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Gospel Reading ~ Luke 18:18-27
Epistle Reading ~ Ephesians 2:14-22
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This Week at a Glance

Sat, Dec 7th

8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Cookie Walk
 6:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sun, Dec 8th

9:00 am - 3rd & 6th
 Hours
 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
 Christmas Craft Sale

St. Nicholas Day

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Parish has extended an invitation to all area Orthodox, to celebrate their patronal feast day with them.

Dec. 5, 2019

- Great Vespers 7pm

Dec. 6, 2019

- Orthros 9:45am
 - Divine Liturgy 10:15am
 - Lunch

St Nicholas
 Greek Orthodox Church
 2000 Tower Blvd
 Lorain, OH 44053

Gospel Meditation

God knows how much of a hold our sense of material well-being and our self-righteousness can have on us and how it can insulate us against the need to put our trust and our faith in Him, to realize Who it is alone that can save us, heal us, and grant us eternal life. In fact, the disciples go on to ask Jesus, "Who then can be saved?" Christ's response? With God all things are possible.

The young rich man goes away sad from his encounter with Christ because he realizes that the very thing that grips him and motivates him and defines him: his material well-being, is precisely that which he's asked to give up to inherit eternal life—so strong is its hold on him.

A remedy to a stingy heart is to follow the admonitions of the Church in the Fast and be generous to the Church and to those in need so that the ministries of Christ's Church can be built up and expanded. But this is, again, easier in the way that fasting is easier, prayer is easier, the doing of things that make us good, than sometimes surrendering our idols, our gods, our souls to the One true God, who calls us into communion and relationship with Him, who demands that we set nothing else before Him, because, to do so keeps us from the life that is only in Him. God in His love and mercy desires to we come to inherit eternal life. To do so, you and I must surrender ourselves, our riches, our self-reliance, anything and everything that we use to rely on ourselves and not on God who alone can save us.

And so, we have an opportunity this Sunday to ask ourselves: Is there anything in my life that I love more than God, that if asked, I would not be willing to surrender, to give up? Have I put any other gods before him: My time? My priorities? My pride? My earthly possessions?

Panikhida

Today's Panikhida is being said for the departed members of the **Olszewski Family**.

Catechumen

Steuart and Michelle Pincombe have written to share the good news that they will be chrismated and received into the Orthodox Church next Sunday, Dec. 8th at their new parish of St Thomas the Apostle in Springfield, MO. They wanted to relate the news to our parish which they loved attending and stated being here changed the direction of our lives.

St Herman's Turkey Drive

Continuing our annual tradition, a group of parishioners delivered 154 turkeys, 16 hams, 25 pumpkin pies, assorted canned foods, warm gloves and socks to St Herman's House of Hospitality. Thanks to our generous friends at Equity Trust Company in Avon and our own parishioners for helping feed the needy of Cleveland this holiday season.



Annual Cookie Walk & Russian Food Sale



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

2238 E 32nd St, Lorain, OH 44055

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:30 am - Noon

Homemade cookies by the pound, assorted bakery items, Nut Rolls, Poppyseed Rolls, Stuffed Cabbage, Cabbage & Noodles & MORE!

- Cash, Checks & Credit Cards Accepted -

