



**September 27th, 2020**

**Martyr Callistratus and 49 companions**

**16th Sunday After Pentecost**

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness." If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

**Gospel: Luke 4:31-36**

At that time, the Lord went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are - the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

## 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 22 - Bill Stevens
- 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 (30th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (3rd)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (4th)

## WISDOM

*"We have such a law: If you forgive, it means that God has forgiven you; but if you do not forgive your brother, it means that your sin remains with you."*

- St. Silouan the Athonite

**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.

## Many Years Robinsons!

We have welcomed home today the servants of Shonda, Marah, Eilidh, Camden, and Taytam Robinson into the Orthodox Church through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Chrismation. May the Lord Bless all of them on the rest of their journey and give them Many Years of service in His Holy Church.

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

There is a signup sheet in the Narthax. We still need a few more signups in order to make this work. If you commit to bake, please also 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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