

St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral



Stavropigia of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Church Kyivan Patriarchate



The Presentation of the Most Holy Theotokos – the entry of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the age of 3 into the Temple in Jerusalem – is one of the 12 great feasts in the Orthodox Church and is celebrated on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

We commemorate when Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim, giving thanks for the birth of their daughter (having been childless for so long), brought her to the Temple where she remained until she was 12. The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her future calling as the Mother of our Lord.

Bulletin for Sunday, December 5, 2021

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St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron Saint Nicholas
the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

270-343

following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Tickets are \$25 for catered lunch and entertainment

(no charge for children under 12) to benefit the Building Fund.

Tickets can be purchased at the Candle Room or see Judy Hanney.

More than 100 years ago, our ancestors composed documents to establish, incorporate and govern St. Nicholas Cathedral. Among those documents are our Cathedral's By-Laws and Statutes. Article 3, THE CHURCH'S PATRON SAINT, states:

“The day in commemoration of St. Nicholas....should be regarded as the Church Patron's Feast and should be solemnized and respected as such every year.”



And so every year -- for 104 years -- the St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish has honored our forefathers' mandate. As a congregation we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, our Patron Saint, on Sunday, December 19, with a Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately after Divine Liturgy, followed by a fellowship lunch in our Cathedral Hall.

Please join us!



On December 19, 2021, Father Luke will celebrate his 5th Anniversary as our spiritual father and Rector of St. Nicholas Cathedral!
MANY MORE YEARS!



St. Nicholas was born into a wealthy Christian family. From an early age, he knew that he would devote his life to God. His uncle, Bishop of Patara, ordained him a priest, and he was later consecrated an Archbishop. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, St. Nicholas is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. He is the patron saint of sailors, children, travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. His generosity and gift-giving inspired the creation of Santa Claus.



LOVE YOUR Neighbor AS YOURSELF

Father Luke's Sermon
Sunday, November 28, 2021
Luke 10:25-37

In today's Scripture reading, Jesus talks with some of his curious followers, and one man, a religious scholar, asks: **What do I need to do to have eternal life? And Jesus answered: Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself. And then He proceeded to tell him about the Good Samaritan, a Bible story we are all familiar with. Jesus uses the story to illustrate that a neighbor is not just who happens to be living next door to you, across the fence or across the street. A neighbor is ANYONE that God puts in your path. Anyone who is in front of us that may be in need and is in pain. Anyone we encounter. The Scripture reading makes it clear that loving God means loving people. But it is so much easier to love God than to love others, isn't it? Just as it is easier to love mankind than an individual man with all his glaring faults, flaws and imperfections, or a neighbor who is rude, disrespectful, vulgar. No one said keeping God's commandments was easy. However, we never stop trying. Today is the start of the Nativity Season and our Orthodox teachings encourage us to be more prayerful, to fast -- and to be charitable. That means we show mercy and compassion. When you are compassionate, you feel something and then you do something about it. So in the spirit of this benevolent Nativity Season, look around you - be a Good Samaritan -- and love your neighbor. AMEN.**

ST. NICHOLAS PATRIARCHAL CHOIR

- Eve Edwards, Soprano
- Nancy Stott Trauger, Alto
- Nathaniel McEwen, Tenor
- Anthony Sinigaglio II, Bass
- Susan Guz, Choir Director

CHURCH COUNCIL

- Thomas J. Hanney, President
- Susan Guz, Vice-President
- Ellen Hanavin, Treasurer
- Frank Borriello, Secretary

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- Frank Borriello
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- George Latsios



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CLERGY

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Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 4	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 5	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 11	NO VESPERS
Sunday, December 12	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, December 18	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 19 - ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Annual St. Nicholas Patron Saint Gala Luncheon
Saturday, December 25	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 26	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 1	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 2	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Thursday, January 6 - CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Cathedral Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers, Confession
Friday, January 7 - CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30 am: Divine Liturgy 11:00 am: Christmas Lunch in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, January 8	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 9	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by Panikhida
Saturday, January 15	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 16	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 22	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 23	9:00 am: Reading of The Hours 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUILDING FUND 2021

