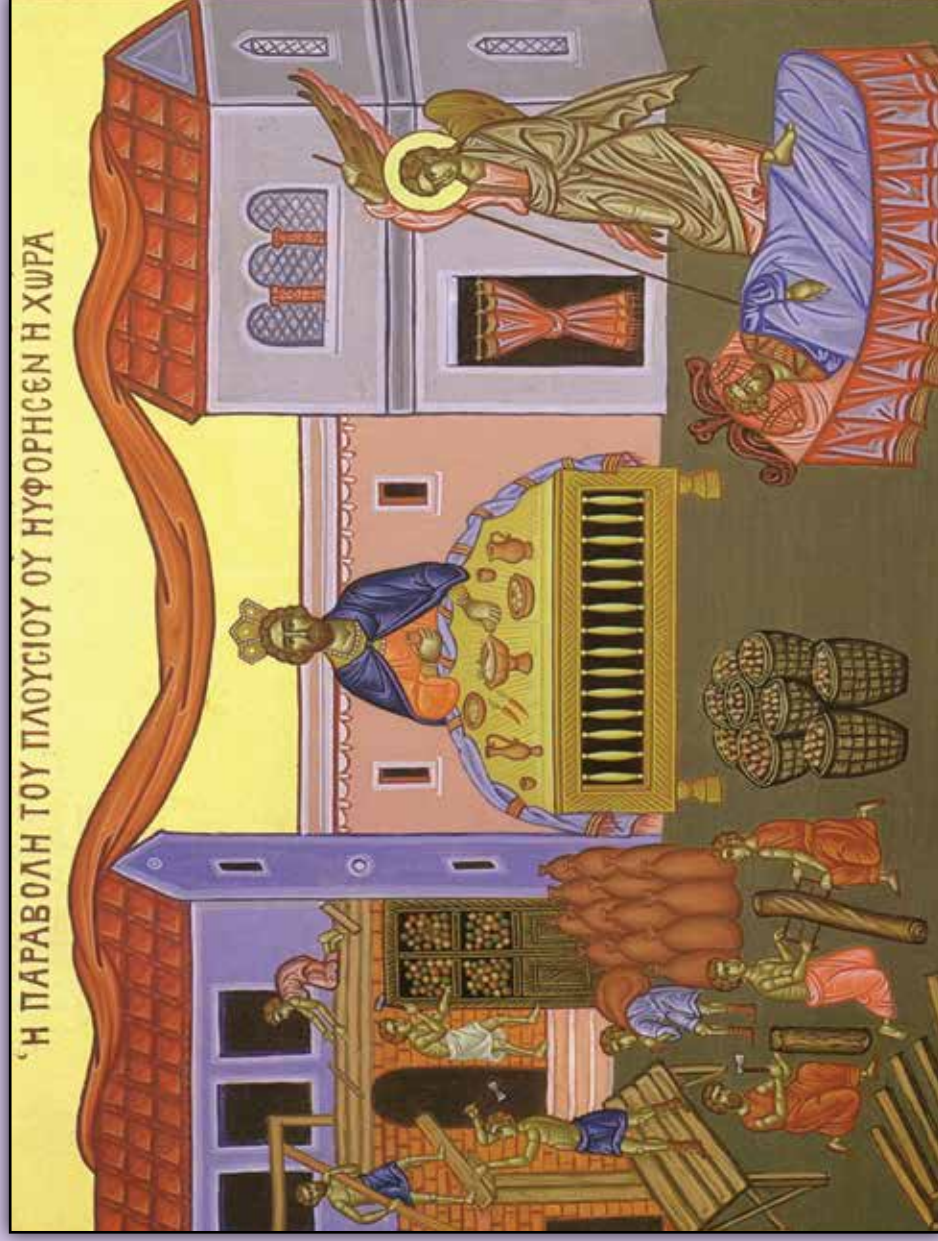


TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:16-21)

November 20, 2022: 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Eph. 2: 14-22

Gospel: Lk. 12: 16-21

Mon., Nov. 21	Entrance of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Nicholas Zinsky (Wife, Dorothy)
Tues., Nov. 22	9:00 + Marlene Nestrick (Lauren Telep)
Wed., Nov. 23	9:00 + Joe Berta (Marlene & Bob Zelno)
Thurs., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day 9:00 Thanksgiving to God for All Our Blessings
Fri., Nov. 25	No Divine Liturgy Today.
Sat., Nov. 26	No Morning Divine Liturgy. 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Sun., Nov. 27	10:30 + Andrew Smagula (Son, Joseph)



Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Commemorated November 21st

When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and mirac-

ulously fed by the Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day

witnesses the bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

Thanksgiving Greetings



This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Someone once said that he feels sorry for atheists on Thanksgiving Day because they have no one to thank. The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 knew they had SOMEONE to thank, since one of their motives in coming to the new world was their desire for religious freedom. Like the chosen people of the Bible, they came to a land full of promise and they soon recognized their debt to God by beginning our custom of Thanksgiv-

ing Day.

