

Sunday, November 22, 2020

9th Sunday of Luke – Parable of the Rich Fool

Afterfeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in to the Temple

Apostle Archippos; Apostle Philemon and Apphria; Onesimos the Disciple of Paul;
Holy Martyr Cecilia and her Companions

WORSHIP SCHEDULE TODAY: Orthros: 8:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.
The church will be opened to the first 200 parishioners who have phoned into the church this past week and registered to attend worship (please review church protocols). This service will be live streamed and found on our Ss. Constantine and Helen Facebook Page and You Tube Channel.

HYMNS FOR THE DAY: (Found in red hymnal book)

- # 59 – Σήμερον της ευδοκίας/Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure for man
- # 7 – Κατελυσας τω Σταυρω σου/You vanquished death by Your Cross
- # 59 – Σήμερον της ευδοκίας/ Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure for man
- # 134 – Του Σταυρου σου τον τυπον/The sign of the Cross in the sky
- # 219 – Ο καθαρωτατος ναος/The very purest abode of the Savior

READINGS: Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:1-8.
Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22.
Gospel: Luke 12:16-21.

(For further information go to Archdiocese website at: goarch.org or
The Metropolis of Chicago website at: chicago.goarch.org.)

THE NICENE CREED & LORD'S PRAYER are found on pages 52-54 and 71 of your blue service book. Everyone is encouraged to recite them out loud in both Greek & English.

PRE & POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS: The Pre-Communion prayers are found on pages 76-80 in your blue service book. The first four will be read in Greek and the next four in English. **Please recite them out loud as a congregation.** The Post-Communion prayers are found on pages 98-100 in Greek and pages 101-102 in English. These should be read by those who have received Holy Communion when they return to their seats.

COUNCIL CANDLE DUTY: Nicki Droza & ALL Parish Council members and volunteers.

MEMORIALS

40 days	Menelaos Kopanakis	18 yrs.	Skevos Zembillas
6 mons.	Dionysios Georgopoulos	22 yrs.	Nicholas J. Pangere
1 year	Fr. George P. Pappas	27 yrs.	Maria Tsarnas
1 year	Thalia Stassis	28 yrs.	George Tsarnas
2 yrs.	Zenovia Athanasiadou	32 yrs.	Georgia Peller
2 yrs.	Josephine (Despina) Kappas	43 yrs.	Steve Tsarnas
3 yrs.	Michael Zaronias	44 yrs.	Michael Nonos
3 yrs.	Kalliope Kambouris	50 yrs.	Anthony Peller
4 yrs.	Ioannis Stylianos Athanasiadis	61 yrs.	Catherine Pangere
4 yrs.	Margaret Birch	62 yrs.	Vasilias M. Pangere
5 yrs.	Dimitrios Fitousis	74 yrs.	John T. Pangere
8 yrs.	Goldie Cruz		

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Wednesday, November 26th - Feast of St. Catherine - Orthros: 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m. in the Cathedral.

ΘΡΗΣΚΕΥΤΙΚΟ ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΟ: Τεταρτη, 26 Νοεμβριου – Αγια Αικατερινη –
Ορθρος: 8:00 π.μ. και Θεια Λειτουργια: 9:00 π.μ. στο Καθεδρικο Ναο.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the church office will be closed on November 26th & 27th. Memorial lists must be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, November 23rd by 3:00 p.m. to appear in the Sunday bulletin for November 29th, and Church attendance registration must be made by Wednesday, November 25th at 12:00noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Registration for the November Faith Box is ongoing. Sign up at tinyurl.com/novfaithbox.

Each month, families will have the opportunity to register to receive a box packed with activities, readings, discussion questions and games for the whole family! Families can pick up their box after church on Sunday or during the week and complete the different elements at their own pace. That way, everybody can have a few no-stress, faith-centered family nights each month focused on a particular Christian virtue. Just open the box, and the work is done! After the boxes have been distributed, we will have a live virtual workshop on the virtue of the month.

GOYA FUND RAISER: Due to the pandemic, we were unable to host our annual Family Fun Night. In an attempt to raise funds for our GOYA scholarship program, we are selling Ss. Constantine and Helen Spirit Wear! For details or to place an order, call Kevy Paviadakis at 219-331-3119. Last day for orders is Monday, November 23rd.

JR. GOYA PILLOW & BLANKET DRIVE EXTENDED: Our Jr. GOYA is still collecting new pillows and new blankets to donate to the local homeless and domestic abuse shelters of our area. Items needed are: new twin/full/queen blankets and standard pillow sizes. Donations may be brought to the church office by November 29th.

