



December 29th, 2019  
Afterfeast of the Nativity  
28th Sunday after Pentecost

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19**

Brethren, I make known to you, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23**

At that time, when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

## DEC 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 (4th)  
Divine Liturgy w/ Vespers (5th) - 9:30 AM (5th)

## WISDOM

"In the Old Testament a Hebrew virgin (Miriam) led an army through the sea (Ex. 15:21); in the New testament a king's daughter (the Virgin Mary) was chosen to be the heavenly entrance to salvation."

- St. Ambrose

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Calhan Community Highlights

With the return to our community highlights, we'd like to thank two groups today: First, everyone who was involved in our first Nativity food drive. It was a huge success and everyone at the pantry was so thankful for all the food. Second, to the choir for making the Christmas services as beautiful as they can be. Often times the hard work of our choir goes unnoticed, but they still labor with a love and dedication to the Church and we want to recognize their efforts today. May God Grant both those who participated in the food drive and our choir Many Blessed Years!

## House Blessings

House blessings will begin on January 7th. A sign up list is in the Narthex. If you would like Fr. Stephen to bless your home and/or farm, please sign up, indicating time of day that is normally best for you. If you have a special request, please note that and Father will contact you to arrange his visit.

## 2020 Calendars Available

The Church Calendars for 2020 are available and in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one for your home.

## Theophany Services

Next Sunday after Liturgy we will have a reduced Vespers services for Theophany. We will be blessing the holy water the year that day as well so if you'd like to bring your water bottles to fill, please do. The font will be left in the Church for the next few weeks in case anyone forgets their bottles. Divine Liturgy for Theophany will be the day after at 8:00 AM.

## Divide Blessing of Waters (Jan. 20th - 11:00 AM)

On Monday, January 20th we will be joining with our sister churches atop Monarch Pass on the Continental Divide at 11 am for the annual blessing of waters. Please join us for this if you can; we will be organizing a caravan as it gets closer. It is such a unique sacramental event for our area and is one of the few liturgical acts we get to engage in and offer to God together. Fr. John Parker, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary will be joining us and speaking at the free luncheon in Salida.

## Denver March for Life (Jan. 11th - 1:00 PM)

On Saturday, January 11th starting at 1 PM, Holy Transfiguration Cathedral in Denver is hosting the Orthodox involvement in the March for Life at the Capitol. As of now, the plan is to meet at their parish for a Molieben for Life followed by heading over to the Capitol for the rally. More information will be posted next week. In the meantime, if you are interested in going please see Fr. Stephen so he can let Fr. David Thatcher know. This is an important aspect of our faith, defending the lives of the unborn, so please carefully consider attending this event.

## 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>

## Youth Activities

### January

10th - 7:30 PM  
CC Hockey Game

### \*Date and Time Change\*

Due to the March for Life the following day, we've moved this event to Friday evening. We will be looking at taking a group to see the CC Tigers take on Miami University Hockey. Tickets are \$20 and as usual, we will meet at the rectory a couple hours prior to the game. Please see Fr. Stephen if you'd like to go. Make all checks out to St. Mary's Orthodox Church.

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

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

Apr. 18th - Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:00 AM)

Apr. 18th - PASCHA Services (10:30 PM)

Apr. 19th - Agape Vespers (11:00 AM)

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