



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

DECEMBER 25TH, 2021 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren, when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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

- 26th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
- 29th - Prayers for Rain (7:00 AM)
- 1st - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- 2nd - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"With the God-man Christ, all that is God's has become man's, human, ours, so that each of us individually and all of us assembled together in the Divine-human body of Christ, the Church, might become god-men, having attained to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ' (Eph 4:12-13). Therefore Christmas, the day of the birth of the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the greatest and most important day in the history of all the worlds in which man moves and lives."

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich on the Nativity of Jesus Christ

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Calhan Community Highlights / Thank you from the Osburns

Joyous feast from Fr. Stephen, Mat. Lindsey, Zoe, the parents of Fr. Stephen (Steve Sr. & Litsa), and their dog Bently! Thank you to everyone for their love and support. We are so blessed to be living with you all in such a wonderful community. You are all truly the best and make it worth staying in this fight in such a tumultuous time in our society. We love you all very much. May the Lord shine upon every member of St. Mary's throughout this feast and grant everyone Many Years. Enjoy the Christmas feast!

Also, a thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our 2021 Nativity Play a huge success. It was so wonderful. The feedback was unbelievably good. May God Grant our teachers and youth Many Blessed Years!!

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

What does Santa eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes. What's Santa's favorite candy? Jolly Ranchers. What's big and jolly and says, "Oh, oh, oh"? Santa Claus walking backwards. How does Kirk Cousins get signals from the sidelines? Norse code. What's the best way to teach your dog to roll over? Have him watch the Minnesota Vikings defense play a game. How you can tell that Santa is real? You can always sense his presents. That's enough jokes for this week. In the meantime, the 2022 Coffee Hour sheet is up in the hall. No one has signed up yet for the new year so please consider signing up. Also, there will be no coffee hour today or tomorrow. Enjoy the time with your family.

Pierogi Still for Sale

The noodles have sold out but we still have Prune Pierogi. Please see Butch if interested. Good if your family has a special meal for Old Calendar Christmas!

Pledge Forms 2022

Pledge forms are available in the box on the Narthex door. If you do not fill one out, we are going to assume your pledge is the same as last year.

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 or you can contact Fr. Stephen directly.

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, Dee, Sheila, Daron (Basil), Kelly, Tammy, Anita, Steve, George, April, Hannah, Keith, Lisa, Dixon, 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), Christina, Carl, Craig, Joel

Departed:

Fr. John, Sdn. Steve (Bill), Michael, Delbert, Lou Ann, Nadine, Demarius, Kyril, Rod

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.