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Scripture Readings

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, when the Lord departed from the city, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

AUGUST 8th, 2021

AFTERFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

AUG Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Taytam Robinson
5th - Kelly Glover
7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover
7th - Emmary Britton
7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd
11th - Sheila Mikita
13th - Denise Mikita
14th - Darlene Mikita
15th - Debbie Molner
16th - Kade Pyatt
17th - Daniel Tipton
17th - Scott Mikita
17th - Ken & Lore Denson
18th - Juston Scott
23rd - Joey Gdovin
28th - Ernie Mikita
31st - Dave & Carrie Guy
31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

SCHEDULE

14th - Great Vespers w/ Litya (5:00 PM)

15th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"If we do not pray for the sick person, the disease will develop naturally. Whereas if we pray for the person, it can change its natural course. Therefore, always pray for the sick."

- St. Paisios the Athonite

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

Huge congratulations on our 4Hers, Brant Volosin, Ryleigh Tunink, and Leilah Tunink. Brant won the grand champion market hog. All 3 of his hogs won their class! Ryleigh got 1st & Champion Advanced Cake Decorating; 1st & Reserve Champion Woodworking with her bed; 1st & Reserve Champion with her crocheted cardigan, selected to model at state fashion revue. And she did well with her market goats yesterday, some 3rd and 4th places. Leilah got 1st & Champion Cake Decorating with tips; 1st place ceramics; 1st beginning sewing; 1st & Champion artistic sewing; she was Reserve Champion Goat showmanship; 2nd and 3rd in market goats; and Reserve Champion Bantam Chicken; some other 2nd-4th places on her other show birds. Proud of all their hard work! May God Grant them all Many Blessed Years!!! Because Elbert Fair is going on this weekend, we will share the rest of their news, including Evan and Lexi's next week. Stay tuned!

In other news, our article about the El Paso Fair is up now on our diocesan website:

<https://www.dowoca.org/2021/08/05/2021-orthodox-el-paso-county-fair/>

It has gotten a lot of great traffic and was even republished by OrthoChristian.com. Check it out!

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>

Archbishop Benjamin's Visit Next Weekend

Don't forget that His Eminence will be joining us for our feast day next weekend. Please make every effort to join us for both Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy. We will be having a potluck next Sunday to celebrate his visit so please make every effort to bring something for all to enjoy.

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 Tuesday, 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!

Parish Council Meeting Today After Coffee Hour

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.

Luke and Kelly Meier Wedding (August 28th 3:30 PM)

The Meier family would like to formally invite everyone at St. Mary's to the wedding of the soon to be Mr. and Mrs Luke Meier. The wedding will be at 3:30 PM at the Methodist Church in Limon (770 B Avenue, Limon CO 80828) and reception to follow at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds (33747 County Road 2W, Hugo, CO 80821). They are asking everyone to please RSVP by either letting Lori know or going on their wedding website: <https://theknot.com/meierwedding2021/>

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, child Jack

Departed:

Fr. Leonid, Joe, Craig, Georgiy, Bob, Josh

Youth

Waterworld Outing: Aug 22nd

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. It should be a ton of fun and we are looking forward to an enjoyable day.

Slavic Fest Youth Activities:

Slavic Fest is going to be here very soon. The youth of the church have been tasked with coming up with carnival games for the event. Fr. Stephen would like to have a quick meeting with the kids before we go to Water World on the 22nd to find out what booths are going to be made and manned.