



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JUNE 6TH, 2021
SUNDAY OF
THE BLIND MAN

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva...

JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Archbishop Benjamin (Peterson)
- 3rd - Scott & Robin Mikita
- 5th - Jason & Rachel Britton
- 6th - Dale Drew
- 8th - Evan Dean John Guy
- 8th - LD and Lyndi Meier
- 9th - Korbyn Meier
- 9th - Helen Sakala
- 12th - Garth & LeAnn Perry
- 14th - Nate Rozdilsky
- 15th - Shonda Robinson
- 22nd - Jeb Billmire
- 23rd - Leilah Tunink
- 23rd - Mat. Elaine Lowell
- 23rd - Rainlee Dawson
- 24th - Jenny Dumler
- 25th - Muriel Eurich
- 26th - Michael & Debby Hlatki
- 26th - Rachel Britton
- 27th - Gary Glover
- 27th - Moses Sisneros
- 28th - Mylee Pyatt
- 30th - Chandler Glover

SCHEDULE

- 10th - Ascension Liturgy (8:00 AM)**
- 12th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)**
- 13th - Adult Class (9:00 AM) followed by Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)**

WISDOM

Pay attention carefully. After the sin comes the shame; courage follows repentance. Did you pay attention to what I said? Satan upsets the order; he gives the courage to sin and the shame to repentance.

- St. John Chrysostom

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel Cont. John 9:1-38

...and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Calhan Community Highlights

Today is the going away party, as well as birthday party of our own Dale Drew. He will be leaving later this month for the Air Force and the Hlatki family is sponsoring coffee hour to honor both. Please join us after Liturgy to celebrate this occasion. We also want to thank Dale for his love and dedication to our country, by choosing to serve Christ in this manner. Please keep him in your prayers and May God Grant Dale and his family Many Blessed Years!

We also want to honor Trevor Hendrix for his academic achievements this past school year. His GPA has him ranked #1 in his class! He has received honors/awards in math, science, history, computer application, and strength and conditioning. He also received his FFA Green Hand Degree and received the Star Green Hand award. He lettered in FFA for his Career Development experience competition participation. We are very proud of Trevor and everything he accomplished this year. May God Grant Trevor and his family Many Blessed Years!

Parish Council Next Sunday (13th)

Next Sunday is our monthly Parish Council meeting and community potluck. Fr. Stephen would also like to briefly meet for 5 minutes with the parish council today.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

There are still plenty of spots available for July 25th and beyond. Sign-up sheet is in the Hall.

4th of July BBQ Competition

With 4th of July being a Sunday this year, we thought it would be fun to make this into a community wide BBQ competition. Rules are simple. Bring your grill, cook up a meat of your choice, have it ready by 11:30 AM, and share with everyone. You are welcome to cook as a team too but emphasis is on the individual. We will allot space in the parking lot for competitors. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Voting will be like our Chili Cook Off with everyone having a chance to vote on their favorite dish. See Mat. Lindsey to sign up. We do ask that some in our parish not competing bring a side for everyone to enjoy. We will also have fireworks for the kids to light off, safely and with adult supervision outside in the parking lot.

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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, Scott, Brinley, Mark, Georgiana

Departed:

Martin, Ezekiel, the infant Frank

Youth

Ice Skating (June 20th):

We will leave after Liturgy that day to go for Pizza in Colorado Springs (suggestions for places are welcomed) and then down to Sertich Arena off of Union and Pikes Peak Ave for some ice skating, which starts at 3. Admission is \$5 and that includes skates. Pizza will be covered by the Youth Fund. Let Fr. Stephen know if you are going. It will be a lot of fun. Everyone is welcome, parents too!

Community

Summer Food Program:

There will be a summer food distribution at the former charter school off of 24 and Calhan Hwy, Wed, July 7th, and Aug 4th from 10 - 11:30 AM. No qualifications or pre-reg, just show up.

Photo Directory:

Extra ones available for suggested donation of \$10.00. Please see Fr. Stephen if interested. Online (Password in Narthex): <https://holydormition.net/dir/dormition-dir-2021-web-version.pdf>