



February 16th, 2020
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
St. Nicholas, Abp. of Japan

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was...

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Libbie Meier
2nd - Larry John Mikita
3rd - Alicia Glover
3rd - Carly Carneal
6th - Robert Hertneky
8th - Paul Robinson
14th - Nick & Natalie Norton
20th - Myrle Hlatki
20th - Bill Hendrix
20th - Ben Hendrix
25th - Josh Tunink
25th - Richard Molner
26th - Harold Eurich
26th - Samantha Stephens
29th - Rodger Mikita

SERVICES

Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (22nd)
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (23rd)

WISDOM

"Sinners that repent are still saved; both publicans and fornicators cleansed by repentance enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. The compassionate God still calls to Himself all that have turned away, and He awaits them and promises them mercy. The loving Father still receives His prodigal sons come back from a far country and He opens the doors of His house and clothes them in the best robe, and gives them each a ring on their hand and shoes on their feet and commands all the saints to rejoice in them."

- St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings

Time is running out for your annual house blessing. A sign up list is in the Narthex. There are still many who have not yet signed up, so please see Fr. Stephen if you would like him to come and bless your home and/or farm. Please also indicating time of day that is normally best for you and if you have a special request. Father will contact you to arrange his visit.

2020 Calendars Available

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

GoFundMe for Steve Wilson

Please consider giving to Steve Wilson, a student at Simla who is fighting a flesh-eating disease's GoFundMe. He is a player on Dave Guy's basketball team, an upstanding young man of the community, and his family would greatly benefit from any donation we can provide. Please be generous in helping Steve fight this terrible disease:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/give-for-stevenhealing-from-flesh-eating-bacteria>

Parish Council (Today)

Friendly reminder that our first parish council meeting of the year will be the today. Directly after Communion, Fr. Stephen will bless the new council for the year and the meeting will be after coffee hour. Coffee hour is the normal potluck (along with some extras goodies from the Denson family in honor of Kaleb)

Gospel Continued:

lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Calhan Community Highlights

This week we'd like to congratulate Alex Tunink and Brooklyn Billmire and the rest of the Simla Basketball teams for getting first place this year. We'd also like to congratulate Maddie Schulte and her basketball team for going undefeated this year. Last week was also the Calhan vs. Cancer event and our own Trevor Hendrix won the Chuck-A-Duck. We are super proud of all of them.

Finally, to Kaleb who was baptized today and the rest of Denson and Ritter family May God Grant him and all of them health and happiness in a lifetime of service in His Church.

May God Grant all of them Many Years

Youth Activities

February

Today (**Moved from Last Sunday**) –
During Coffee Hour
Valentine Cookie Decorating

Yummy Valentine cookies??? YES PLEASE! Let's get creative and have a fun time!! Today our youth will be decorating cookies for Valentine's Day this year and a portion of those cookies will be rounded up into a basket to take to the Simla Nursing Home. Please stay and join us for this fun event.

Next Sunday - 4:00 PM
Denver Nuggets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

Next Sunday, the Denver Nuggets are taking on the Minnesota Timberwolves and we will be taking up a group to Denver to root them on. We still have tickets available to allow some more to come. Tickets WILL be ordered on Monday so if you are still interested in going, please let him know today. They are \$20 each and we will be departing to the game right after Liturgy. Please make all checks out to St. Mary's Orthodox Church. Go Nuggets!

UPCOMING SERVICES

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)
May 28th - Ascension Liturgy (8:00 AM)
Jun. 7th - Pentecost Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Jun. 29th - SS. Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)

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