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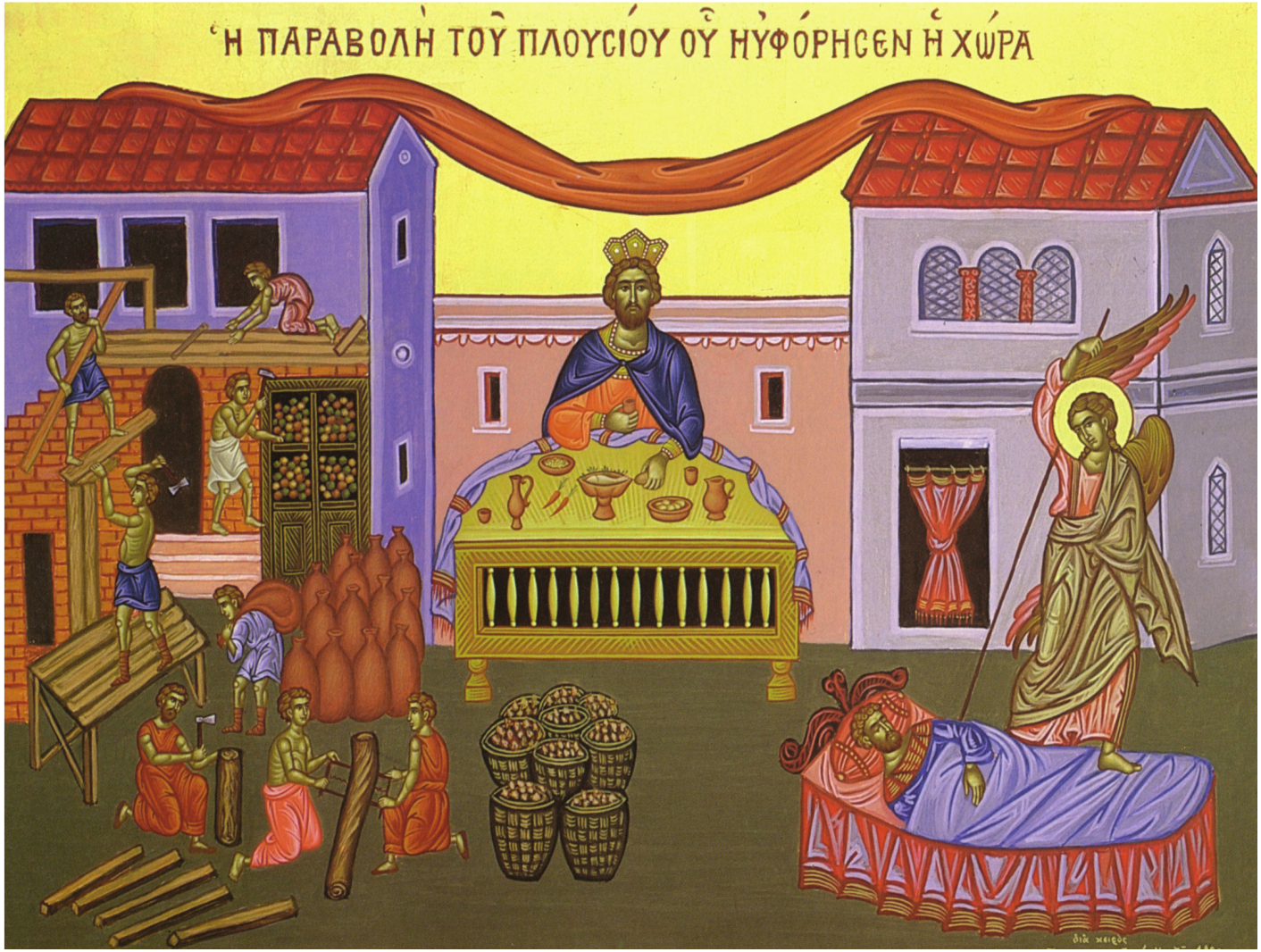
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November 22, 2026 — Ninth Sunday after the Holy Cross



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool (*Luke 12:16-21*)

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Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers were watching your sacred body, You rose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Wherefore, O Giver of life, the powers of heaven cried out: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom, glory to your Plan of redemption, O You who alone are the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin: Today is the prelude to God's munificence, and the announcement of the salvation of men: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of Christ. Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength: "Joy to you, Fulfillment of the Creator's Plan!"

Troparion of St. George: O Great among the saints and glorious martyr, George, since you are a deliverer of captives and a defender of the poor, a doctor for the sick and a noble attendant to kings, intercede for us to Christ God, that he may save our souls!

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin: The most pure Temple of the Savior, His most precious bridal chamber, the Virgin, sacred treasure of God's glory, enters today in the house of the Lord, bringing with her the grace of the divine Spirit. Wherefore the angels of God are singing: "Behold the heavenly tabernacle!"

Prokimenon: May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.
Stichon: Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting.

Apostolic Reading: Eph 5:8-19

Gospel: The Rich Fool, Lk 12:16-21

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Kevin Kenney (Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for the Latins), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Henry Shirley, Geri Spankowski, Fr. Gregory and Presbytera Elizabeth. For those who have died. For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Wednesday: *Leave-taking of the Entrance of the Mother into the Temple*
Great-Martyrs Catherine of Alexandria and Mercury
Sunday *Thirteenth Sunday after the Holy Cross*

Coming Up

December 6th: St. Nicholas Potluck after Sunday Liturgy
December 10th: Beginning of the Nativity Fast (Shorter Usage)s
December 25th: The Nativity

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=$6; donations=$1,450.30; ordinary collections=$378. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated September 13, 2026): $54,612.89.

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Eparchial Pastoral Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Appeal)

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever!" (Psalm 107:1)

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reflect on all that God has given us. Among those blessings is our Church and the people who have helped us grow in faith. As we give thanks, may we also remember those who depend on our prayers and support.

Donate online: https://melkiteeparchyofnewton.flocknote.com/give/27546. Additional info on the back tables.

Practical Suggestions for Fasting

Fasting, like prayer, is something we can grow into. If you are not accustomed to fasting, it can be helpful to begin at one level and deepen your practice as you grow in your life in Christ. The following plan might be helpful.

Beginning level: On Wednesdays and Fridays do not eat any meat and offer a brief prayer several times throughout the day. During the fasting seasons of Great Lent and the Dormition Fast, attend at least one Leneten Service each week. Before the Presanctified Liturgy during Great Lent, do not eat anything for several hours.

A deeper level: In addition to the above, on fast days, do not eat anything before noon and no meat thereafter. Keep additional fast days during the fasting seasons. During Great Lent, in addition to avoiding meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, also avoid dairy products. Attend two Lenten Services weekly and preform some act of charity each day.

A further level: In addition to the above, keep each day in the fasting seasons as a fast day. Attend all the Divine Services during the fasting seasons. Replace entertainments such as TV, movies, shopping, etc. with prayer, spiritual reading and acts of charity.

Surrounded by Wealth, Blind to Charity

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 hiseyes 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 shortened."

"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?"

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

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