



October 18th, 2020
St. Luke the Evangelist
19th Sunday After Pentecost

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

The Lord told this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

OCT Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Oct 2 - Daryl Mikita
- Oct 3 - Michael Hlatki
- Oct 3 - Mark Manyik
- Oct 6 - David Rozdilsky
- Oct 8 - Rita Evanoika
- Oct 11 - Fr. Stephen Osburn
- Oct 12 - Steven & Sarah Dumler
- Oct 21 - Dan and Vickie Tipton
- Oct 22 - Luke Fischer
- Oct 25 - Brady Billmire
- Oct 28 - Kenny Stephens
- Oct 29 - Steven Dumler

SERVICES

- Prayers for Rain - 7:00 AM (21st)
- Great Vespers - 5:00 PM (24th)
- Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM (25th)

WISDOM

“Real knowledge is patiently to accept affliction and not to blame others for our own misfortunes.”

- St. Mark the Ascetic

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth: Trunk or Treat 2020 (Nov. 1)

The bishop has blessed us to have a modified version of our annual Trunk or Treat. The same rules for last year apply: after Liturgy, no changing of costumes during services, no Packers or Sharks costumes, nothing Satanic, etc...; however, we will be making a few significant changes: 1) Kids must line up spaced apart as they go from car to car; 2) all participants (adults and kids) must wear masks during the event; 3) those handing out must wear gloves of some kind; and 4) limited pictures will be posted on our Facebook page. While it is not the ideal event we have come to know and love, it should still be a ton of fun.

Parish Council (Today)

Our monthly parish council meeting will be today after Liturgy. Same rules as last month.

Church School Meeting (Today)

Fr. Stephen would like to have brief meeting today before Parish Council with the Church School teachers to discuss a plan for this year. If anyone else would like to join us for this meeting, please do.

Bake Sale Signup (Nov. 21st-22nd)

The bake sale is a go. We still have a few spots left on the signup sheet. Over the next couple weeks, Fr. Stephen will reach out to all the bakers to coordinate amounts and timelines. On the first of November, we will begin our pre-order process along with our online advertising. Parish Council will be discussing the ordering process today, not the baking process. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and while this is not part of our normal annual events nor will this event bring in our normal outreach revenue from Slavic Fest, it is much appreciated the dedication, love, and hard work everyone brings.

Adult Education is Returning (Next Sunday - 9:00 AM)

We will be resuming our Adult Ed next Sunday by continuing our lessons on Fr. Tom Hopko's Maxims and then diving into learning about the Divine Liturgy. Class will be before Liturgy at 9:00 AM in the Church.

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 to do so. 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.