



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JANUARY 3RD, 2021

FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Brethren, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

JAN Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Kelsey Hlatki
- 5th - Margo Wilkinson
- 10th - Michael Hunter
- 15th - Fr. David Lowell
- 18th - Nick Norton
- 24th - Keith Shulte
- 28th - Joe and Betty Eurich
- 30th - Catherine Anderson-Daly

SERVICES

- THEOPHANY LITURGY- 8:00 AM (6TH)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (9TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (10TH)
- DIVINE LITURGY - 9:30 AM (10TH)

WISDOM

"God is perfect, He is faultless. And so, when Divine love becomes manifest in us in the fullness of Grace, we radiate this love --- not only on the earth, but throughout the entire universe as well. So God is in us, and He is present everywhere. It is God's all-encompassing love that manifests itself in us. When this happens, we see no difference between people: everyone is good, everyone is our brother, and we consider ourselves to be the worst of men --- servants of every created thing."

-Monk Thaddeus

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Happy New Year!

Photo Directory (Tentative Release – Early 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 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.

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. The annual packet will be provided a week prior (hopefully two) in both the Narthex and on our website. To expedite matters this year, no reports will be read. 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

2 Council Members

1 Auditor

Pledge Forms for 2021

If you have not yet gotten your pledge form in, please get it to Lori ASAP.

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