

He did not realize that the bellies of the poor were much safer storerooms than his barns. What he was stowing away in those barns was perhaps even then being stolen away by thieves. But if he stowed it away in the bellies of the poor, it would of course be digested on earth, but in heaven it would be kept all the more safely. The redemption of a man's soul is his riches. SERMON 36.9.

One Who is Not Rich Toward God is Such a Fool

TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: It is true that a person's life is not from one's possessions or because of having an overabundance. He who is rich toward God is very blessed and has glorious hope. Who is he? Evidently, one who does not love wealth but rather loves virtue, and to whom few things are sufficient. It is one whose hand is open to the needs of the poor, comforting the sorrows of those in poverty according to his means and the utmost of his power. He gathers in the storehouses that are above and lays up treasures in heaven. Such a one shall find the interest of his virtue and the reward of his right and blameless life. COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 89.



~ Announcements ~

- ***The following was received this week from Metropolitan William:*** Reverend and dear Father Paul-Alexander and Parishioners: I have received your check for **\$305.00** which is your offering for the contributions to be made by the Archeparchy to various needs and charities. I thank you most sincerely for your generosity, and I commend you for your kindness and charity. Those who will benefit from your goodness will likewise be deeply grateful. I pray for each of you.
- ***Having Trouble Paying High Heating Bills?*** Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program can help. Take a white application and a green information sheet from the table in the Narthex. Complete the application and mail it in the envelope provided.
- **The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union** invites you to its annual “Stedry Vecer” on **Sunday, December 2, 2012**, at the **Bishop Connare Center**, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. The evening begins with Mass at 4 pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain. Tickets: \$20 adults / \$15 ages 13-17 / \$10 ages 3-12. Tickets must be reserved prior to November 20th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.
- ***Many Thanks to those who donated door prizes for our Turkey Bingo, donated baked goods to the Kitchen, or helped work with the Bingo itself.***
- **Overly's Country Christmas at Westmoreland County Fairgrounds is seeking young volunteers to help out with various jobs. If interested, contact Debra at 814-421-7028.**
- ***The Following Programs are sponsored by the Mt. St. Macrina House of Prayer. Call 724-438-7149 to register. 1) Pre-Christmas Day – December 8 from 10:00 am – 1:15 pm. Registration due by Dec. 3. Offering - \$25. Includes Lunch. 2) Pre-Christmas Day – December 9 from 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm. Registration due by Dec. 4. Offering \$25. Includes Supper.***



