



# ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 12TH, 2021  
SUNDAY OF THE  
FOREFATHERS

## Scripture Readings

**Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11**

Brethren, Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**Gospel: Luke 14:16-24**

The Lord said this Parable, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

## DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Robert Boyd
- 2nd - Pete Pyatt
- 2nd - Marah Robinson
- 6th - Jeanie Mikita
- 11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
- 12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
- 12th - Sheila & Johnny Tart
- 17th - Tatiana Boyd
- 20th - Lexi Ann Guy
- 27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier
- 29th - Sabrina Lee
- 31st - Natalie Hlatki

## SCHEDULE

- 15th - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
- 18th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- 19th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

## WISDOM

*"Live in such a way that the God of love will love you with eternal love. Go forth to your commerce, but watch, so as not to sell your soul to the world through the acquisition of worldly goods."*

- St. Theophanes the Recluse

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

# WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

## Calhan Community Highlights

Huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Calhan Christmas Parade. The float looked amazing. It was an absolute blast and a great way to be involved in the community. Next year will be even better!

## Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Fr. Stephen's cardiologist has informed him that he needs to find a new team...29-0...SKOL. Now that we have your attention, there are plenty of spots still available for the coming weeks and months for Coffee Hour. The 2022 Coffee Hour sheet is also up in the hall. 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.

## 2022 Wall Calendars

Father forgot to mention this last week but the 2022 Orthodox Wall Calendars are in the Narthex. They are free to take but if you'd like to leave a little donation, we won't say no.

## House Blessings (Starting January 7th)

With all that is going on, its never too early to plan ahead. The signup sheet for House Blessings is in the Narthex.

## December Events:

### Christmas Caroling (Today)

The day after the parade, after coffee hour, we will go Christmas Caroling around the area, starting in our hall. There is even a little surprise...

### Nativity Show (Next Sunday / Parish Council will be meeting this day)

Our annual Nativity show will be next weekend. It will be a potluck. 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.

### Christmas Service Schedule (24th, 25th, & 26th)

We will be having Christmas Eve Vigil at 4:00 PM (24th) and Christmas Day Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM (25th) (Notice the time change). There will be no Vespers on the night of Christmas Day. There will be liturgy at 9:30 AM (with weekday rules) on the 26th and coffee hour is canceled that day.

## 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 newborn child Gentry, 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, Francis (Susanna), Dee

## Departed:

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

## Reverse Advent Calendar:

We thank God for the blessings we have received throughout the year and this is a chance to give back a little. We will take the items to the Eastern Plains Food Pantry a few days prior to Christmas day so make sure to put the items for the 20th-24th in your bins ahead of time. You may drop off to the Office or in the Narthex prior to the 24th.

1st - Box of Cereal | 2nd - Peanut Butter  
3rd - Stuffing Mix | 4th - Boxed Potatoes  
5th - Macaroni and Cheese  
6th - Canned Fruit | 7th - Canned Tomatoes  
8th - Canned Tuna | 9th - Dessert Mix  
10th - Jar of Applesauce  
11th - Canned Sweet Potatoes  
12th - Cranberry Sauce | 13th - Canned Beans  
14th - Box of Crackers | 15th - Package of Rice  
16th - Package of Oatmeal  
17th - Package Pasta | 18th - Spaghetti Sauce  
19th - Chicken Noodle Soup  
20th - Tomato Soup | 21st - Can Corn  
22nd - Can Mixed Vegetables  
23rd - Can Carrots | 24th - Can Green Beans