

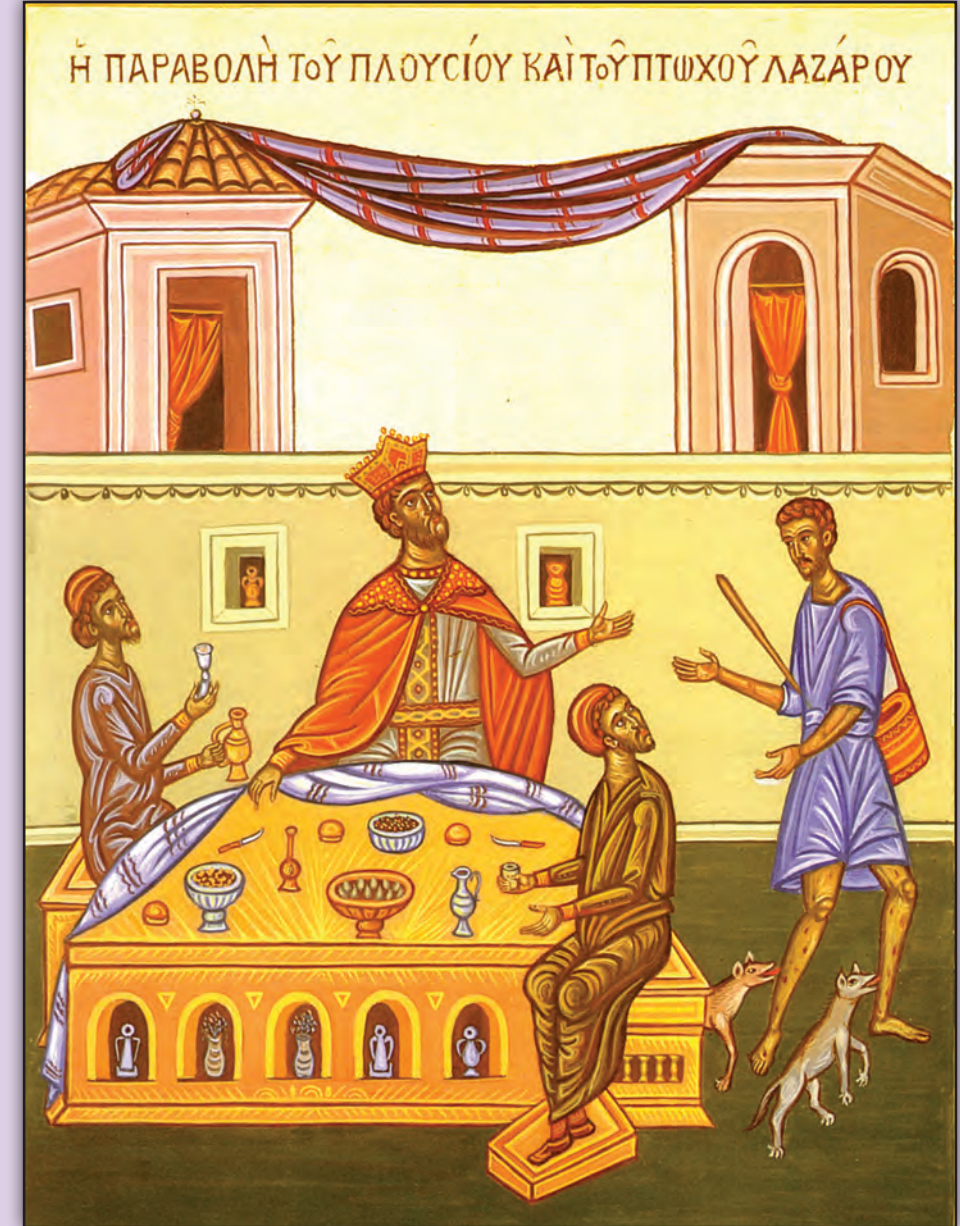
Lazarus and the Rich Man

In the 1940's, France was known for its extensive collection of Egyptian artifacts. Many forgotten treasures were holed up in the basement of a Paris museum. One day, some workmen uncovered a forgotten burial case pushed into a dark corner of the basement. They decided that the box would be an excellent storage container for many of the smaller artifacts. So, without consulting any of the museum authorities, the workmen took it upon themselves to empty the contents of the box into the sewer. They then filled the empty box with odds and ends. Some time later, they made the unhappy discovery that they had mistakenly discarded the remains of Cleopatra, one of the most famous women of ancient Egypt!

In ignorance, people regularly discard things of great value. One of the more valuable

things that people discard are opportunities. We see this in today's Gospel reading of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man had everything he needed in the world, while Lazarus was in constant need. Each day, the rich man had the opportunity to attend to the need of Lazarus who wanted nothing more than to eat the crumbs which fell from his table. The rich man, for his part, never abused Lazarus or mistreated him – he simply ignored him and for this he was condemned. The sin of the rich man was not his wealth, it was his blindness – blindness to the needs of others.

Let us not forget that "the truly rich man is not one who possesses much, but one who gives much." (Saint John Chrysostom)



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

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Sunday – October 24, 2021

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. We will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday October 24 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Sophia Danyluk from Marijska Druzhyna)
Monday October 25 9:00 a.m.	(+Josyf Drabek from Family)
Tuesday October 26 9:00 a.m.	(+Irene Kosciw from Family)
Wednesday October 27 9:00 a.m.	(+Cathleen Jacobson from Ruth)
Thursday October 28 10:30 a.m.	(Funeral Liturgy +Chrystyna Kinal)
Friday October 29 9:00 a.m.	(+Marion Bartoszyk from the Stecura Family)
Sunday October 31 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Deacon Donald Latrick from Family) (For the Parish)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

District of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced July 29 that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

IN YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARITY PLEASE REMEMBER +CHRYSTYNA KINAL IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Chrystyna, 76, passed away on October 18. Family and Friends are invited to a Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday October 28, in our Holy Family Church. Burial will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Family and Friends are invited to the visitation on Wednesday October 27, at Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home, 5130 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please remember +Chrystyna in your prayers. May her memory be Eternal – Vichnaya Yi Pamyat!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

In the Gospel today we are reminded (and warned) that the way we live in this life will have everything to do with how we live in the next. While some may use this Gospel to condemn money or riches in general, this is a misuse of the text. The Gospel reminds us that it is not the “good things” which are evil but what we do with what we have that matters. While the “rich man” was blessed to have many good things, he refused to share these blessings with those around him. In the end it is Lazarus who is remembered by name and whose virtue is proclaimed in the Church today while the “rich man” remains nameless. He who made a name for himself on this earth is forgotten by the very ones he wanted to impress while the one who was counted lower than the dogs on this earth is elevated today by public proclamation in every church throughout the world.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS:

1. What was so evil about the rich man's life that he was sent to hell?
2. What was so virtuous about Lazarus' life that we gained life eternal?
3. If eternal life is the life of God, what kind of life must we live if we hope to live forever?
4. How does the life of Lazarus conform to God's life?