



February 2nd, 2020

**Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
33rd Sunday after Pentecost**

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

Brethern, Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron. For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

At that time, when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many...

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Libbie Meier
2nd - Larry John Mikita
3rd - Alicia Glover
3rd - Carly Carneal
6th - Robert Hertneky
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 w/Litya- 5:00 PM (8th)
Baptism for Mayzie - 8:30 AM (9th)
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (9th)

WISDOM

"Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ Himself.

- *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings

House blessings have begun. 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 available and in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one for your home.

Special Collection and GoFundMe for Steve Wilson

Today and next Sunday we will be taking a special collection for Steve Wilson, a student at Simla who is fighting a flesh-eating disease. He has already had multiple surgeries and may need to have more. 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. There is also a GoFundMe for him and the link is here (We will keep it in the bulletin for the next few weeks if you are not able to donate today):

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

Parish Council (February 16th)

Friendly reminder that our first parish council meeting of the year will be the third week of February this month, not the second as normal. Directly after Liturgy, Fr. Stephen will bless the new council for the year and the meeting will be after coffee hour. Coffee hour will be the normal potluck.

Baptisms (February 9th & 16th)

In the coming weeks, we will be having the baptisms of Mayzie Jackson (9th) and Caleb Ritter (16th). Each service will be at 8:30 AM before Liturgy. Join us in this great celebration and May God Grant both families Many Blessed Years!

Gospel Cont.

...hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Calhan Community Highlights

Last week we forgot to mention (which means Fr. Stephen forgot to mention and therefore has to fire another secretary...) that the Simla Girls Basketball Team are 1st Place BFL Champions. Congrats to Ryleigh and her entire team on their great win. May God Grant them all Many Blessed Years!

Youth Activities

February

Sunday the 9th - During Coffee Hour
Valentine Cookie Decorating

Yummy Valentine cookies??? YES PLEASE! Let's get creative and have a fun time!! 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.

Sunday the 23rd - 4:00 PM
Denver Nuggets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves

Coming up near the end of February, the Denver Nuggets are taking on the Minnesota Timberwolves and we will be taking up a group to Denver to root them on. Tickets 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 and let Fr. Stephen know if you'd like to go. Tickets will be ordered after next Sunday
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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