

Commentary on Riches

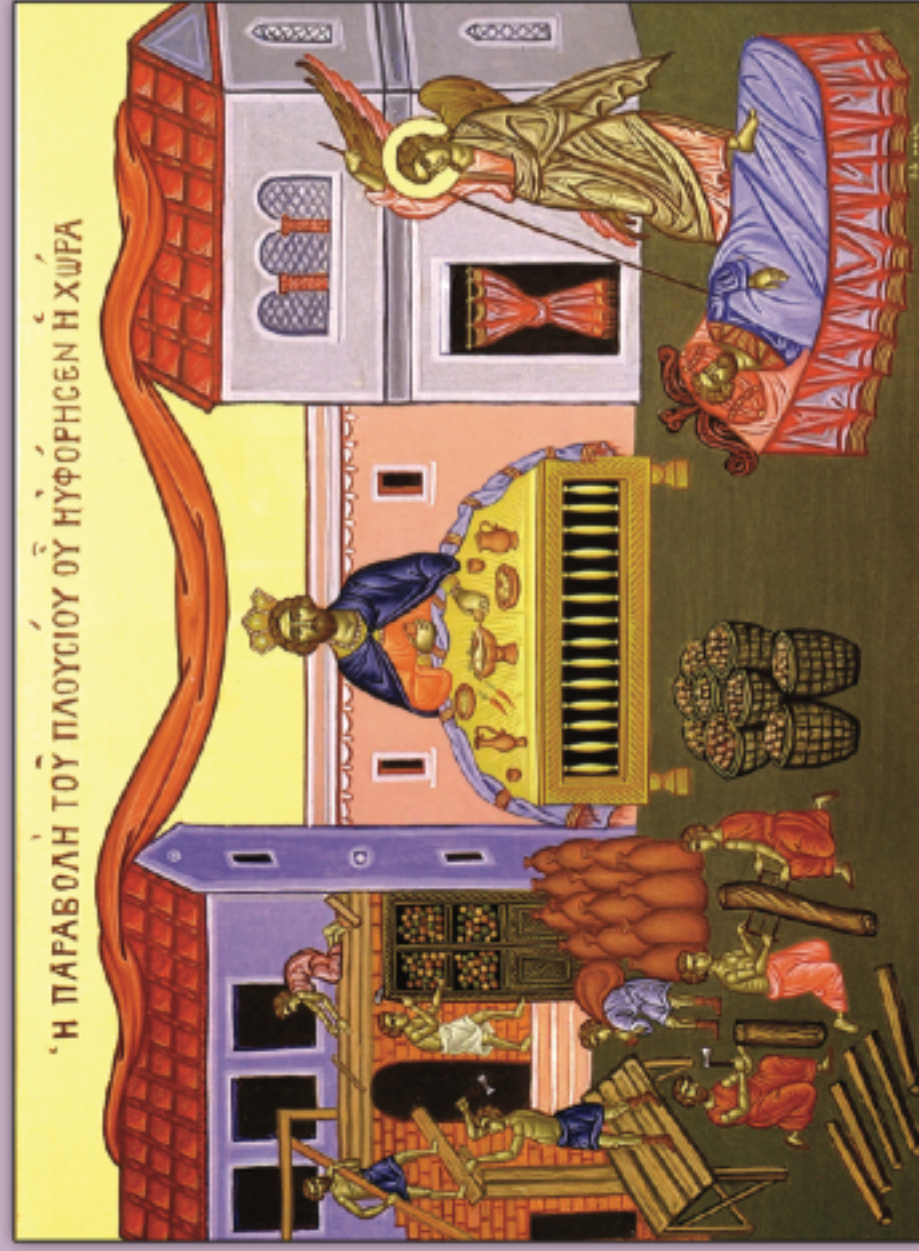
The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of 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.

St. Basil the Great

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 19, 2023 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	19	25th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Monday	20	Vigil for the Entrance of the Theotokos 7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy - +Emily Triggs by Mary & John Oreluk
Thursday	23	 Thanksgiving Day 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Sylvia Melnik by Lisa Melnik
Saturday	25	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Chris Rohan by Anne & Cathy Gazzolo 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	26	26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Home
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Sally Hughes
Bob Zavada	William Davis	Marianne Horvath
Gary Paczkowski	Gloria Selvy	Steve Bieniek
Abbie Sheedy-wc		

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.

Parish Membership is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

A Biblically based stewardship is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

Couples who are planning to be married at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages," as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound should contact the pastor or parish business office.

Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

Cremation is permitted but not encouraged. Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

Appropriate behavior and dress are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent

Grand Raffle Update

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 21 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

To date, we have a 64% Parishioner Sales Participation. Therefore, of the remaining 36%, if half sells 1 ticket and the other half sells 2 tickets, we can reach our goal and get a 100% Parishioner Participation!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(269)	(\$26,900)	76.86%
Unsold	81	\$8,100	23.14%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to our 2nd Early Bird Winners!

Richard Palasz - \$250

Keith Landovitz- \$150 / Rick Adamowski - \$100

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonny Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Larry & Lisa Bergman, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Kathy Diipla, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Jim Forkal, Rob & Debbie Gartshore, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Katie Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Sue Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Mary Kenes, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Dan & Christine Lauffer, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Reba Lyon, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Julio & Sureia Martinez, Lisa Melnik, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Cecelia Okonski, Jeff & Angela Okonski, John & Mary Oreluk, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Justin Orenic, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Gloria Paulson, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Brian & Donna Rusnak, Joe Schudt, Gloria Selvy, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snaidauf, Esther Thomas, Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Robert Zavada

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



1,000 SHOWS!!

The first show aired on October 3rd, 2004, and has run consecutively since that time. Thanks to the vision of Charles Cook & Art Clifton, Fr. Tom started evangelizing with Light of the East and has helped countless people learn how to “breathe with both lungs”.

In 2008, Armand Ciabattari came on board as program producer/engineer and elevated Light of the East to another level of professionalism with his stellar radio skills.

We are grateful for your determination, dedication, and love for the Eastern Churches!



May God grant
“Light of the
East,” Fr. Tom &
Armand many
more Happy and
Blessed Years!

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 9th



Calling all bakers...we are looking for cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!

- +Make a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie.
- +Please mark the type of cookie and if they have nuts in them.
- +Cookies can be dropped off in the downstairs kitchen.
- +We will make mixed boxes of the cookies to sell at the event.



Byzantine Spirituality on Relationship vs. Individuality

“The Christian vision affirms that relationship, not individuality, is characteristic of the image of God. In the Trinity, there are not three individuals, but three persons, known by their relationships. We are made in that image. We are not meant to be individuals so much as to be persons, and there is a big difference. Individuality separates: we define ourselves in terms of what makes us different and separates us, leading to a disharmony. Persons are known by their relationship to one another. So, when we want to know who we are, we should not look to what separates us from others, but what brings us together, because we are in the image of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

Light for Life III: The Mystery Lived



ByzanTEENS

Sunday, Dec 3rd
(skit practice)
& 10th

11:30am to 1:00pm

Family Catechesis

Sunday, December 17th
Noon - 1:30pm

Check out these GREAT NEW On-line Byzantine Catechetical Resources from God With Us Online

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Byzantine Catholic Formation

Free Family Formation

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DOWNLOADABLE MONTHLY LESSONS FOR ALL AGES BASED ON THE THEMES FOR THE CATECHETICAL YEAR!

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Discovery & Discipleship

Christmas on the Prairie

Sat. Dec. 9, 2023
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church
14810 Will Cook Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60491

FREE
Indoor and outdoor family event

Fr. Tom Loya

- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage

For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com