

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021 LEAVETAKING OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, one came and said to the Lord, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

SEPT Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd - Austin & Tori Jackson

5th - Linda Deak

6th - Victor & Terri Volosin

7th - Stephen Osburn Sr.

12th - Ken Denson

14th - Cassandra Fischer

17th - Trevor Hendrix

20th - Noah Scott

22nd - Bill Stevens

23rd - Rick & Shirley Sandbothe

24th - Dave Guy

29th - Michael Mikita

29th - Bodie Glover

29th - Natalie Norton

29th - Eilidh Robinson

SCHEDULE

14th - Exaltation of Cross Liturgy (8:00 AM)

18th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)

19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Cor. 6:20). St Paul...wants to secure us against sin and against following the improper desires of the mind [intrusive thoughts]. We have many improper desires, but we must constrain them, and we can do so. If we could not, there would be no point in exhorting us like this. We have been bought—and bought with a great price, reminding us of the way in which our salvation was obtained."

- St. John Chrysostom

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

"Great tragedies in our world call us to repentance, and anniversaries like today remind us that we are sojourners and exiles here on earth (1 Pet. 2:11). We look with hope towards the Kingdom of God. Always do we, as St. Paul remarked, "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Heb 11:16)."

If you have not yet read the reflection from His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, please do so when you have a chance. It is 500% worth reading.

https://www.oca.org/holy-synod/statements/his-beatitude-metropolitan-tikhon/remembering-9-11-twenty-years-later

New Church School Season 21-22 Starting Today

It has been a long time since our parish youth have really met in person for Church School and our teachers are looking forward to working once again with our wonderful youth. Classes begin this Sunday, September 12, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We will say a prayer for all and then they will head off to their respective classes. May God look after all of them and Grant them Many Years!!!

Parish Council Meeting Briefly Today

Parish Council will be having a very quick 15 minute meeting today in the Hall before we start food prep. We will only be going over a few minor agenda issues and passing the minutes and treasurer's report.

Slavic Fest Prep Starts Today

Slavic Fest is just around the corner so start telling your friends and family. We will begin food prep today after Coffee Hour. Please make every effort to volunteer and help us make this the best Slavic Fest ever!

Brace Yourself! Slavic Fest 2021 Is Coming

Fr. Stephen has printed out the flyers for the Slavic Festival for folks to take to work and place around the area. They are in Narthax. We also have a secret guest joining us this year, who may or may not be named Fr. David Lowell and who may or may not have his wife Mat. Elaine with him. But its just a secret, so don't tell anyone. Online orders for tickets have started and you can order yours at SlavicFest.net (This is just a forwarding domain to our website. A Slavic Fest Website will be built by Fr. Stephen at some point next year to more cater to this event but in the meantime, just go to the URL and you'll be able to buy tickets as normal.) Please help spread the word!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

To the guy who invented zero...Thanks for nothing. Now that we have your attention, there are plenty of spots still available for the coming weeks and months for Coffee Hour. Please consider signing up. Sign-up sheet is in the Hall.

Special Collection

St. Matthew The Apostle Orthodox Church and community in Baton Rogue was devastated by Hurricane Ida and is in need of funds and supplies to help rebuild. This week we will take a special collection to send to them. Please be generous above and beyond your normal tithing.

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. 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, Dixon, Hailey with child, John, Scott, Brinley, Mark, Georgiana, Vismin, Karen, John, Jill, Caryn, Paul, Jessica with child, Mark, Carly, Rita, child Jack, child Luke, Leilani, Dani with child, DaeLynne with child, Libbie with child, Stephanie with child, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven

Departed:

Fr. Leonid, Fr. Sergei, Fr. Anastasy, Mat. Tresja, Mat. Bonnie, Mat. Anisia, Larry, Camille

Youth

Air Force Academy Vs. CSU (Saturday Nov. 13 at 5 PM):

Due to the UNLV / AF Game happening Thanksgiving Weekend, we've decided to go see AFA play CSU on the 13th of November. The tickets are going for \$47 each and Fr. Stephen is going to call the group sales office on Monday to see if he can get them for a lower price. Please let him know if you are interested in going so he can have an idea on what to tell them. We will have the final price by next week.

Slavic Fest Activities

Keep working on those games! Don't forget to make signs! If you also want to make a price sign for your game or any rules, please do so. All games will be \$1.00 each.