



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

OCTOBER 31ST, 2021
PRIESTMARTYR
JOHN KOCHUROV

Scripture Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

At that time, they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when the Lord stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!” For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

OCT Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2nd – Daryl Mikita
- 3rd – Michael Hlatki
- 3rd – Mark Manyik
- 6th – David Rozdilsky
- 8th – Rita Evanoika
- 11th – Fr. Stephen Osburn
- 12th – Steven & Sarah Dumler
- 16th – Kevin & Brandy Buchner
- 21st – Dan and Vickie Tipton
- 22nd – Luke Fischer
- 25th – Brady Billmire
- 29th – Steven Dumler

SCHEDULE

- 3rd – Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
- 5th – Panakhida for Nick and Natlie (7:00 PM)
- 6th – Funerals for Nick and Natlie (10 AM)
- 6th – Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- 7th – Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

See back for this week's wisdom. Read the full account on the OCA website:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2018/10/31/103122-priestmartyr-john-kochurov>

And:

<https://orthodoxhistory.org/tag/john-kochurov/>

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Gospel Cont. Luke 8:26-39

They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Calhan Community Highlights

Again, a huge thank you to Fr. James for subbing for Fr. Stephen and to all who has made his visit memorable and enjoyable. Outside of the trip, we want to bring everyone's attention to the amazing Cactus Flowers, lead by our own LeAnn and coached by Garth. They did a great finales becoming the 2021 World Finals and Year End Champions, along with Four Fast Times and winning the 2nd Round. We are super proud of all their hard work and leading by Christ's command to live their faith in their love and support of others while on the circuit ring. May God Grant them all Many Blessed Years!!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

What does Daisy Duck say when she buys lipstick? Put it on my bill! 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.

Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook Off (October 31st)

Today is the annual Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook Off Event. Join us for some fun, candy, and fellowship. Parents, make sure parents don't change into costumes until after Liturgy. There is no Church School today.

Special Wisdom for the Weekend

From our wise and humble dean: (It was shared to the clergy but the words should be heard by all.) Reading ahead for this Sunday we commemorate together the life of St. John Kochurov, I could not help but remember you all in my heart...From the account of his life:

"...his propensity to regard theological education as a preparation primarily for future service as a parish priest became clearly defined, while at the same time, Fr. John already during his student days coupled the possibility of his service as a parish priest with that of missionary activity, in which he saw the embodiment of the ideal of the Orthodox pastor. Fr. John's arrival in protestant America put him in touch with a life dissimilar in many respects from his accustomed life in Orthodox Russia.... Orthodox life was only being initiated, and it required a great deal of evangelical activity by the clergy to create normal Orthodox parishes...Being a lonely island of Orthodox Christian life, remotely situated many hundreds of miles from the other scattered Orthodox parishes in North America... and it indeed required heroic labors from the young Fr. John to be established in a proper way. The unique characteristics of the Chicago parish community demanded of Fr. John a deft combination of pastoral-liturgical skills, with missionary ones. These abilities would permit him not only to stabilize the membership of his parish community spiritually and administratively, but to enlarge his flock continually by means of conversions, "The year has been filled with the most vivid of impressions, sometimes agonizing, sometimes good. A year of sleepless nights, worn-out nerves, and countless woes..." "Directly after your study at seminary, having left the motherland, you came to this strange land to expend all your youthful energy, to devote all your strength and inspiration for that holy concern to which you were attracted in your vocation.... you bravely accepted the task of selecting a precious spark from the pile of rubbish, to fan the sacred fire into a small group of faithful! "Let this Holy Cross we present serve you as a sign of our brotherly love, and the image of our Lord's Crucifixion on it permit you to accept the hardships, misfortunes, and sufferings that are so often met with in the life of a missionary priest, and let it encourage you to more and more labors for the glory of the Giver of Exploits and the Chief Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ." His nine years service of teaching God's Law — not marked by any spectacular events, but filled with concentrated work in imparting spiritual enlightenment, And during all these troubled months the inspiring message of Fr. John continued to sound forth from the ambon of Saint Katherine's Cathedral, as he strove to instill feelings of reconciliation into the souls of the Orthodox Christians, calling them to the spiritual perception of their own inner life, so that they might understand the contradictory changes taking place.... "His martyrdom is, for each of us, a dire reminder, an ominous warning. We therefore must be ready for anything."

May the life and witness of St. John inspire us, and may he sustain us in his holy prayers before the throne of God in these times in which we live!

Asking your prayers, even as I assure you of mine,
Archpriest Anthony Karbo

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, Melvin, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Mark, Harold, Sheila, Daron (Basil), Kelly, Tammy, Anita, Steve, George, April, Hannah, Keith, Lisa, Dixon, Hailey with child, John, Scott, Brinley, Mark, Georgiana, Karen, John, Jill, Caryn, Paul, Jessica with child, Mark, Rita, Devon, Leilani, Dani with child, DaeLynne with child, Libbie with child, Stephanie with child, Lacie with child, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven, Dan, Roberta, Emmy, Katy, Jason, Robert

Departed:

Dennis, Wyatt, Floyd, Judy, Natalie, Nicholas

Youth

Air Force Academy Vs. CSU (CANCELED):

Unfortunately after speaking with a number of families, we are going to hold off on going to a game as the ticket prices are a bit high and there were quite a few conflicts with high school activities. We will find a different activity to do in November.

Youth Dance @ Holy Theophany (Nov. 7th):

For our old teens, you are all invited to attend the semi-formal dance at Holy Theophany in Colorado Springs. It is from 5-8 PM and should be a lot of fun. It is a great opportunity to meet and make new friends with other Orthodox in the greater Colorado community.

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