

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MAY 16TH, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

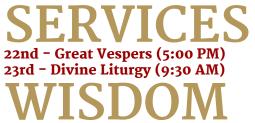
Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd Leonard Volosin
- 3rd Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th Austin Jackson
- 5th Colleen Hendrix
- 7th Vickie Tipton
- 8th Victor Volosin
- 8th Nadia Sisneros
- 10th Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th Makenzie Schulte
- 13th Madeleine Hlatki
- 16th Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th Dee Eurich
- 21st Keith & April Schulte
- 24th Rachel Stevens
- 25th Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th Betty Eurich
- 27th Harry Mikita
- 27th Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th Tori Jackson
- 28th Kaleb Ritter
- 29th Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn



Refuse to listen to the devil when he whispers to you: give me now, and you will give tomorrow to God. No, no! Spend all the hours of your life in a way pleasing to God; keep in your mind the thought that after the present hour you will not be given another and that you will have to render a strict account for every minute of this present hour.

- St. Theophan the Recluse

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

This past couple weeks Natalie Hlatki has been quite the star receiving many, many scholarships and awards including, the Calhan Alummi Scholarship, Farmers State Scholarship, Double EL Scholarship, Calhan Booster Club Scholarship, FFA Memorial Scholarship, and the Mountain View Electric Scholarship and she is the FFA member of the year. We are super proud of all of her accomplishments (and I want to personally add, her humility and not wanting to make it about herself is why I think she got them all) May God Grant Natalie and her entire family Many Blessed Years!!!

In other news, Natalie will be having a graduation party next Sunday from 4-7 at the Hlatki house. All are invited.

Mask Policy Update

If you have been following the news, you know that the CDC has issued new guidelines which state that anyone fully vaccinated against COVID is now released from any mask and/or social distancing restrictions. His Eminence has informed all the parishes in our diocese that they are free to follow local guidelines. Effectively immediately, masks and social distancing are no longer required in our parish for those who are fully vaccinated (I know personally that is the majority of our parish). We, as a parish will act with an honor system as far as your own personal choice in masking. No one will be asked for proof of vaccination. Please also be considerate of your neighbors both ways — do not "judge" someone not wearing a mask, and do not "judge" someone who chooses to wear a mask.

Parish Council Today (May 16th)

We will have our monthly parish council meeting today after coffee hour. Normal Coffee Hour potluck as well.

Memorial Day Grave Blessings (May 30th & 31st)

Mark your calendars! We will be splitting grave blessings this year between 2 days, May 30th and 31st. On the 30th, we will bless the graves at the Calhan, Simla, and Ramah cemeteries after Coffee Hour. On Monday the 31st, starting at 10, we will have our normal Memorial Day grave blessings at 10 AM starting at St. Mary's Cemetery. We will work our way around to the other ones in the area and return back to the hall for a Potluck Luncheon. The VFW will be joining us again and we look forward to having them with us.

Special Collection for the Cabrera family

Last week one of the 4Hers in our area, Ezekiel Cabrera who was also friends with many of our youth was killed in a car accident. A family should never lose a child like this and we are going to do a special collection for 2 weeks to give to the family to help cover funeral costs. Please consider donating above and beyond your normal tithe. We will sing a Panakhida/Parastas for him (and Fr. Stephen's uncle who died last week as well) today after Liturgy.

Photo Directory: It is here!!

The mailed directories are going out next week. Next Sunday, the extra ones will be available for a suggested donation of \$10.00 each. (Yes, some have already donated for this and Fr. Stephen has noted this. You will receive priority). If we need to get more, we will order them once we run out. The directory is also up on our website. In order to access, 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

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

There are still plenty of spots available for June and beyond. Consider signing up to sponsor a Sunday or two or three! Sign-up sheet is in the Hall.

Prayer List

This list is distributed to the members & friends of St. Mary's Orthodox Church for inclusion in their personal intercessory prayers as well as for use during services. To include someone on the prayer list, please let Father know and he will gladly add them. Also, unless notified, names will remain on the list for 40 days and then be removed. If you'd like to keep someone on the list, please let Father know. (There may be spelling errors in names, they will be fixed as notified).

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joseph, Beverly, Mark, Nicholas, Natalie, Melvin, Anna, Muriel, Amelia, Christina, Alisha, Meryl, Mark, Harold, Paul, Sheila, Audrey, Daron (Basil), Kelly, Tammy, Anita, Clyde, Joyce, Kristina, Steve, George, April, Hannah, Keith, Lisa, Jillian, Dennis, Noah, Tori with child, Taylor with child, Debby, Sarah, Dixon, Hailey with child, John, Infant Eliot, Scott, Brinley, Mark

Departed:

Martin, Glen, Ezekiel, Phillip, the child Abel

Youth

Last Church School Classes TODAY & Next Sunday

Summer Plans:

With life returning to normal every day, Fr. Stephen is working with Carrie on coming up with some really fun activities to do over the summer. Please be on the look out for these updates in the coming weeks. If you have any ideas of what you think our youth might enjoy doing, please see Fr. Stephen or Carrie.

Calhan HS Baseball Fundraiser:

If anyone is interested in supporting the Calhan HS Baseball team, they have a fundraiser at this link: https://fancloth.shop/cptzj

(Please note, if there are other community fundraisers you would like advertised in the bulletin, feel free to provide the info and Fr. Stephen will gladly add it in)

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