- Patricia Walker
- Anna Kuliasha
- Colleen Philipp
- The Borriello Family, In Memory of David Patterson
 - The Murphy Family, In Memory of our Mother/Mom-Mom, Lillian Fox
 - In Memory of Tina Fedec
 - Cassandra and Ray McNulty

1. For the health of the Murphy Family:
Frank, Renee, Alex and Matt
2. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on
her special birthday, Love, Tom, Judy
and Family
3. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on
her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on
her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
5. For the health of my cousin,
Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, Love,
Barbara, George, Cassandra and Ray
6. In memory of my Dad, Stephen
Sameruck, on his birthday, Love,
the Latsios and McNulty families
7. in memory of my brother/uncle
Charles Michael Redmond on his 69th
birthday, offered by Colleen and
Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory
Redmond
8. For the health of George Zervos on his
Birthday, offered by Colleen Philipp
9. For the health of George Zervos on his
Birthday, offered by Nicholas, Jennifer,
Melissa and Cory

SUNDAY
VIGIL CANDLES
LIT TODAY



10. For the health and speedy recovery
of Frank Borriello, offered by Tom
and Judy Hanney and family
11. For the health and quick recovery
of Frank Borriello, Love, Renee,
Frank, Alex and Matt
12. For the health and speedy recovery
of Frank Borriello, offered by Susan
Guz
13. For the health and speedy recovery
of Frank Borriello, Love, the Latsios
and McNulty families
14. For the health of and speedy
recovery of Frank Borriello, Love,
Gail and family
15. For the health of and speedy
recovery to Frank Borriello, offered
by Diane Kavchok and family
16. For the speedy recovery of
Frank Borriello, Love, Ellen and Phil
17. For the speedy recovery of Frank
Borriello, Love, Dawn

**This Week's Bulletin is Sponsored By
Phil Hanavin**

**In Loving Memory of Parents
JAMES and HELEN HANAVIN**

- Memory Eternal -



Father Luke and
Father Oleksii
blessed
Colleen Philipp's
new car on Sunday,
November 28, 2021



"O Lord our God, Who makes the clouds Thy chariot and Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who has sent to Thy servant, the Prophet Elias, a chariot of fire, Who has guided man to invent this car which is as fast as the wind, we thank Thee for Thou hast provided Thy servant with this vehicle to serve her various needs."

