

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.

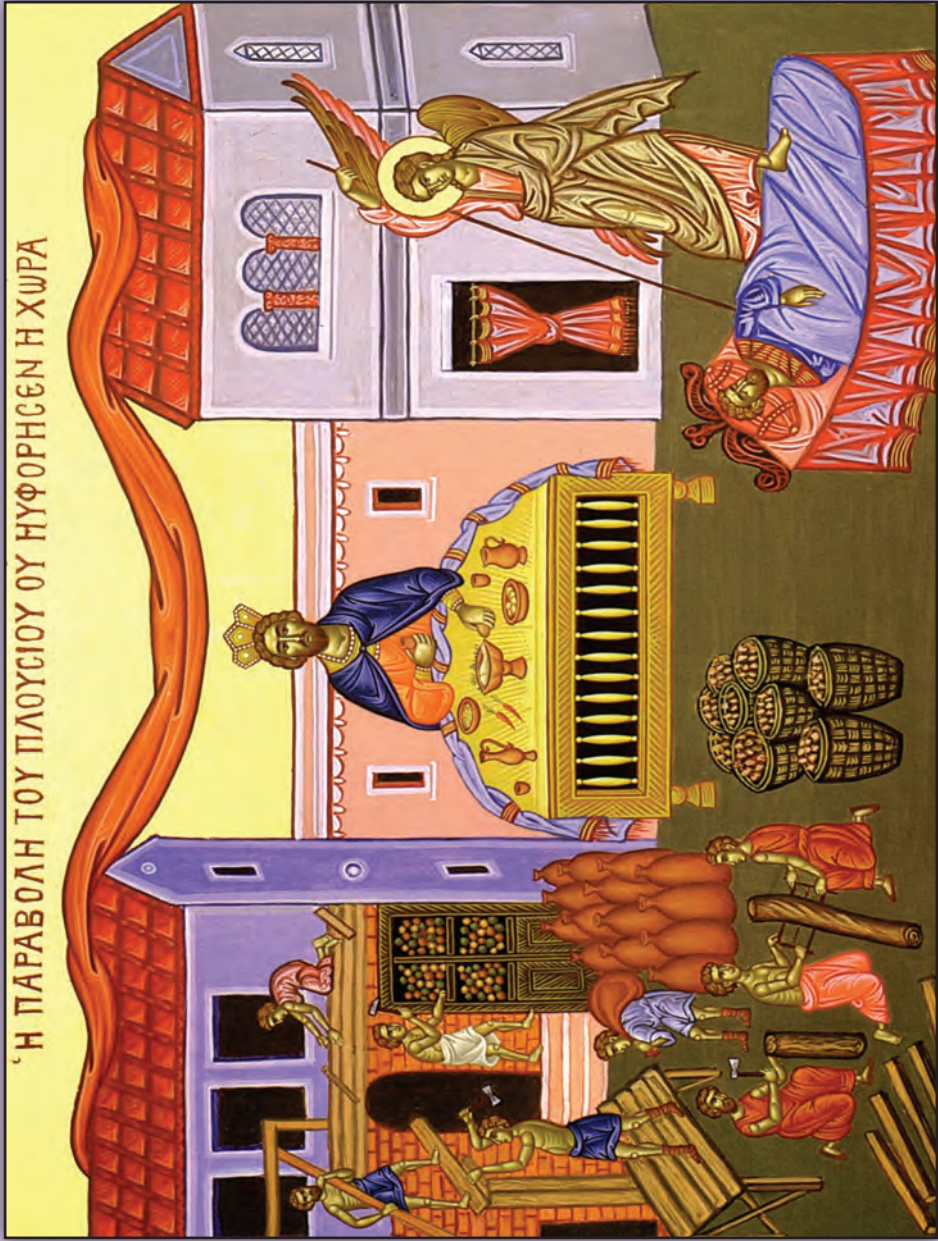
This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to the law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

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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Sunday – November 23, 2025

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

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Saturday November 22 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Bazaar 2025 (Blessings for Archbishop Borys Gudziak)
Sunday November 23 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar 2025 (For the Parish) (+Theresa Caryk from C.Y.M. Baltimore-Washington)
Wednesday November 26 9:00 a.m.	(Thanksgiving Blessings for our Parishioners from Fr. Robert & Fr. Mykola)
Friday November 28 9:00 a.m.	(Peace in Ukraine)
Saturday November 29 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday November 30 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Deceased of the Iwaskiw-Czerchawski Families from Stefania) (For the Parish)

FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION

Preparation for First Confession has begun and will last longer than it has in the past. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 28, 2026). Please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: December 7, 14.

SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES

Please join us at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family as we celebrate Saint Nicholas on Sunday December 7 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Liturgies. Saint Nicholas will visit all of our children after the Liturgies. Refreshments will be available for everyone.

NOVEMBER HOLODOMOR REMEMBRANCE – 1932-1933 – 92 YEARS AGO

We remember the millions of innocent people who perished during the state-sponsored genocide inflicted by Soviet forces upon our Ukrainian people from 1932-1933. We must remember and work to see that no one around the world, in Ukraine, or even our own nation, suffers from hunger or malnutrition. Please pray for the people of Ukraine who continue to know tremendous sufferings still by russia.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2025 (NOV 15 – DEC 24)

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church observes the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas – Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2025

Please bring new unwrapped baby items to donate to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. We invite everyone to purchase and donate **NEW, UNOPENED BABY ITEMS**. The pregnancy center will accept anything that could be used by babies and mothers, Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 4, and 5) • Changing Wipes • Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Advance Powdered Formula • Sippy Cups & Baby Bottles (8-9 oz.) • 3-in-1 Convertible Car Seats • New Infant Carrier Car Seats (for up to 35 lbs.) **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2026.**

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** 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.

Happy Thanksgiving 2025

Fr. Robert and Fr. Mykola wish a joyous, peaceful, and healthy Thanksgiving to all of our faithful people!

We are very blessed to have so many dedicated people who give of their time and labor, especially with our Christmas Bazaar.

Thank You!

“Let this day, from this time forth, as long as our Banner of Stars floats on the breeze, be the grand THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY of our nation, when the noise and tumult of worldliness may be exchanged for the laugh of happy children, the glad greetings of family reunion, and the humble gratitude of the Christian heart.” — Sarah Josepha Hale, 1863