



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JANUARY 10TH, 2021
AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY
OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when the Lord heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

JAN Birthdays &
Anniversaries

1st - Kelsey Hlatki
10th - Michael Hunter
15th - Fr. David Lowell
18th - Nick Norton
20th - Litsa Osburn
24th - Keith Shulte
30th - Catherine Anderson-Daly

SERVICES

GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (16TH)
ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (17TH)
DIVINE LITURGY - 9:30 AM (17TH)

WISDOM

"We must worship, not a God-bearing Man, but a flesh-bearing God."

-St. Gregory the Theologian

"Acquire the spirit of peace and thousands around you will be saved."

-St. Seraphim of Sarov

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Happy New Year!

Photo Directory (Tentative Release – January 2021)

The photos have been edited and Fr. Stephen has begun creating the directory. We also need to make sure everyone's information is up to date for the directory, prior to printing so please check the sheet in the Narthex and update accordingly. The directory should be ready to later this month. If you'd like to donate above and beyond your normal tithing to the printing of the directory, please see Lori or Fr. Stephen.

2021 Annual Meeting (January 24th)

For obvious reasons, our annual meeting this year will be a little different. The format will be a brief live meeting in church following liturgy, with masks and distancing. A portion of the annual packet is in the Narthex. (For those who have not turned in their reports yet, please get them into Carrie, who is compiling the packet.) The rest will be available next Sunday and on our website. If you would like to vote remotely, please call Fr. Stephen with your vote. There are three matters which require a vote before the parish body, and all voting members (and potential voting members) have received the information:

The Proposed 2021 Operating Budget

The Election of the 2021 Parish Council

The Nomination for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly Rep & Alt. (We have no idea yet where this will be)

Parish Council 2021

We are now seeking nominations for the Parish Council. Pastoral Council members are key coworkers with the priest in ensuring the spiritual wellbeing of the parish. While normally nominated at the annual meeting, we will be doing nominations prior due to Covid. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this essential ministry, please let Fr. Stephen know as soon as possible. The following positions are open: (It is a three year term)

Secretary

3 Council Members

1 Auditor

House Blessings Cancelled

His Eminence has informed the clergy of our diocese that he would like us all to forego any plans to bless houses this Theophany season. He does not want any priest to risk going in and out of a number of homes and inadvertently spreading any infection to others or bringing it into the church. Everyone is encouraged to bring a container for holy water, take some to drink, and to sprinkle throughout your homes. Fr. Stephen has provided a special reader's version in the Narthex and on our website:

<https://holydormition.net/theophany-lay-blessing.pdf>

Blessing of the Waters

On Monday, January 18th we will be joining with our sister churches atop Monarch Pass on the Continental Divide at 11 am for the annual blessing of waters. Please join us for this if you can. There will be no luncheon afterwards but it is still an unique sacramental event for our area and is one of the few liturgical acts we get to engage in and offer to God together.

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