



“Stewardship is not just a matter for parish and diocesan action. IT’S PERSONAL.”

**October 27th, 2019
Stewardship Sunday
19th Sunday after Pentecost**

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

At that time, they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you.” And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

OCT Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct 1 – Jennifer Tressler
- Oct 2 – Daryl Mikita
- Oct 3 – Michael Hlatki
- Oct 3 – Mark Manyik
- Oct 6 – David Rozdilsky
- Oct 8 – Rita Evanoika
- Oct 11 – Fr. Stephen Osburn
- Oct 12 – Steven & Sarah Dumler
- Oct 21 – Dan and Vickie Tipton
- Oct 21 – Bill Tressler
- Oct 22 – Luke Fischer
- Oct 25 – Brady Billmire
- Oct 28 – Kenny Stephens
- Oct 29 – Steven Dumler

SERVICES

Reader’s Vespers – 5:30 PM (2nd)

Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM (3rd)

WISDOM

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Christ is in our midst!

I greet you, my coworkers and stewards, in the joy of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and I offer my prayerful gratitude to God for the love, courage, and generosity you have shown for the Orthodox Church in America. Today in the Orthodox Church in America we commemorate Steward Sunday, a day where I invite you to join me, and the members of the Holy Synod, in supporting our Orthodox Church in America, by prayerfully contributing to the great work we are called to do here in North America. We have much work to do, but we must first give thanksgiving to Almighty God for the very fact that we, you and I, are here, 225 years after the arrival of Saint Herman, 195 years after the arrival of Saint Innocent, and 125 years after the arrival of Saint Tikhon on these shores. We are here, as a faithful community of bishops, clergy, monastics, and faithful...

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Archpastoral Message from His Beatitude

...Christians, to receive the blessing of these saints and to strive to emulate their example, so as to offer an Orthodox presence as a genuine local church here in North America. Next year, we will celebrate fifty years of autocephaly. To be sure, this is a tremendous milestone for us, and in those fifty years we have accomplished much. But as we begin to plan our celebrations I note that the granting of autocephaly was not a reward or a recognition but rather a call to service: service to Holy Orthodoxy on this continent and to the sharing of the refreshment of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a dry and thirsty land. Today, on this Steward Sunday, I am asking each of you to express your love for the Orthodox Church in America and for our Lord in a tangible way - through a sacrificial gift to the Stewards. May the Lord continue to grant you every blessing for your salvation and for the growth of His Body, the Church.

With love in Christ,

+ Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington; Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Special Collection (Silas Karbo)

Silas Karbo, Fr. Anthony's son who made the video for our parish did all of it out of the kindness of his heart and we would like to take up a 2nd special collection to present to him for his hard work. Please consider donating above and beyond your normal tithing for this as a way of showing our gratitude for helping share our humble community to all the diocese.

Skol Vikings!

Fr. Stephen is back from seeing the Minnesota Vikings dominate the Washington Redskins 19-9 at home, effectively going 2-9 in game attendance. Thank you to everyone who made sure nothing major happened while he was away. Skol!

Slavic Soul Party (November 23rd)

Next month the UCCS Ent Center for the Arts is hosting a Slavic Soul Party event. We have some who have expressed they'd like to go to this event. The tickets are limited and range from \$25-\$70. If anyone would like to attend, please see Fr. Stephen or Carrie and we can see about organizing a group.

Project Mexico (June 14th-24th)

The Rocky Mountain Deanery is organizing their annual trip to Project Mexico and if anyone would like to attend, please see Fr. Stephen ASAP. He needs to let Fr. Anthony know by next Sunday if any of our youth or adults would like to go. If you have never gone before, this is a ministry that will change your life. Please consider attending. As far as cost are concerned, this information will be available in the coming weeks.

Letters to Bryan Hlatki

As many know, our own Bryan Hlatki was recently stationed in Missouri and many have asked if there are ways to contact him. If you would like to write to him or send him anything his address is: **EO CR Hlatki, Bryan, M. 6433 Cooley Ave. Bldg 1750, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473**. We are also asking all of our church school classes to each write a letter to him telling him how much we miss and love him. These will be collected in a couple weeks and sent off to him.

Youth Activities

October

Today - Sunday during Coffee Hour
Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook Off Contest

Today, we will doing our annual Trunk or Treat again for the kiddos. Parents, please note, children must only change into costumes during Church School and no costumes may be worn that are inappropriate, scary, violent, disrespectful. Also, this is the first year we will be doing a Chili Cook Off Contest with some great prizes. Make sure you stay, eat, enjoy, and vote for your favorite chili and car trunk.

November

2nd - Saturday 1:30 PM

UNLV Rebels Vs. Colorado State Rams Football

Next Saturday, we are going to attend a college football game. Ticket prices are a steal at just \$20 per ticket. Fr. Stephen will be purchasing tickets tomorrow morning, so please let him know if you'd like to go. Make sure to pay ASAP and all checks made out to "St. Mary's Orthodox Church" and cash given to the office or Fr. Stephen to pass on. We will meet at the rectory at 10 am and caravan to the game.

22nd - 23rd

Youth Nativity Retreat

@ Protection of the Holy Virgin Monastery

Mother Cassiana has invited our teenagers to come for a short overnight retreat at her monastery in Lake George. We need to get a rough idea on who would like to go ASAP in order to properly prepare. If you'd like your teen to go, please let Fr. Stephen know by the 9th.

December/January

30th-1st

Winter High School Retreat

Looking ahead, The Rocky Mountain Deanery is putting on their annual High School Winter Retreat again this year at the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Divide. Registration for this event will be coming at a later date but if your teen(s) would like to go, please let Fr. Stephen know so he give our deanery youth director, Fr. Benjamin a rough idea. Please also note, this event is happening on New Year's Eve and Day.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov. 9th - Great Vespers (5:30 PM)
Nov. 10th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Nov. 15th - Nativity Fast Begins
Nov. 16th - Great Vespers (5:30 PM)
Nov. 17th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Nov. 21st - Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)

Nov. 23rd - Great Vespers (5:30 PM)
Nov. 24th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Nov. 30th - Reader's Vespers (5:30 PM)
Dec. 1st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Dec. 7th - Great Vespers (5:30 PM)
Dec. 8th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

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