

Commentary on Riches

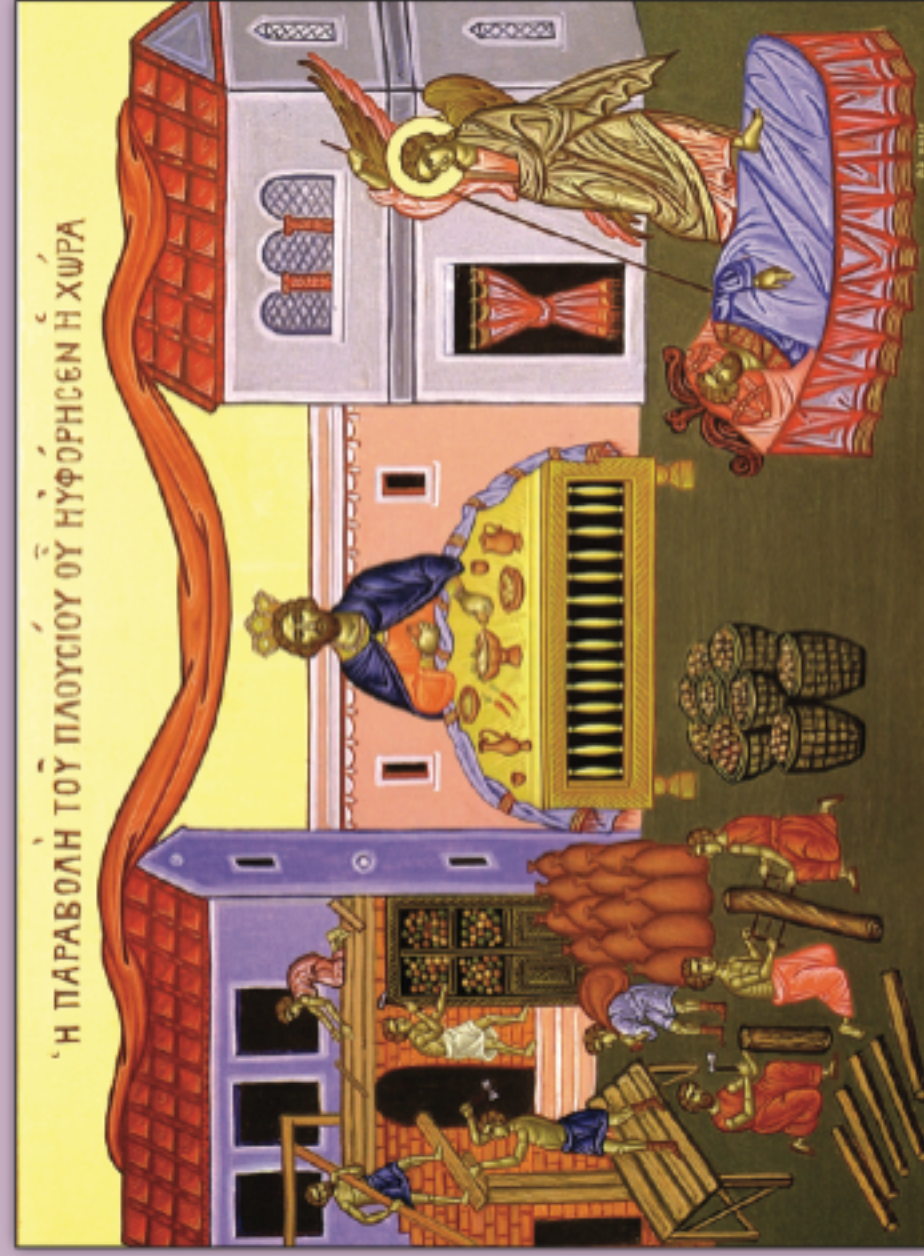
The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of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



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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Deacon: J. Timothy Tkach

November 17, 2024 26th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	17	<u>26th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	21	<u>Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Mary Ellen Haber by Stephen & Susan O'Brien
Saturday	23	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Tony Aurelio by Esther Thomas 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	24	<u>27th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

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

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Mary Ellen Haber
Reba Lyon-wc	Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Mike Sheedy	Debby Lattuca

We Pray for the Catechumens in our parish:

Patrick Doogan	Jeremy Pinkowski
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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 penitential practice is to be observed.



ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:
NATIVITY FAST PARISH MISSION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY | DEC. 7-8, 2024

TITLE:

SCROOGING CHRISTMAS?: THE REASON OF THE SEASON

Why talk about death of John the Baptist and Stephen on the road to Christmas? Come hear Fr. Jack Custer who will tell us why these martyr stories don't spoil our appetite for the holidays, but point us to the heart of the Christmas mystery.

