



September 20th, 2020

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross

15th Sunday After Pentecost

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

At that time, a lawyer, asking Jesus a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool?' If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

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

- Prayers for Rain - 7:00 AM (23rd)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (26th)
- Robinson Baptism - 9:00 AM (27th)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (27th)

WISDOM

"Rouse yourselves! The world which you worship only flatters you. The heaviness of your flesh should not keep you back from our Saviour—the God of spirits and of all flesh. If you continue to drowse, you will imperceptibly fall under the influence of the evil spirits, who are anxious for the company even of swine. Be careful that you become not possessed by a devil."

- St. Sebastian Dabovich

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 (Next Sunday)

The rest of the Robinson family will be brought home into the Orthodox Church next Sunday. 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.

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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