



**September 6th, 2020**  
**Ss. Eudoxius, Zeno, & Macarius**  
**13th Sunday After Pentecost**

# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42**

The Lord told this parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’

## SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

## SERVICES

- Prayers for Rain - 7:00 AM (9th)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (12th)
- Divine Liturgy w/ Vespers - 9:30 AM (13th)

## WISDOM

*“Evil preaches tolerance until it is dominant, then it tries to silence good.”*

- Catholic Archbishop Charles J. Chaput

**Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Happy Church New Year!!!

Happy Church New Year! Did you know that the Church Calendar begins on September 1st every year? To commemorate this, we are officially starting the Father's Reading Challenge. We are a few days past it already but, for the rest of the Church year, 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/>

## Exaltation of the Cross Vespers & Liturgy

Next Sunday, as per our custom, we will do Vespers right after Liturgy. We will have Divine Liturgy on Monday

## 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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