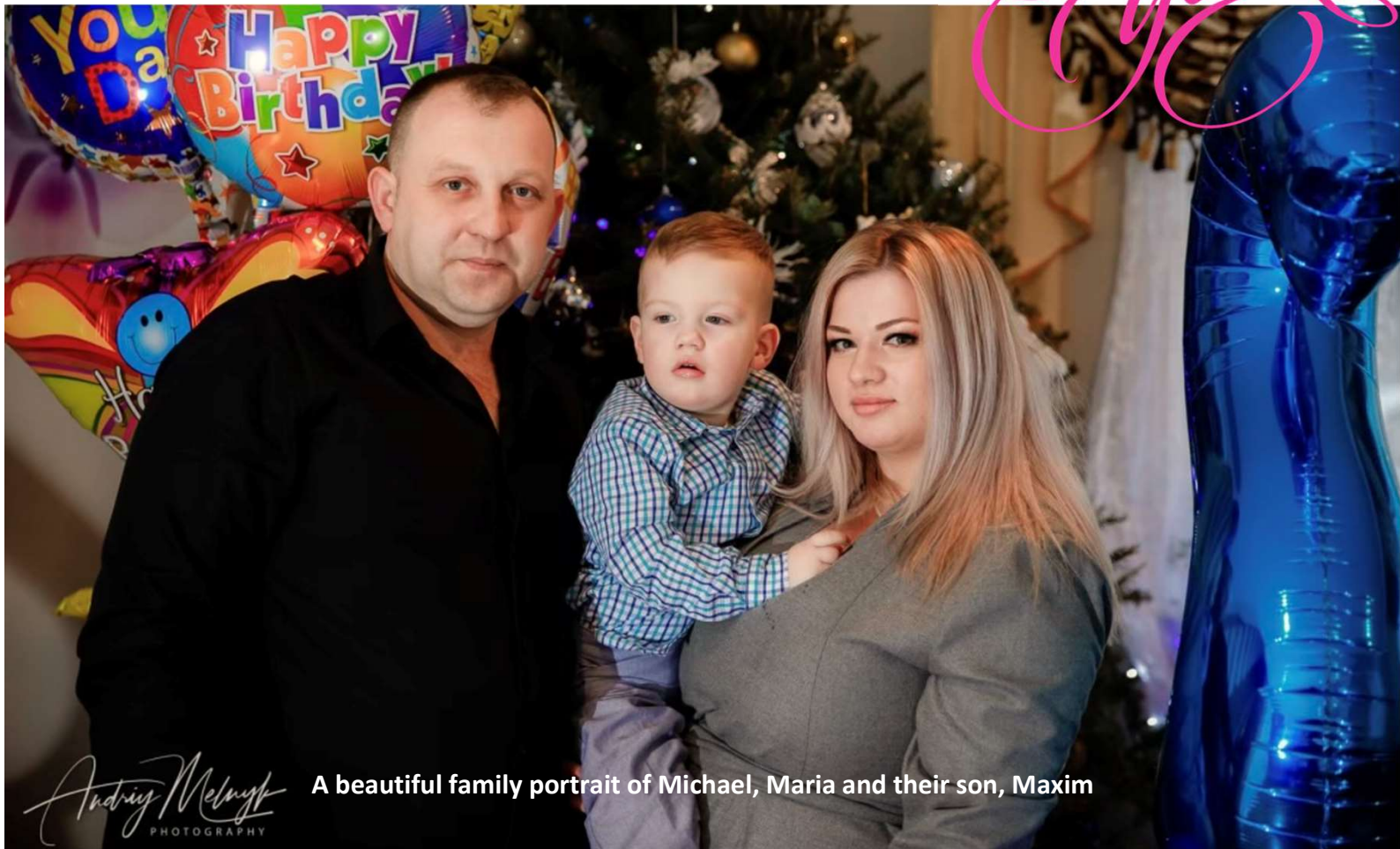
BREAKING NEWS

*When someone gives you an unexpected gift, what do you do?
You say... **WOW! THANK YOU!***

And that is exactly what we are saying to St. Nicholas Cathedral members Michael Grutsyuk and Maria Demkiv. Michael has offered to donate and install – at absolutely no cost to the Cathedral – new ceramic, 20” square floor tiles in our Sanctuary. Beautiful white marble tiles will flank a center aisle of bronze-colored tiles. Michael expects to start and finish this project prior to Christmas! **WHAT A GIFT** to St. Nicholas Cathedral! This is an exciting facelift for the interior of our Sanctuary. The dark brown linoleum floor will not be torn up. It will be covered with the new large tiles. This will minimize dust and disruption to our worship services. The icons, candlestands and furnishings will be protected with plastic drop cloths during the project.

Samples of the new tile will be on display in the Sanctuary starting Sunday, December 5. Come and see the new look for yourself!

