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ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

JULY 25TH, 2021 DORMITION OF ST. ANNA; MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when the Lord came into the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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

31st - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

Aug 1st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"There is no point in converting people to Christ if they do not convert their vision of the world and of life, since Christ then becomes merely a symbol for all that we love and want already -without Him. This kind of Christianity is more terrifying than agnosticism or hedonism."

- Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

The last few weeks have been pretty busy and we didn't get a chance to highlight that our own Evan Guy competed in the Cal Ripken 11 year olds regionals baseball tournament in Boonville, Missouri. Though they didn't win, we are super proud of him and all his teammates. However, they were awarded the Norm and Coleen Travis Award for Sportsmanship. May God Grant Evan, his teammates on the East Central Colorado 2021 team, and all the participants Many 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.

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 next week, Monday the 26th until Friday the 30th to celebrate his smother'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, Fr. Michael, Beverly, Mark, Nicholas, Natalie, Melvin, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Mark, Harold, Sheila, Daron (Basil), Kelly, Tammy, Anita, Steve, George, April, Hannah, Keith, Lisa, Dennis, Taylor with child, Dixon, Hailey with child, John, Scott, Brinley, Mark, Georgiana, Vismin, Camille, Karen, John, Jill, Caryn, Paul, Jessica with child, Mark, Carly

Departed:

Craig, Georgiy, Bob

Youth

Waterworld Outing: Aug 22nd

We have decided on a date and made a reservation for Water World! On August 22nd, we will have liturgy at 8:45 am (This is an exception, not the norm). After services are over, we will carpool up, and make our way up to Denver to enjoy some fun under the sun. Lunch is included at the park and a huge thank you to the Rose Marie Ladies for offering to cover this cost of this event. That said, though Fr. Stephen has an idea already who is attending, please let him know anyway just to be sure. It should be a ton of fun and we are looking forward to an enjoyable 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.

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