



September 13th, 2020

**Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross
14th Sunday After Pentecost**

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Brethren, He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord told this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding." So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept 2 - Austin and Tori Jackson
- Sept 5 - Terry and Margo Wilkinson
- Sept 5 - Linda Deak
- Sept 6 - Victor and Terri Volosin
- Sept 7 - Stephen Osburn Sr. (Father's Dad)
- Sept 12 - Ken Denson
- Sept 13 - Shelly Stephens
- Sept 14 - Cassandra Fischer
- Sept 17 - Trevor Hendrix
- Sept 20 - Noah Scott
- Sept 23 - Rick and Shirley Sandbothe
- Sept 24 - Dave Guy
- Sept 26 - Alfred (Freddie) Draney
- Sept 28 - Terry Wilkinson
- Sept 29 - Michael Mikita
- Sept 29 - Bodie Glover
- Sept 29 - Natalie Norton
- Sept 29 - Eilidh Robinson

SERVICES

- Divine Liturgy - 8:00 AM (14th)
- Prayers for Rain - 7:00 AM (16th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (19th)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (20th)

WISDOM

"The Most High planted in the middle of Paradise The thrice blessed wood, the gift of life for us, In order that, in approaching it, Adam might find eternal and immortal life, But he did not strive earnestly to know this life, And he failed to attain it, and revealed death. However, the robber, seeing how the plant in Eden Had been beautifully transplanted in Golgotha, Recognized the life in it and said to himself: 'This is what my father lost formerly In Paradise.'"

- St. Romanos the Melodist, On the Adoration at the Cross

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father's Reading Challenge

There is still time to jump on this challenge. We have uploaded a PDF to our website that gives you a complete reading of the Orthodox Study Bible, including Psalms and Proverbs twice each. There is a reading from the OT, one from Psalms, one from Proverbs, and one from the NT for each day. Usually only takes about 15 minutes. You can read with your kids, your family, yourself, or even online through a Facebook live video! Try it! Link: <https://holydormition.net/happy-church-new-year/>

Special Collection for the North-Western Fires

As many of you may have heard through our Facebook account, there have been some crazy wildfires as of late throughout the West, especially in California, Oregon, and Washington. Many families have lost their homes and entire towns have gone up in flames. Many of our own parishes in those areas have been effected by these devastating events. His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin has requested all parishes to help not only our sister churches but also their neighbors at this time of crisis. We will be taking a special collection today and every Sunday until the middle of October to help. If you would like to donate directly, a special fund has been setup here: *Diocese of the West, attn: Fire Relief, 806 Talent Ave., Talent, OR 97540*. Please be generous above and beyond your normal tithing and May God look after all those during this difficult time.

Robinson Baptism (27th)

The rest of the Robinson family will be brought home into the Orthodox Church later this month. The service will be at 9:00 AM, prior to Liturgy. We are looking forward to bringing all 5 of them into the Faith and May our Lord protect and look over them as they get closer to this momentous occasion.

Parish Council Meeting Today (13th)

Our monthly meeting will happen after services today. Same rules as last month.

Bake Sale Signup w/ Special Plea (Tentative Bake Sale Dates: Nov. 21st - 22nd)

We decided to give the Thanksgiving Bake Sale a go. There is a signup sheet in the Narthax. If you commit to bake, please make sure to list the amount you are baking and the price of the items. 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.

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