



February 23rd, 2020
 Meatfare Sunday
 Sunday of the Last Judgment

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said this parable: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 (29th)
 Divine Liturgy w/ Forgiveness Vespers - 9:30 AM (1st)

WISDOM

"When a trial comes upon you unexpectedly, do not blame the person through whom it came but try to discover the reason why it came, and then you will find a way of dealing with it. For whether through this person or through someone else you had in any case to drink the wormwood of God's judgments."

- St. Maximos the Confessor

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

Brace yourself Great Lent is coming!

"In the daily rush of our life we have no time to think about it, we simply take it for granted that we must go to confession, receive absolution, and then forget all about it until next year. Yet there must be a reason why our Church has set apart seven weeks as a special time of repentance and calls each Orthodox Christian to a special spiritual effort. And this reason must obviously concern me, my life, my faith, my membership in the Church. I must try to understand it, to follow as much as I can the teachings of my Church, be Orthodox not only by name, but in life itself. What then is repentance? Great Lent gives the answer to this question. It is indeed a school of repentance, to which each Christian must go every year in order to refresh the understanding of his faith. It is a wonderful pilgrimage to the very sources of Orthodoxy, a rediscovery of a truly Orthodox way of life. Let us try to make these forty days as meaningful, as deep, and as rich, as possible." - Fr. Alexander Schmemmann of Blessed Memory.

Next Sunday, we will enter into the Fast and time of repentance by offering forgiveness to one another after Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to be here for this important day and go into Great Lent with your conscience cleared and your heart and mind ready to walk with Christ to His Passion.

Mission Vespers Schedule

Please note we will be having our annual Mission Vespers services during Great Lent. We will again be hosting the final Sunday of Lent on April 5th. A flyer has been posted in the Hall and in the Narthax. Here is the schedule for this year:

March 8th: Holy Theophany (2770 N Chestnut St, Colorado Springs, CO 80907)

March 15th: St. Michael (801 W Summit Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004)

March 22nd: Archangel Michael (2215 Paseo Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80907)

March 8th: St. John the Baptist (1010 Spruce St, Pueblo, CO 81004)

April 5th: St. Mary's Holy Dormition

Calhan Community Highlights

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the special collections and GoFundMe for Steve Wilson. On Thursday, we presented a check on behalf of our parish. His family was extremely thankful and wanted to extend their well wishes and love to our community.

Also on Friday, we presented the cookies and cards the kids made for the elderly at the Simla Nursing Home. They were all super happy to receive their cards and cookies.

May God Grant all of our community, including our youth at St. Mary's Holy Dormition Many Blessed Years!

Youth Activities

March

22nd - After Coffee Hour
Monastery Fence

As Fr. Stephen stated in his sermon, this year's Lent is the theme of Service. Our monastery property is in need of a fence for the grave of Oscar Stanko. After Coffee Hour on the 22nd, we will gather our older youth to go to the property and build a fence. Butch has also offered to give a little history lesson of the area. All are invited to join but we'd really like to get the teens involved in this effort.

29th - During Coffee Hour
Homeless Kits

When you see a person who is homeless holding a sign on a street corner, especially in Colorado Springs and Denver, are you unsure how to respond? Well we have an answer! At the end of March, we will assemble homeless kits to have on hand to give those in need. After we assemble them during coffee hour, we will gather them and put them into the Narthax of the Church where you can take one and keep it in your car whenever you encounter someone in need. Everyone is invited to join us, not just our youth, so please help and stay to build these kits and keep our theme of Service going.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar. 2nd - Great Lent Begins & Kanon of St. Andrew (6:00 PM)

Mar. 3rd - Kanon of St. Andrew (6:00 PM)

Mar. 6th - Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)

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)

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