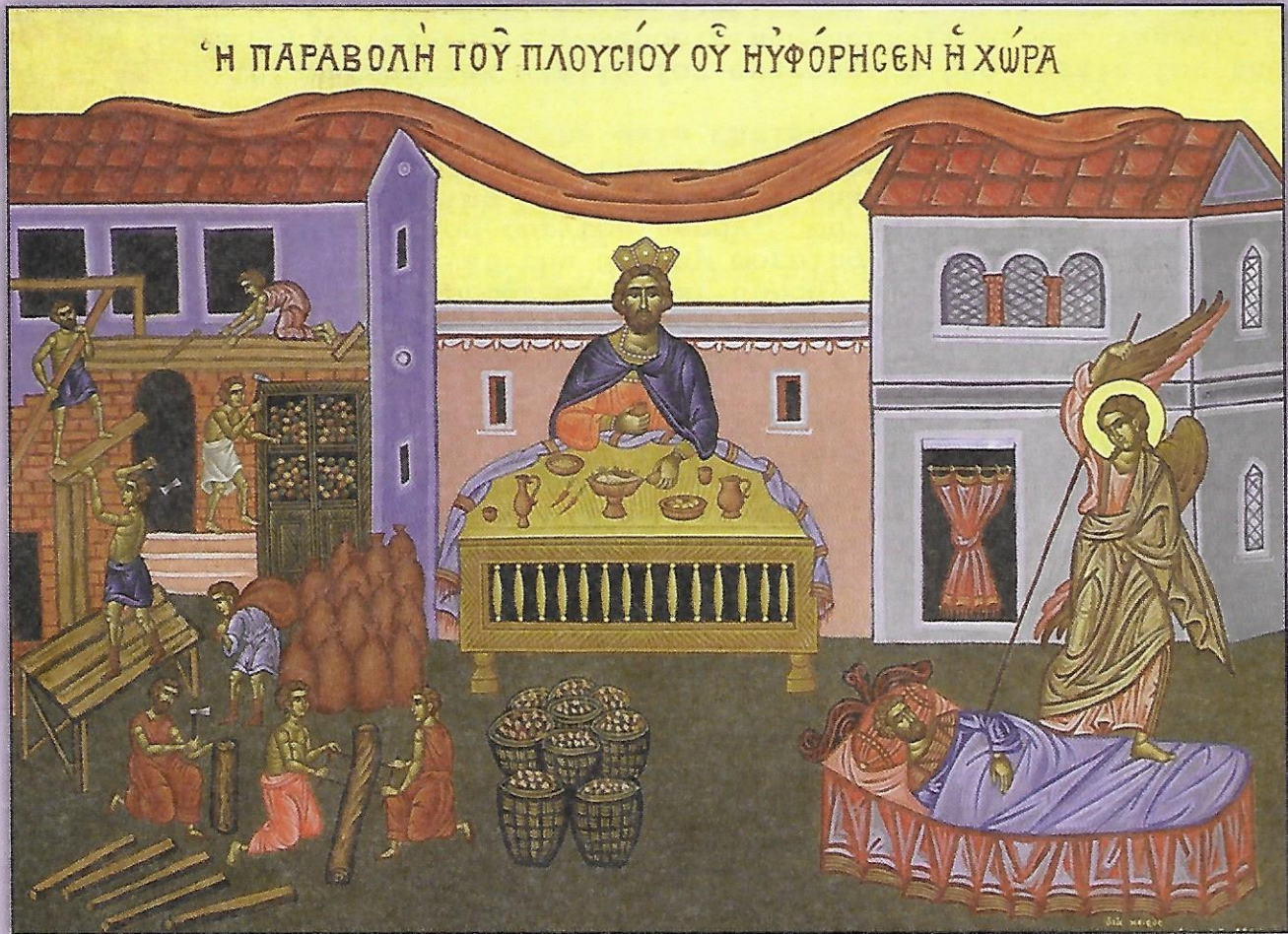


TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool*

### *Commentary on Riches*

The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of God, whose kindness extends even to such people as this. He sends rain on both the just and the unjust, and makes the sun rise on the wicked and good alike. But what do we find in this man? A bitter disposition, hatred of other people, unwillingness to give. This is the return he made to his Benefactor. He forgot that we all share the same nature; he felt no obligation to distribute his surplus to the needy. His barns were full to bursting point, but still his miserly heart was not satisfied. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old. The result was a hopeless impasse: greed would not permit him to

