



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

FEBRUARY 28th, 2021
SUNDAY OF THE
PRODIGAL SON

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord said this Parable: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer..."

FEB Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Libbie Meier
- 3rd - Alicia Glover
- 3rd - Carly Carneal
- 6th - Robert Hertneky
- 8th - Paul Robinson
- 13th - Christopher Rozdilsky
- 14th - Nick & Natalie Norton
- 20th - Myrle Hlatki
- 20th - Bill Hendrix
- 20th - Ben Hendrix
- 25th - Josh Tunink
- 25th - Richard Molner
- 26th - Harold Eurich
- 29th - Rodger Mikita

SERVICES

- 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

"All our attention must be centered on the Prodigal Son. We all see ourselves in it as in a mirror. In a few words the Lord, the knower of hearts, has shown in the person of one man how the deceptive sweetness of sin separates us from the truly sweet life according to God. He knows how the burden of sin on the soul and body, experienced by us, impels us by the action of divine grace to return, and how it actually does turn many again to God, to a virtuous life."

- St. John of Kronstadt

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

It is with some sad news that we bid farewell to the Robinson family, who will be moving to Benton, Louisiana on the 12th of March for Paul's new assignment. We are happy that we got to know them the past few years and how they all became a part of our parish family. We will miss them dearly. On behalf of the entire parish, we want to wish all of them a Blessed Many Years, that God Grant them protection, safety, and happiness in their new home. Of course, they are always welcome and we hope to see them again soon. May God Grant the Paul, Shonda, Marah, Eilidh, Camden, & Taytam Many Blessed Years!

In other news, if you haven't heard already, a New Challenger is approaching! Austin and Tori Jackson are expecting again! They are due in the middle of July 2021 and we are super excited for all of them. May God Grant the Jackson Family Many Blessed Years and May Our Lord look after Tori so that she may have a safe and healthy pregnancy!

Gospel (Luke 15:11-32 Cont.)

...worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him. And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

Photo Directory (It is coming...)

We are still in the process of making a few more changes to the Directory. A PDF and printed version will hopefully be available soon. 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.

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. Fr. Stephen would like to have a quick meeting with all the youth today after Liturgy. Space is limited and registration must be done by early March. Check out their website too: <https://stpetersmonastery.com>

Quick Parish Council Meeting

Fr. Stephen would like to have a quick 5 minute meeting with the parish council after Liturgy today.

Great Lent is just around the corner (March 14th)

Great Lent begins with Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, which is just around the corner and will begin immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 14th. We will serve the Kanon of St. Andrew, March 15th and 16th. Presanctified Liturgies will be every Wednesday at 6 PM, unless noted otherwise. This year's theme will be "Let us Attend." Lent is a time of recommitment to the Lord, which includes fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, but it also means putting that into action by making every effort to attend as many services as you are able to do so. In other words, put God first, as He puts us first in all that He does.

Church School is back...sorta... (March 7th-May 23rd)

Like in professional sports, we are announcing a modified reduced season of Church school that will go on for 6 weeks from March until the end of May (3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/16, 5/23). We will be splitting Church school into 2 groups: Preschool through 2nd grade and 3rd grade and up. Sheila and Mat. Lindsey will take the first group and Fr. Stephen will teach the other. Both will meet for 30 minutes after Liturgy. Masks and distancing rules apply. Parents are welcome to stay and participate. We also plan on resuming our normal schedule later in the fall.

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