



**December 15th, 2019**  
**Hieromartyr Eleutherius**  
**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**Gospel: Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord told this Parable, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

## NOV Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec 1 - Robert Boyd  
Dec 2 - Pete Pyatt  
Dec 2 - Marah Robinson  
Dec 6 - Jeanie Mikita  
Dec 11 - Anya (Boyd) Gazii  
Dec 17 - Tetiana Boyd  
Dec 20 - Lexi Ann Guy  
Dec 27 - Larry Don and Lori Meier  
Dec 31 - Natalie Hlatki

## SERVICES

Great Vespers - 5:30 PM (21st)  
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (22nd)

## WISDOM

"Come, let us wonder at the virgin most pure, wondrous in herself, unique in creation, she gave birth, yet knew no man; her pure soul with wonder was filled, daily her mind gave praise in joy at the twofold wonder: her virginity preserved, her child most dear. Blessed is He who shone forth from her!"

- St. Ephraim the Syrian

**Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Nativity Fast Challenge

If you haven't started the Reverse Advent Calendar, there is still time to do so. There are plenty of copies of each day's item in the Narthax. Please take one. On Christmas day, we will have a few bins in the Narthex for everyone's items that we will donate to the Eastern Plains Food Pantry a few days later.

## Many Years to the infant Mayzie Jackson!

Word travels around here pretty fast but if you hadn't heard the news, Tori and Austin have welcomed a new edition to their family. Little Mayzie was born on Thursday afternoon. May God Bless and give Many Years to Mayzie and all of her family!

## Slavic Fest Leftovers

We still have some leftover Pierogi from Slavic Fest that are for sale. This is a great time of year to buy some and not have to worry during all the Christmas planning, so when you are ready (and by ready, today), please see Butch.

## Parish Council Today

Parish Council members, please note today we will be having our monthly meeting today.

## Deacon Gregory Memorial Fund

As we mourn the loss of Deacon Gregory, many have asked about continued giving to this fund. The medical bills have continued to roll in, as the Jewett family pursued all options, leaving them with large costs after insurance. So with that said, please consider giving to their GoFundMe above and beyond your normal tithing. The link is down below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/DeaconGregoryFund>

## Nativity Services

The times for Christmas services will be Tuesday at 4:00 PM (Vigil) and Wednesday (Liturgy) at 8:30 AM. Please make every effort to attend these services and celebrate the birth of our Lord!

## Youth Activities

### December

Today - 3:30 PM

Christmas Caroling Around the Eastern Plains

Today, we are going to round up the children and anyone who would like to come to drive around to homes to sing some Christmas music. After we are done singing, we will return to the Hall for a light dinner. Join us!

22nd - 1 PM

Nativity Play 2019

Next Sunday, our youth will be performing our annual Nativity play at 1 PM. Please mark this in your calendars, its going to be a great show! Parents, note that there will be a brief dress rehearsal after Liturgy so please make sure your kids are ready to go. Also, next Sunday coffee hour will be a potluck so bring your best holiday treats for everyone to share.

### January

11th - 6 PM

CC Hockey Game

Coming up in January, we are looking to take a group to see the CC Tigers take on Miami University Hockey. If you'd like to attend, please let Fr. Stephen know. Ticket prices to be announced shortly.

25th - After Vespers  
Board Game Night

We will be having another fun board game night at the end of January for all the Youth and young at heart. There will be a snacks, drinks, and dinner for everyone. So mark it in your calendars and join us for what will be a great evening!

# UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec. 24th - Christmas Vigil (4:00 PM)

Dec. 25th - Christmas Divine Liturgy (8:30 AM)

Jan. 5th - Vespers After Liturgy

Jan. 6th - Theophany Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)

Feb. 1st - Great Vespers with Litya (5:30 PM)

Feb. 2nd - Meeting of the Lord Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Mar. 1st - Forgiveness Vespers After Liturgy

Mar. 2nd - Great Lent Begins

Mar. 25th - Annunciation Liturgy (8:00 AM)

Apr. 11th - Lazarus Saturday Liturgy (9:00 AM)

Apr. 12th - Palm Sunday Liturgy (9:30 AM)

Apr. 13th-18th - Holy Week

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