Thanksgiving Day for us is traditionally a family day, a time for homecomings and the sharing of a sumptuous dinner. We will celebrate a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am this year so that as a Parish Family we can gather together to give thanks and then to return to our homes to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. This year, let us begin this Thanksgiving Day properly by coming together as God's children in His Home - our

Church. We should gather there to express thanks to God for all His many favors. As Americans, we should express our gratitude for the blessings of living as we do in a free and prosperous land. As Christians we should gather to express our gratitude for our faith, a faith that gives us the joy of knowing that God is our Loving Father.

This coming Thanksgiving day reminds us that we, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, have indeed much to be thankful for. Above all, it reminds us that we have SOMEONE to thank. As a “Parish family” let us gather in our “Family House of Worship” at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Day to express our sincere gratitude to God, Our Father!

Did You Know...

...that the first Thanksgiving took place in 1621, when the Pilgrims held a three day feast at Plymouth, Rock, MA to celebrate the bountiful harvest? During the first year, half of the 110 Pilgrims had left England in 1620 survived the cold winter. During their second year, however, failed Pilgrims flourished with plentiful food sources, thanks in large part to the friendship and guidance of an Abnaki Indian named Squanto. Therefore, by proclamation of the Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held in the fall of 1621. He also invited the neighboring Native Americans to join with the colonists in the celebration.

...that Thanksgiving became a national holiday through the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in

October of 1863? Because the nation was struggling in the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln felt that Americans needed to set aside time to call to mind and acknowledge all the many gifts with which our nation was endowed – land, freedom, food – were gifts given to us by God. A day was needed when we could forget our differences and remember our many blessings. In the act of calling to mind our blessings, a sense of gratitude to the Giver of all the good gifts is an obvious consequence.

...that it was common in many ancient civilizations to have celebrations of gratitude for good gifts received? In justice, they believed that they owed Divine Providence their thanks for all the good gifts of creation.

...that our Jewish ancestors like-

wise celebrated an annual “Thanksgiving?” Actually it was two celebrations: Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. These were observed in the spring when the first crops were harvested and lambs were born. Gratitude extended beyond the gifts of creation to the recognition that God had delivered them from the slavery.

...that it was at the Passover celebration that Jesus “took the cup, and after giving thanks... And when He had taken some Bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them,

saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

...that the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving?” In the Eucharist we come together to give thanks and praise to God for all that Jesus did for us, His death and resurrection, and for all that God continues to do every day.

... that the Divine Liturgy is a supreme act of praise and thanksgiving to God?

Come Back to Church!

The Eucharist is our life-line, without it we cannot live. The Sunday Divine Liturgy is the community celebration of Christ in our midst, the event that unites us all together as the Body of Christ. Celebrating the Eucharist is not just a commandment of the Church, but an inner necessity. Christ sustains us, and, without Him, our lives are empty. It is time to return to full parish life, with precautions, and to come back to church weekly to participate

in the Lord’s banquet and receive Him in Holy Communion, by which we become the Body of Christ. Now, as we trust in the Lord, and with great confidence in the vaccines, our lives are opening up to more activity. It is time to return to the obligation of Sunday Divine Liturgy. Our obligation to participate in worship at the Divine Liturgy is an obligation of love as well as a command of the Lord.

Parish Membership and Expectations

What then does it mean to be a parishioner? What are the expectations?

As a result of my baptism, in practicing my Christian discipleship, I am

expected as a registered member of my parish to:

- regularly attend and participate in the Sunday Divine Liturgy, togeth-

- er with my family;
- regularly participate in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church;
- develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life;
- witness to the teachings of the Church by the manner of my living life;
- practice stewardship of my time, talent and treasure in service to the mission of the Church;
- acknowledge, as a registered member, that I am to be a participant in serving the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator; and
- realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

The Cherubimic Hymn

The Cherubimic Hymn derives its name from the time when St. John the Evangelist heard the cherubim singing in his revelation. The hymn reminds us

to forget all worldly cares and turn our thoughts to God -- that we may pay attention to the Great Mysteries fulfilled in our presence.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

WE GIVE THANKS will sponsor a FREE Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th and will be held at the Dickson City Eagle Hose Company Fire Hall, 1 Eagle Lane, Dickson City. It is FREE and open to anyone. We will begin serving at 12 noon and will end at 3 pm (or when the food runs out, what ever

comes first). Take outs will be available after 1 pm.

This is the 23rd year that we are hoding this dinner. If you would like to volunteer or know someone in need of a dinner, please contact Judie or Brian Richards at 570-878-1001 or email judiedchrc@gmail.com.

‘Tis the Season! Decorating

St. Cyrils Church for Christmas 2022

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday DECEMBER 4, 2022.

Christmas will be here before we

know it! The decorating of St. Cyril's Church will be on Sunday, December 4, 2022. after the Divine Liturgy at

approximately 12:00 noon. All Parishioners are invited to volunteer, as windows, iconostas, vestibule, the Royal Doors, the Main Altar, manger, choir loft, outdoors, etc... are decorated for the Christmas season. Duane and Dino will have the table and manger in place to help out in early

preparation for Sunday.

Everything is labeled and easy to put in its proper place. We need your help, as we prepare for the Holy Season of Christmas in our church. Any questions, contact Father Nestor 570-291-4451

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2022 is Team #3: Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for Nov. 12 & 13, 2022: \$

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Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “if you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects him to add immediately, “My commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria