



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MARCH 21ST, 2021  
FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT  
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2**

Brethren, By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Gospel: John 1:43-51**

At that time the Lord went to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him...

## MAR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Madalyn Schulte
- 5th - Nicole Fischer
- 6th - Larry Don Meier
- 6th - Fr. Stephen: Priesthood Anniversary
- 8th - Jediah Leithead
- 9th - Chris Dumler
- 9th - Harold & Dee Eurich
- 10th - Brilee Herron
- 11th - Polly Mikita
- 12th - Butch Sakala
- 13th - Robin Mikita
- 15th - Fr. Stephen: Diaconate Anniversary
- 17th - LeAnn Perry
- 17th - Ashlynn Stevens
- 18th - Riggin Fuchs
- 25th - Lacie Leithead

## SERVICES

- ANNUNCIATION LITURGY - 6:00 PM (25TH)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (27TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (28TH)
- LITURGY W/ VESPERS - 9:30 AM (28TH)

## WISDOM

*Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!*

*- Troparion for the Annunciation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

**Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gospel Cont. John 1:43-51

...“We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

## Special Collection for Rest of March and April

We received word yesterday from Fr. Anthony that his associate priest, Fr. Joseph Sharman (who many may know as someone who “grew up” at Holy Theophany) has been diagnosed with Large B-Cell Lymphoma. The good news is that this is the most common non-Hodgkins lymphoma and relatively treatable; however, outside of insurance it is still going to be expensive and a burden to their young family. For the rest of March and all of April, we will have a special collection plate setup next to the blessed commemorate loaves. Please be generous, above and beyond your normal tithing. We will send them a check during Holy Week.

## Updated Covid Directives / Future Coffee Hour

Our Archbishop Benjamin, along with the Holy Synod has released an update to the Covid Guidelines. It largely doesn't effect us as we keep doing what we are doing. The one major change is coffee hour. The Parish Council and I will explore options today for how to work within these new directives in order to bring back this aspect of our community. If anyone has any suggestions, please let any council member or myself know.

## Photo Directory (It is coming...)

We have samples of the printed directory and are making the last changes to the final draft of the Directory. A PDF and printed version will hopefully be available soon. This is not something we budgeted 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.

## Parish Council (Today – for reals this time...)

Parish Council will be having their monthly meeting today after Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers.

## Annunciation This Week

On Wednesday, March 24 the Presanctified Liturgy will NOT be served, but instead, on Thursday, March 25—the day of the Feast—we will celebrate the Vesperal Liturgy at 6 PM in order to give everyone an opportunity to attend this important feast day in the Orthodox Church. As always, we keep a strict fast, at least from noon (if you need to eat something to take medicine, you are obviously exempt just like you would be on Sunday) before receiving communion.

## Church School Schedule:

We have already had our first classes but just a friendly reminder that the remaining modified Church School schedule is: 3/28 (**Moved from 3/21**), 4/4, 4/18, 5/16, 5/23.

## Father's Away (22nd-24th)

Fr. Stephen will be away for a few days to handle some family issues with his parents (and take in a hockey game while he's at it.) Mat. Lindsey will be available as well as Rod if there are any emergencies.