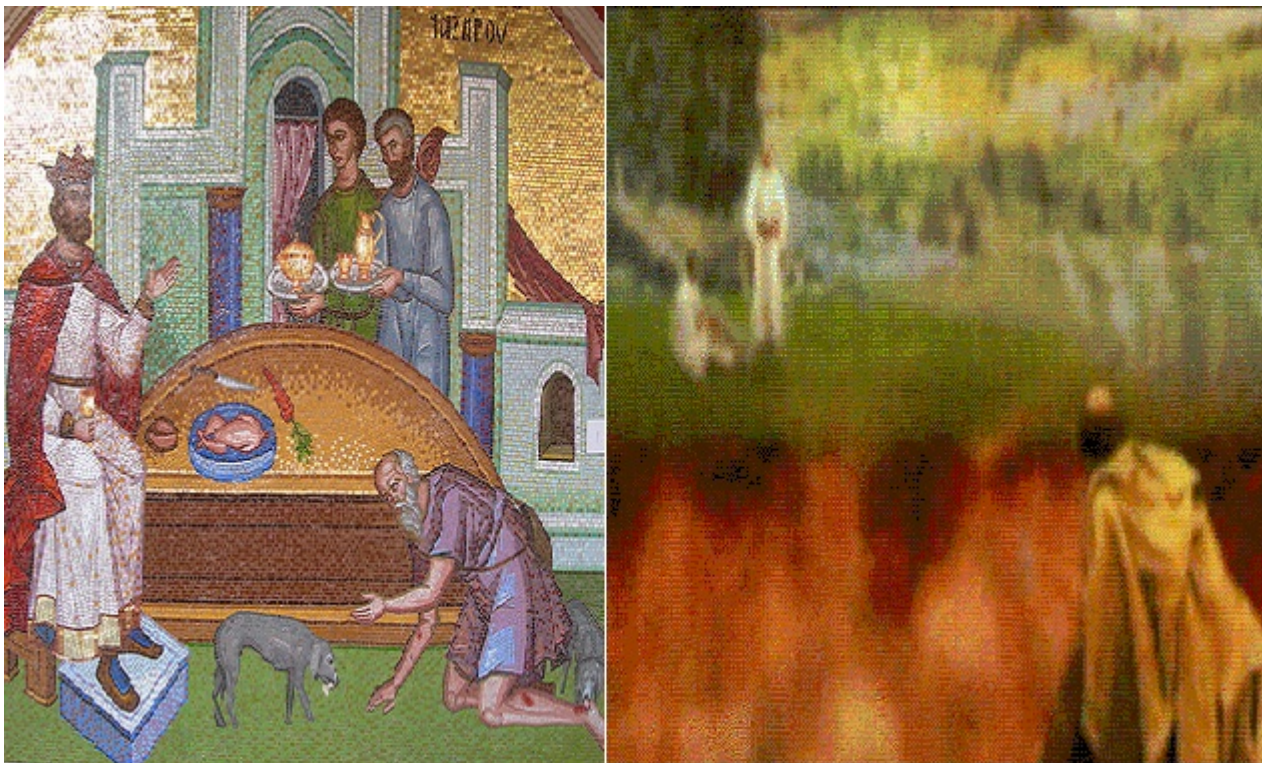
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“Between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us”. (Luke 16:26)

Why is there such a gap between us?

Is it perhaps because we have forgotten the ways to cultivate positive and essential relationships and have forgotten the meaning of the words we use when supposedly communicating with one another?



Is it perhaps because we no longer have the capability to pinpoint and relay to others our many, different, conflicting emotions and our deep anxieties and thus, we say one thing, feel something else and want something totally different?

Is it perhaps that we are inadequate in expressing and receiving love, even God’s

Grace, and in cultivating a basic trust in Him and between ourselves?

Is it perhaps that the differentiation of another person's being threatens our insecure and well-armed narcissistic self, together with our personal vested interests and we, therefore, do not see our fellowman as a person by way of acceptance and forgiveness?

Is it perhaps that all of these things are the reason for the collapse of community as we are experiencing it today and the lack of ecclesiastical community in our midst? Do all of these things perhaps contribute to the personal, social and cultural gap which presides today?

One thing is for sure. If these deficiencies are not replenished, even in part, and if we do not overcome our basic insecurities, we will not be able to bridge the gap that exists within us, between each other and with God.

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