



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JANUARY 31st, 2021 WONDERWORKERS CYRUS & JOHN & THOSE WITH THEM

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Brethren, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have...

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

- DIVINE LITURGY - 8:00 AM (2ND)
- PRAYERS FOR RAIN - 7:00 AM (3RD)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (6TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (7TH)
- DIVINE LITURGY - 9:30 AM (7TH)

WISDOM

Do not look around and calculate what others have received, but take a good look at yourself and determine more precisely what lies in you and what you can gain for that which you have, and then act according to this plan without laziness. At the Judgment you will not be asked why you did not gain ten talents if you had only one, and you will not even be asked why you gained only one talent on your one, but you will be told that you gained a talent, half a talent or a tenth of its worth. And the reward will not be because you received the talents, but because you gained. There will be nothing with which to justify yourself—not with nobleness, nor poverty, nor lack of education. When this is not given, there will be no question about it. But you had hands and feet. You will be asked, what did you gain with them? You had a tongue, what did you gain with it? In this way will the inequalities of earthly states be leveled out at God's judgment.

- St. Theophan the Recluse

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel Cont.

...not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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.

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>

Parish Council Installation (February 7th)

Next Sunday, Fr. Stephen will be installing the new parish council after Liturgy. Parish Council members, please make every effort to attend or let Fr. Stephen know and he can recite the prayer with you privately. First meeting of the new council will be the 21st, not the 14th to allow husbands and boyfriends to take out their lovely wives and girlfriends on Valentine's Day.

Divine Liturgy - Meeting of the Lord (February 2nd - 8:00 AM)

We have liturgy on Tuesday at 8:00 AM. We will be blessing candles at the end of Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend this service if you are able.