



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**Sunday November 29, 2020 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular  
For God’s Blessings on Roxolana Armstrong from Ann Woroniak

**Sunday, December 06, 2020 27th Sunday after Pentecost-St. Nicholas-Wonderworker**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular  
For +Patricia Fallon from Martha & John Stine

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**The 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Today’s parable about a certain mindless rich man (Luke, 12, 16-20) teaches us a very important lesson that a sudden death often comes upon a person, who, according to the words of our Lord, Jesus Christ, “is not rich towards God.” And what does it mean “to be rich towards God”? Does it mean to become rich for God and acquire possession for Him? But God does not need treasures or possession of any kind! He is already the Lord – the Creator and the Owner of the whole world! He thus speaks about Himself to one of the prophets: “My universe and everything that fills

it...” (Psalm 49.12). Therefore, “to be rich towards God” implies something fundamentally different... “To be rich towards God” stands for becoming profuse for the Glory of God, for He expects us to use all those possessions, talents and abilities that He gives us, for exalting Him among people... To be even more exact, our material and spiritual possessions should serve our neighbors’ needs: in this way we will be multiplying goodness in this world and through acts of kindness will be bringing more and more new souls to God! The mindless rich man from today’s Gospel readings, having received from God a certain gift, does not spread it among his neighbours. Having withdrawn and shut himself within his little selfish world, he voluptuously mutters: “I will be eating, and drinking, and having fun alone!” The poor fellow does not know that joy only then is a true joy, when it is shared with others... Those who collect the treasures only for themselves, in reality, are constantly plundering themselves. Those who are giving away their possessions and sharing their gifts from God with others, who are scattering the warmth of their own souls and sacrificing their time, strength and even money for others, are “being rich toward God...” In exchange for the wealth that we hand out to others, we will receive from God and people, something that cannot be purchased by any money: eternal life, love, devotion and compassion... The rule of saving our priceless soul is very simple. It was formulated by the apostle Paul at the last meeting with the presbyters of the Ephesian church in Miletus: “It is essential to support the weak and to remember the words of Jesus Christ, for He told us that: “it is more blessed to give than to receive...” *Source: orthodox-canada.com*

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Troparion (1):** Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (1):** You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master; and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (1):** When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his Rejoice! - at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the holy ark. As the just David said, you have become wider than the heavens, carrying your Creator: Glory to Him Who dwelt in you! Glory to Him Who came forth from you! Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

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**Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

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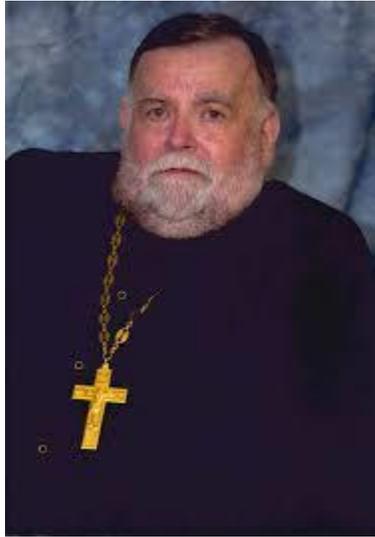
**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.** (Eph 5,9-19) Brethren: Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will

give you light.” Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (1): Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Lk 12,16-21) The Lord told this parable: “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”

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



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Your Excellencies, Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

I regret to inform our priests, religious, and faithful that Father John Fields has passed away in his home. Cause of death is yet to be determined.

Among the numerous services that Father John rendered to the Church was ministry as long-time pastor and, in recent years, Religious Education and Communications Director of our Archeparchy. Father John had many assignments in different parishes and various capacities throughout our Archeparchy.

A lawyer by first profession, Father John had a bright and inquisitive mind. He was a builder of churches, an avid conversationalist, a communicator. Animated, quick-witted, and with an incisive sense of humor Father John kept us alert. He loved to share news and was adept at doing so.

In our last conversation before Thanksgiving Father John was in good spirits and seemingly improving in his health.

I express my heartfelt condolences to Father John's family and friends.

As Father John preached and professed, our hope is in the Lord and His Resurrection.

Let us remember him in our grateful prayers.

May his memory be eternal. Вічна пам'ять!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

**We sincerely thank** our parishioners who mail their donations when they are unable to come to Divine Liturgy. If you are financially able, please continue to support our church. You may mail your donations to

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