



Phillip and Phoebe

It was Sunday morning. Phillip and Phoebe woke up very early to attend the Divine Liturgy. Phillip, a young boy of seven years, did not want to be a second late as he was serving as a deacon. Phoebe simply loved to hear every single praise during the Divine Liturgy.

While driving on route to the church, Phillip's father began to recite the Holy Psalms with his family. Phillip's very favorite one was the Holy Psalm 86, *"....I will praise you O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your Name forevermore."*

Phillip's mother shared with the family when they had almost reached the church that when she entered into the church, she always looked at the altar and made the sign of the Cross. When she did this, Phillip's mother said she always thought about how much the Lord Jesus Christ loved each and every one of us. That He died upon the Holy Cross for us, giving us His life and all His love.



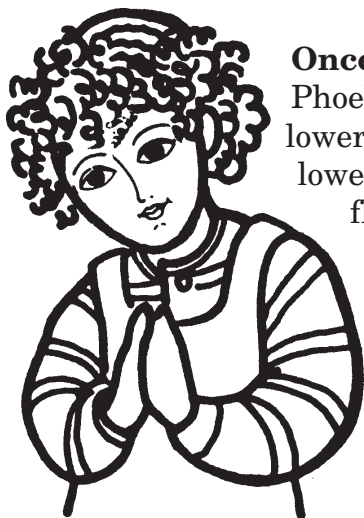
Little five year old Phoebe thought about this as she quietly entered the church. Phoebe never talked with others once she entered into the Church. She looked at the altar with



reverance and when she made the sign of the Cross, she began to think how could she ever repay the Lord for giving up His Holy Life for her.

Following the Divine Liturgy, that Sunday, an archdeacon passed around a collection plate for all those who wished to donate money for almsgiving and the poor.

When the archdeacon approached the small girl Phoebe, her eyes opened widely as if she had been given an answer to a very important question. She then asked the deacon to lower the collection plate. When he lowered it she looked up at the deacon and replied, "Could you please lower it some more?" Again, the deacon lowered the collection plate still lower.



Once more the kind-hearted Phoebe smiled and requested it be lowered just a little more. The deacon lowered the collection plate to the floor and as soon as he did this Phoebe jumped into the plate happily exclaiming, "I want to give everything -- to give my entire life to the Lord Jesus Christ!"

In the next issue of the Mighty Angels we will follow Phillip and Phoebe into their Sunday School classes to discover what each one will learn!