*Thank
You*



A beautiful family portrait of Michael, Maria and their son, Maxim

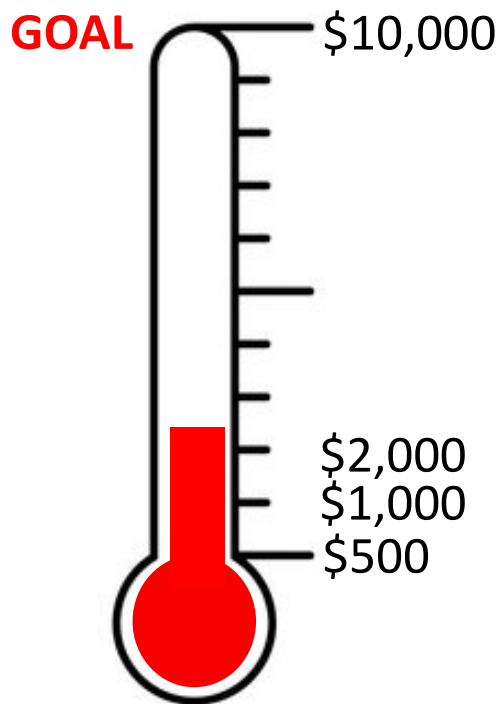


EXTERIOR PAINTING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

Your donation will be matched by an anonymous Private Trust.

The interior iconography in the Sanctuary is flaking. The interior walls of our stairwells are crumbling. We need to correct this problem immediately. Painting the exterior walls of the building with special elastomeric paint will stop the water seepage. This is the last step in our efforts to WATERPROOF our beautiful Cathedral building. Contractors estimate this job will cost \$20,000.

The Private Trust will match every dollar you give! Help us reach our goal!

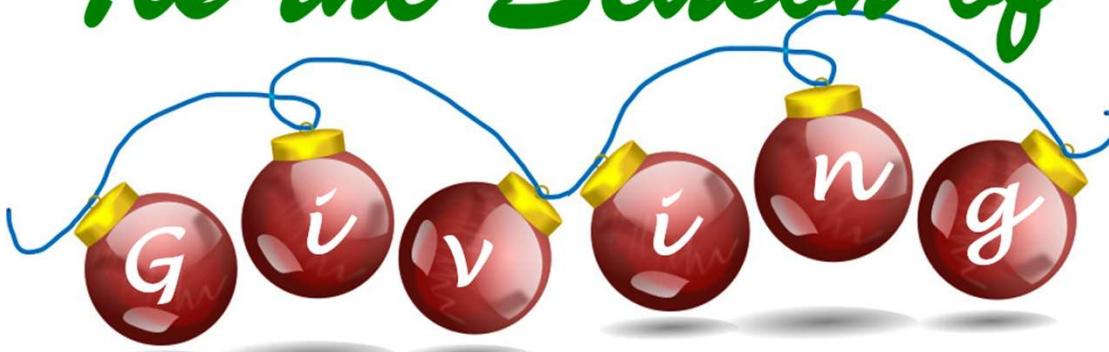


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THANK YOU!

Share your blessings. ADVENT, a season of charitable giving, begins on Sunday, November 28.

'Tis the Season of





ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
Annual Vigil:	\$100
Bulletin Sponsor:	\$25

1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/22
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/21
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/26
5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/22
6. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
7. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/22
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/21
9. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/22
10. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/22
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/21
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/21
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/21
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/22
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/22
17. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/30
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/21
19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/22
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/22
21. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/20/21
22. +In memory of newly-departed Alice (Lesya) Orlan, our beloved "Forever Friend," offered by Dorothy Chelak and Family. exp. 1/24/22
23. For the health of Vasyl, Paraska, Roman, Oksana, Andriy, Volodymyr, Orusya, Maria, Vitaliy, Taras, Anatoliy, Olga, Anna, Ivan. +In memory of Paraska, Vasyl, Ivan, Vasyl, Evdokia, Maria, Paraska, Oksana. Offered by the Khanas and Petriv Families. exp. 3/1/22
24. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/22

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people!
The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

CHOIR: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! The Lord shall give strength to His people!

CHOIR: The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Ephesians.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. **(Ephesians 2:14-22)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most-High!
To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. **(Luke 12:16-21)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.