



January 19th, 2020
Sanctity of Life Sunday
31st Sunday after Pentecost

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

JAN Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Kelsey Hlatki
5th - Margo Wilkinson
10th - Michael Hunter
15th - Fr. David Lowell
18th - Nick Norton
24th - Keith Shulte
28th - Joe and Betty Eurich
30th - Catherine Anderson-Daly

SERVICES

Blessing of Waters Monarch Pass-11:00 AM (20th)
Great Vespers - 5:30 PM (25th)
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (26th)

WISDOM

"Universal life would proceed according to nature if we would practice continence from the beginning instead of destroying, through immoral and pernicious acts, human beings who are given birth by Divine Providence."

- *Clement of Alexandria*

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings

House blessings have begun. A sign up list is in the Narthex. If have not yet signed up, please see Fr. Stephen to 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.

Deacon Gregory Memorial Fund

Please consider giving to their GoFundMe above and beyond your normal tithing. The link is here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/DeaconGregoryFund>

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

Tomorrow, 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. If you'd like to ride down with us, we are departing from the hall at 7 AM. 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.

Annual Meeting (January 26th)

Friendly reminder that our annual parish meeting is coming up next Sunday. All are welcome to attend but a quick reminder that only voting members (at least 18, has gone to the Sacraments of Confession and Communion, and regularly fulfills all financial obligations to the parish) can participate. Also note, the following positions are up for nomination: 2 Parish Council, 1 Auditor, & Treasurer. Coffee Hour will be a potluck luncheon so if you are staying for the meeting, consider bringing a dish for all to share.

Diocesan Website Relaunch

Though not entirely related to our parish, though in a way it is (as Fr. Stephen was in charge of this project), the new diocesan website has finally relaunched. There are many new features and functions, including a calendar that lists the feasts and fasts of the church for every day, full parish and clergy directories, more expanded parish resources list, as well as a brand new responsive design that works on both desktop and mobile. We are even one of the top highlights listed on the Home and Media Pages. Please check it out at <https://dowoca.org>

Also as a heads up, His Eminence has asked, in accordance with 50th anniversary year of the OCA multiple parishes to write up articles highlighting the rich history of the Diocese of the West through its parishes and our parish is one of the parishes he chose. So be on the look out for this in the coming weeks.

Calhan Community Highlights

On Friday, January 17th, Steven Dumler officially retired from his long term career and job from Johnson and Johnson (former called Synthes) after 21 years. We are so proud of Steven for all his hard work and dedication, always trying to be an example of Christian stewardship in the work force. May God Grant Steven and the Dumler Family Many Blessed Years!

Youth Activities

January

On Hold Board Game Night

Next Saturday's Board Game Night has been put on hold until a later day and time. Many of the older youth have expressed they'd like to do this in March or April so it doesn't conflict with school sports, so we are putting the event on hold until then.

February

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 in the coming weeks. Go Nuggets!

UPCOMING SERVICES

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)
Jun. 29th - SS. Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)

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