GOYA COAT DRIVE EXTENDED: GOYA will be collecting new and gently used coats for children, teens, young adults, women and men, sizes 3T-3X. Collections will take place through November 29th. Coats can be dropped off in the church office or in the Narthex of the Cathedral.

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE will take place on Saturday, December 12th, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 13th, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Pre-orders are being accepted until Monday, November 30th. For more information or to place an order, call Frances Klimis 219-696-4851.

PARISH COUNCIL OPENINGS: There are two open seats available for the Parish Council. Any parishioner 18 years or older in good standing with the church (canonically & financially) is welcomed to submit their name, co-sponsored by two parishioners, to Fr. Ted at the church office. We have been asking for months for our parishioners to help, and yet no one has responded! Please, for the love of our Lord and His Holy Church, won't someone give of their time and talent?

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, November 24th, 9:00-11:00am instead of Friday, November 27th. Please make note of the change of days.

The Meijer Simply Give program is from October 25th to January 2nd, 2021, with the double match days Tuesday, December 1st and Saturday, December 12th. Meijer will double match the \$10 donation, meaning they will donate an additional \$20. This means our pantry will receive a total of \$30 for every \$10 a customer donates on those days.

REMEMBER: To feel sorry for the needy is not the mark of a Christian - to help them is.

EVANGELISM: A Gallup poll once taken of two thousand people who do not belong to any one church were asked: "Would you join a church?" More than 50 percent indicated they would. Then when asked why they hadn't joined a church, the response was, "No one has asked us."

**ATTENTION FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF SAINTS
CONSTANTINE AND HELEN CATHEDRAL**

**OUTLINE OF SAFETY PROTOCOLS
BEFORE ATTENDING CHURCH**

- The church (or areas used for worship) will be sanitized before each service.
- The church will only be allowed to hold as many people (200) as can maintain social distancing (6 feet distance).
- Due to the limited seating available, every person who is planning on attending worship services will need to register through the church office (219-769-2481) between 11am–1pm, Monday through Friday. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. This will allow us to ensure that we can accommodate everyone. Those who come to church without registering will not be allowed to enter.
- According to the directives of the Metropolis of Chicago, the high-risk population and those caring for them should not attend services. Our parish will be using a system of self-reporting. We will not be verifying your age or medical history at the door.
- Those who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who are in the same household as someone positive for COVID-19, or who are feeling sick should not attend services.
- Worship Services will continue to be lived streamed on our Cathedral's Facebook Page and You Tube Channel for those who cannot or may not feel safe to attend.

COMING TO CHURCH

- Every person attending worship will need to check in upon arrival at the designated area in the Exo-Narthex. There will be a brief screening process (verbal questions and a temperature check) at the sign-in table.
- Every attendee will need to wear masks (you must provide your own mask) at all times while they are in the physical area of worship, except when receiving Holy Communion. The only exception will children under the age of 2.
- Use non-contact greetings (waving, a bowing of the head) with fellow parishioners instead of the traditional hugging, kissing or shaking of hands. Social distancing must be maintained. No walking about the church proper to greet, talk or visit with one another.

IN THE CHURCH

- There will be hand sanitizer stations at the entry of the church, at the candle stands, at the entry into the Nave, and at the Solea.
- There will be no veneration (kissing) of icons, sacred objects, or the priest's hand.
- Parish Council members will distribute candles for the faithful to light, as well as place the 3-hour votives and 5-day red votives in there designated areas of the church. After lighting candles you will be asked to sanitize your hands before entering the Nave of the church.
- No paper bulletins, monthly newsletters or other items will be distributed to those attending worship.
- Due to the need to socially distance, a Parish Council member or a designated usher will escort you to your seat. Please do not insist on sitting in "your spot," as the Parish Council's only concern will be in maintaining social distancing to maximize safety.
- Every other pew will be available for seating with six feet in between each worshiper. People living in the same household can sit together.
- There will be no liturgical books in the pews.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Parish Council will direct people to approach the Chalice and observe social distancing. Sanitize your hands before approaching the Chalice (sanitizer stations will be available on the Solea).

- After receiving Holy Communion, families will depart directly from the side doors and go to their cars to return home. Please do not congregate in the parking lot.
- The church and other worship areas will be sanitized again after services conclude.

Please remember: It is YOUR CHOICE whether to ATTEND CHURCH or not.

It is YOUR CHOICE whether to RECEIVE Holy Communion or not.

