



August 23rd, 2020  
 Leavetaking of Dormition  
 11th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

Brethren, 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. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35**

The Lord said this parable: the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

## AUG Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Aug 4 - Taytam Robinson
- Aug 5 - Kelly Glover
- Aug 7 - Gary and Georgianna Glover
- Aug 7 - Emmy Britton
- Aug 7 - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
- Aug 10 - Ken Stephens
- Aug 10 - Robert and Tetiana Boyd
- Aug 11 - Sheila Mikita
- Aug 13 - Denise Mikita
- Aug 14 - Darlene Mikita
- Aug 15 - Debbie Molner
- Aug 16 - Kade Pyatt
- Aug 17 - Daniel Tipton
- Aug 17 - Scott Mikita
- Aug 17 - Ken and Lore Denson
- Aug 18 - Juston Scott
- Aug 23 - Joey Gdovin
- Aug 28 - Ernie Mikita
- Aug 31 - Dave and Carrie Guy
- Aug 31 - Rodney and Kelly Glover

## SERVICES

- Prayers for Rain - 7:00 AM (26th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (29th)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (30th)

## WISDOM

*"Love says, "Your existence is good, I delight in you," and, "I want the best for you. I will sacrifice for you." Abortion says, "It would be better you didn't exist," and, "I want the best for me. I will sacrifice you for myself." Abortion is the antithesis of love."*

-Lila Rose, Founder and President of Live Action

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Calhan Community Highlights

This past week we had the funerals for both Vera Kopsho and Joe Eurich. It has been a difficult week, losing two members of our community who had done so much for our parish and Calhan as a whole. We will miss them both dearly and may God keep their memories eternal. In this unique time, where we had to make many unorthodox adjustments, we'd also like to recognize all those who helped these services, the choir - who had to go above and beyond and sing for many services, setting up tent for the outside "stream", getting the church ready for Joe, moving things around in schedules to help wherever was needed, showing stewardship by helping Fr. Lawrence and his boys get to and from the airport, providing them a place to stay and meals to eat, welcoming them back with open arms, and most of all, coming together as a community in these difficult times, to pray and give Joe and Vera extremely wonderful services.

Thank you. May God Grant all of our parish Many Blessed Years!

One other note, Trevor Hendrix qualified for State in shooting. Next Sunday, he will be competing to win it all and we look forward to sharing how he did in the coming weeks. Good luck Trevor!

## Parish Meeting (August 30th)

We decided at the last parish council meeting to hold off on doing Slavic Fest this year. However, we are not letting our outreach go completely to the wayside. We are working on doing a Bake Sale near the end of the year that will happen around Thanksgiving and go into Christmas. In order to do this, we need to have an informal meeting with the entire parish after liturgy next Sunday. If anyone would like to chime in, but is not coming due to the pandemic, please let Fr. Stephen know and he will phone you in.

## Special Plea

While we are still working out the details for the bake sale, it is important that we as a community work together to break our dependence on these types of events such as Slavic Fest or bake sales when working through our budget. We should always treat those events as above and beyond our normal involvement and let tithing and stewardship be our focus in our budget. As Christians, we are all called upon to be worthy stewards of the manifold blessings which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us. The very concept of Stewardship is based upon our thankfulness toward God. So as we attempt to make the proper offering to God, we pray that He be merciful unto us and guide us to truly love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as ourself. (Matthew 22:37-39) Therefore, whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or annually, we're asking everyone to consider contributing, prayerfully a little more each month (a minimum of \$20 more a month per family) to help make up for the loss of income from our extra events. This is something we need our entire church community's help with. Our greatest blessing is our family and this parish is our family. It also shows an obedience to God by making His Work a financial priority in our lives. So let us all come together as a community united behind this common cause and May God look after our parish according to His Will and His Will alone, so that His Name May Always Be Glorified!

## Photo Directory

This year we will be creating a special updated Photo Directory Book that will be available free to everyone in the parish. With the help of Mat. Lindsey and Sheila, Fr. Stephen will be organizing and scheduling family photo sessions in the Church over the coming weeks and months to be ready this Christmas. Everyone will also receive a disc of the photos taken that they may use for their own Christmas cards. If you would like to donate to this, above and beyond your normal tithing, you may see Fr. Stephen or Lori. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Fr. Stephen or any parish council member. (One side note, unless something changes over the coming months, all Diocesan guidelines for Covid-19 will still apply. During shoots, masks may be taken off but after, distancing and mask rules still apply).

## Quick Meeting with the Rose Marie Ladies

After Liturgy today, Fr. Stephen would like to have another quick meeting with the Rose Marie Ladies to discuss a few minor things. Ladies, please stay for about 15 minutes for this important meeting.

## Bryan Hlatki's Address

Bryan is now in a more permanent location for the next few years and with everything happening with Covid, I'm sure he'd love to hear from everyone. If you'd like to send him something, here is his address: *EOCR Hlatki Bryan 618 4th St. Williamsburg VA 23185*. Once things get back to "normal" again, we will have our youth put together a fun care package for Bryan.

**Rector: Fr. Stephen Osburn | Cell: 702.521.6988 | E-Mail: [frsteve@holydormition.net](mailto:frsteve@holydormition.net)  
[HolyDormition.net](http://HolyDormition.net) | Like & Watch LIVE On: [Facebook.com/ColoradoOrthodoxChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoOrthodoxChurch)**