

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “if you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects him to add immediately, “My commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected, but simply pointed him to the law.

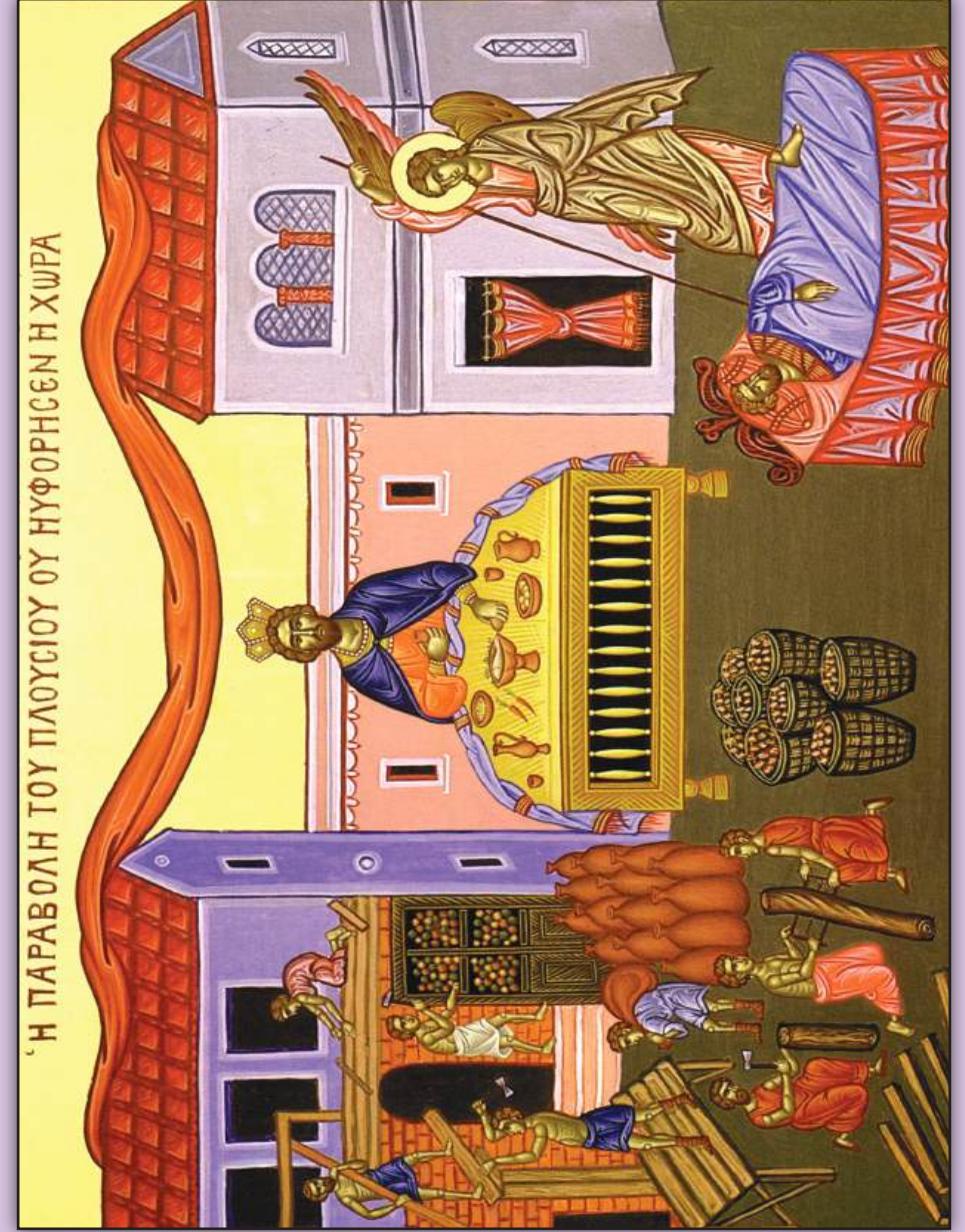
This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

The law is the starting point for social justice. Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance, with the view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm

Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**NOVEMBER 23, 2025 – 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7); AFTER-
 FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; HOLY FA-
 THERS AMPHYLOCHIOS, BISHOP OF IKONION, AND GREGORY, BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM**

*The **Nativity Fast (Nov 15-Dec 24)** is a voluntary period of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. All are encouraged to empty themselves and give to others during this 40-day period so that we might be filled with the joy of His Nativity.*

GIVING REPORT – The in-pew collection for Nov 16 was \$344.13. *We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on [tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, and support of our parish!*

NO WEDNESDAY DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK

HAPPY THANKSGIVING – On behalf of Fr Robert and Fr Mykola, we want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!* (Ps 107:1). For those who may be traveling, please be safe. Enjoy this time of family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly illumined servant of God, **Marigold Anne Nelson**, newborn daughter of Thomas and Kate Nelson. Marigold received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Communion on Friday, November 21, during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. *Mnohaya i blahaya lita!*

Participation in the life of the Most Holy Trinity becomes a reality for us through the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. In other words, we partake of God’s life by being united to Christ, receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit, and sharing the Body and Blood of Christ in the community called Church. **As a person after birth begins to breathe and then receives nourishment in order to live, so the newly baptized, born to new life in the baptismal font, begins to breathe by the Holy Spirit and receives the nourishment of Holy Communion in order to grow in Christ.** Through the prayers and sacred actions of the liturgical rite of each of these Mysteries, the Church leads the faithful (the Greek Fathers speak of *mystagogy*—*leading into the mystery*) into an understanding of the Mystery and perceiving it as a single, unified action of God’s grace. This is why in the tradition of the Eastern Church, these three Holy Mysteries are celebrated together. (*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*, 408)

SAINT PHILIP’S FAST PARISH PROJECT - To benefit HARTS (Hope and Rest Temporary Shelter) of Front Royal. Donations collected until December 24: Paper towels, toilet paper, spray disinfectant, Maxwell House coffee, powdered creamer, powdered iced tea and lemonade, fruit punch, canned soup, Chef Boyardee, canned meats, Cup of Noodles, Little Debbie snacks, cereal boxes/bags (individual not necessary), instant oatmeal packets. Donations can be left in basket in the church hall.

ST NICHOLAS DINNER & VISIT – After the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, Dec 7**. Watch your email for the sign-up.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannauc@gmail.com.*

24th Sunday after Pentecost; Post-feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God

Troparion, Tone 7 (p. 353). By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4 (p. 727). Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God,* and the proclamation of salvation for the human race.* In the Temple of God* the Virgin is clearly revealed,* and beforehand announces Christ to all.* To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice:* Rejoice, fulfilment of the Creator's plan.

(p. 353). Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 7 (p. 354). No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:* "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

(p. 728). Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4 (p. 728). The Saviour's pure temple,* the precious bridal chamber and Virgin,* the sacred treasury of the glory of God,* is brought today into the house of the Lord;* and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit.* God's angels sing in praise of her:* She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7 (p. 356). The Lord will give strength to His people;* the Lord will bless His people with peace. *verse:* Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. (*Psalms 28:11,1*)

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Brothers and Sisters, for he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,

built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Alleluia, Tone 7 (p. 356).

verse: It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

verse: To announce Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth every night. (*Psalms 91:2,3*)

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Hymn to the Mother of God (p. 730-31). Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies. **And the Irmos, Tone 4:** Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark,* but instead let the lips of those who are believers* sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel,* crying out with great joy to the Mother of God:* O pure Virgin,* you are truly higher than all.

Communion Verse. Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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November 15-December 24, 2025

Donations of Paper towel, Toilet paper, Spray disinfectant,
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