



August 30th, 2020
St. Alexander Nevsky
12th Sunday After Pentecost

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, one came and said to the Lord, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “You shall not murder, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” “The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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 (2nd)
Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (5th)
Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (6th)

WISDOM

“To preserve the holy canons I am ready to sacrifice my life, but at the same time to save one person I am ready to sacrifice all the holy canons.”

- St Justin Popovich

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

We have a budding photographer in our community. Our own Evan Guy took 6th place at this year's state fair. We are super proud of him and we might even need to recruit him to help take a few photos for the directory. He did an amazing job! May God Grant Evan Many Years!

Parish Meeting (Today)

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 today.

Special Plea

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).

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.