DO NOT BE JUDGMENTAL of those who do or don't.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY in our parish. It is on this day that the church asks its members to make a financial pledge of commitment for the New Year. At this time, we would like to thank all our members who submitted their pledge forms for 2021, especially those who raised their pledges so that we may average \$1500 a pledge as was requested. We are truly grateful for those who heard the plea of the parish and raised their commitment for the New Year.

However, once again, many of the pledges have remained the same as in years past and some even lower. For some it is understandable, yet for the majority it is disappointing that our parish's financial well-being doesn't seem to matter even though they have the financial means to be of a greater assistance. Our financial advisors on the Parish Council project that we will not raise the \$800,000 necessary to meet our parish's financial obligations. We offer the following reflection as "Food for Thought" for the stewards of our community, whether you have pledged or have not for 2021.

STEWARDSHIP CREED: True stewardship...Christian giving of time, talents, and treasure is focused on the call of Christ to commit myself to prayer, to work, and to give so that my Church and I may live. I thank God for whatever talents that I possess and come forward to offer them in fellowship to the Church. When my needs are the greatest, the Church is here. I believe that through Christ, the Church gives hope, peace and guidance. Thus, I am ready to commit voluntarily and gratefully: effort, time, talents, and treasure to strengthen my Church's continuing existence. In giving with gratefulness, dignity, equity and peace of mind, I achieve true STEWARDSHIP. **"It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful"** (1 Corinthians 4:2).

EVERY PARISHIONER of a Greek Orthodox parish, 18 years an older, single or married according to Archdiocese regulations should be a supporting member, a steward, of a parish. Everyone should contribute their fair share to the financial support to their parish. We all need to have the willingness to make a commitment of faith and to "go on record" as being a believer and a supporter of God's work through His Church. Since the Coronavirus Pandemic hit, the income of our parish has been cut by 90% (loss of revenue from worship services, especially Holy Week and Easter, no Annual Summer Greek Fest, no banquet rentals, just to name some). To make giving easier for all our faithful, we have established an online program called [Tithe.ly/give](https://tithe.ly/give). This will allow those who have internet accessibility to continue to make offerings for stewardship payments, candles, Helping Hand, Food Pantry and other donations that help cover the costs of operating our parish with just a click of your computer keys. Look below and check out the link listed. It is a profession of faith when we all work together and help our church to better plan for its various financial needs and expenditures. Thank you!

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1385847>

WISFUL THINKING: A young couple had been married for about a year. They were struggling financially and decided to do something about it. They would develop a strategy. They sat down one day to talk about their finances, and the wife said to her husband, "If we miss two payments on the refrigerator and one payment on the washing machine, we'll have enough money to make a down payment on a new television set."

THANKSGIVING THOUGHT: Rejoice, pray, in all things give thanks!

PHILANTHROPY MONTH: Each year, our Cathedral continues to advance the cause of outreach programs to our local community. We as individuals and as a church have the capabilities to continue making a difference in the lives of others. Acts of love, mercy, and compassion really help those who are in need move toward physical, emotional, and spiritual wholeness in such a broken world. Here's how we can help:

Love & Care Drive: We will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarfs for the needy children of our area. Let us show others our love and care by bringing in something warm to wear. Donated items may be brought to the church office from Sunday, November 1st to Sunday, December 13th.

Kids 4 Kids Toy Drive: We will begin collecting new toys for the disadvantage children and teens in our local area from Sunday, November 1st to Sunday, December 13th. Once again, we are requesting new, clean, non-violent toys. Please **NO** Stuffed Animals. The toys may be brought on Sundays and placed in the bin which is located at the entrance of the Cathedral or dropped off at the church office during the week.

Food Pantry: At this time, the Food Pantry will remain open on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. However, instead of our regular parishioner crew working it, volunteers from the Ross Township office will. Anyone 18-40 without any medical conditions who would like to volunteer during these times is asked to contact Karen Petalas at the Township Office or Patty Makarounas through the church office.

Harvest for the Hungry: Since 2004, Harvest for the Hungry has been able to provide Thanksgiving meals and groceries to almost 50,000 families thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners and countless volunteers of our community. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the need is greater than ever, and we need at least \$8,000 to feed families in need. No donation is too small! If you are able to donate, there are a couple of ways you can help: (1) Donations may be made directly, either by mail or in person, through the church office. Checks may be made payable to Ss. Constantine and Helen with Harvest for the Hungry in the memo; (2) Donations can be made on Tithe.ly app or by visiting the Tithe.ly website. Choose the amount you would like to give. In the TO section, search for Harvest for the Hungry. Complete the credit card/banking/apple pay information.

