

Glory to Jesus Christ! St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Glory Forever!
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22 November 2020 / 7529 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Postfestive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos. Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite. Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople.
 Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevskia
 Second Sunday of the Philip or Christmas Fast*

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Nov. 21 17:00 Vigil: 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Postfestive Day of the Entrance Suffrages for + Helen Krynicky – Jane Crosby; for health and well-being of Rose Lishego – Barb Chirdon

Sun. Nov. 22 10:30 25th Sunday after Pentecost Postfestive Day of the Entrance Suffrages pro populo

Sat. Nov. 28 17:00 Vigil: 26th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for +John Hohider – Joanne Krynicky

Sun. Nov. 29 10:30 26th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages for populo

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11 / 15 / 2020	Adults: \$1360	Children: \$9	Candles: \$55		
COLLECTION	Holy Day: \$25	TOTAL: \$1449			
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SURROUNDED BY WEALTH, BLIND TO CHARITY. ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: What does the rich man do, surrounded by a great supply of many blessings beyond all numbering? In distress and anxiety, he speaks the words of poverty. He says, “What should I do?” ... He does not look to the future. He does not raise his eyes to God. He does not count it worth his while to gain for the mind those treasures that are above in heaven. He does not cherish love for the poor or desire the esteem it gains. He does not sympathize with suffering. It gives him no pain nor awakens his pity. Still more irrational, he settles for himself the length of his life, as if he would also reap this from the ground. He says, “I will say to myself, ‘Self, you have goods laid up for many years. Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.’ ” “O rich man,” one may say, ‘You have storehouses for your fruits, but where will you receive your many years? By the decree of God, your life is short-

ened.’ ” “God,” it tells us, “said to him, ‘You fool, this night they will require of you your soul. Whose will these things be that you have prepared?’ ” COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 89

THE BELLIES OF THE POOR ARE SAFER STOREHOUSES THAN OUR BARN. ST. AUGUSTINE: “The redemption of a man’s soul is his riches.” This silly fool of a man did not have that kind of riches. Obviously he was not redeeming his soul by giving relief to the poor. He was hoarding perishable crops. I repeat, he was hoarding perishable crops, while he was on the point of perishing because he had handed out nothing to the Lord before whom he was due to appear. How will he know where to look, when at that trial he starts hearing the words “I was hungry and you did not give me to eat”? He was planning to fill his soul with excessive and unnecessary feasting and was proudly disregarding all those empty bellies of the poor. 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

TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD. ST. 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

DISTINGUISHING LOWLINESS, MEEKNESS AND PATIENCE. GAIUS MARIUS VICTORINUS: He speaks of several forms of forbearance, each of which prevents them from being carried away or proud. Lowliness is first, then meekness. Lowliness consists in having a humble mind. Meekness is a curb on pride and cruelty. Patience consists in bearing any adverse circumstance that may befall them. With lowliness and meekness they learn not to be afraid to suffer. With patience they learn how to respond if they must suffer. EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS 1.4.2–4

~ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

The «**ST. NICHOLAS VIRTUALTHON**» benefits our Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius and replaces this year’s in-person banquet. The link for the GCU website is: <https://gcuusa.com/events/st-nicholas-virtualthon>. Donations can be made online or if you prefer to send a check, the information is provided on the link as to where to send it. This “Virtualthon” continues through December 6, 2020.