

The estate that we forget

People are “imprudent”. We write off the ethos and virtue from our life. The rules and the boundaries. The knowledge that our own self is not self-sufficient. We proceed as if we will be living forever. Far from the home of God-the father, which is the Church. Altering the content of the estate that we were entrusted with. Changing the love for Him and for our neighbor into love only for our ego. The freedom from evil into the glory of the passions. Our mind, from a blessing for us to observe the world and to glorify God for the beauty of life, into an instrument of rebellion against God, and His rejection. The conscience, from the voice of God within us, into a silencing of what is good, and handing ourselves to our will. I exist for me. The others are my servants. Sin is a right and committing it, pleasure. Whoever wants to limit us, doesn't know what is good for us.

“The days are evil”. The Saints, like Saint Spyridon who is honored today, give us the answer of consolation. With the presence of Christ in our heart we will become “children of light”. The road again passes through the Church.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE,

Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous, Holy New Martyr Peter the Aleut, John or Joachim, Bishop of Zichni.

tone of the week : *Plagal Fourth Tone*

EOTHINON : *Third Eothinon*

EPISTLE READING : *St. Paul's Letter to Ephesians 5:8-19*

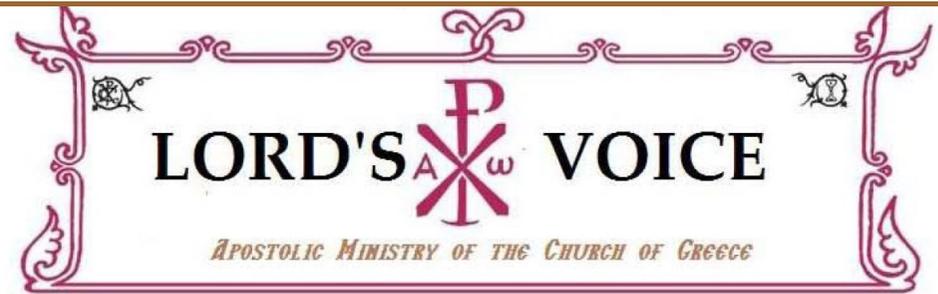
GOSPEL READING : *Luke 14:16-24.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY,

Martyrs Boniface, Probus, Ares, Timothy, Polyuktos, Eutychios, and Thessaloniki. Our Righteous Father Gregentius, Bishop of Ethiopia, Aglaia the Righteous of Rome.

EPISTLE READING : *St. Paul's Letter to Hebrews 11:9-10,32-40*

GOSPEL READING : *Matthew 1:1-25.*



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ANSWERS OF HOLINESS

“The days are evil.” (Eph. 5:16) The ascertainment of the Apostle Paul remains true in our time. The days are evil because people remain “unwise”, “imprudent” and “prodigal”. We people make our time be evil. The devil may contribute, from whom we ask God to safeguard us, every time we say the Lord's Prayer. Our culture and atmosphere then contribute to what our character seeks. We get drunk with the wine of pleasure, and we forget the joy that the Holy Spirit gives. We remain on what's temporal, and we are indifferent to what is eternal, whether we consider that we believe in God or not.

The one who is wise in God

“People are “unwise”. Wise is not the educated person or the one who is experienced in life. It is he who seeks God with all his being. It is he who tries to discover and to live the meaning of time and of existence, mainly its continuation after death, through the resurrection. It is he who behind each thing, sees God's providence. God's love both in the pleasant and in the sad things, especially in the latter ones. Wise is he who makes a

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Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

beginning of love both towards God as well as to his neighbor. He fights on the path of holiness, because with this manner, God communicates with each one of us. Inside the Church, and not through our individual will.

The wise people of this world, when they don't believe, when, in other words, they don't entrust themselves to the love of God and His Person, they are revealed to be unwise. Even if they don't realize it, the meaning of time resembles Sisyphus, they ancient hero who was carrying a rock to a mountain peak, and just when he believed that he had fulfilled his mission, the rock would again roll down and he had to start out again from the beginning. Thus do the "unwise sages" of this world resemble

also. They invest in knowledge, in progress, in academics, in achievements, mainly in the "ego", they ascertain, however, that all these things are so vain, that even if they enjoy the victories, the glories, their discoveries, they must set out from the beginning, because all these things are finite and change. Mainly, they don't give meaning to the end of this life, and they don't help for everything to be a new beginning, not of agony, but of joy and love, because in carrying the rock, we are not on our own, since God exists.

Investing in matter

"Imprudent" are people without chastity. It is not only moral corruption that possesses us. That we want to do whatever justifies us. It is also that we are investing in matter. That we do not see the truth who is Christ, and we think that whatever we are building with our own certainties, are enough. It is not only our instability on account of our thirst for pleasure. That we don't have a free personality, but, often, we are led here and there, from our wants. It is also the fact that if we write off God from our life, or we cast Him aside, then seemingly our "ego" is liberated, however the sin that accompanies this freedom of ours traps and destroys us. Because it gives birth to an unconscious insult within us, that we are gods on our own. That we are right in everything. That the others ought to see life as we see it. Matter and rights make us forget the boundaries of life. We fight to be what we want, but we forget that without God we will always be missing something.