Please note: With the current CDC and Lake County Health Department restrictions and guidelines, volunteers will be limited this year. More details to follow.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. CATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR: A beautiful young woman once insisted on marrying someone who was just like her. He had to be good looking, wealthy, and worldly. Her mother sent her to her own spiritual father. He told her about a man whose "countenance is more radiant than the shining of the sun, and all of creation is governed by His wisdom. His riches are given to all the nations of the world, yet they never diminish. His compassion is unequalled."

When she met this young man, he rejected her. He said that she was ugly, poor, and that she didn't really want to be with him! Eventually, the young girl proved that she loved this man for who he really was. She won him over by rejecting her attachments to money, power, wisdom, and the things from the world that once impressed her. Because of this, the man, when she was betrothed to him, gave her a beautiful ring as a sign of their betrothal and new-found wealth.

This young woman was the martyr Catherine and her suitor was our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! St. Catherine the Great Martyr's feast day is celebrated on November 25th. She put emperors and philosophers' to shame with her wisdom, and converted people in the hundreds. She reminds us that we are not meant to store our treasure here on earth, but to share the treasures that we have with others so that they may be stored in heaven (Matthew 6:19-24)

SIMPLE PRAYER that you can say before any meal and which will remind you to always be thankful: "Bless, O Lord, this food and drink which we are about to receive because of Your great bounty and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen."

FOUR MISTAKES: The rich man in today's Gospel lesson made four mistakes – the same ones many of us make:

1. He tried to satisfy his soul with material things such as goods, easy eating, drinking and merrymaking.
2. He deceived himself into believing that he really owned his horses, barns and money; he forgot that they were lent to him and that someday he would have to give an account of his stewardship to God – the real owner!
3. He completely ignored his obligations to his fellow men, not realizing what a blessing he might have been to others with all his treasures.
4. Even though he amply planned for the future here on earth, he made no provision for eternity. He lived only for this world. When a man has no God to whom he can turn, then he is in a hurry to get something out of life. The gate threatens to close. Then all will be over. Hence, the important scramble and scuffle to acquire as much as possible before the sun sets. The believer can wait; the non-believer must hurry. The one lives for eternity, the other just for the now moment.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:1).

EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING: Not just the holiday, but every day should be Thanksgiving Day. Time should be spent in retrospect; there should be time to pray and thank the Lord for blessings sweet. For His great loving care that overshadows every day. And in our prayer let's remember our mother's love and father's care. For our daily food and some to share. For summertime and golden fall. For winter's change and spring's magic. For the sun that shines on each and all. For church and home, for work and play. For family and friends and for those sick and alone. For all the blessings we enjoy each day. For all the joys in life we find let us give thanks to our Father in Heaven for everything!

STILL NO ROOM: At this time of year, upon the heels of Thanksgiving, the media blitz comes with Christmas announcements, advertisements, and bargains. The holiday craze of Christmas shopping has already taken possession of the public mind. But the question may be well raised whether in the holiday whirl of Christmas shopping, bargain hunting, holiday baking, pleasurer seeking, and merriment the grand historic fact of the Coming of Jesus Christ our Savior to redeem a lost world is a lost sight and thought for the most part.

There will, no doubt, be the periodical criticism of the Bethlehem innkeeper who had "no room for the Christ child" on that faraway night. But instead of faulting the innkeeper, who, in his ignorance that night, answered the weary, dust-stained pilgrims with stern refusal, let us turn our thoughts upon many who, in the gathered light of these many long centuries streaming with blessings from the wondrous Christ, and who know about Him, still say to Him as He stands knocking at the door of their heart and soul for admittance: "No room!" Remember, Jesus is the Reason for the Season!!!

CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK: The Holy Spirit confers true humility. However intelligent, sensible, and clever a man may be, if he does not possess the Holy Spirit within him, he cannot know himself properly; for without God's help he cannot see the inner state of his soul. But when the Holy Spirit enters the heart of man, he shows him all his inner poverty and weakness, the corruption of his soul and heart, and his remoteness from God.

-Metropolitan Innocent of Moscow

SAINTS OF THE DAY: Cecilia was born in Rome of noble birth. A devout Christian, she had a great zeal for Christ. She was martyred in 230. Her relics are preserved in St. Cecilia's Church in Rome. She is regarded as the patron saint of church music in the Western Church.

Philemon was a Colossian of great nobility. Apphias was his wife, Archippos their son. All were disciples of St. Paul. Onesimos was their slave who was converted by Paul and sent back to his master with a letter of recommendation (Epistle of Paul to Philemon, one of fourteen Epistles of the New Testament). Onesimos is the patron saint of the imprisoned.