



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

NOVEMBER 28TH, 2021

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Scripture Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, the Lord was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound - think of it - for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

NOV Birthdays & Anniversaries

5th - Georgianna Glover
7th - Becky Fischer
9th - Jason Britton
15th - Abigail Rose Leithead
15th - Greg Olyejar
15th - Terri Volosin
16th - Bishop Daniel (Brum)
20th - Richard & Debbie Molner
20th - Debbie Hlatki
21st - Camden Robinson
22nd - Morgan Britton
23rd - Garth Perry
28th - Josh Leithead
29th - Lori Meier

SCHEDULE

1st - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
4th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
5th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, the late Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Thanksgiving Day 1983. Two weeks later, on December 13, he fell asleep in the Lord. As is well known, Father Alexander had devoted his entire life to teaching, writing and preaching about the Eucharist—the Greek word eucharist means thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Father Alexander took from his pocket a short written sermon, in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. This was uncharacteristic of Father Alexander, since he never wrote his liturgical homilies, but delivered them extemporaneously. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in church, yet which resound as clearly today, 35 years later, as they did the day they were spoken."

<https://www.oca.org/reflections/fr-alexander-schmemmann/thank-you-o-lord>

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Calhan Community Highlights

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything. Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles. We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving! May God Grant everyone Many More Blessed Years!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

How does the Man in the Moon cut his hair? Eclipse it! A second joke, why can't a Greek Orthodox Parish Council ever pass anything? Everyone says Nai. (Nai is the Greek word for Yes). 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.

Pierogi and Noodles Still for Sale

There are still plenty of Pierogi and Noodles for sale if you are interested in buying. Please see Butch.

Memory Eternal to Sdn. Steve (Bill)

Fr. Anthony notified Fr. Stephen on Friday that Sdn. Steve (Bill) has fallen asleep in the Lord. We will sing a Panakhida today and for those who are interested in going to the funeral, as of now the services will be next week at Holy Theophany followed by the burial here. Fr. Stephen will post the details on Facebook as soon as he knows more. May his Memory be Eternal!

Special Collection for Thanksgiving & Christmas

We are going to take a special collection to send to the Eastern Plains Pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This will go on until December 5th so please be generous above and beyond your normal tithing.

December Events:

St. Nicholas Day (Next Sunday)

We will begin the festivities with the kids leaving their shoes in the Narthex, followed by a potluck in the hall after Liturgy, a short visit with St. Nick, and then grouping up to go ice skating. Please join us, it is going to be a fun day!

Calhan Christmas Parade (December 11th)

We will be participating in the annual Christmas parade here in Calhan. This year's theme is "Cowboy Christmas". As we work out the full details for our float (which will be provided next weekend), the following is known as this time which is we will be needing volunteers to help the week of (the following week) to build the float (2 work days) and kids to volunteer to hand out icons with candy canes stapled to them. We also are looking for a big garage in town to build the float if anyone knows of one we can use. If you can help in any way, please let Fr. Stephen and Carrie know. We would love all the help we can get and this is a great way to show who we are to our town.

Christmas Caroling (December 12th)

The day after the parade, after coffee hour, we will go Christmas Caroling around the area, starting with in our hall. There is even a little surprise coming so make sure you're here to enjoy this fun event.

Nativity Play (December 19th / Parish Council will be meeting this day)

Our annual Nativity play will be the weekend before Christmas. Make sure to join us in celebrating this fun event. Parish Council Members, please note, we will have a quick meeting before the play while the kids are getting ready to go over the Treasurers report and any other pressing issues.

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, Mark, Rita, Devon, Leilani, Dani with child, DaeLynne with child, Libbie with child, Stephanie with child, Lacie with child, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven, Roberta, Emmy, Katy, Jason, Robert, Wilma, Debbie, Debby

Departed:

Fr. John, Sdn. Steve (Bill), Natalie, Nicholas, Dan

Youth

Ice Skating at Broadmoor World Arena (Dec 5th):

After the St. Nicholas festivities we will be going together as a group to go Ice Skating at the Broadmoor World Arena. We need to leave no later than 12:45 AM to get there in time for Public Skate. The Rose Marie Ladies are covering the costs and we will be going to pizza afterwards at Fargos. Please join us. It should be a lot of fun and we hope everyone joins us.