

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

APRIL 3RD, 2022 ST. JOHN CLIMACUS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Brethren, for when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

At that time, one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

APR Birthdays & Anniversaries

3rd - Zoe Osburn

5th - Anastajia Rozdilski

7th - Ryleigh Tunink

8th - April Schulte 8th - Matt Dawson

16th - Johnny Tart

18th - Jack Pyatt

18th - Makiya Schulte

22nd - Millie Manyik

22nd - Jennifer Billmire

22nd - Myree Hickman

23rd - Sarah Dumler

23rd - Logan Jackson

25th - Stone Stevens

26th - Kale Molner

29th - Mason Hendrix 29th - Malachi Hendrix

SCHEDULE

5th - Panakhida for Mark (6:00 PM)

6th - Funeral for Mark (10:00 AM) Presanctified Liturgy (6:00 PM)

9th - Reader's Vespers (5:00 PM)

10th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"Humility is the only virtue that no devil can imitate. If pride made demons out of angels, there is no doubt that humility could make angels out of demons."

"Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honour your patience."

"Become aware of God, in whose presence you are while you pray... Then take a formula of prayer and recite it with perfect attention both to the words you are saying and to the Person to whom you are saying them."

- St. John Climacus

WELCOME! LORD IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

The Come and See Challenge:

As stated in the annual meeting, this challenge will remain on the bulletin for the rest of the year as a reminder to all of us to help in both our journey to Christ and others as well. Please make every attempt to work on completing this very important aspect of our faith:

Have you brought someone NEW this month? Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month? When was the last time you went to Confession?

Welcome Holy Theophany Middle Schoolers

We want to welcome the middle schoolers from Holy Theophany in Colorado Springs. Throughout Lent, they like to go and visit all the parishes in Colorado to learn about their history. We are happy to have them with us today and May God Grant them all Many Blessed Years!!

Memory Eternal Mark Manyik

We are sad to announce that this past week Mark fell asleep in the Lord. We are both sad and happy about the news. Happy that he is no longer suffering and is now in the hands of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Also that eventhough he was in prison, his family was able to spend many days with him during his hospital stay. Sad, that we no longer have him with us in any capacity and will deeply miss his good humor and love for Christ. We will do a Panakhida today at the end of Liturgy. May Mark's Memory be Eternal!

Confessions during Lent

If you want to make your priest really happy, you should come to confession. Better yet, you should go on Wednesday before Presanctified Liturgy. Fr. Stephen will be available at from 5 until 6 every Wednesday evening as well as after every Vespers or by appointment.

Holy Saturday Readings

Youth: Don't forget to practice your reading and if you weren't here last week and didn't get yours yet, Fr. Stephen will hand them out to you at coffee hour.

Movie Night (Next Saturday - April 9th)

Next weekend we will be having a movie night after Vespers to watch UNPLANNED, the movie about Abby Johnson's experience working for the evil organization Planned Parenthood, her conversion to Christianity, and becoming one of the most well known and prominent activists in the Pro Life Movement. This movie is excellent and everyone should make EVERY effort to be here to see it.

Parish Council Meeting Next Sunday

Coffee Hour Sign-Up / Presanctified Liturgy Potlucks

A priest, a rabbit, and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?" The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here because of autocorrect."2022 Coffee Hour Sheet is up in the hall. Please consider signing up. Also, after every Presanctified Liturgy we will be having a light potuck meal in the hall. If you are attending the Lenten services, please consider bringing a dish to share.

Rockies Vs. Royals (May 15th - Game is at 1:10 PM)

Batter up! On May 15th, the Colorado Rockies are playing (and beating) the KC Royals. We are looking to get a group rate of \$16 per ticket but need at least 20 to commit to go. If you are interested, please let Fr. Stephen know (the sooner, the better) so he can make the arrangements. As a heads up for those planning, the game is on a Sunday and to make sure we make it to the game in time, Liturgy will be at 9 AM. We will need to leave the church no later than 10:30 AM.

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Paul, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Michael, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Harold, Sheila, Kelly, Tammy, Daron (Basil), Steve, George, Litsa, April with child, Lisa, Scott, Brinley, Karen, Jill, Leilani, the newborn Lilliana, Lacie, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven, Roberta, Emmy, Katy, Robert, Wilma, Lynda, Carl, Christina, Craig, Joel, Brittany with child, Leonard, Melvin, Anita, Caeser, Jeb, Baxter, Jon, Lindy, Marlene, Stacey, Jess, Charles, Pina, Donna Lou, Gordon, Matthew, Jack

Departed:

Hieromonk Andrew, Sdn. David, Mark, Catherine, Kasha, James, Dena, John, Eugene

Youth:

Lenten Challenge: (Due Apr. 17th)

Youth, don't forget to gather your clothes and toys (not broken ones) to be donated to a child in need. We will collecting by **April 17th (Palm Sunday)**.

Youth Camp 2022 (Jn. 29-Jul. 2nd)

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp 2022 will be held on June 29-July 2. It will be hosted by Ponderosa Camp which is located just outside of Larkspur, CO. It has moved closer to us and is not around fair season, so hopefully more can go. The cost is \$210 and scholarships are available. Registration paperwork is with Fr. Stephen if you would like to go. The deadline is June 1st, but please let Fr. Stephen know by May 15th. Do not let the cost hinder your kid from going. Everyone should go.

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If you use WhatsApp you can text him (719) 641-1885. Fr. Stephen can help with this.