



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 19TH, 2021
SUNDAY BEFORE
THE NATIVITY

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Brethren, by faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar...

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

- 22nd - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
- 24th - Christmas Vigil (4:00 PM)
- 25th - Christmas Liturgy (9:00 AM)
- 26th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"This Nativity night bestowed peace on the whole world; So let no one threaten; This is the night of the Most Gentle One - Let no one be cruel; This is the night of the Humble One - Let no one be proud. Now is the day of joy - Let us not revenge; Now is the day of Good Will - Let us not be mean. In this Day of Peace - Let us not be conquered by anger. Today the Bountiful impoverished Himself for our sake; So, rich one, invite the poor to your table. Today we receive a Gift for which we did not ask; So let us give alms to those who implore and beg us. This present Day cast open the heavenly doors to our prayers; Let us open our door to those who ask our forgiveness. Today the DIVINE BEING took upon Himself the seal of our humanity, In order for humanity to be decorated by the Seal of DIVINITY."

- St. Isaac the Syrian, Nativity Sermon

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Matthew 1:1-25 Cont.

...Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us.'" Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name **JESUS**.

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

I never remember what people tell me at New Year's parties. It goes in one year and out the other. Now that we have your attention, the 2022 Coffee Hour sheet is up in the hall. Please consider signing up.

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.

Nativity Show / Parish Council / Caroling (Today)

Our annual Nativity show will be today. Make sure to join us in for this fun annual 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. Also, after the show is over, we will gather up anyone who'd like to go Caroling to the folks homes who weren't here last Sunday.

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 please let Fr. Stephen know or drop them off at the office by the 22nd.

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

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, Christina, Carl, Craig

Departed:

Fr. John, Sdn. Steve (Bill), Michael, Nadine, Demariyus

Youth:

Snow Tubing (Jan. 16th):

We are going Snowing Tubing after coffee hour on January 16th at Ponderosa Camp Grounds, just off of I-25, between Denver and Colorado Springs near Parker. It costs 10 dollars per person and sponsorships are available for those who would like to go but may not be able to afford it. Let Fr. Stephen know if you are attending or if you'd like to find out more on one of those sponsorships.

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