



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JULY 18TH, 2021
FATHERS OF THE 1ST SIX
ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, when the Lord had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Lorene Denson
6th - Rodney Glover
7th - Jonathan Mikita
8th - Brianna Hogg
8th - Carrie Ann Guy
15th - Linda Hendrix
16th - LD Meier
17th - Harry & Polly Mikita
17th - Bryan Hlatki
17th - Haylee Schulte
17th - Hannah Schulte
18th - Brooklyn Billmire
19th - Grady Leithead
19th - Evie Stevens
20th - Ernie & Jeanie Mikita
21st - Whitney Tunink
22nd - Luke Meier
22nd - Bill & Rachel Stevens
23rd - Marcellus Rozdilski
27rd - Brayden Glover

SCHEDULE

24th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

25th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Jesus, the Good Shepherd, interacts with us, namely to each one of us: "hear my voice," "follow me". Hearing and recognizing His voice, implies a deep relationship with Him. This relationship with Christ is strengthened in prayer, in the heart-to-heart encounter with the divine Master and Shepherd of our souls; prayerfully speaking with Jesus and prayerfully listening to Him speak to us. It strengthens us with the desire to follow Him, emerging from the rocky path of sinful ways and abandoning selfish behavior in order to set out on new paths of Christian fellowship and of self-sacrificial service."

- Bp. Daniel, Bishop of Santa Rosa and Chancellor of the Diocese of the West

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

Huge thanks to all of our volunteers this past week at the El Paso County Fair. The response we received from both visitors and our own crew was phenomenal. It was an absolutely huge success and everyone did an amazing job. Thank you. We also won an award while at fair for having the booth with the "Best Use of Space". They've already asked us to come back next year and they want to see us every year hereafter. We also want to recognize the excellent job that our 4Hers did. Bodie, Brayden, Carly, & Natalie all competed and did wonderful in their own categories. It was surely a sight to see. Check out the videos and pictures on our Facebook page for more. May God Grant everyone involved and our participants Many Blessed Years!

Directory Updates

We are going to be providing a sheet or sticker to put into your directories with corrected information. There is a sheet in the Narthex for putting any corrections that may have been missed in the initial printing. Please provide by the end of August so Fr. Stephen can provide the updated sheet. Current directories without the change are available for a suggested donation of \$10.00.

Download PDF (Password in Narthex):

<https://holydormition.net/dir/dormition-dir-2021-web-version.pdf>

Adult Class Postponed until September

With Summer and Fair seasons going on, we will postpone Adult Class until the beginning of September.

Parish Council (Today)

Parish council will meet today after Coffee Hour.

Upcoming Parish and Hall Cleanup (August 10th-6:00 PM)

With the visit of His Eminence coming in a few short weeks, we will be holding a parish wide cleanup on August 10th at 6 PM. We will clean up both the church, the grounds, and the hall on this day. Please make every effort to attend, even if only for a few minutes. Many hands make quick work. Join us!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

There are still plenty of spots available for August after His Eminence's visit and beyond. Sign-up sheet is in the Hall.

Father's Away (July 26th-30th)

Fr. Stephen and family will be away on Monday the 26th until Friday the 30th to celebrate his mother's long awaited retirement. If any issues arise during this period of time, please don't hesitate to contact him and he will make the necessary arrangements.

Slavic Fest - Youth Activities

This year's Slavic Fest will be here sooner than we know it. The Rose Marie Ladies made an excellent suggestion for the youth's participation this year in Slavic Fest. White River Rafting is expensive and the ladies made the suggestion that our older kids work hours for the Church to earn their endorsement and funding of such an activity. This goes perfectly in line with Fr. Stephen's plan to have carnival type games at this year's Slavic Fest. What we are asking all of our older youth (10-18) come up together (whether by one's self or as a team) up to 3 unique booths that they can build and work for the festival. We would ideally like a ball throwing game with cans, a type of tossing game, and a type of duck pond game. We will have prizes that we are ordering for them to have in their booths. We would also like some of the kids to organize a potential petting zoo to draw in more kids (and ultimately their parents) to the Slavic Fest. We are also trying bringing in a few extra surprises that are in the works from the connections Fr. Stephen made at Fair. Please see Fr. Stephen with your ideas and please make every effort to start working on this now so we aren't rushing last minute. Thanks!

Prayer List

This list is distributed to the members & friends of St. Mary's Orthodox Church for 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. Sergei, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Beverly, Mark, Nicholas, Natalie, Melvin, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Mark, Harold, Sheila, Audrey, Daron (Basil), Kelly, Tammy, Anita, Steve, George, April, Hannah, Keith, Lisa, Jillian, Dennis, Noah, Taylor with child, Dixon, Hailey with child, John, Scott, Brinley, Mark, Georgiana, Vismin, Camille, Karen, John, Jill, Caryn, Paul, Jessica with child, Mark

Departed:

Georgiy, Lousin, Thomas, Bob, Glen

Youth

Waterworld Outing: (2 Dates?)

We decided to hold off on the White River Rafting until next year and will be going to Waterworld. With trying to accommodate as many as possible, we have 2 possible dates in mind for this year's trip. Fr. Stephen would like to get a general consensus on whether the Fri. 13th or Sat. 21st would be a better date. Please let him know and he will have the date decided by next Sunday. As far as cost goes, the ladies group has generously offered to cover admission for all those within our parish. We are, however letting everyone know that if anyone brings a friend that is not part of parish in some manner, that the friend must pay. Please join us for this fun day!

Community

Summer Food Program:

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