



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

APRIL 11TH, 2021  
4TH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT  
SAINT JOHN OF THE LADDER

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20**

Brethren, for when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

**Gospel: Mark 9:17-31**

At that time one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

## APR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Zoe Osburn
- 5th - Anastajia Rozdilski
- 7th - Ryleigh Tunink
- 8th - April Schulte
- 8th - Matt Dawson
- 16th - Johnny Tart
- 18th - Jack Pyatt
- 18th - Makiya Schulte
- 22nd - Millie Manyik
- 22nd - Jennifer Billmire
- 22nd - Myree Hickman
- 23rd - Sarah Dumler
- 23rd - Logan Jackson
- 25th - Stone Stevens
- 26th - Kale Molner
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix

## SERVICES

- PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY - 6:00 PM (14TH)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (17TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (17TH)
- DIVINE LITURGY - 9:30 AM (18TH)

## WISDOM

*"Do not say, after spending a long time in prayer, that nothing has been gained; for you have already gained something. And what higher good is there than to cling to the Lord and persevere in unceasing union with Him?"*

- St. John Climacus, Ladder of Divine Ascent, Step 28.29

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Calhan Community Highlights

State Shooting Sports results are finally in. Trevor Hendrix received results and ribbon tonight for 2020 Colorado State Fair Reserve Grand Champion (second in State) for Air Rifle Utility open sights. So very proud as this was his first year at the 4H Senior level. May God Grant Trevor Many Years!!!

## 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.

## Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet

There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall, hung on the board with sign ups for Coffee Hour (it really is there this time). Please consider sponsoring a Sunday. Community potluck as is our custom will happen on Parish Council Sundays.

## Photo Directory: It is here!!

The directory has arrived and is available to take home and enjoy. They will be handed out at the end of Liturgy today. We want to make sure every family gets a copy before we give out extras, which will have a suggested donation of \$10.00 each. If we run out of our initial amount and if there is enough interest, we will gladly print more. The directory is also up on our website. In order to access it, you will need to use the password that has been posted on the wall in the Narthex above the commemorative loaves: <https://holydormition.net/dir/dormition-dir-2021-web-version.pdf>

## Remaining Church School Schedule:

Remaining modified Church School schedule is: 4/18, 5/16, 5/23. (Please Note: On these days, go ahead and pray over the food in the hall without Fr. Stephen).

## Parish Council (Today):

Parish Council will be meeting Today after Coffee Hour. Normal rules apply.

## Looking Ahead

## Parish & Hall Cleanup/Lazarus Saturday (24th):

This year we will return to our normal custom of serving and teaching the Proskedia service for the parish to see. That will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday the 24th followed by Liturgy. Afterwards, we will have a light Lenten meal and then a parish and hall cleanup. Please make every effort to not only come and join us for this important liturgical service, but to also come and help us clean up our beautiful church and hall.

## Thomas Sunday/Mother's Day (May 9th):

Looking ahead to Pascha this year, our normal custom is to have our parish Easter Egg Hunt and a potluck the Sunday after. However, this year it's on the same day as Mother's day where we normally cancel Coffee Hour to allow everyone to take out their mother's to lunch. This year, we will combine the two into one event by honoring our mothers while also keeping our Easter traditions. We will also grill hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone and the men will be called to serve all the ladies in our parish. Also, in keeping with our "Let Us Attend" theme, we are encouraging everyone to invite their mothers outside of our parish to attend services with us that Sunday.

## Holy Week Schedule:

Apr. 25th - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday (9:30 AM)  
Apr. 26th - Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)  
Apr. 27th - Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)  
Apr. 28th - Holy Unction (6:00 PM)  
Apr. 29th - Vespers of Holy Thursday (8:00 AM)  
Apr. 29th - Matins w/ Passion Gospels (6:00 PM)

Apr. 30th - Vespers of Holy Friday (4:00 PM)  
Apr. 30th - Matins of Holy Saturday (6:00 PM)  
May 1st - Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:30 AM)  
May 1st - Paschal Matins, Nocturne, Liturgy (10:30 PM)  
May 2nd - Agape Vespers (11:30 AM)  
May 3rd - Bright Monday Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)

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