



March 8th, 2020
Sunday of Orthodoxy
First Sunday of Lent

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

At that time, Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd - Madalyn Schulte
5th - Nicole Fischer
6th - Larry Don Meier
6th - Fr. Stephen - Priest Ordination Anniversary
8th - Jedidiah Leithead
9th - Chris Dumler
9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
10th - Brilee Herron
11th - Polly Mikita
12th - Butch Sakala
13th - Robin Mikita
15th - Fr. Stephen - Deacon Ordination Anniversary
17th - LeAnn Perry
17th - Ashlynn Stevens
23rd - Daelynn Roswold
25th - Lacie Leithead
28th - Ken and Shelly Stevens
31st - Alexander Baril

SERVICES

Presanctified Liturgy - 6:00 PM (13th)
Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (14th)
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (15th)
Mission Vespers @ St. Michael - 6:00 PM (15th)

WISDOM

"When the Church tells us in her hymns and icons that the Apostles were miraculously gathered from the ends of the earth in order to be present at the repose and burial of the Mother of God, we as Orthodox Christians are not free to deny this or reinterpret it, but must believe as the Church hands it down to us, with simplicity of heart."

- St. John Maximovich

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>

Presanctified Liturgy Meals

After each presanctified this Lent, we will be having a light dinner with fellowship to break the fast. This will be a potluck style meal so please bring something for all to share.

Parish Council Today

We will be having our monthly parish council meeting today after Liturgy. Coffee Hour will be our normal potluck.

Dale Drew Chrismation

Next Sunday at 9:00 AM we will be bringing Dale home to the Holy Orthodox Church by Chrismating him. Please join us for this momentous event. May God Grant Drew and all his loved ones Many Years!

No Adult Faith Forum Next Sunday

No Class next Sunday due to Dale Drew's Chrismation.

Choir Rehearsal Today

We will have choir rehearsals every week after Liturgy until Holy Week. Choir members, please make every effort to attend these rehearsals.

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

This past week Jack Pyatt, aka the Man of Many Talents competed and won his division in wrestling at Rocky Ford as well as taking second in his school's spelling bee. We are so proud of him and all his hard work. May God Grant Jack Many Years!

Youth Activities

March

15th - During Coffee Hour

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Challengers Approaching! A new foe has appeared! Next Sunday the 15th, we will be having a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament on the TV in the Hall. There will be some fun prizes, including a top secret, limited edition Nintendo prize. All youth (and young at heart) are invited to participate. There will also be special exhibition matches for some unique prizes. Join us!

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.

April

New Date 5th - After Coffee Hour
Monastery Fence

Our monastery property is in need of a fence for the grave of Oscar Stanko. After Coffee Hour on April 5th, 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar. 25th - Annunciation (Fr. Stephen Out of Town)

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 - St. Peter & Paul Liturgy (8:00 AM)

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