



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JANUARY 24TH, 2021
SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY
VEN. XENIA OF ROME & 2 FEMALE SERVANTS

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 18:35-43

At that time, as the Lord was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

JAN Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Kelsey Hlatki
8th - Tammy Christensen
10th - Michael Hunter
15th - Fr. David Lowell
18th - Nick Norton
20th - Litsa Osburn
24th - Keith Shulte
30th - Catherine Anderson-Daly

SERVICES

PRAYERS FOR RAIN - 7:00 AM (27TH)
READER'S VESPERS - 5:00 PM (30TH)
ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (31ST)
DIVINE LITURGY - 9:30 AM (31ST)

WISDOM

As the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, I take this Sunday as an opportunity to reiterate unequivocally our commitment to the defense of the defenseless, and the protection of the most vulnerable, and thus our opposition to abortion. As Christians it cannot be any other way. Our Lord has taught us throughout the Holy Scriptures to be merciful as He is merciful, to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill His law, to defend the widow and the orphan, to welcome the stranger and the sojourner, and to love one another even as He has loved us. This essential message found throughout Scripture must be all-encompassing and extend to the precious lives carried in the womb. If we are to love even our enemies, as He has commanded us, surely we must also love, defend, and seek to protect precious lives being formed within their mothers' wombs...

- Met. Tikhon; Archbishop of Washington;
Metropolitan of All America and Canada
Full Message: shorturl.at/divyK

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctity of Life Sunday

We mourn the over 60 million souls who have been lost to abortion. No right is more precious and fundamental than the right to life, which is why we must all continue the fight to protect life at every stage. As Orthodox Christians we are not only expected to protect the lives of others, but are commanded to. While I, as your priest will never tell you who to vote for (unless its for Pepsi Rookie of the Year – Go vote for Justin Jefferson), we must always vote for policies that protect the unborn. Always. To love another is to see the face of God and abortion is the antithesis of such love. It destroys what God created out of love. Christians ARE called to be ‘in line’ with the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Christians are NOT called to be ‘in line’ with society. Christians are called to be EXAMPLES to society, demonstrating the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. “Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a “life well lived”—seeking the blessedness to which we have been called—extends to the unborn and born alike. As we discern the will of God in our own lives, we are called to preserve and protect all life in recognition of God’s plan for His people on this earth and in anticipation of “the life of the world to come.” – His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon” Vote for life. Always. We will serve a Pankhida today before the Annual Meeting for all the children killed through the evil act of abortion.

Photo Directory (Tentative Release – Early February)

The first draft of the directory is done and is being reviewed by the parish council. Please check the sheet in the Narthex to make sure your information is up to date before print. A PDF and printed version will be available in February. This is not something we budgetted for so if you would like to donate above and beyond your normal tithing to the printing of the directory, please see Lori or Fr. Stephen. We would really appreciate it.

2021 Annual Meeting / Parish Council Nominations (January 24th)

Today is our annual meeting. The only items we are voting on today are:

The Proposed 2021 Operating Budget, The Election of the 2021 Parish Council, The Nomination for the 2021 Diocesan Assembly Rep & Alt.

Before Liturgy on the 24th, the list of nominees for Parish Council will be provided in the Narthex. Before the meeting begins, Rod and Lori will count up the total votes and we will announce it at the end of the meeting.

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>

St. Peter’s Monastery Build Camp (June 27th – July 3th, 2021)

Every year youth groups in our diocese and jurisdiction organize and journey to Harrison, MT to help assist the monks in the construction of Montana’s first Orthodox monastery. From their website: “It borders Harrison Lake for a mile and offers opportunities for swimming, bathing and canoeing, as well as for hiking and exploring. Campers can expect to learn some of the basic skills of the building trade, especially masonry and rough carpentry, and they will have a variety of interactions with our visiting monastics to learn not only about monasticism, its history and role in the Church, but also about our Faith and how it informs our choices, our habits, our lives.” Fr. Stephen will be organizing a group to go this year. If you are interested in attending, please see him. Space is limited and registration must be done by early March. Check out their website too:

<https://stpetersmonastery.com>

Father’s Away (January 25th-30th)

Fr. Stephen will be out of town until Saturday evening, visiting family and bringing Mat. Lindsey and Zoe back to Colorado. If any issues arise, please feel free to call and he will make the appropriate arrangements.

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