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Introduction:

I. Classical Roots of Philanthropy
(following McGuckin and Sulek)

-usage in ancient society:
-examples of civic generosity
-reasons for civic generosity

II. Ideology of Philanthropy
(following McGuckin, Sulek and Laing)

-philosophical connotations
-theological transformations

III. The Christian Roots of Philanthropy
(following McGuckin)

-Gregory of Nazianzus, Oration 14, “On the Love of the Poor”
-John Chrysostom, On Wealth and Poverty (Sermons on Lazarus and the rich man)

IV. Flourishing of Christian Philanthropy in the Family Tree
(Laing on Gregory of Nyssa’s Life of Macrina)

A. Gregory of Nyssa, the theologian, bishop, and author

B. Spiritual heritage of prior generations of Cappadocians

C. Macrina’s domestic monastery/ women’s group home

D. Basil’s monastery/ hospital (Basileion)

E. Naucratius’s elder care ministry

F. Peter of Sebaste’s community hunger relief