



December 13th, 2020
Sunday of the Forefathers
27th Sunday After Pentecost

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper."

DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dec 1 - Robert Boyd
Dec 2 - Pete Pyatt
Dec 2 - Marah Robinson
Dec 6 - Jeanie Mikita
Dec 11 - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
Dec 17 - Tetiana Boyd
Dec 20 - Lexi Ann Guy
Dec 27 - Larry Don and Lori Meier
Dec 31 - Natalie Hlatki

SERVICES

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

WISDOM

Do not trust your own righteousness, do not worry about the past, but control your tongue and your stomach.

- St. Anthony the Great

A certain monk told me that when he was very sick, his mother said to his father, "How our little boy is suffering. I would gladly give myself to be cut up into pieces if that would ease his suffering." Such is the love of God for people. He pitied people so much that he wanted to suffer for them, like their own mother, and even more. But no one can understand this great love without the grace of the Holy Spirit.

- St. Silouan the Athonite

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

Matti Hlatki graduated from Colorado Mesa U Friday with her Bachelors of Science in nursing. Not only that, she was Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. She will be leaving soon to Rhode Island and then Virginia as a Navy Officer. We are super, super proud of her. May God Grant Matti and all of her family Many Blessed Years!

Christmas Eve Services

The schedule for Christmas services will be at 4:00 PM (Vigil) for Christmas Eve and at 8:30 AM (Liturgy) Christmas Day. The Nativity Day service is earlier specifically so everyone can come and then go home to their families to open gifts. Please make every effort to attend these services and celebrate the birth of our Lord!

Parish Council Meeting (Today)

Parish Council will meet today after Liturgy. Normal rules apply.

Photo Directory (Tentative Release – Early January 2021)

The photos have been edited and Fr. Stephen has begun creating the directory. Everyone's photos are on discs next to the commemorative loaves in the Narthax. If you are unable to pick your disc up, let Fr. Stephen know and he will be more than happy to deliver it to you. Also, we need to make sure everyone's information is up to date for the directory, prior to printing so please check the sheet in the Narthax and update accordingly. The directory should be ready to go by early January. If you'd like to donate above and beyond your normal tithing to the printing of the directory, please see Lori or Fr. Stephen.

Pledge Forms for 2021

2020 was not the year we expected it to be; however, we have almost made it through it. Glory to God. We are again asking everyone to prayerfully consider their pledges, including making up the difference of income we lost due to not being able to have Slavic Fest this year, sign and return the forms in the Narthax if you are changing your pledge from last year. If your pledge from 2020 is remaining the same, please let Lori know. Either way, please let Fr. Stephen or Lori know by December 31st, 2021.

Brian's New Address

Brian Hlatki has a new address. If you'd like to send him something, please do:

EOCA Hlatki, Bryan
CTF 75
PSC 455 Box 185
FPO AP 96540

Nativity Challenge

While 2020 has not been the year we all hoped it would be, we can still thank God for the blessings we have received throughout the year and give back to our neighbors in need by participating in the Reverse Advent Calendar. We will take the items to the Eastern Plains Food Pantry a few days prior to Christmas day so make sure to put the items for the 20th-24th in your bins ahead of time.

Reverse Advent Calendar:

1st - Box of Cereal
2nd - Peanut Butter
3rd - Stuffing Mix
4th - Boxed Potatoes
5th - Macaroni and Cheese
6th - Canned Fruit
7th - Canned Tomatoes
8th - Canned Tuna
9th - Dessert Mix
10th - Jar of Applesauce
11th - Canned Sweet Potatoes
12th - Cranberry Sauce

13th - Canned Beans
14th - Box of Crackers
15th - Package of Rice
16th - Package of Oatmeal
17th - Package Pasta
18th - Spaghetti Sauce
19th - Chicken Noodle Soup
20th - Tomato Soup
21st - Can Corn
22nd - Can Mixed Vegetables
23rd - Can Carrots
24th - Can Green Beans

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