part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest. And so he was incapable of making a decision and could find no escape from his anxiety. What am I to do?

You who have wealth, recognize who has given you the gifts you have received. Consider yourself, who you are, what has been committed to your charge, from whom you have received it, why you have been preferred to most other people. You are the servant of the good God, a steward on behalf of your fellow servants. Do not imagine that everything has been provided for your own stomach. Make decisions regarding your property as though it belonged to another. Possessions give you pleasure for a short time, but then they will slip through your fingers and be gone, and you will be required to give an exact account of them.

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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"  
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

Nov. 17, 2019  
The 23rd sunday

ON SATURDAY Father Pastor led a delegation of parishioners to Reading, PA to share in our Deanery discussion on the future of our Church, both in the USA and abroad. We thank all our faithful who shared in this event: Borys and Neonila Pawluk, John Kopcha, Yuriy Danyliw, Lois Paul, Luba Somits, Kathy Plush. We are so grateful to all these folks.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in preparation for all the holiday, holyday events of this season. This Sunday the students will have rehearsal for their Christmas program. Next Sunday all the students and their parents will lead us at the Sunday morning Liturgy and conduct our annual food distribution for the needy. On Sunday, Dec. 1, the students will be on Thanksgiving break, as they share this Feast with their families. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the final practice for the Christmas program will take place for the gala Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 15.

WE THANK THE Maruszczak Family for overseeing the raffle for the benefit of our three elementary schools in Minersville, PA, Passaic, NJ and Perth Amboy, NJ. See Bill or Bridget today for a ticket or two. Also, we send our thanks to our friend Tom Newmaster for his kind gift to helping with the Thanksgiving food drive. Finally, our love and thanks go out to Mark Kochanowsky and the Knights of Columbus for the \$5,000 Christmas present to our Parish.

ARCHBISHOP BORYS has instructed us to count all the faithful in the pews for the weekend Liturgies this month of November. The Archbishop will use this information to plan the future fate of our parish and Pastor. Come to church and be counted, if you care about our future!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all our parish sick and suffering, i.e. the Dankiw baby Hadley, Helen Guman, Anna Sokol Burns, Bruce Pierce, Maryanne Cameron, Barbara Breitbarth, Anna Bryngelevich and Mary T. Johnson. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Simko and Roberto Family (Angie and Bob)  
Sunday, 9 am +Michael, Agnes and Donna (The Fonock Family)  
Thursday, 7 am +Dean O'Brien (Vera Trycieckyj and Family)  
Friday, 7 am +Mr. and Mrs/. Dominick Pasquale (Bill and Bridget)  
Saturday, 8 am +Michael, Mary, Joe, Helen (The Helenski Family)  
Saturday, 6 pm +Mary Nicola (Joseph Nicola)  
Sunday, 9 am +Maria Maniuszyn (Daughter Marianna)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Angelic Powers were on Your sepulchre, the guards  
became dead-like, as Mary stood by the tomb seeking  
Your most pure body. You captured hell yet were not detained by it.  
You are the Giver of life, O Lord risen from the dead, glory to You!

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: When Christ God, the Lifegiver of all things, had  
raised up from the valley of gloom all the dead,  
He gave resurrection to all the human race, for He is the Savior of all,  
the Resurrection and the Life, the God of all People, amen.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: O Lord, save Your People, bless Your Inheritance.

LOVE, Fr. Ronald