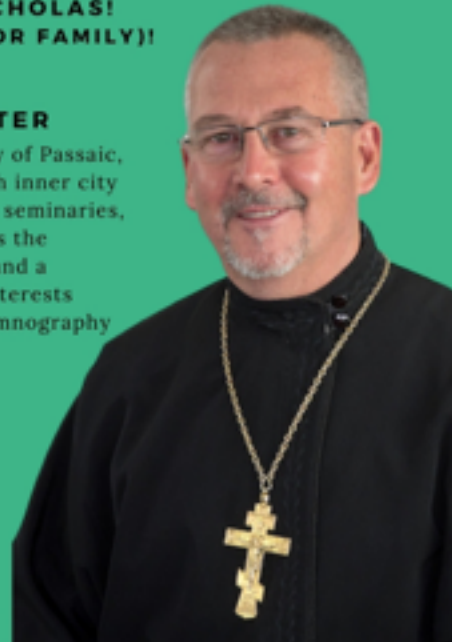
**PART OF ST. MARY'S
ACCESSIBILITY TO BEAUTY PROJECT
"BEAUTY IS PUBLIC PROPERTY"**

DEC. 7:
VESPERS & MATINS 5 P.M.
TALK, FOOD & CONVERSATION 6:30 P.M.
COMPLINE 8 P.M.; CONFESSION AVAILABLE

DEC. 8: SIDE DISH & SIDEKICK SUNDAY
REFLECTION 9 A.M.
DIVINE LITURGY WITH MUNDELIEN SEMINARIANS 10 A.M
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW WITH VISIT BY ST NICHOLAS!
BRING A SIDE DISH AND A SIDE KICK (FRIEND OR FAMILY)!

PARISH MISSION LEADER | FR. JACK CUSTER

Fr. Jack Custer is a priest of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, New Jersey. In his 40 years of ministry, he has pastored both inner city and suburban parishes, served as dean and professor at two seminaries, and has lectured on liturgy, the Bible and spirituality across the country. He holds a licentiate (Pontifical Biblical Institute) and a doctorate (Pontifical Gregorian University). His academic interests include the interplay of biblical exegesis, homiletics and hymnography in the Byzantine tradition. He has authored four books, several volumes of biblical meditations, and a commentary on the Akathistos Hymn to the Mother of God.



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Fathoming the Depths of our Byzantine Spirituality

Saturdays during Philip's Fast w/ Abbot Nicholas

Vespers - 5pm

Light Fasting Super/Talk - 6pm



Consider joining us for the next five Saturdays leading up to the **Nativity of our Lord** as we explore the monastic roots of our faith with prayer and an exploration into the riches of our Eastern faith. All are welcome!

Check out all of these great local events headed your way!

SAG BRIDGE MISSION SOCIETY

PRESENTS

Paint and Sip

Step-by-Step Acrylic Painting
Guided by Fr. Thomas Loya,
Pastor of Annunciation Byzantine
Catholic Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024
7 - 9 PM

St. James Sag Hall
10600 S Archer Ave.
Lemont, IL 60439

Cost: \$35/person

Art materials and
refreshments provided!

Questions?
Call (630) 862-9236

Registration required.
Register online at historicstjames.org
or via the QR code below.



We hope to see you there!



A poster for 'Tamburitans Legacy'. At the top, a group of dancers in traditional costumes performs on a stage. The title 'Tamburitans' is written in a large, golden, cursive font. Below it, 'THE TAMBURITZANS PRESENT: LEGACY' is written in white, followed by 'A WORLD MUSIC & DANCE PRODUCTION'. The venue and date are listed as 'MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL, 8808 COLUMBIA AVE, MUNSTER, IN 46321, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 2024 @ 2 PM'. Ticket prices and contact information are provided. At the bottom, there is a photo of a woman in traditional dress and a QR code. A small caption at the bottom left reads 'WELCOME HOME SARAH PAUZI! MUNSTER HS CLASS OF 2021'.

A poster for a Christmas Wreath Workshop. The top features the church's logo with a religious icon. The text 'INVITES YOU TO: Christmas WREATH WORKSHOP' is written in a mix of fonts. The date is 'December 7, 2024'. The location is 'Outside in our Prayer Garden with warmers to keep you toasty!'. It describes the activity: 'Create your own Christmas wreath made from fresh greens and embellish it!'. It also mentions 'Hot chocolate, cider, & baked goods! Fr Andrew will play the Christmas hits! Enjoy Whiting's Kris Kringle Market after'. The cost is '\$40' and includes materials for two sessions: '9-10:30 a.m. & 11-12:30 p.m.'. It notes 'Space is limited Register TODAY at stmarywhiting.org Deadline, December 4, 2024'. The address is '2011 Clark St. | Whiting, Indiana' and the email is 'stmarywhiting@parma.org'. The poster is decorated with holly leaves and berries.

See sign-up sheets in the Narthex



If we have enough people interested in either of these events, we can take the parish bus for easy transportation over to Indiana.

Grand Raffle Update

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...Don't stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(283)	(28,300)	80.86%
Unsold	67	\$6,700	19.14%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to our 2nd Early Bird Winners!

Jacob Pawchak - \$250

James & Stephanie Baran - \$150 / Katie Hornberger - \$100

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonny Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, James & Stefanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Stephen & Karen Beardsley, Lisa & Larry Bergman, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Jim & Katheryn Brown, Mark & Anna Chagnon, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Yoshi, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Lisa Melnik, Jim & Sally Meseke, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Jeff & Angela Okonski, Cecelia Okonski, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Lea Rodbarry, Mari Ruzich, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Gloria Selvy, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Mee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snidauf, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeleine Super, Esther Thomas, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Fran Zeimetz

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 14th

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 take your cookies and make mixed boxes to sell at the event.



Only 27 days until
St. Nicholas Arrives!!