



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MAY 9TH, 2021

ANTIPASCHA ST THOMAS SUNDAY

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Gospel: John 20:19-31

At that time, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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

SERVICES

- 15th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- 16th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

- St. Gregory the Great

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calhan Community Highlights

Brooklynne Billmire got 2nd in state in the Americanism Essay Contest. She was recognized at the Deer Trail Elks Club on May 2nd. Congrats! We are super proud of her. May God Grant her Many Blessed Years!

Noah Scott is our newest college graduate, having graduated yesterday from Western Colorado University with a degree in Computer Science. He now ventures off to bigger and brighter things. We are super proud of all of his hard work and May God Grant Noah and his family Many Blessed Years!

Happy Mother's Day!

We want to wish a very happy and blessed Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers, whom we remember and celebrate today in the United States. Many Years! And Memory Eternal to all of our mothers, grandmothers and godmothers who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of the Resurrection! May God grant them all rest with the Saints.

Easter Egg Hunt & Decorating:

Something is amiss! There are over 600 eggs all over the playground, church, and outside of the hall! Who will help us gather them up? It's an Eggstravaganza! The Easter Egg hunt will begin after everyone has had a bite to eat at our parish BBQ. Our youth will also be decorating eggs after the hunt. Stay and enjoy!

Parish Council Next Sunday (May 16th)

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

Memorial Day Grave Blessings (May 31st)

Mark your calendars! We will be having our annual Memorial Day grave blessings at 10 AM starting at St. Mary's Cemetery. The VFW will be joining us again and we will have a potluck luncheon at 12:30 PM for all to enjoy.

Photo Directory: It is here!!

If you have not received your directory, 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. 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>

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

We've had alot of families sign up for coffee hour but still have 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, 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

Departed:

Cinch, Hadly, Phillip, the child Abel

Youth

Church School Schedule:

May 16th (**NEXT SUNDAY**) & 23rd

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.