



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

APRIL 4TH, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Brethren, seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek".

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

At that time when the Lord had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

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
- 26th - Kale Molner
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix

SERVICES

- PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY - 6:00 PM (9TH)
- GREAT VESPERS - 5:00 PM (10TH)
- ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 AM (11TH)
- LITURGY W/ VESPERS- 9:30 AM (11TH)

WISDOM

"A brother once asked St. Anthony to pray for him. The saint answered, "I will have no mercy upon you, nor will God have any, if you, yourself, do not make an effort and if you do not pray to God."

- The Synaxarion: The Lives of the Saints of the Orthodox Church

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

Yesterday Matti Hlatki graduated from Officer Development School and will be stationed at a hospital in Portsmouth, VA near Bryan Hlatki. We are super proud of her and want to not only congratulate her for this amazing accomplishment, but also highlight her dedication and love for Christ by sacrificing for all of us with her service to our country. May God Grant Matti and her family Many Blessed 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 has Returned!

There is a signup sheet in the Hall, hung on the board with sign ups for Coffee Hour. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday (today is sponsored by the Osburns for Zoe’s Birthday. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a meal, cake, and ice cream). Next Sunday will be a community potluck as is our custom on Parish Council Sundays. Also, after Presanctified Liturgies we will be returning to our potluck meals. Please bring something to enjoy with everyone.

Photo Directory (It is coming...)

The directory has been sent off to the printer and once they are printed and delivered, they will be available for everyone to take home and enjoy. A PDF version will be available next week with a special password posted above the commemorative loaves in the Narthex. Keep in mind, 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.

Church School Schedule:

Remaining modified Church School schedule is: 4/4 (15 Minute Class), 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 Next Sunday (11th):

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

Father and Family Away for a Couple Days (6th-8th)/Friday Presanctified:

Fr. Stephen and family will be taking a quick getaway to St. Louis to watch the Golden Knights beat the Blues. If any emergencies arise, please contact Fr. Stephen and he will make the appropriate arrangements. Also, Presanctified Liturgy will be on Friday the 9th at 6:00 PM instead of Wednesday.

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 its 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 hotdogs 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.

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