

Dearly Beloved,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

October 11, 2026, Fourth Sunday after the Feast of the Cross

Scriptural Readings:

- OT: Numbers 29:35-30:1, 1 Kings 8:27-30, Zachariah 8:1-4, Isaiah 54:5-8
- NT: Acts 18:24-28, Colossians 1:21-26, Holy Gospel St Luke 12:13-21

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¹³One of the multitude said to him, “Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Reflections:

Jesus was God incarnate, the long-awaited Messiah who came to reveal the divine will and illuminate our true purpose in this world. He gently reminded His followers that while we must live *in* the world, we are not called to be *of* the world. Yet, those whose hearts were anchored in earthly things struggled to comprehend His teachings, hesitant to seek higher truth. In Jesus rested the full, radiant richness of Heaven and all its eternal possibilities. He urged the crowds to seek the Kingdom of God first, promising that all necessities would be added unto them. Humanity, however, remained with a longing for material gain. They harbored the illusion that if they could only amass wealth and money, happiness and security could be bought and achieved. It was against this backdrop of worldly ambition that a man approached Jesus, begging Him to arbitrate a property dispute with his brother. Perhaps this man believed that Jesus’ rising influence and moral command could pressure his brother into a settlement. Maybe he truly deserved justice. But he came to the wrong door.

Jesus was a grand reconciler of souls, not a realtor or a property dealer. While He possessed the divine power to resolve any earthly dispute, His true mission was to establish the Kingdom of His Heavenly Father. In that Kingdom, the things the world finds most precious and worthy are revealed to be nothing more than trash. We remember when Satan tempted the Son of God in the wilderness, offering Him the kingdoms of the earth in exchange for a single bow. What a foolish game the tempter played—offering the world to the very King who already owned everything, the Co-Creator who fashioned the stars alongside His Father.

We serve an all-powerful God, and it is right that we approach Him with our needs, submitting our lives in prayer. Yet, as we pray, let us look closely at what we are asking for. He is a deeply kind and loving Father who explicitly invited us to pray for our daily bread; He has never belittled our basic human needs. But He desires that we reach for higher things, reserving the best choices of Heaven

for us. When we stand inside a diamond store, why should we bend down to gather pebbles from the floor?

Material gains are fleeting, offering comfort only in temporary situations. Our true life is not minted in gold or made of money. St Paul placed the boundless Grace of God far above earthly riches.

When that grace is available to us in overflowing abundance, why do we let our hearts be consumed by worldly anxieties?

The math of the Kingdom is beautifully simple:

Nothing plus Grace is everything. Everything minus Grace is nothing.

May the Spirit of the Lord ease our unnecessary worries today. May He realign our vision to focus on heavenly treasures—the kind that time cannot rust, and no one can ever steal away.

Anne Carson wins the Nobel Prize

The Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded Thursday to Canadian poet and essayist Anne Carson by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm. Carson, 76, was recognized for "her bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature," the award-giving body said. The academy said Carson was in Iceland "listening to the wind" when its representatives contacted her and was surprised to learn she had won.

Born in Toronto in 1950, Carson is known for [work that moves freely between poetry, prose and translation](#), drawing heavily on the literature and mythology of the ancient Greek world. She has been a professor of classics at various institutions including Princeton, New York University and McGill University in Montreal. She is the 19th woman to win, out of 123 literature laureates.

"With wit, imagination, and a style entirely her own, Canadian poet Anne Carson has reimagined the classics," Prime Minister Mark Carney said on social media. "She has brought ancient stories to new audiences and transformed the way we think about literature."

We congratulate her on this great achievement!!

Her major works: *Eros the Bittersweet* (1986), *Glass, Irony, and God* (1995), *Plainwater: Essays and Poetry* (1995), *Autobiography of Red* (1998), *Men in the Off Hours* (2000), *The Beauty of the Husband* (2001), *Decreation* (2005), *Nox* (2010) *Wrong Norma* (2024)

Time Change: Sunday Morning Prayer starts at 08:30 am.

According to the Semi Annual GBM decision, morning prayer will start at 08:30 am on Sundays.

UPCOMING FEASTS & EVENTS:

- **October 11, Parish Nite 2026 starting at 05:30 pm at Anapilis Convention Centre. All are welcome**
- **October 24, Saturday, OCYM Fest -Thaalam 2026. Please look for updates.**
- **November 07 Saturday & 08 Sunday, Feast of St Gregorios**

Pray for Peace in the Middle East and Gulf

The recent developments have caused more worries and fears about the long-lasting impact on life in the West Asia region. It has already affected thousands of people working there. Many have lost

jobs, cost of living is going high with the oil price hike, companies are issuing termination letters, the situation is becoming scarier. We fervently pray for peace and cessation of attacks. Our prayers may work miracles through the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit intervene and transform the minds of people in power.

Attention Please:

Parking: Please be considerate while parking our vehicles, only park at designated space. Leave reserved lots for the intended and kindly park within lines and markings leaving enough space for others to open their doors without scratching or hitting nearby parked vehicles.

AREA PRAYER MEETING:

If any family is willing to host prayer meetings, please reach out to the area coordinators or the parish office.

FOR OUR ATTENTION & TO NOTE:

Children, please occupy front benches during our Liturgical Services.

Kindly avoid crowding at the back of the church.

For assuring safety and undistracted worship space, we request all our members to proceed to the front rows except those that are reserved for children when we enter the temple. It could be uneasy for our volunteers to guide them to the front during the service as it might cause distraction and noise. We avoid crowding at the entrance and stair areas due to safety concerns.

Please be considerate of our senior members to help them find seats or while they try to access the washroom. A slip or a hit should be avoided in any circumstance.

Please be watchful at the shoe rack area, which is also the entrance to both washrooms.

We request parents to attend to their children not to pull the alarm lever at the back wall.

WEEKLY IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

October 18, Sunday – in-person meetings/Events

- **Sunday School**

LIVE streaming: All services are Live Streamed and are available.

Holy Liturgical Text for this Sunday

We will be using the Taksá of Mar Mathai Royo this Sunday.

May the Gracious Lord keep us from all evil and heal the entire world.

Next Week

October 18, Fifth Sunday after the Feast of the Cross

Scriptural Readings:

- OT: Leviticus 2:1-3, Job 6:1-10, 2 Samuel 3:17-21, Isaiah 40:27-31
- NT: Acts 22:22-29, 1 Timothy 6:13-21, Holy Gospel St Matthew 23:1-12

Yours in Christ

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