



January 5th, 2020  
Eve of Theophany  
29th Sunday after Pentecost

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27**

Brethren, For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you. Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-18**

At that time, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.

**Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment**

## 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

Divine Liturgy - 8:00 AM (6th)  
Reader's Vespers - 5:30 PM (11th)  
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (12th)

## WISDOM

"A woman who destroys the fruit of her womb commits a great sin. She is destroying life itself, for God alone is the Giver of life and He makes possible the conception of a human being in the womb. He gives life and a woman destroys it. Great repentance is necessary, from the depths of her soul. She must change and never commit this sin again. Otherwise, she will be condemned as a murderess."

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## House Blessings

House blessings will begin on January 7th. A sign up list is in the Narthex. If you would like Fr. Stephen to bless your home and/or farm, please sign up, indicating time of day that is normally best for you. If you have a special request, please note that and Father will contact you to arrange his visit.

## Church School Returns Next Sunday

Parents and kids, church school returns next Sunday. Reminder to the 6-12th graders that your school presentation is on January 19th. We all can't wait to see what you're doing!

## 2020 Calendars Available

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

## Theophany Services

Today after Liturgy we will have a reduced Vespers for Theophany. We will be blessing the holy water for the year and the font will be left in the Church for the next few weeks in case anyone has forgotten their bottles. Divine Liturgy for Theophany will be tomorrow at 8:00 AM.

## 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>

## Denver March for Life (Jan. 11th - 11:00 AM)

Next Saturday, January 11th starting at 11 AM, Holy Transfiguration Cathedral in Denver is hosting the Orthodox involvement in the March for Life at the Capitol. As of now, the plan is to meet at their parish for a Molioben for Life at 11: AM followed by lunch and then heading over to the Capitol for the rally. If you are interested in going please see Fr. Stephen so he can let Fr. David Thatcher know how many are coming. Fr. will lead a carpool leaving at 8:45 AM. This is an important aspect of our faith, defending the lives of the unborn, so please consider attending this event. It is very important we give a good showing for those who will never have a voice due to the great evil of abortion.

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

On Monday, 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; we will be organizing a carvan as it gets closer. 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. 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 fulfils 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.

## 2019 Calhan Community Highlights

A look back at some of the highlights of our parish this past year:

- Established the St. Nicholas Fund helping dozens of needy families.
- Natalie Htalki was accepted into National Honor Society.
- Trevor Hendrix was accepted into National Junior Honor Society.
- Restoration and Installation of New Icons on our Royal Doors.
  - Bryan Hlatki joined the Navy.
  - Sarah Dumler became a US Citizen!
- Mikey Mikita broke a ton of State Poll Jumping Records
  - Many Wins (and a few Losses) from all our Youth's School Teams
- Mikey & Bryan graduated High School, Brayden Glover & Brady Billmire graduated middle school.
  - E.M. Britton was named to Falcon HS' Honor Roll.
  - St. Mary's Featured as a DOW Highlight at the Diocesan Assembly.
- Evan Guy made the 9 Year Old East Central League All Stars.
  - 9 Kids participated in Youth Camp this year.
  - Successful Nativity Fast Food Drive.
    - One of our best Slavic Fests ever!
  - Mylee Pyatt's Game Winning Serve in September!
  - Hall Bathroom Remodel (done and under budget!)
- Austin Jackson became a volunteer firefighter in Franktown.
  - Losing, but not forgotten Alvin, Margie, Lynn, Betty, & Dn. Gregory.
  - The birth of Mayzie Jackson.
  - Baptisms of Brilee & Merrick.
- Our 4Hers, Mylee, Evan, Jack, Ryleigh, Lexi, Bodie, Brayden, Trevor, and Leilah all did an excellent job showing and performing this year.

## Youth Activities

### January

10th - 7:30 PM  
CC Hockey Game

Next Friday we will be looking at taking a group to see the CC Tigers take on Miami University Hockey. Tickets are \$20 and as usual, we will meet at the rectory 5:00 PM to carpool to the game. Please see Fr. Stephen if you'd like to go. He needs a number today to order the tickets this week. Make all checks out to St. Mary's Orthodox Church.

25th - After Vespers  
Board Game Night

We will be having another fun board game night at the end of January for all the Youth and young at heart. There will be a snacks, drinks, and dinner for everyone. So mark it in your calendars and join us for what will be a great evening!

# 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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