



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

MAY 29TH, 2022
SUNDAY OF THE
BLIND MAN

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Gospel: John 9:1-38

At that time, as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool...

MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1st - Christopher Rozdilski
- 2nd - Leonard Volosin
- 3rd - Jeb & Jennifer Billmire
- 5th - Austin Jackson
- 5th - Colleen Hendrix
- 7th - Vickie Tipton
- 8th - Victor Volosin
- 8th - Nadia Sisneros
- 10th - Ben & Linda Hendrix
- 10th - Makenzie Schulte
- 13th - Madeleine Hlatki
- 14th - Joshua Sisneros
- 16th - Butch & Helen Sakala
- 18th - Dee Eurich
- 24th - Rachel Stevens
- 25th - Bill & Colleen Hendrix
- 26th - Betty Eurich
- 27th - Harry Mikita
- 27th - Josh & Lacie Leithead
- 28th - Tori Jackson
- 28th - Kaleb Ritter
- 29th - Matt & Libbie Dawson
- 29th - Fr. Stephen & Mat. Lindsey Osburn

SCHEDULE

- June 4th - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
- June 5th - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)
- June 6th - Darla Baptism (11:00 AM)

WISDOM

"Like the tax collectors who sit in the narrow roads and seize the passers-by and the oppressed, so also the demons watch carefully and grab hold of souls. And when they pass out of the body, if they are not completely purified, they are not permitted to go up into the mansions of Heaven there to meet their Master. For they are driven down by the demons of the air."

- St. Macarius the Great, Homily 43

WEEKLY JOKE

What did Snow White say when her photos weren't ready yet? Someday my prints will come!

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Gospel: John 9:1-38 Cont.

... of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Welcome to Fr. James!

Huge thank you to Fr. James for coming and serving while Fr. Stephen and family are away. May God Grant the Archpriest James Many Blessed Years!!

Fr. Stephen & Family Vacation (May 18th-June 3rd)

Fr. Stephen and his family will be back on Friday, the 3rd.

Liturgy for Ascension at Holy Theophany (June 2nd)

Due to Fr. Stephen being away, if you would like to go to Liturgy for Ascension, please go and visit our sister church, Holy Theophany. For service times, visit their website: <https://theophany.org/>

Grave Blessings (June 5th & Tomorrow)

We will bless the Calhan, Simla, Ramah, Sakala, and Sproch cemeteries on June 5th and our 2 on the hill will be done on Memorial Day at 10 AM. Fr. James Worth will be serving in his stead on Memorial Day. Everything for Memorial Day will be normal - with a potluck luncheon at the hall afterwards.

Coffee Hour Signups

There are still plenty of spots available for the coming weeks. Please consider signing up.

Representative from StrokeScan (June 5th)

In June, a representative from StrokeScan will be coming to speak briefly at the end of Liturgy about early screenings and preventative care. They will have a booth in the hall that day to answer any questions you may have and provide scheduling for any screening that may be needed.

El Paso Fair Booth (July 16th - 23rd)

As a heads up, we will be participating again in the El Paso County Fair. The signup sheet will be in the Narthex the first weekend in June. Due to it being at the same time as the All American Council, Fr. Stephen will only be able to attend on the weekend. We will really need others to step up and handle the weekdays. Please add this to your calendar now and consider signing up once able to.

Baptism for Darla Joy Leithead (June 6th)

The baptism for Darla Joy will be on Monday, the 6th at 11 AM. Please join us!

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Michael, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Pdn. Averky, Mat. Priscilla, Mat. Jean, Anna, Muriel, Alisha, Meryl, Harold, Sheila, Kelly, Tammy, Daron (Basil), Steve, George, Litsa, April with child, Lisa, Scott, Karen, Jill, Leilani, the newborn Lillian, Dillon, Chelsi, Steven, Roberta, Emmy, Katy, Robert, Wilma, Lynda, Carl, Christina, Craig, Joel, Brittany with child, Leonard, Melvin, Anita, Brinley, Caesar, Baxter, Jon, Lindy, Marlene, Stacey, Jess, Pina, Matthew, Jack, John, Carol, Vicki, Shery

Departed:

Abp. Paul, Fr. Paul, Mat. Zinaida, Marian, Gilbert, Michael, Naomi, Kevin

Youth:

Youth Camp 2022:

Parents, thank you for getting in your forms. We will arrange transportation and go over a check list of everything needed in a few weeks. Stay tuned.

Dale's Military Address:

Dale Drew - 332 AEW/332 EMXO (AMMO), UNIT 61803 APO, AE 09321-61803

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

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?

Please try and make every effort to come to as many services as you can and not only that, bring someone new.